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## REFLECTIONS OF A LIFELONG LEARNER

*A 1942 alumnus looks back*



## A lifetime of making a difference in others' lives

Perhaps the most rewarding thing about working at UNC is watching students learn and mature. Just as fulfilling, however, is hearing how they make the world a better place after they graduate.

Across Colorado and around the world, success stories of our more than 123,000 alumni unfold every day. Their success is no surprise, but like the story of 1942 alumnus Glen Murphy in this issue, the details of their lives are sometimes far from ordinary.

A few months ago, Mr. Murphy proposed that we publish his story about the six Colorado State College of Education professors who most influenced him. Misty Anderson, the UNC student who compiles the maga-



Glen Murphy, pictured in 1968, was dean and chief administrative officer at Canal Zone College from 1968 until 1981.

zine's Class Notes, was the first to read his letter. She walked into my office on the brink of tears and handed me an ordinary manila envelope with a Daytona Beach, Fla., postmark. "You have to read it," she practically whispered.

As Mr. Murphy tells it, he came to Colorado State College of Education in September 1938 with a pair of second-hand shoes, a back-up pair of sneakers and a scholarship. He recalls with lively detail the professors who made an impression on him. After graduating, he spent a lifetime teaching. I was touched not only by his good-natured tale of hardship, triumph and lifelong learning, but also by his ability to connect with a student who will graduate

more than 60 years after him.

Mr. Murphy's story is timeless. He embodies an ideal that has been at the heart of this university for more than a century. Since its beginnings in 1889 as the State Normal School, UNC has been a place that makes a difference in the lives of people who go on to make a difference in others' lives. Some 600 licensed teachers and 125 nurses graduate from UNC each year. We produce the educators, health-care workers, artists, entrepreneurs and community leaders who form the bedrock of our state and nation.

Mr. Murphy's life of learning took him from a one-room schoolhouse on Colorado's eastern plains, to CSCE in Greeley, to the Dominican Republic and Panama Canal Zone, and eventually to a Florida community college. That a UNC alumnus has dedicated his life's work to teaching is no surprise. The details of Mr. Murphy's success story, however, make it remarkable.

—Gloria Reynolds



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Glen Murphy, a 1942 alumnus, remembers the faculty who influenced him, pages 16-19. Photo illustration by Kevin Moloney.



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## Frasier's Great-Niece Visits UNC

Connie Frasier Shelton paused for a solemn moment when she recognized the face from her past in a black-and-white photo in UNC's Frasier Hall. "He was so handsome," Shelton says of her late great-uncle George Frasier, president of Colorado State Teachers College (now UNC) from 1924 to 1948.

Family pride coupled with curiosity brought Shelton and her

husband, Lee, some 1,500 miles from Atlanta for the first time last summer to learn more about Uncle George.

Armed with a biography and a letter from a cousin who recently visited UNC, Shelton and her inquisitive, good-natured group set out on a campus tour with Aaron Yowell, a senior vocal music major who proudly calls Frasier Hall his home at UNC. Yowell led the group through Frasier Hall, Gunter Hall and the Visitors Center, which became the president's home during Frasier's tenure. ■

### New College Names

After two years of campus-wide strategic planning, UNC began using a reconfigured college structure in fall 2005. The colleges are:

- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Natural and Health Sciences
- College of Performing and Visual Arts
- Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business. ■



Kevin Moloney

Connie Frasier Shelton examines chairs, which were hand carved for President George Frasier, in the Visitors Center dining room.

Before she came to campus, Shelton pictured it from the stories Frasier told when he visited her family in Michigan when she was a child. Shelton had vowed she would see UNC for herself someday.

"I knew if I came to Colorado, I'd come here," she says. That day arrived decades later, when Shelton went to Denver for the college graduation of the daughter of longtime friends Jim and Marlene Smith of Michigan, who accompanied the Sheltons to UNC.

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## UNC Honors Past Presidents

Continuing UNC's tradition of giving past presidents' names to campus buildings, the Presidential Heritage Project honors six presidents who led the university through nearly one-third of its history.

The Skinner Music Library was named to honor President Howard Skinner on May 6. Presidents Row was dedicated Oct. 1, naming the residence halls known as Faculty Apartments in honor of Presidents Richard Bond, Robert Dickeson, Herman Luján and Hank Brown. During Homecoming Weekend, the new West Campus dining facility was named Holmes Hall to honor the late President Darrell Holmes.

Holmes brought significant change to campus during his 1964-71 tenure, a tumultuous period for colleges nationwide. He dramatically expanded enrollment, facilities and programs at Colorado State College, completing the West Campus development project his predecessor, President William Ross, had begun. In 1968 Holmes began a two-year campaign that convinced the Legislature to rename Colorado State College the University of Northern Colorado.

From 1971 to 1981, Bond focused on making UNC more student-centered—a value still at the core of its mission. He worked to maintain the university as a leading teacher preparation institution, recognizing the need for teachers prepared to work in diverse schools. Bond pioneered

the National Student Exchange while at Illinois State University and initiated the program at UNC while president.

Known for objective-driven administration, Dickeson stressed the importance of planning throughout his 1981-91 tenure. Upon his arrival, he faced declining enrollment and financial restric-



tions resulting from the state's new policy of tying funding to enrollment. His difficult decisions were widely recognized. Colorado Governor Richard Lamm commended Dickeson's work, and the Association of Public College and University Presidents elected him president in 1985.

Luján embraced UNC's public service role and worked to raise the university's visibility across Colorado while he was president from 1991 to 1996. In difficult economic times, he launched a campus-wide strategic planning process designed to focus the university's resources. UNC's only Hispanic president, Luján was a

strong advocate for minority students and promoted diversity efforts among faculty and staff.

Skinner, who served as president from 1996 to 1998, was also a professor, dean, performer and conductor during his 42 years of service to the university. He conducted UNC's Concert Choir for 42 years and was conductor and

music director of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra for 35 years. A trusted administrator, he excelled at fostering relationships on campus and in the community.

From 1998 to 2002, Brown better focused UNC's resources on students, shifting several million dollars from administration to classroom instruction. UNC increased admissions standards to an all-time high, increased faculty salaries and nearly doubled UNC Foundation assets. UNC also received record funding for building projects, including \$40.5 million to renovate Ross Hall—then Colorado's largest-ever higher education construction project. ■

President Kay Norton speaks at the Presidents Row dedication. Pictured left to right are former Presidents Herman Luján, Richard Bond, Robert Dickeson and Hank Brown.



## Holmes Hall Offers Upscale Dining

It's fitting that UNC's newest dining room carries the name of the late UNC President Darrell Holmes.

During his 1964-1971 tenure, Holmes oversaw the planning or construction of almost every building on UNC's West Campus. The new \$9.5 million, 35,000-square-foot dining facility builds on his work.

Holmes Hall, which opened in January 2005, replaces outdated dining rooms at Harrison and McCowen halls. UNC's first stand-alone dining facility, it joins the University Center and Tobey-Kendel Hall in offering dining options on campus.

"It's more like a restaurant because of that," says Hal Brown, director of Dining Services. "The highest compliment I've heard is that it's the best restaurant in Greeley."

Brown and UNC chefs work

to capture the flavor and mood of a restaurant. Diverse fare is prepared in front of guests at nine serving stations and through windows looking into the kitchen. Vaulted ceilings, granite countertops and Italian floor tiles add to the ambiance. There's also wireless Internet access.

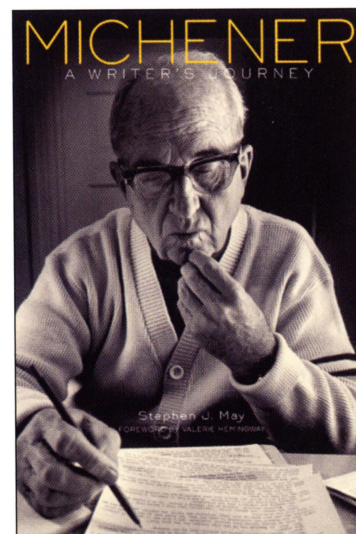
Business has been brisk since the opening of the dining room, which seats 550 people. In fall 2005, Holmes Hall averaged about 1,400 people for each meal, and sales of optional meal plans for students were up 33 percent, Brown says.

A ceremony during Homecoming weekend officially named the dining facility Holmes Hall.

"I'm happy the building was named after someone who made significant contributions to UNC," Brown says. "It's a great way to tie the past to the present." ■

### Record Enrollment

UNC welcomed its largest-ever freshman class in August 2005 and broke its 2004 record total enrollment. Total enrollment grew to almost 12,300 students, including some 3,770 freshmen. Numbers of minority students enrolling and staying at UNC also grew. About 15 percent of UNC undergraduate students are now minorities. About 90 percent of UNC students continue to come from Colorado. ■



University of Oklahoma Press (www.oupres.com)

## New Michener Biography Published

The first full-length biography of James A. Michener's public and private life, "Michener: A Writer's Journey," was released in October by University of Oklahoma Press. Author Stephen J. May of Fort Collins, who has taught in UNC's English program, spent many hours in the university's James A. Michener Special Collection, which includes Michener's personal papers, research and field notes, galley proofs, unpublished manuscripts, correspondence, photographs, artifacts and more than 2,500 books. Michener earned a master's degree from UNC in 1937 and taught here until 1941. He published more than 60 books and pamphlets between 1940 and 1995, donated his personal and professional papers to UNC in 1972 and shortly before his death in 1997 designated it the home for most of his publishing legacy. ■



The new Holmes Hall sets the standard for campus dining. More Holmes Hall photos are online at [www.unco.edu/dining/info\\_wcd.htm](http://www.unco.edu/dining/info_wcd.htm).

Jim Sulkenik, The Baker Group



## Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Class of 2005

Seven individuals and two teams were recently inducted into the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame.

- Sharon Akiyama, gymnastics, 1973-76: The first woman at UNC to receive an athletic scholarship won the all-around title in every conference meet in 1973 and led her team to nationals.

- Ernie Andrade, baseball, 1960-62: With a career record of 17-4, the pitcher made three straight appearances in the College World Series.

- Derek Chaney, basketball, 1990-94: UNC's third all-time leading scorer, with 1,491 points, also holds the team record for most 3-pointers in a game (8).

- Don Cumley, football, track and field, billiards, 1939-41, 1946-48: The late former pro football player was conference champ in discus, javelin and shot put.

- Theo Holland, basketball, track and field, 1957-61: Denver newspapers named him the state's best basketball player as a junior; he set the conference record in the long jump.

- Corte McGuffey, football, 1996-99: The record-setting quarterback won the 1999 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's best Division II player and led UNC to the 1997 National Championship.

- Kim Schiemenz, volleyball, track and field, 1995-2000: The two-time Division II national champion in the heptathlon represented the United States in the World University Games in 2001.

- Men's golf team, 1978-79:

The team was the first UNC golf team to reach the Division II National Championships.

- Volleyball team, 1981: The team finished third in the nation

after losing to eventual Division II national champ Hawaii-Hilo.

For a complete list of UNC Hall of Fame members, visit [www.uncbears.com](http://www.uncbears.com). ■

## New Alumni Association Leaders Take the Show on the Road

New volunteer leaders brought fresh excitement to the Alumni Association at the annual meeting in June 2005. Led by president and UNC Athletic Hall of Famer Theo Holland (BA-65), the talented group of officers includes Vice President Chris Anderson (BS-97), Secretary/Treasurer Tom Quammen (BA-75), Membership Team Chair Will Phillips (BA-62), Programs/Services Team Chair Linda Davis (BS-93), and Chapters Team Chairs Melissa Perry (BS-00) and Mark Davidson (BA-04).

This spirited class of new leaders is organizing and mobilizing to better serve you. They have added to their talent pool with the recent induction of seven new members, who are helping build the Alumni Association and working to reach alumni with a new, fun and inviting attitude.

They're coming to a city near you. Your Alumni Association is on the road with many opportunities. Becoming a member means adding value to your degree, with exciting benefits and services. The new Alumni Association will uphold programs that are rich with tradition while adding new twists and turns with meaningful events, reunions and more. To find out how you can become an important member and get involved, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org). Once a Bear, always a Bear! ■



Association members show off the alumni van at the annual meeting in June 2005.

—Michael Johnson, Executive Director



BY DONOVAN HENDERSON

## Hear, Hear: UNC professor becomes national spokeswoman in fight against hearing loss



Deanna Meinke

**S**hhh. Listen closely.

*Pfft.*

Now wait for it.

*Swoosh. Splash.*

That's a hand-tied fly hitting the water and a rainbow trout swishing in to bite it. It may not sound exactly like *swoosh, splash*, but you get the idea.

UNC Audiology Professor Deanna Meinke has 16,000 of her favorite sounds, including a fisherman bagging his catch, on her computer in Gunter Hall.

Sounds are a tool in her quest to motivate people to prevent hearing loss.

So she'll tell a factory worker who loves to fish that if he doesn't limit his exposure to loud noises, he may not always be able to hear the fish take in the fly.

For more than two decades, Meinke has been educating people on hearing-loss prevention. Before becoming a full-time professor at UNC in fall 2004, she worked 18 years at the Greeley Medical

Clinic and was a corporate consultant on hearing-loss prevention.

We have much to learn about noise-induced hearing loss and its prevention, she says.

"We've known noise-induced hearing loss for kids has been a problem for 30 years, and we are no closer to doing anything about it."

Hearing-loss prevention "is not even on the radar on a national level," Meinke says. "I think that stems from the fact we take hearing for granted."

As chairwoman of the National Hearing Conservation Association's Task Force on Children and Hearing, she is a sought-after expert. Meinke also gives workshops for businesses and schools. She found that a problem facing a worker at the Coors brewery in Golden may also be an issue for someone in Hungary or Trinidad and Tobago.

Her travels and research have convinced her that reaching people when they're young is the key to hearing-loss prevention. Most people have settled into bad habits by high school. Twelve percent of all high school students graduate with some hearing loss, Meinke says.

Students tell her they don't worry about losing their hearing because they believe medical advances will cure their hearing loss when they're older.

Parents could also learn a thing or two, Meinke says. Last year, she attended boat races in Windsor and saw a child covering his ears. When she offered the parents ear

plugs for the child, they shrugged her off, saying he needed to "toughen up."


Meinke keeps a folder of "questions we don't know the answer to." For instance, she says, "We don't even know if kids are more susceptible to hearing loss than adults."

Those questions spawn research projects. UNC's Audiology Department is active in both hearing-related research and patient care and testing. The UNC Audiology Clinic, which is open to the public, is also a learning lab for Audiology students.

The department's research extends beyond campus, as well. UNC recently tested the hearing of freshmen and seniors in the Greeley school district. Meinke wants to re-test the freshmen when they are seniors to see how their hearing has changed.

Other research focuses on otoacoustic emissions, or the sounds the ear emits. Each ear has 18,000 hair cells, and damage to them causes hearing loss. Studying the emissions in a damaged ear may lead to better testing methods.

Meinke says she hopes her work will lead parents and their children to take simple steps to protect themselves from noise-induced hearing loss, and lead school districts to teach about hearing-loss prevention in health classes.

If that happens, it will be music to her ears. 

**Donovan Henderson (BA-91) is a freelance writer in Las Animas.**

Meinke's project on favorite sounds is online at: [www.hearingconservation.org/rs\\_favSound.html](http://www.hearingconservation.org/rs_favSound.html)

To read about hearing-loss prevention, visit: [www.dangerousdecibels.org](http://www.dangerousdecibels.org)

UNC audiology professor Deanna Meinke gathers data on the hearing of a volunteer research subject in a soundproof laboratory in Denver.



Adam Welch



BY TOM FASANO

## Holding Court

### Former champ takes reins of UNC tennis teams

**B**renda Vlasak (MS-04) earned her stripes on the tennis court through hard work and talent.

She says she hopes to pass on both to the players she coaches.

Vlasak, recently promoted to head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams at UNC, earned a No. 2 national ranking as a 14-year-old junior and a Division I scholarship to the University of Arkansas.

There were no country clubs or private coaches for her, just hours and hours of playing at a city park in Westminster with her father, Frank.

She was a natural from the moment she started playing with her dad when she was 6.

"My dad noticed that I had a little bit of talent, and he decided to work with me," says Vlasak, 26.

When Vlasak's parents immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia in 1969 to flee communism, her father knew how to play soccer and ice hockey but didn't know much about tennis.

"Over there, tennis was for upper-class people who had money," Frank says.

Frank, 62, picked up tennis when he moved from Ohio to Denver in 1974 and passed it on to his only child.

"When she was like 5 or 6, she was riding her little bike around the tennis courts. This one guy had a cut-down tennis racket for kids," Frank says. "He gave her one of those, and she started dinking the ball a little bit. She was pretty ath-

letic from the beginning."

Frank Vlasak says he taught his daughter to approach life and tennis the same way.

"I was brought up that whenever you are expected to do something in practice or training, you work hard and you do what you're asked to do and take it seriously," he says. "After that, it's time to play and have a party."

Brenda's game took off in a hurry.

She led Tyler (Texas) Junior College to National Junior College Athletic Association national championships in 1998 and 1999. She then transferred to Arkansas, and became an All-Academic Southeastern Conference selection before graduating in 2002 with a 3.8 grade point average in Kinesiology.

UNC senior singles player Pete Weynrich, welcoming his third head coach in three years, is excited about what Vlasak has to offer.

"I saw how hard she pushed the women's team and how much they got better," Weynrich says. "I'm looking forward to her bringing that work ethic to our team to push us."

Vlasak, who earned a master's degree in Sport Administration from UNC, has full control over the tennis program. During her first two seasons at UNC, Vlasak worked under legendary head coach Rosemary Fri.

"Brenda's a real humble person, and she's very talented," says Fri, now retired. "She just has a won-



Jim Rydholm


derful personality, and she cares for people. I think she'll do a great job with the team."

Vlasak coached the women's tennis team to the 2005 NCAA Division I Independent women's tennis title and was named the Division I Independent Women's Coach of the Year.

The Bears will move next year to the Division I Big Sky Conference, where no other woman serves as both head men's and women's coach. Patrick Dreves (Eastern Washington), Bobby Goeltz (Idaho State) and Kris Nord (Montana) run their men's and women's programs.

Vlasak is ready to push her players.

"I hope to pull out their competitive drive and make them want to strive to be better tennis players," she says.

That will make her father proud. 

**Tom Fasano is a journalist in Windsor.**

UNC head men's and women's tennis coach Brenda Vlasak works out at the UNC tennis courts.



BY NATE HAAS

former UNC players on NFL rosters. Dalton helped many of those players get noticed by contacting the sources he met during his 13 years as an assistant coach for the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Kansas City Chiefs and Houston Oilers.

“He really opened the doors for me,” Johnson says.

Besides Steelers’ Pro Bowl defensive end Aaron Smith, Johnson thinks even more of his former UNC teammates on those national

## Talented players, connected coach help

championship teams could be playing in the NFL right now based on their talent.

“When we won our first national championship, we had some NFL-caliber players on that team,” Johnson says. “When your school wins, people start to look at your program, and you’re in the limelight a little more.”

That kind of success stokes NFL interest and builds a reputation around the league, Johnson says.

The Bears’ latest blip on the league’s screen is wide receiver Vincent Jackson. Jackson became UNC’s highest draft choice when the San Diego Chargers took him in the second round this year. Like his predecessors, Jackson received sage counsel from Dalton on how to prepare for interest from the NFL, including campus visits from scouts.

“Scouts are here for one reason only: to evaluate everything they do,” Dalton says.

The next apt pupil in line for an NFL education is senior Reed Doughty. An NFL scout has also approached Johnson about the Bears’ All-American safety, who carries a perfect grade-point average. Doughty will turn heads, too, after finishing fourth in voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the nation’s best Division I-AA defensive player. He’ll play in the All-American Classic All-Star Game Jan. 14 in Las Vegas.

The outlook for UNC involvement in the NFL likely will remain steady. Acceptance into the Big Sky Conference should provide a shot in the arm for UNC’s prospects to get players noticed by the NFL, Johnson says.

“Players should get some really good people looking at them. It’s a respected conference,” Johnson says. “Moving up is going to help exposure for the team and the school.”

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Vincent Jackson (l), wide receiver, San Diego Chargers



San Diego Chargers

**NFL** pipedreams evolved into a professional football pipeline of sorts over the past decade at UNC.

During that time, three Bears players have been drafted: Vincent Jackson, Aaron Smith and Tony Ramirez; four have cracked starting lineups: Ramirez, Smith, Dirk Johnson and Brad Pyatt; and three more played in NFL Europe last season: Anthony Dunn, Adam Matthews and Cabel Rohloff.

Compared with schools in the Great West Conference, UNC leads the way in the number of former players in the NFL. In July, the Bears will join the Big Sky Conference, and of its eight teams, only Northern Arizona has as much NFL representation as UNC this season.

“Once a school gets a name for itself, as long as you keep producing, like UNC is doing, you stay on the NFL’s radar,” says Johnson (BA-98), the Philadelphia Eagles punter who started in last year’s Super Bowl.

His credentials notwithstanding, Johnson was able to stay on the NFL’s radar by sheer determination. The All-American punter and defensive back during the Bears’ NCAA Division II national championship runs in 1996 and 1997 was waived by five NFL teams, worked odd jobs in construction, caddied at golf courses and bartended before catching on with the Eagles. Even then, Johnson endured a heated competition with two veteran punters before emerging as the starter in 2003.

“I always knew I could do it. That’s the No. 1 thing,” says Johnson, 30, who is recovering from abdominal surgery and targeting a return to the Eagles’ lineup next season. “I wasn’t going to end my playing career on someone else’s terms. I was going to walk away when I thought I wasn’t good enough or when I thought the door was shut.”

Former Bears head coach Kay Dalton doesn’t remember a time when there were more



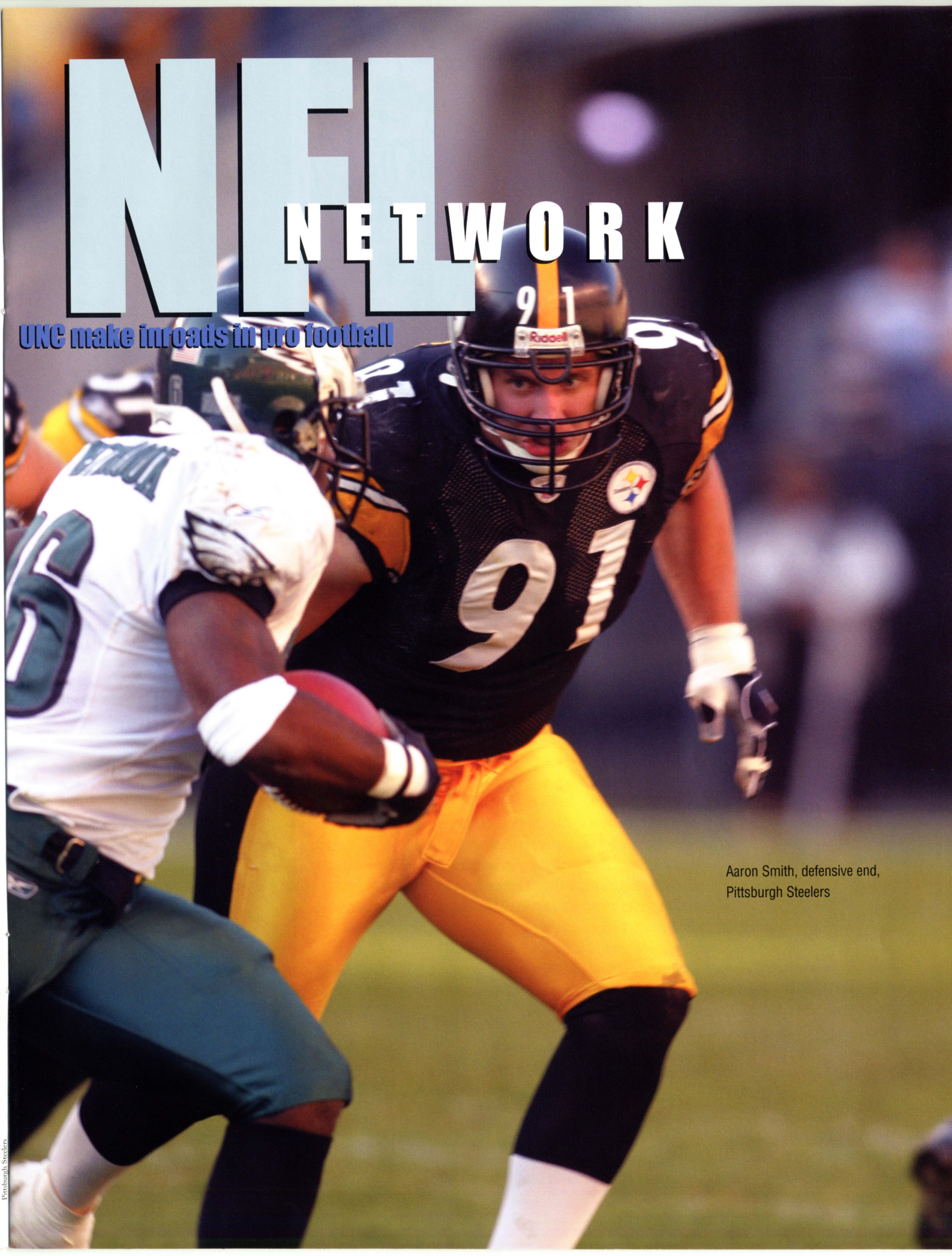
Dirk Johnson, punter, Philadelphia Eagles

Philadelphia Eagles



# NFL NETWORK

UNC make inroads in pro football



Aaron Smith, defensive end,  
Pittsburgh Steelers





Jim Rydholm

Jim Saracino (BA-1976) is the third UNC graduate to become an NFL official.

## VINCENT JACKSON, WIDE RECEIVER/TIGHT END/SPECIAL TEAMS, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Among former Bears players, Jackson is the newest arrival to the NFL after being drafted by the San Diego Chargers in April. He's the highest NFL draft choice from UNC (second round, 61st overall).

At 6-foot-5, 241 pounds, the rookie has seen his share of playing time mostly on special teams during the regular season despite being limited early on with nagging leg injuries. He has also made several catches on offense.

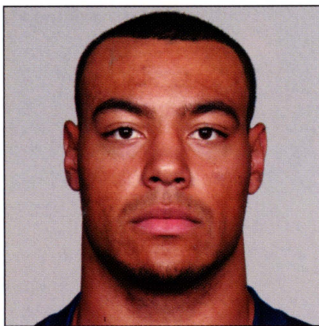
At UNC, Jackson shattered a number of school records, including career marks for receptions (177), receiving yards (3,548), touchdown receptions (37) and all-purpose yards (5,810).

Among the other superlatives in his college career:

- He was the first UNC player to be a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, given to the nation's best Division I-AA player.
- He was the first Bears player to be selected to the Senior Bowl, a college all-star game.

The Chargers were not only drawn to Jackson because of his prowess on the football field, but also because of the athleticism he displayed playing basketball two years at UNC (the Chargers molded former Kent State basketball player Antonio Gates into an All-Pro tight end).

Jackson, 22, a two-time All-American at UNC, graduated from Widefield High School in Colorado Springs.

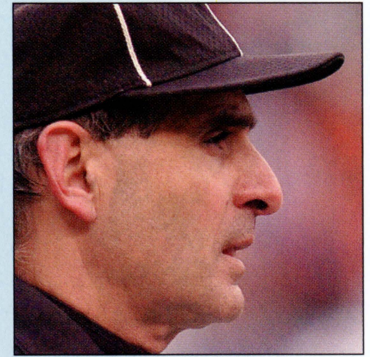
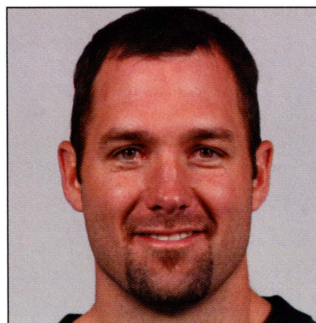


## DIRK JOHNSON, PUNTER, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

The Montrose native's NFL path took several twists before he became one of the league's most reliable punters and suited up for the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX.

Johnson, 30, survived multiple dismissals, beginning with the Seattle Seahawks in 1998. He appeared in one game with the New Orleans Saints in place of the team's injured starter in 2002 and spent the summer with the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe.

Johnson's productivity picked up in 2003 when Philadelphia acquired the former three-time All-American at UNC. Johnson, who has never had a punt



## DOUBLE DUTY UNC grad works as NFL official, high school math teacher

Jim Saracino leads a double life—one he unabashedly admits.

Weekdays, his students at Cherry Creek High School know him as Mr. Saracino, their affable math teacher who inspires.

On Sundays, however, some NFL players and coaches likely have other names for Saracino, one of 119 enforcers of the game's rules.

In 1995, Saracino (BA-76) became the third UNC graduate to make it to the NFL as an official. Ben Dreith (BA-50) and the late Pat Haggerty (BA-51, MA-53), both left indelible marks on the profession, officiating multiple Super Bowls during their careers.

Like his predecessors, Saracino, 51, juggles being an NFL official with life's other demands. Besides teaching, he's a husband and a father of a teenage daughter. It's not always easy, but officiating has been a part of Saracino's life since his undergraduate days at UNC. It's also part of his pedigree; his late uncle, Tom Saracino, officiated for years.

"The two jobs are hard. No question," Saracino says. "I never leave school on Friday until I'm sure everything is ready to go Monday because I don't want to walk in Monday morning, maybe a little tired, and short-change the kids."

Unlike handsomely paid players and coaches, NFL officials work second jobs or are retired. Starting salaries for officials hover above \$30,000 a year. During the four-week preseason (July-August) and 17-week regular season (September-January), Saracino is on the road all but two weekends. For a Sunday game, he leaves late Friday afternoon and returns late Sunday. His preparation for a new season begins in mid-May, when the first written test arrives from the league. He studies the rules and trains year-round to stay in game shape.

The NFL grades him weekly, and his performance during the regular season determines whether he works in the playoffs (Saracino has officiated nine playoff



games). That certainly adds to the pressure he feels in front of thousands of fans, coaches and players.

"There must be something in all of us that likes the challenge and likes the competitive atmosphere to try to be perfect," Saracino says of officials. "And there's got to be something in our personalities that allows us to take the abuse."

Over the years, that abuse has spawned bizarre incidents.

While officiating a playoff game in 2000, Saracino was the target of a temper tantrum thrown by former Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss. Moss, lobbying for a pass interference penalty, squirted water from a plastic bottle at Saracino.

A few years later, New Orleans Saints wide receiver Joe Horn celebrated scoring a touchdown by pretending to make a call on a cell phone he retrieved from under the padding of a goal post in the end zone.

In both instances, Saracino responded.

"It's just a foul," Saracino says. "I throw my flag and the league takes it from there." (The NFL later fined Moss and Horn.)

Officiating allows Saracino to prolong his athletic career. He grew up in a sports-minded family in Denver and played freshman basketball at Santa Clara before transferring to UNC. After his classes and on weekends, he officiated everything from Thornton youth football games to eastern Colorado prep basketball and football games.

Before long, Saracino was refereeing in what is now the NCAA Division I Mountain West Conference. The NFL came calling 12 years later, and after considering Saracino as a finalist three times, hired him in 1995.

Despite the visibility of the NFL, Saracino seldom speaks to the media. It's against NFL rules for officials to be interviewed, except in the off-season. That's when Saracino visits local groups, like the Boy Scouts, to talk about the particulars of his profession.

"We probably try to stay underneath the radar," he says. "We're all very cautious."

Among the many lessons he's learned in 30 years as an official, Saracino says, his NFL experience helps him relate to his students.

"There's no question that the officiating has helped me be a better teacher," he says. "As I tell the kids, 'You've got to study. I've got to study. You're going to be graded. I'm going to be graded. You're going to disagree with me every now and then, and I'm going to disagree with the grader every now and then.' I think it's helped me in the educational world. It's kept me from maybe getting stale with the kids."

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blocked, averaged a career-best 42.1 yards punting last season with a net average of 37.4 net yards, the best by an Eagles punter since 1976.

Johnson missed the preseason this year after undergoing surgery for sports hernia over the summer. He partially recovered in time for the regular season and played in seven games before aggravating the injury in his return home against the Denver Broncos on Oct. 30. The latest setback sidelined him for the rest of the season.

Off the field, Johnson has been honored for his charitable work with the Eastern Pennsylvania Epilepsy Foundation. His older sister, Darcy, was born with cerebral palsy and occasionally struggles with life-threatening seizures.

Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, live in Commerce City. They have real estate licenses, and he plans a career in the field after the NFL.

Johnson, ranked second on the Bears' all-time punting list, still holds UNC's playoff record for longest punt (70 yards).

## **BRAD PYATT, WIDE RECEIVER/SPECIAL TEAMS, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

Pyatt's promising NFL career took off in the national spotlight Oct. 6, 2003.

With his Colts trailing the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 35-14 in the waning minutes of a nationally televised game, Pyatt returned a kick 90 yards, helping the Colts to a stunning 38-35 overtime win.

But injuries have riddled the talented return man since that remarkable highlight two years ago.

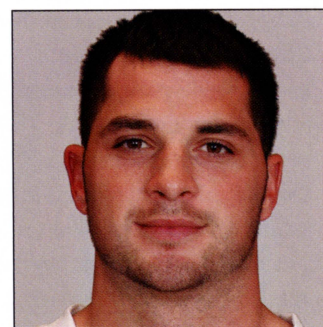
The third-year pro led the AFC in kick returns (28.6 yards/return) in 2003 before suffering a minor fracture to a vertebra in his neck against the Miami Dolphins on Nov. 11, 2003. The injury forced Pyatt to miss the rest of the season.

After fully recovering, Pyatt returned in 2004, but saw limited playing time in eight games because of nagging thigh injuries.

During the preseason this year, Pyatt once again battled deep thigh bruises and was hospitalized for two days before injuring his shoulder in the preseason finale against the Cincinnati Bengals.

The latter injury will indefinitely sideline Pyatt, who had worked his way back to a starting role on special teams. On Sept. 5, the Colts placed Pyatt on injured reserve, ending his season.

During college, the 25-year-old Arvada native transferred to UNC from the University of Kentucky.



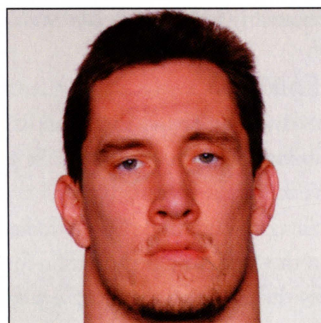
## **AARON SMITH, DEFENSIVE END, PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

All-Pro defensive end Aaron Smith anchors a stingy Pittsburgh Steelers defense that rates near the top of the NFL each season.

Smith, 29, and the Steelers came within one game of facing fellow UNC alumnus Dirk Johnson and the Philadelphia Eagles in last year's Super Bowl. The Steelers lost a heartbreaker to the eventual world champion New England Patriots in the AFC Championship. The Steelers have appeared in the title game twice since Smith became the team's starting defensive end in 2000.

Smith, a 6-foot-5, 298-pound defensive lineman, is regarded as one of the best at his position in the NFL and hasn't missed a start since 2000. He was selected to last season's Pro Bowl, an all-star game in Hawaii, following his sixth NFL season in which he matched a career high by leading the Steelers with eight sacks (he holds the career-sack record at UNC with 55). The Steelers fourth-round draft pick in 1999 has accumulated 29<sup>1/2</sup> career sacks, and last season forced three fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

Smith, who majored in Political Science, starred at UNC from 1994 through 1998 after graduating from Sierra High School in Colorado Springs. He and his wife, Jaimie, have two children (daughter Ellaina, 3, and son Elijah, 1).





# A L U M N U S L A N D S D R E live from

By  
Anne  
Cumming  
Rice

**Bill Martin has interviewed five presidents, been to political conventions and reported on war from aboard aircraft carriers.**

But some of his fondest memories are of the early days of his career, the few years following his graduation from UNC in 1979.

“Those were uncomplicated, fun days,” says Martin (BA-79), co-anchor of the 5 and 10 p.m. newscasts at Fox 8 News in Cleveland.

They were the days when then-Wyoming Rep. Dick Cheney would walk in the Cheyenne television station where Martin worked, prop his feet up on a table and talk casually with the staff.

Martin, 48, attributes his interest in politics, one of his favorite subjects to report, to those easygoing conversations with Cheney and former Wyoming Sen. Al Simpson.

After 26 years in the news business, Martin finds himself more drawn to stories about ordinary people than about politics.

“I like the people stories, stories about people who aren’t famous,” he says.

Those kinds of stories motivated him and his wife, a former TV reporter and now stay-at-home mom, to adopt twin girls from Romania five years ago. Those stories also led Martin to start a foundation that helps families in need.

## **HARD WORK**

It took Martin 20 years to get from UNC to his dream job in Cleveland, a city on the shore of Lake Erie with a metropolitan area of about 3 million residents.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Martin went to UNC because he wanted to get away from home, but he didn’t want to stray too far from family. His sister lived in Denver at the time.

A Communication and Media Arts major, Martin wanted to work in radio. He worked at country-music station KYOU and the campus TV station while he was in school.

“I sat at a cafeteria table and read wire copy,” he says with a laugh. “I was terrible. I hope they’ve thrown away all the old tapes.”

His first paying radio job came a year after graduation. He worked as program director at KFKA in Greeley for a year.

Martin picked the perfect time to apply for a position at a Cheyenne TV station. The anchor had just quit, and Martin was offered the job for \$12,000 a year. His only TV experience had been at UNC.

Martin’s career path after Cheyenne crisscrossed the Midwest. He went from Harrisburg, Pa., where he met his wife, Judy, to Dayton, Ohio. He also made stops in Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburgh, and finally Cleveland.

He joined Fox 8 News, one of the highest-rated Fox TV stations in the country, as a morning anchor in 1994. Martin became an anchor on the station’s 5 and 10 p.m. newscasts in 1999.

Each of his jobs, like many jobs in journalism, required him to work long hours with a commitment to each story until it was done. He tells aspiring journalists they will have to work just as hard—and move to some unappealing places—if they want to grow professionally.

“People think it’s easy, but it’s not,” Martin says. “If you want to be a great anchor, you have to be a great reporter first. You have to work seven days a week, sometimes 20 hours a day.”

His current work schedule is considered “normal” for television. He goes in at 2:45 p.m., attends a production meeting and records promotional segments for the evening newscasts. At 4 p.m., he rewrites stories and checks facts for those scheduled to air. By 4:50, he’s on the set for the 5 p.m. newscast.

An hour later, he starts the process again for the 10 p.m. newscast.

Martin says people often ask him if his career aspirations are higher than Cleveland.

“‘Do you want to go to the network?’ they ask me,” he says. “No, I don’t. Network news is dying anyway. You can make a nice living in a city like this. Besides, it’s not so much about me anymore. It’s about my kids.”

## **FAITH AND FAMILY**

It’s no secret in Cleveland that Martin is a Christian. He, his wife and three daughters attend a non-denominational church in the Cleveland area. Martin is often invited to speak at faith-oriented events in the region.

In 2001, Martin and two friends, a former radio announcer and a public-relations executive, started Christians in the Media, an organization for Christian journalists in northeast Ohio.

“I look at stories differently because of my faith,” Martin says. “Journalists usually get



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Bill Martin (BA-79) is co-anchor of the 5 and 10 p.m. newscasts at Fox 8 News in Cleveland.



Bill Martin

## SMALL WORLD

"Which school did you go to?" Bill Martin asked a colleague one day at Fox 8 News in Cleveland.

"Oh, it was a small school," said Rock Woodrum, a videographer who works in the TV station's sales department. "You've

probably never heard of it."

"I went to a small school, too," Martin said. "Where did you go?"

"It was in Colorado," Woodrum said.

"Really? I went to school in Colorado. Where did you go?"

"I went to school in Greeley," Woodrum answered.

"No kidding!" Martin said. "I went to school in Greeley, too."

Martin and Woodrum realized they had attended UNC around the same time, taken the same classes and had some of the same professors. They didn't meet, though, until both ended up in Cleveland.

Martin has since learned that the wife of another colleague, one of the station's weekend anchors, also attended UNC.

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wrapped up in the conflict and controversy of a story. As a believer, I get wrapped up in the pain and humanity of a story."

Their faith prompted Martin and his wife to action after they saw news reports about the plight of orphans in Romania. They have a biological daughter, Katie, now 15 years old. They had trouble conceiving a second child, so they decided to adopt from Romania.

Ibolya and Otilia, nicknamed Ibi and Oti, joined the Martin family in June 2000. Age 2<sup>1/2</sup> when they were adopted, the twins are now 8 years old.

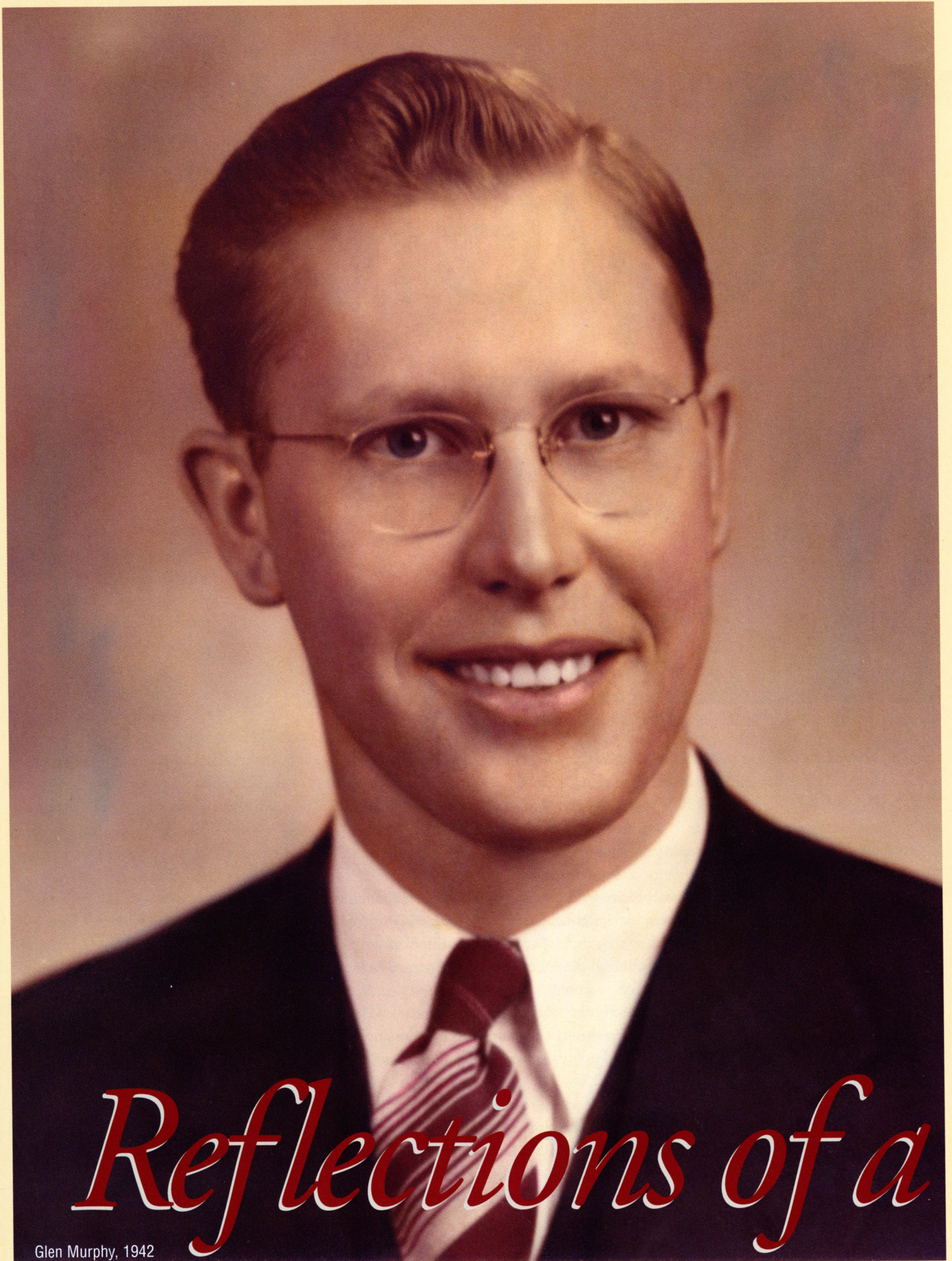
Reporting stories about people in need prompted Martin to start the Bill Martin Foundation, which helps families who have fallen through the cracks of traditional social services. The foundation pays for food, housing and utility bills for families not being helped by government or nonprofit organizations.

Martin also speaks often to young journalists. His advice to them comes from his own experience of moving around the country to become a better broadcaster.

"Humble yourself and learn everything you can," he says. "Learn to be a good writer. Someone once told me never to divide your hours into your paycheck. You'll get depressed if you do. It's not about the money. It's about becoming a great storyteller." 

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*Reflections of a*

Glen Murphy, 1942



## A 1942 ALUMNUS LOOKS BACK

BY ANNE CUMMING RICE

Glen Murphy's first day of school came early. There weren't any first-graders in his town's school, so the teacher asked the mother of 5-year-old Glen, "Would you let your son be in first grade?"

At the beginning of second grade, Glen cried when he discovered he would be the only boy in a class full of girls. So his teacher promoted the 6-year-old to third grade.

As sixth-graders, he and his peers were expected to tutor the younger students. By age 16, Glen graduated from high school.

Such was the life of a boy who grew up on a farm in eastern Colorado and was educated in a one-room schoolhouse. In 1942, he graduated from Colorado State College of Education (now UNC). After serving in the Army during World War II, he earned master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University in New York.

His 30-year career as a teacher and community college administrator took him to Florida, Panama, the Dominican Republic and back to Florida. Along the way, the lessons he learned in Greeley became lessons he shared with his students.

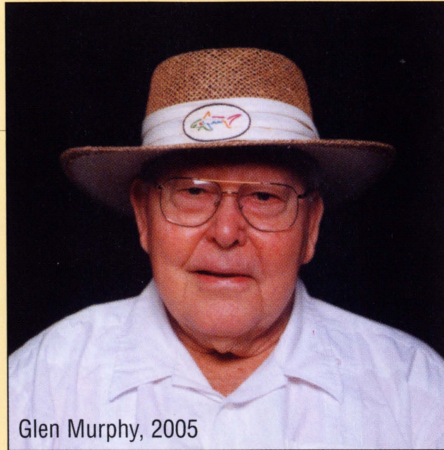
"He was the best teacher I ever had," says his wife Katherine, who fell in love with Glen while she was a graduate student and he was a professor at Florida State University. "A lot of people say he was their best teacher."

### PASSION FOR TEACHING

Now 83 years old, Glen lives in a nursing home in Port Orange, Fla., south of Daytona Beach. Katherine, 84, still lives at home but plans to move soon to an assisted-living center next to a nursing home so she and Glen can be closer together.

Nowadays they reminisce a lot about their lives. They spent a recent night browsing through cards they received for their wedding in December 1948.

"Remember the sweetness is at the bottom of the cup," one of the cards reads.



Glen Murphy, 2005

After 57 years of doing everything together, the Murphys know what that means.

Glen was born in Phillipsburg, Kan., and moved a few years later with his family to Colorado, about 100 miles east of Denver. That's where he attended a one-room school with 22 students. One teacher taught first through eighth grades.

In high school, Glen lived in a trailer home near his school in Cope, 15 miles from home. It was the Great Depression, and his family couldn't afford to drive him to school and back each day.

Glen decided in high school that he wanted to be a teacher. Tutoring younger kids as a sixth-grader sparked the desire, he says.

"I was fascinated with the learning process," he says. "I guess you could say I was a model student."

Valedictorian of his high school class, Glen earned a scholarship that paid his tuition at UNC, where he majored in Business Education.

Compared to Glen's graduating class of six students, UNC's 1,200-student campus felt like the "big time," he says. To pay for his room and board, Glen worked for 17<sup>1/2</sup> cents an hour as a custodian in Cranford Hall. His last two years at UNC, he worked as a secretary.

Glen was drafted by the Army after graduation in June 1942. He went to England, France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands but never saw combat. Adept at languages—his minor at UNC was Spanish, and he learned French before he left for Europe—Glen was a French interpreter during the war.

His primary job was working as a secretary for Gen. William Hood Simpson.

"All the big-wigs would come through his office," Glen recalls, including British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

Glen jokes that the Army paid him well for his service. "I got two

# Lifelong Learner



Murphy (r) talks with President Demetrio Lakas. The former Canal Zone College student was Panama's president 1969-78.



post-graduate degrees on the GI Bill," he says with a laugh.

### LIFE PARTNER

After the war, he taught business in Torrington, Wyo., and La Junta. He earned a master's degree from Columbia University in 1948 and took a position at Florida State University.

Katherine, a Florida native, was one of his students. She also wanted to teach business, which then meant typewriting, shorthand and other basic business skills. Their first date was a fishing trip in the summer of 1948. They were married at the end of that year.

In 1955, the U.S. State Department was looking for someone to work as a business education consultant in Panama. A state department official called a Florida State University dean, who recommended Glen.

The United States had been involved in building the Panama Canal in the early 1900s. From 1903 to 1977, the United States controlled the canal and the zone around it—a 553-mile territory that extended five miles on either side of the canal. From 1977 to 1999, the United States and Panama shared control of the area.

For 27 years, Glen and Katherine worked together and raised three children in Latin America. They spent a few years in the Dominican Republic, where Glen worked as chief education officer for the American

Embassy in Santo Domingo, the capital.

In 1963, they returned to Panama. Katherine taught high school, and Glen was dean and chief administrative officer for Canal Zone College. The college had 1,800 students, a combination of Panamanians, military personnel and children of foreign diplomats.

### INSPIRING STUDENTS


"It never occurred to me I'd end up taking the career path I did," Glen says. "I just kind of took things as they came along."

He retired twice, once from Panama and once from Daytona Beach Community College, where he worked after he and his wife returned to Florida in 1981.

At Daytona Beach, Glen and Katherine taught computer classes and other business subjects. Glen eventually became academic area coordinator for the college's south campus business and liberal arts programs.

Glen says he misses teaching. "I miss going to work every day," he says.

Glen and Katherine say their memories of teaching remind them that life is, indeed, worth living.

"We loved our work," Katherine says. "There's a great satisfaction knowing you helped students reach their goals. We always wanted to go to work in the morning." 

**Anne Cumming Rice is a freelance writer in Denver.**

# REMEMBE

BY GLEN E. MURPHY

*Ah! Well I remember*

*Friends of purple and gold.*

*Friends met in September*

*Pledging their faith to hold.*

*Gone friends of September*

*Gone dear friends of old.*

*Time never shall sever*

*Friends of purple and gold.*

—J. DeForest Cline,

*Conservatory of Music director, 1922-1949*

### SEPTEMBER 1938

It was September 1938 when I arrived on campus with a pair of second-hand shoes, a back-up pair of sneakers, and a scholarship to pay tuition. I was the original 16-year-old country bumpkin!

I had a roommate, Edsel Gain, who told me I needed to start shaving. At that time the Ford Manufacturing Company was turning out Edsel cars. Edsel had to have an Edsel, which turned out to be a real lemon. We had an older roommate, Orlo Naugle, a senior who wised us up on a lot of important details. We lived next to the Tri-Sigma sorority; Mrs. Daught was the housemother.

I thought I had moved uptown. The campus was beautiful. There were 1,200 students, quite a change from my graduating class of Cope High School, Washington County, Colorado. We thought we had really done it when six students in my class passed and graduated. I had half my high school subjects with one teacher, Ms. Daugry K. Larson, an excellent teacher.

Freshman week at CSCE, they gave us green beanies to wear, and we took many entrance tests. On an English test, students who scored 66 or better were exempt from Freshman English. I scored 67; not taking Freshman English was a big mistake.

Because I did not have to take English, I could choose an elective class, so I chose U.S. History, as I always liked history. First quarter, I had U.S. History, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Personal Hygiene, and my P.E. class was Social Dancing, which I liked a lot.

The library was a big mystery, but I soon learned it was filled with treasures. I got a custodial job under the National Youth Administration



# RING CSCE FACULTY, 1938-1942

program earning 17<sup>1/2</sup> cents per hour. I worked in Cranford Hall two hours every evening, earning 35 cents. In those days, I thought I had a pretty good paycheck every two weeks.

## ORA BROOKS PEAKE

Dr. Peake was the first CSCE professor to greet me. Her room quickly filled with 60 students. I thought, "Gee, more people in this room than in Cope, Colorado." Under Dr. Peake's guidance, we learned about the Grange, and how to use "Op. cit.," "Loc. cit." and "ibid" in term paper footnotes. I can still prepare a mean bibliography.

We had current events day every week. "You need to keep up with what is going on in the world." We had to be prepared with a current event, stand and tell the class about it.

Dr. Peake was a good storyteller. She told us about getting on the wrong bus once when she was in the South doing historical research. She also told us about the Spanish American War. She said that she got so cold during World War I that she had not been warm since. I always suspected that she wore long-john underwear. She built a small house near campus that had extra-thick walls. She wore dresses like Ma Joad.

Later, on vacation, I visited her in her faculty apartment on campus. On a later vacation, I visited her in the Greeley hospital. I secretly adopted her as my grandmother.

## EVELYN NEWMAN

Fluently brilliant is the best way I can describe her. She could make a dog like literature. Her classes were very interesting; she frequently wore hats to class.

Dr. Newman advised the boys in her class. "Before class, lie on the lawn, face down, to draw strength from Mother Earth, and that will help you endure your Literature class."

Dr. Newman was a popular lecturer, who was pleased to lecture audiences from the Rocky Mountains to New York City. She was A++.

## MARGARET MULRONEY

Suave is the best way to describe her. She dressed like a fashion plate. We were always eager to see what she would be wearing. She had a small tube that held water, and she frequently had an exotic orchid in it as a lapel pin.

She was a graduate of the University of Iowa, and

spent a year studying Spanish in Madrid, then another year studying French at the Sorbonne. She ran a tight ship in her Spanish classes. I always set a goal of getting an A in her classes, but ended up with six B's.

Dr. Mulroney sponsored Quisiamovir Club, the foreign language club along with her colleague Mrs. Catherine Crates Gilbert. She liked for students to attend. "Too bad, you missed a very good club meeting last night," she would tell us.

We learned songs in Spanish: "America," "Cielito Lindo" and "El Rancho Grande." She finally gave up on "La Golondrina."

Dr. Mulroney would do it all over again the next day in French. She was brilliant and interesting.

## AMBROSE OWEN COLVIN

Dr. Colvin was chairman of the Business

EVELYN NEWMAN  
Ph.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
Professor of English



ORA BROOKS PEAKE  
A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of History



ETHAN ALLEN CROSS  
A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
Chairman of the Division of  
Literature and Languages  
Professor of English

Education Department and my major adviser. He was a gentle and kind person. He sponsored the Colvin Club for business students and Pi Omega Pi, the national honorary business education fraternity for business students.

Dr. Colvin said most high schools in the state were small, and we might have to teach any or all business subjects. So he had us take it all: accounting, typewriting, shorthand, business machines, secretarial practice, business law, business arithmetic and penmanship.

Dr. Colvin taught accounting. He had a neat handwriting style. He evaluated students' work by com-



MARGARET MULRONEY  
A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
Profess

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paring it with work of experienced accountants. My first efforts were graded D, but I was able to improve.

Dr. Colvin told us to watch our assets and don't forget about liabilities. We learned that for every debit there is a credit, and you had better stay in balance. Worksheets were a nightmare. When doing one, I would never stop until I finished, as I was afraid I would never be able to pick up again where I stopped. I often worked on worksheets until 2 o'clock in the morning. Old accountants never die, they just get out of balance!

## ETHAN ALLEN CROSS

Dr. Cross was chairman of the English Department, and he was a walking encyclopedia. He was author of high school literature books. His classes were very interesting.

I remember he said one day that as long as June rhymes with moon that we are in business.

He was a gentle giant, very kind.

## OLIVER MORTON DICKERSON

Col. Dickerson was chairman of the Social Studies Department. His classes were mainly in Political Science. I had federal government and state government with him. I did not get to take his class in municipal government. He made government come alive. I had as many credits in Social Studies as I had in Business Education.

When I graduated, I had majors in Business Education and Social Studies and a minor in Spanish.

Col. Dickerson told us about landing in France during World War I. He and Dr. Peake were close colleagues, and they represented the best you could find in Social Studies.

## JUNE 1942: AB DEGREE

We marched proudly in caps and gowns. I heard Uncle Sam calling from a distance to give me my graduation present of a free trip to Europe.

Adios CSCE. Thanks for what you were and for what you did for me. ■



# HOMECOMING

*Spark the Spirit*

# 2005

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Homecoming Weekend 2006/Oct. 13-14**

**UNC vs. Eastern Washington**



Kevin Moloney

Peggy Rall, a long-time Dining Services employee, rushes to greet mascot Klawz before the parade. Rall dresses in uniform for every Homecoming.



Kevin Moloney

Alumni Association Executive Director Michael Johnson (l) leads 50-Year Society alumni in a cheer for the passing Homecoming parade.

**B**ears returned from far and wide to “Spark the Spirit” for Homecoming Weekend in October. Members of the Class of 1955 were inducted into the 50-Year Society. A reception, dinner and dance celebrated 2005 Honored Alumni, Alton Barbour (BS-56), Bruce Broderius (EdD-66), Lori Daniel (BS-72), Greg Germann (BA-78), Joe Glenn, April-Joy Guitierrez (BM-88), Larry Roots (BA-74) and David Warble (BA-73). Game day excitement began with the annual Homecoming parade and ended with the grand opening of the Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center. To top it all off, the Bears beat Fort Lewis College, 45-14.





Kevin Moloney



Kevin Moloney

UNC wide receiver Andy Birkel slips into the end zone for a third-quarter touchdown against Fort Lewis College. The Bears won, 45-14.



Ali Barnhart

Honored Alumnus Alton Barbour (BS-56), who received the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award (Education), taught a class during Homecoming's "Return to the Classroom."

UNC senior Jeremy Gross cheers the Bears during the Homecoming game. Gross has worn a bear costume to every home game for three years.



Kevin Moloney

Sousaphone player Laura Riedel, a sophomore, warms up before the parade.



Ali Barnhart

Joe Glenn (wearing bow tie), head UNC football coach from 1988 to 1999, received the first Honorary Alumni Award during the Alumni Association's 2005 Honored Alumni celebration.



EACH YEAR AT HOMECOMING, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

# H O N O R E D ALUMNI

BY NATE HAAS

## ALTON BARBOUR—DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD (EDUCATION)

Alton Barbour's dedication to his profession runs deep. The veteran professor, who earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Colorado State College (now UNC) in 1956, has been a University of Denver faculty member since 1965. He became a professor of Human Communication Studies in 1977 and served nearly two decades as department chairman.

Barbour, who was a champion gymnast at UNC, draws respect from both colleagues and students for his work ethic. Those who know him say his expertise, teaching style and ability to build relationships make him a model educator.

"His knowledge of theory and research in every aspect of interpersonal communication is phenomenal, yet his teaching style is easy, informal and unpretentious," says Evelyn Sieburg, a retired professor who has known Barbour since 1965, when they were students in DU's doctoral program.

Barbour has received several awards, including the David A. Kipper Outstanding Scholar's Award from the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama, the Intellectual Freedom Award from the National Council of Teachers of English and the University Lecturer Award from the University of Denver.

## BRUCE BRODERIUS—DISTINGUISHED EMERITUS AWARD

Bruce Broderius retired from UNC in 1995 after a distinguished 30-year career that included work as professor, department chair and dean in the College of Education. Broderius earned an Ed.D. in Education Administration from UNC in 1966 and has never stopped working to advance the values of education.

Broderius also taught social studies at a Denver junior high school, was assistant principal of a Washington, D.C., laboratory school and worked as a financial adviser.

A respected community leader, Broderius was elected to his current position on the Greeley-Evans School District 6 Board of Education in 2003. He also leads a community task force working to improve the readiness of children in preschool and kindergarten and has been chairman of the executive committee for the Greeley High Plains Chautauqua.

Broderius has volunteered thousands of hours to promote educational and cultural experiences for Greeley and Weld County citizens, says Peggy Ford, research coordinator for the City of Greeley Museums. "Bruce's enthusiasm for both traditional and nontraditional venues promoting public education, libraries and the humanities has made him an inspirational resource and mentor," she says.



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# 2005

## LORI J. DANIEL—DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD (RECREATIONAL SERVICES)

As a supervisor in recreation services, Lori J. Daniel has taken the City of Aurora to new heights during her 30-year career. Daniel, who earned a bachelor's degree in Recreation from UNC in 1972, has helped Aurora build or enhance several sports facilities and develop or expand many recreation programs, including those for seniors and people with disabilities.

In 2003, the city earned Sports Illustrated's 50th Anniversary Award as Colorado's No. 1 sportstown. In conjunction with the city's celebration of the award, Daniel received a Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Development of Sports.

Daniel has held many key positions in recreation organizations, including all elected offices of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association. She is the first person in Colorado to become president of the National Recreation and Park Association, which serves more than 20,000.

Known as a talented communicator, Daniel can create a vision and help others accomplish it, says James A. Donahue, past president of the National Recreation and Park Association. "Lori works very hard at promoting the profession as a necessity, not a frill."

## GREGORY GERMANN—CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THEATRE ARTS

Gregory Germann, who earned a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from UNC in 1978, has co-starred with the likes of Chris Rock, Kevin Spacey and Samuel L. Jackson. His acting career includes key appearances in productions on and off Broadway, dozens of major films and popular TV shows. He drew worldwide acclaim for portraying attorney Richard Fish on the hit-TV series "Ally McBeal."

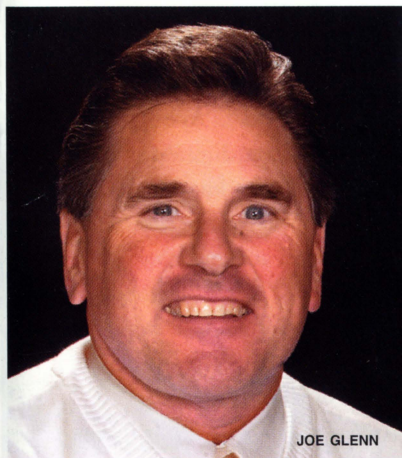
Germann's father, an award-winning children's playwright and theatre professor, introduced him to the performing arts. At UNC, Germann appeared in a number of university and Little Theatre of the Rockies productions. He moved to New York after graduation and performed on and off Broadway. He appeared in Steven Sondheim's musical "Assassins" and opposite Holly Hunter in "The Person I Once Was."

By the late 1980s, his Hollywood career had taken off with regular appearances in "Tour of Duty" and "Miami Vice." He reunited with Hunter in the film version of Beth Henley's play, "The Miss Firecracker Contestant." He has also written short films and plays, and has two films scheduled for release in 2006 and a new TV series.

### CALL FOR HONORED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

Do you know alumni who are doing great things? Alumni who are distinguished humanitarians or professionals? Alumni who should be considered for a UNC Alumni Association Honored Alumni Award? If so, we want to know.

The UNC Alumni Association is accepting nominations for 2006 Honored Alumni to be awarded at Homecoming in October 2006. Nominate your favorite UNC alumni, faculty or friends by Feb. 15, 2006. Nominees should embody the university's tradition of excellence through service and achievement. For nomination forms and more information, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org) or contact Margie Meyer at 800-332-1862 or [margorie.meyer@unco.edu](mailto:margorie.meyer@unco.edu).



JOE GLENN



APRIL-JOY GUTIERREZ



LARRY ROOTS



DAVID WARBLE



## JOE GLENN—HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

At age 27 Joe Glenn became the youngest head football coach in the country at Doane College in Crete, Neb. His three-decade career includes three national championships, six conference titles and 17 winning seasons in 20 years as a head coach. He has been named National Coach of the Year three times and one of Colorado's Greatest Coaches of the 1900s.

Glenn took UNC to the postseason seven times as the Bears head coach from 1988 to 1999 and developed the team into a perennial Division II power. The Bears won back-to-back national championships in 1996 and 1997, making UNC one of only four schools in Division II history to repeat as champs.

In three seasons at Montana, Glenn led the Grizzlies to two outright Big Sky Conference titles and two national championship appearances (the Griz won the title in 2001). His 86.7 winning percentage is the best in Big Sky history.

In 2003, Glenn became head coach at Division I Wyoming, where he resurrected a team that won only two games before his arrival and guided the Cowboys to their first bowl win in 38 years.

## APRIL-JOY GUTIERREZ—CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN PERFORMING ARTS

April-Joy Gutierrez has traveled the world as a highly acclaimed vocalist. Her professional career took off while she was a student at UNC, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Music with an emphasis in Vocal Performance in 1988. Gutierrez continued her studies at the prestigious Julliard School of Music in New York City, where she earned a master's degree.

While studying at UNC, she made her professional debut at age 22 in the role of Lauretta in Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" with Opera Colorado. Gutierrez has sung with nationally recognized opera companies across the United States and abroad, performed as the leading soprano with the New York City Opera and acted in the role of Mimi in Puccini's "La Boheme" and Violetta in "La Traviata."

Gutierrez has appeared as a guest artist with the Greeley Philharmonic and UNC Opera Theatre, and offers support and advice to UNC music students. She has also performed benefit concerts for Montrose High School, where she graduated, and to send inner-city New York students to summer music camps. She has earned the Sullivan Foundation Career Grant and won awards at The Liederkrantz Foundation Competition and Jenny Lind Competition.

## LARRY ROOTS—CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN VISUAL ARTS

Larry Roots eats oatmeal for breakfast so he can skip lunch to keep the pace of a professional artist. Roots earned a bachelor's degree in Art, with an emphasis in painting and printmaking, and a K-12 teaching certification from UNC in 1974. Since then, he's owned a startup screen-printing business, maintained a private art studio while pursuing a career as a corporate executive in the sanitation business, and become a full-time studio artist.

In 1994, at age 42, Roots took a leap of faith. He returned to studio art full-time after success in what has become part of the nation's second-largest solid waste company, where he developed and implemented automated collections for trash and recyclables and developed and operated landfills in the Midwest.

Roots owns Modern Arts Midwest, a downtown Lincoln, Neb., art gallery that displays work of more than 30 local and regional artists. His paintings and sculptures are permanent fixtures at many locations, including the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., and Nebraska businesses. His awards include the 1996 Individual Artist Fellowship Award in Painting from the Nebraska Arts Council Fellowship Program.

## DAVID WARBLE—DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

David Warble's music career has put him in front of every U.S. president since John F. Kennedy. Warble, who earned a bachelor's degree in Music Education from UNC in 1973, owns the entertainment production and consulting service Trilogy Productions.

After serving as an award-winning band director at Clear Creek High School in Idaho Springs, Warble became music director at Disneyland Park. He developed a Disney program that introduces students to the film industry's musical demands with workshops where students record soundtracks to movie excerpts. Warble has led hundreds of workshops, and his Disney educational programs have been presented to more than one million students.

Warble also founded the California Wind Orchestra, a professional ensemble of many of the finest musicians in Southern California. He has conducted professional symphony orchestras including the London Symphony, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam and Orange County Symphony, where he was music director.

Warble has worked with some of the world's best-known musicians, including composer/conductor John Williams, clarinetist Richard Stolzman, trumpeter Chuck Mangione and singers Leslie Uggams and Lou Rawls. He often returns to UNC to speak to music education classes.

Nate Haas (MS-04) is associate editor of Northern Vision.



**1940-1949**

Ray R. Moorhead (BA-48, MA-53), Thornton, taught art for six years in public schools and taught art education, fine art, ceramics, art history and art therapy at the university level for 30 years before retiring.

**1950-1959**

Gerald Grunski (MA-59), Evergreen, is included in Marquis's "Who's Who in America." He has published more than 160 magazine articles and has written or edited 20 books. He retired in 1988 from Highland Park, Ill., High School, where he was chairman of the English Department. He now conducts non-fiction writing seminars for writers groups.

Dave Hochtritt (BA-56), Pickett, Wis., has been a pro scout for the Canadian Football League's Edmonton Eskimos for five years and has been working as a Canadian Football League coach or a scout since 1986.

Harold "Harry" Krueger (MA-55, EdD-64), Sioux Falls, S.D., received the Governor's Award for

Outstanding Service in Arts Education and the 2005 Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts.

Wayne Edward McSheehy (BA-57, MA-58), Fort Walton Beach, Fla., was ranked No. 1 by the United States Association of Triathletes in the age 70-74 category.

Lynn A. Sandstedt (AB-54), Greeley, received the prestigious Roger G. Mead Jr. Award for Distinguished Leadership and Scholarly Contributions to the Foreign Language Teaching Profession at the national meeting of the American Associations of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

**1960-1969**

Larry Raymond Middleton (MA-66), Ames, Iowa, retired in 1996 after teaching and coaching in Iowa middle, junior high and high schools for 36 years. His wife, Elizabeth (Matthews) Middleton (MA-66), retired in 1999 after working as an elementary, middle school and high school counselor in Iowa for 22 years.



Charles "Chic" Fries (MS-77), Littleton, has joined the Centennial Real Estate office of RE/MAX Infinity. He has more than 25 years of comprehensive commercial, investment and residential sales and marketing experience.

**TIME TO STEP IT UP!**

*A Bear Logue*

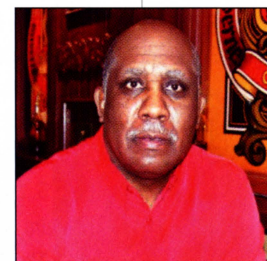
BY WILL G. PHILLIPS

Time and events bring about reflections, memories and if you're lucky, more dreams. Recently my reflections were swept into a wonderful dream for the future of my *alma mater*. I dreamed about what it would mean to be a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, where opportunities abound and all alumni are involved through our new membership program. Just what kind of Bear do you want to be? My hope is that you become a Caring Bear, a Sharing Bear or Legacy Bear. Take a minute to reflect on your experience at UNC and the ways your life was enriched.

I realize that there are many types of Bears who passed through these halls of ivy at Colorado's Best University Experience. It is time to be redeemed if you were a Passive Bear, Bored Bear or Critical Bear. The times are demanding, and your university is now faced with unprecedented challenges and opportunities. The advancement of public higher education in America cannot be someone else's leisure time activity; we are in a global race to preserve our nation's leadership status. It is in every UNC alum's enlightened self-interest to heed the call and step it up to preserve the benefit of a wonderful educational experience that all of us had the good fortune to share.

Dream for a moment about the impact UNC alumni will have when every single graduate becomes a proud Alumni Association member. Talk about making a difference; we'll all wear the name of Proud Bear!

Will Phillips (BA-62) is Membership Team Chair on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Will Phillips

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## IN MEMORY

### 1920-1929

Susie G. Bogart (LC-29, BA-55)

### 1930-1939

Lucile Maxfield Bogue (BA-34)

Catherine Elizabeth Kinzie (LC-30, BA-62)

Ruth E. LeBlond (LC-37, BA-40)

Edith Larkin (Hankins) McDonald (LC-34)

Ossie J. (Allred) Ozbirn (BA-31)

Fern M. Hicks Porter (BA-33)

Alice B. Wolf (BA-38)

### 1940-1949

Stacia A. Johnson (BA-49)

Samuel Benton Sears (BA-42)

### 1950-1959

Hilma Schaefer Berry (BA-58)

John P. "Jack" Knapp Sr. (AB-50, MA-54)

Stephen J. Shuster (BA-50, MA-52)

### 1960-1969

Lynn Clayton Breidenbach (MA-69)

James Milton "Jim" Hanks (MA-65)

Leland "Lee" Lapp (BA-68, MA-70)

### 1970-1979

Charles Chasselman (BS-74)

Richard Littrell (EdD-77)

Clara M. Wagner (BA-76)

### 1980-1989

Charles Douglas Keller (BA-87)

Jimmy M. May (MS-81)

Hunter E. "Ed" McKeever (BA-84)

Terry C. Nelson (MA-81)

### 1990-1999

Mandy Sue (Swartz)

Zulkowski (BA-98)

## 1970-1979

Byron Dale Augustine (DA-76), New Braunfels, Texas, was recognized as a Piper Professor for 2005 by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. Fifteen \$5,000 awards are made annually to college professors for superior teaching.

Selection is based on nominations submitted by Texas colleges and universities.

Norma Jean Gilmore (EdD-76), Hamilton, Mont., thought she had retired from education for the fifth time when she received a call from the University of Montana to supervise an Office of Public Instruction Special Education teacher this fall. She accepted, saying it keeps her young.

## Professor Emeritus Publishes Third Book

UNC Professor Emeritus of History Gail S. Rowe recently published his third novel, "Double Play in Beantown." While at UNC, Rowe taught the popular History class Baseball and American Society. He incorporates historical events and characters into his fictional stories.

Susan (Wolf) Giullian (BA-73, MA-77, EdD-86), Denver, received the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award for the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

Karen L. Larsen (BA-71), Packwood, Wash., is principal at White Pass Junior-Senior High School in Randle, Wash.

James McAvoy "Mac" Light (BM-73) and Margaret Jean (McLarty) Light (BA-72), Las Vegas, Nev., teach music at Walter E. Jacobson Elementary School and serve on the board of the Nevada Desert Valley Chapter of the American Orff Schulwerk Association.

## LEWIS GIFT OF \$225,000 CREATES NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Colorado roots of Helen Wattenburg Lewis run four generations deep, but her legacy will reach much farther with a gift of \$225,000. Lewis has created a scholarship to provide opportunities for UNC students from northwest Colorado while also addressing the national nursing shortage. Students from Colorado's Routt, Moffat, Grand and Rio Blanco counties who are studying to be nurses are eligible for the scholarship.

Born in Fort Lupton in 1920, Lewis grew up around Routt and Moffat counties and graduated from Craig High School. "After graduation I realized how limited my opportunities were in that part of Colorado," she says.

Lewis has seen much in her 85 years. In 1942, she and her first husband moved from Colorado to Phoenix, where she trained to be a wiring technician for the instrument panels of the PB-2Y3, an aircraft designed to detect submarines off the U.S. coast. When her husband enlisted to serve in World War II, Lewis moved with him to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, and worked as a bus driver on the base. The job, which started at 90 cents an hour, gave Lewis one day off each month. Even her grandfather's funeral didn't warrant an exception, she says. "There is a war on," the base commander told her.

After the war Lewis moved back to Colorado and lived with her family, divorcing her husband. She met Dr. Llewellyn Lewis through mutual friends and married him in December 1963. They lived in Pueblo for 23 years and moved to Aurora in the late 1980s when Mr. Lewis retired from his general dentistry and surgical practice.

Their involvement in Aurora's Senior Services eventually led to the creation of the UNC nursing scholarship. Nurse Kathy O'Grady's keynote address at a Senior Services dinner in her honor prompted Lewis to act. She realized she "wanted and needed to do something—and soon; time was getting on," she says.

A gift Lewis received from her great-grandparents in the 1950s helped her create the scholarship. Early on, Lewis says, she struggled to pay taxes on the gift of 80 acres of Hendersen Township land just outside Westminster, but she knew it would be worth something. She was right, and the land's natural gas well and water rights only increased its value.

Now, Lewis is investing the proceeds generated by the land into something even more precious: "I want people to feel that they have a chance."



From left, UNC President Kay Norton, sophomore Carissa Taylor of Craig, Lewis and junior Jacqueline Berdine of Steamboat Springs. Taylor and Berdine were the first recipients of the scholarships established by Lewis.





Don Ellison (MA-72), Springfield, Va., received the 2005 Silver Antelope Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He has served the Boy Scouts in many roles, including work on a number of National Order of the Arrow staffs. He is also the executive director of the regional Latter-day

Saints Scouting Conference and has been on the Regional Relationships Committee since 1999.

Leo W. Pauls (EdD-71), Emporia, Kan., is president of the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia.

Kelley K. (Casselberry) Smith (MA-75), Soldotna, Alaska, retired after serving 27 years as librarian/media specialist in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, where she worked the last 18 years at Soldotna High School. She notes that UNC Professor Emeritus Andrew Gibbons was an excellent mentor.

Leslie Swetnam (BA-72), Lakewood, was appointed licensure officer and coordinator of student teaching at Metropolitan State College of Denver after serving on the faculty for 17 years. Swetnam earned her doctorate at Stanford in 1984.

Barbara (Cambas) Torres (BS-75), Los Angeles, is awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild. She left her job with the Colorado Migrant Council in 1979 and moved to Los Angeles, where she earned a master's degree in Education from the University of Southern California and has been teaching in L.A. City Schools.

John C. "Chuck" Williams (MA-75), Alexandria, Va., is the assistant deputy under secretary of defense for installations and a member of the Senior Executive Service. He is the lead Pentagon official responsible for all U.S. military installations worldwide.

**1980-1989**

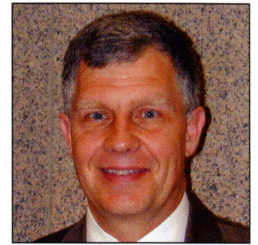
Jay Anderson (BS-81), Singapore, was appointed vice president, sales and operations for Motorola Networks in Asia, where he will oversee operations in Asian markets, including Hong Kong, Thailand,

Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Australia and New Zealand.

Richard Bristol (MA-86), Jerusalem, is the Israel operations director of Bridges for Peace in Jerusalem, where he oversees national operations including a food bank, adoption program, home repair, welcome gifts, immigrant program and food relief to more than 80 non-profit organizations and 12 communities. He would love to hear from any Music department alumni who graduated around 1986.

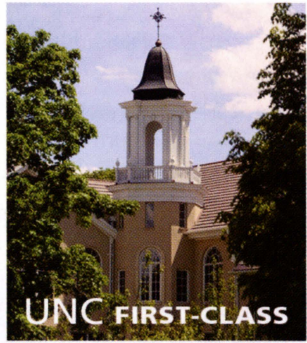
Jeanne Collins (MA-86), Shelburne, Vt., was appointed acting superintendent of Burlington Public Schools after five years as director of special services. Last year, she won the Gail Lynk Administrator of the Year award in Vermont.

Dustin James Dean (BA-88), Lexington, Va., graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law in May 2005.



**White Earns Top Faculty Award**


George White (MA-79), Doylestown, Pa., received Lehigh University's most prestigious faculty award, the Hillman Faculty Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching, research and advancing the university's interests. He is professor and coordinator of the Educational Leadership program at Lehigh University College of Education.



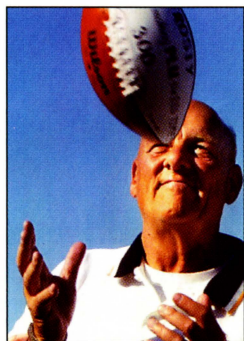
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## Westering In College Football Hall of Fame

Forrest "Frosty" Westering (MA-60, EdD-66), Tacoma, Wash., was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Westering coached football for 40 years, the last 32 at Pacific Lutheran University, where he led his team to 305 victories, four national championships, 20 national playoff appearances and 12 conference titles. A three-time National Coach of the Year and six-time Conference Coach of the Year, Westering coached 26 First Team All-Americans and was a member of the Hula Bowl coaching staff in 2000.

Elinor Greenberg (EdD-81), Centennial, was elected vice chair of the Colorado Judicial Institute board.

James "Jim" Henderson (MA-83), Pensacola, Fla., served three years as a member of the American Counseling Association Foundation Board and one year as a chairman.

Donna (Tinkle) Keefover (BS-86), remarried and is a certified personal trainer. She and her husband, John, are enjoying fly fishing and hunting together.

John Malloy (DA-82), Holland, Mich., published "Our First 100 Years," a history of the Saugatuck Woman's Club. He is working on "Saugatuck Dateline," a history of Saugatuck and another history, "Aerospace Dateline."

Rhoda Rogers (BS-88), Fort Lupton, was one of six 2005 recipients of the Nightingale Award from the Colorado Nurses Foundation. She is a diabetes nurse educator at Salud Family Health Centers.

Judy Trohkimoinen (BME-88), Baker City, Ore., earned the National Board Teacher Certification. She serves on the Oregon Music Educators Association Board as elementary music chair and has worked on Oregon Department of Education committees. She has taught at South Baker Elementary School for 16 years.

## 1990-1999

Mike Anderson (BAE-90), Lincoln, Neb., is the head baseball coach at the University of Nebraska. He was voted coach of the year in the Big 12 Conference and led his team to the 2005 College World Series.

Estela (Loya) Fitzpatrick (BA-97), Aurora, is a senior analyst with a major credit card company. She and her husband, Jeff Fitzpatrick (BS-00), celebrated the birth of their first child, Megan Nicole, as well as their fourth anniversary.

Dale Girard (BA-99), Kernersville, N.C., was one of six North Carolina School of the Arts faculty members recognized with the school's Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Melanie (Grahm) Godsey (BS-99), Manhattan, Kan., was named "Outstanding New Professional" by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. She is a recreation supervisor with Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department. Her daughter, Madison Ann, is 2<sup>1/2</sup> years old.

Todd Hernandez (BA-97) Wauwatosa, Wis., earned a doctorate in Foreign Language Education from the University of Kansas in 2004. He is assistant professor of Spanish at Marquette University.

Jennifer (Thompson) Mearing (BA-98), Longmont, and her husband, James, celebrated their daughter's first birthday.

Jeannie J. (Steinkirchner) Mueller (BA-98), Montrose, is earning a master's degree and a Certificate of Physician Assistant in Arizona.

Hilary (Sheehan) Muñoz (EdS-99), Lansing, Kan., was married in June 2003 to Derek Muñoz and they had their first child, Marin Elizabeth, in May 2005. Hilary is working as a school psychologist in Kansas.

Molly (Schnurr) Pierce (BA-98), Lyman, Maine, is in her fifth year as an English teacher at Kennebunk High School. Her daughter, Sophie, is 1<sup>1/2</sup> years old.

Robert "Bob" Svenson (BA-93), Arvada, managed an Italian restaurant in Westminster for eight years and is now a sales consultant for Ketelsen Campers of Colorado.

Curtis Tucker (MM-90), Saratoga Springs, N.Y., is the general director of Lake George Opera in Saratoga Springs. He recently ended an eight-year stint with Sorg Opera in Ohio, where his chamber opera, "The Stranger's Tale," premiered in April 2005.



Michael Warmuth (BA-93), Avon, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the Eagle River Fire Protection District.

**2000-present**

Michael J. Allen (BA-01), Lawrence, Kan., graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in May 2005 and accepted an assistant district attorney position with the Johnson County District Attorney's Office in Olathe, Kansas.

Misti Burmeister (BA-00, MA-02), Bethesda, Md., is a 2005 recipient of the eWomen Network's prestigious International Femtor Award for Emerging Leaders.

Tracey (Dahlberg) Celayeta (BA-01), Grand Junction, teaches physical education at Fruita Monument High School, where she also coaches volleyball and track. She is training for a half-marathon.

Megan Garrison (BA-03), Littleton, is the editor of 303 Magazine, Denver's Premiere Lifestyle Magazine. She has been with the publication since its inception and celebrated its first anniversary in June 2005.

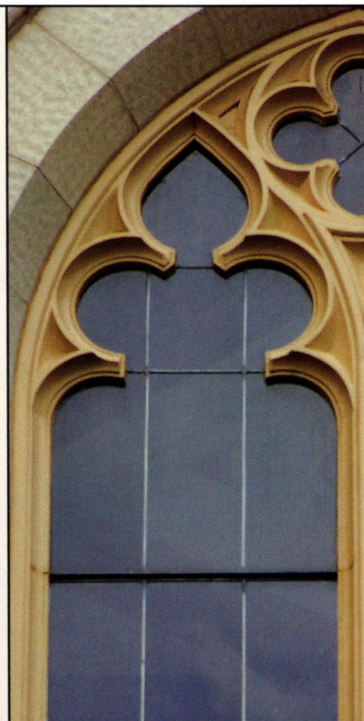
Veronica (Romero) Lewis (BA-00), Pueblo, has worked with at-risk youth for the past nine years. She married Hunter Lewis and is the proud mother of a son, Isaiah, and two step children, Donavyn and Serenity.

Gretchen N. Sausville (BA-02), Berkeley Heights, N.J., earned the Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2005.

Michelle (Heintz) Timme (BS-01), Orlando, Fla., is a college recruiter for Walt Disney World in Orlando. She travels to 18 Rocky Mountain region schools to recruit college students for internships. She was married in 2002.

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The Frasier Society was created to acknowledge the individuals who have made testamentary or planned gifts to the University of Northern Colorado Foundation for the benefit of UNC. The society honors one of UNC's longest serving presidents, George W. Frasier, who exemplified the commitment to excellence in education that remains the hallmark of the University of Northern Colorado. While the society is relatively new, planned giving to UNC is not—it has provided a foundation for many years. If you have included the University of Northern Colorado Foundation in your estate or trust planning we would be most honored to welcome you into the Frasier Society.



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**BEATRICE ELIZABETH HANSEN**

Former UNC Business Professor Beatrice E. Hansen, 90, died in April. Hansen and her husband, Kenneth, moved to Greeley in 1947, when he was named chairman of the Department of Business Education at Colorado State College of Education (now UNC). After her husband's death in 1963, Hansen was appointed to the secretarial studies area of the same department, where she taught until her retirement in 1979. Hansen earned a bachelor's degree in Business from Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College in 1936 and a master's degree in Teaching at Teachers' College, Columbia University in New York City. She traveled in all 50 states, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Europe and several Asian countries but spent her summers at the home she and her husband built in the 1950s in Estes Park.

**RICHARD HILL**

Monfort College of Business Executive Professor of Accounting Richard Hill, 64, died in October. A certified public accountant, Hill joined UNC's faculty two years ago after serving as executive vice president and managing director of DHR International. He previously was national director of college recruiting and university relations for Price Waterhouse LLP. Hill earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Denver and a Master of Business Administration in Accounting. He was a dedicated community servant. "If you ever met him, you quickly realized he was the eternal optimist," says MCB Dean Joe Alexander. A memorial fund for a scholarship in Hill's name was set up through the UNC Foundation.

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## A New Home for Alumni and Friends



The entrance to the Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center is located just north of Nottingham Field. The center houses the Alumni Association and the UNC Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.unco.edu/alumni](http://www.unco.edu/alumni) or call us at 970-351-2034 or 800-568-5213.

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The newly renovated Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center at UNC opens its doors to you. The Alumni Association and the UNC Foundation are proud to invite you to visit us at 1620 Reservoir Road, Greeley. For



The building's warm interior features a conference and meeting area, the heritage room (pictured above) and a visiting area for alumni and friends.



The patio behind the building overlooks UNC's Xeric Park and Nottingham Field.

## Calendar

For more information, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org) or call 800-332-1862.

**Feb. 2**—Bears After Hours, Denver, 5:30-7 p.m.

**Feb. 15**—UNC Men's Basketball at University of Denver, pre-game party one hour before tip-off through first period at Gold Club, \$20 includes dinner and game ticket

**Feb. 18**—Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, Greeley, Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center.

**March 2**—Bears After Hours, Greeley, 5:30-7 p.m.

**March 25**—Alumni Night at Colorado Eagles game, 5:30 pre-game reception at Budweiser Event Center, 7 p.m. game, \$20 includes ticket, pizza, cash bar

**March 29-April 10**—Tourin' Bears in China, Global Holidays, 800-842-9023

**April 6**—Bears After Hours, Colorado Springs, 5:30-7 p.m.

**April 20-22**—UNC Jazz Festival, celebrate 30 years with Gene Aitken

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**June 1**—Bears After Hours, Greeley

**June 24**—Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, Greeley

**July 3-4**—Summer Reunion Bash

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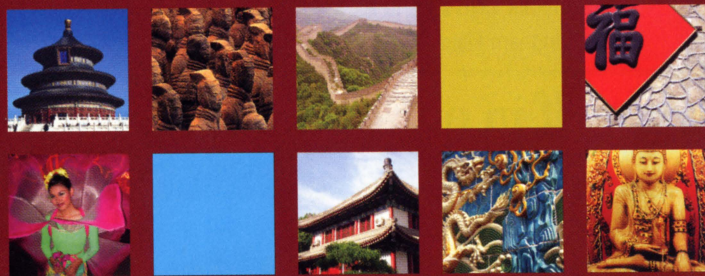
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