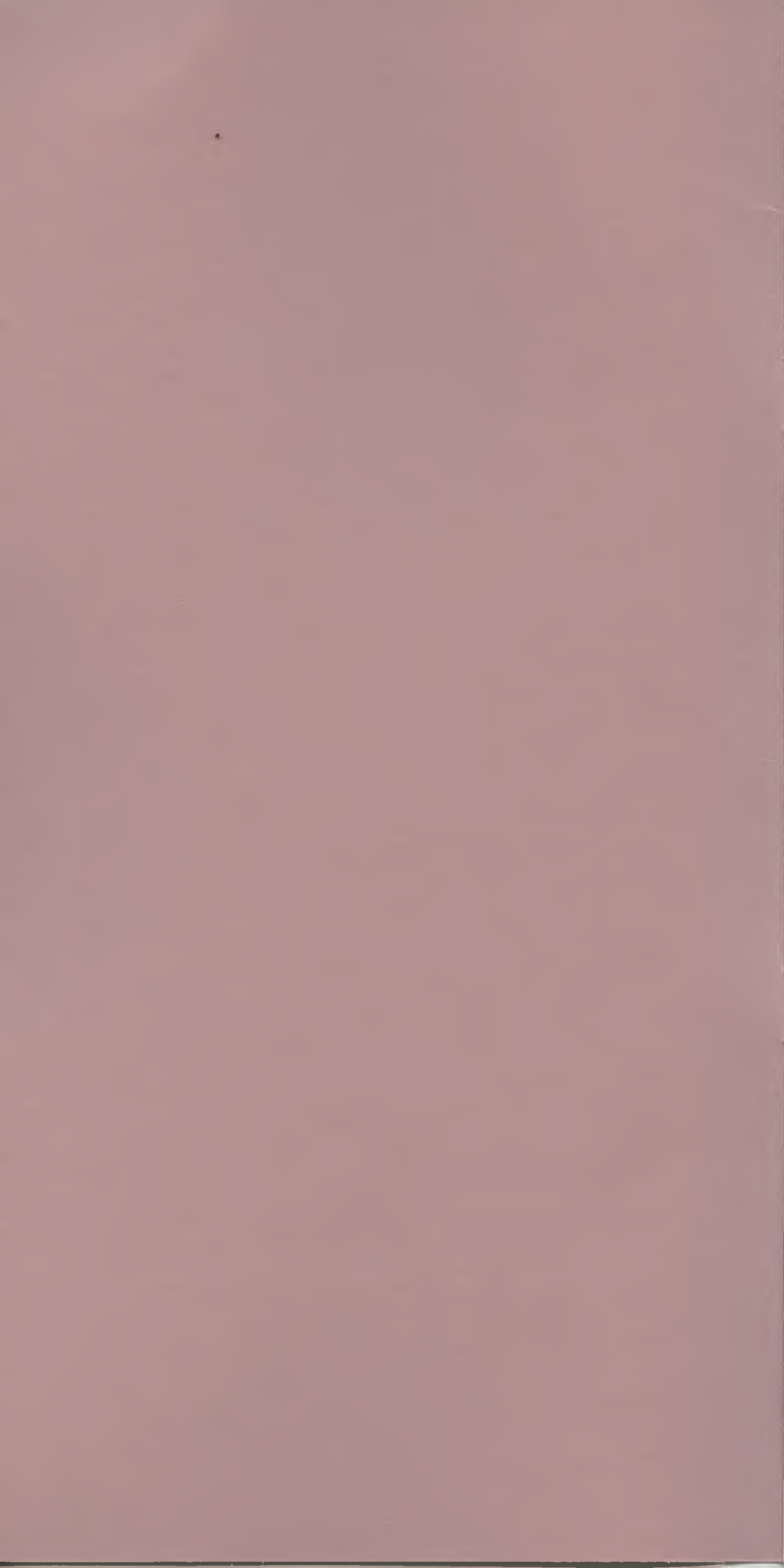


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*Honored Alumni*

*Awards Banquet*

*October 7, 1988*

*University Center*

*Sponsored by the UNC Alumni Association*

*Welcome ..... Alan Clark, President,  
UNC Alumni Association*

*Invocation ..... Holly Bressler, First Vice President,  
UNC Alumni Association*

*Dinner*

*Introductions ..... Alan Clark*

*University Welcome ..... Robert C. Dickeson, President,  
University of Northern Colorado*

*Awards Presentations ..... Alan Clark*



## George E. Ayers

*Chicago, Illinois*

*MA-1963, Special Education*

*EdD-1965, Counseling and Educational Psychology*

*Outstanding Alumnus, Field of Education*

*Upon completion of a master's degree in special education and a doctorate in counseling and educational psychology from UNC, George E. Ayers embarked upon an increasingly successful career in education, beginning as an instructor and advancing to professor and a variety of administrative posts, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Ayers was president of Massasoit Community College in Brockton, Massachusetts, before assuming his current position as President of Chicago State University, an urban school with more than 8,000 students.*

*Dr. Ayers is active in many professional and community organizations. He currently serves as an executive commissioner of the North Central Association, and is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of University Administrators. Dr. Ayers' community service includes serving as chairman of the Black Creativity Advisory Committee for the Museum of Science and Industry and as a governing board member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.*

*Dr. Ayers has published more than 60 articles and books on professional education, dealing with such topics as the recruitment and retention of minority students in higher education, conflict management, improving literacy skills, counseling the disadvantaged, and urban education. He has traveled throughout the world and lectured extensively on education issues.*

*In recognition of his achievement, he has been listed in Leaders in Education, Community Leaders of America, 2,000 Men of Achievement, International Who's Who in Education, and Who's Who Among Black Americans.*

*He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children, Deanne, Danita, and Darryl.*



## *Janet Brooks-Gerloff*

*Aachen-Brand, West Germany*

*BA-1972, Fine Arts*

*Creative Achievement*

*Even before receiving her bachelor's degree in fine arts from UNC, Janet Brooks-Gerloff had a one-woman show in a Greeley gallery and was well on her way to becoming a talented and widely exhibited artist. Upon completion of her degree and while continuing to show her work in several Colorado exhibits, she moved to West Germany to marry Dr. Joachim Gerloff, a physician.*

*There she continued to develop her professional career. Over the years, Ms. Brooks-Gerloff has showcased her works in numerous exhibits, and her paintings can be found in many religious facilities. She also has become well-known for her portrait painting, and has completed a variety of official portraits for public figures, ranging from a Count to a NATO official.*

*According to the late John Mariani, former chair of the UNC Fine Arts Department, "Janet Brooks is a serious, creative, original and hard working painter, a maturing, talented artist with unlimited potential."*

*Ms. Brooks-Gerloff and her husband have two children, Hendrik and Anneke.*



## Ying-Hau Chen

*Tainan, Taiwan*

*MA-1973, Educational Psychology*

*EdD-1975, Educational Psychology*

*International Alumnus*

*When Ying-Hau Chen arrived at UNC, he already had nearly 20 years of experience as a school teacher and administrator. After completing both a master's and a doctoral degree in educational psychology, Dr. Chen returned to Taiwan, where he continued his impressive career in education. In 1975 he was appointed Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Education at the National Kaohsiung Teachers College. In 1978 he was promoted to Professor and Chairman of the Department of Education in the Graduate Institute of Education. In 1982 he became Dean of Student Affairs, and in 1984 moved to the Provincial Tainan Junior Teachers College, where he served as president. In 1987 Dr. Chen assumed his current position as president of the Provincial Tainan Teachers College.*

*According to his UNC research advisor, Professor Eugene D. Koplitz, "The research he did here for his doctoral dissertation has had a significant impact on the selection of candidates for the professional teacher education programs in Taiwan." The title of his work is, "A Study of Attitudes, Personal Characteristics, and Personality Traits of Outstanding Teachers in Taiwan R.O.C."*

*Dr. Chen has written several books, numerous articles, and has presented papers at international conferences. He serves as a board member on a number of professional organizations, and has received several awards, including two from the Chinese Educational Association — one for Outstanding Scholar in Education and the other for Outstanding Educational Publication.*

*He and his wife, Mei-Huei Huang, have three children, Yian-Ju, Yao-Hua, and Wei-Chih.*





## *Leslie S. Franklin*

*Denver, Colorado*

*BS-1962, Business*

*Community Service*

*Leslie S. Franklin, a long-time employee of the IBM Corporation, was appointed in 1987 by Governor Roy Romer to direct the Governor's Job Training Office; however, Mr. Franklin's service to the community extends far beyond the Governor's Office. He has been named to numerous boards and councils, including the Colorado Arts Coalition, the Colorado Literary Council, the Governor's Latin-American Task Force, the Governor's Task Force on Self-Sufficiency, the Mayor's Black Advisory Council, Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College, the Youth Challenge, and the Urban League of Metro Denver, to name just a few.*

*Mr. Franklin was instrumental in founding the Colorado Black Roundtable, a new organization established to effect positive changes in the Black community, including economic development, education, housing, and health and human services.*

*He has spoken at numerous corporate events, professional association meetings, and college and public school activities throughout the United States. His tireless volunteer and professional efforts have had a positive impact on the quality of life in his community of Denver and the State of Colorado.*

*Mr. Franklin has two sons, Jamon and Shaka.*



## *Gordon Maddux*

*Prescott, Arizona*

*BA-1953, Physical Education*

*Contribution to Sport*

*Gordon Maddux has distinguished himself in sports not only in college, but throughout his career. His accomplishments as a gymnast at UNC (then Colorado State College) earned him admission into the Athletes' Hall of Fame in Gunter Hall. After his years as a competitor, his goals were to coach gymnastics and to do whatever he could to broaden the appeal of the sport. He has accomplished his dreams. Upon graduation, he established the first gymnastics program at a new high school in California, which became a perennial Northern California champion. He later moved to coaching gymnastics at the college level. As head coach at California State University at Los Angeles, Mr. Maddux took his teams to five conference championships and guided two national champions and 12 All-Americans. He was appointed to an NCAA committee to study the problem of amateur gymnastics and to suggest solutions. The remedy was the creation of the United States Gymnastics Federation, an organization that would forever change the nature of the sport in America.*

*On the invitation of CBS television, Mr. Maddux brought his knowledge and skill of gymnastics to the broadcast booth. He later began doing gymnastics commentary for ABC Sports, and he helped cover the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. Although Maddux covers gymnastics events for ABC on a national and international scale, he resides in Prescott, Arizona where he has been active in a variety of sports volunteer work. He serves on the Prescott City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and is president of the Board of Directors of the Prescott YMCA.*

*Mr. Maddux, his wife, Irene, and son, Timothy, live in Prescott, Arizona. Mr. Maddux also has two grown daughters, Marta and Gail.*





## *James E. Miller*

*Silverthorne, Colorado*

*MA-1955, Music Education*

*Emeritus Alumnus*

*For James E. Miller, UNC is not only his alma mater, but also the location of his entire professional career. After receiving his bachelor of music degree in music education at Michigan State University, Dr. Miller came to UNC in 1954 as a part-time Instructor of Music, and Assistant Director of Bands. Following the completion of his master's degree at UNC, he was hired full-time to teach French horn and low brass, and to assist in the band and instrumental programs. He later received a master of fine arts and a doctorate in performance and literature at the University of Iowa.*

*Dr. Miller's career at UNC progressed quickly. He was appointed chairman of the Music Division in 1965, and with the name change of the institution, became Dean of the School of Music in 1970. After a merger of the arts into a College at UNC in 1977, Dr. Miller was appointed Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts while continuing his directorship of the School of Music. He served as a member of the Music Educators National Conference Teacher Education Commission, as president of the Colorado Music Education Association, and in a variety of positions for the National Association of Schools of Music.*

*Throughout his career at UNC, Dr. Miller believed in and encouraged a strong, balanced educational program for his students, with a twofold objective of developing the highest performance standards, as well as thorough academic preparation in music education, theory and history. Under his leadership, the School of Music gained national acclaim and was designated one of four Centers of Excellence by the University in 1984.*

*He is an accomplished musician, and maintained his performance activities as a French horn player until his retirement from UNC in 1985. In 1987 he was inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame.*

*Dr. Miller and his wife, Alyce, split their time between Greeley, while he continues to teach at UNC, and their retirement home in Silverthorne. They have two daughters, Laura and Amy.*



## *Jon Runge*

*Golden, Colorado  
BS-1976, Marketing  
Presidential Service*

*As a member of the UNC Alumni Association Board of Directors, Jon Runge has proven his loyalty for the institution many times over. During his tenure on the board, he has served as a committee chairperson, vice president, and most recently as president of the Board of Directors. He has shared the ideas and enthusiasm necessary to the success of the organization.*

*As a result of Mr. Runge's commitment of personal time and energy, the Association has achieved goals important to the progress of the University. Under his leadership, plans for an alumni directory were initiated, and reunion and homecoming celebrations were combined for the first time.*

*Mr. Runge is a marketing services manager with the Adolph Coors Company, Golden, and is active in a variety of professional organizations. He is also a licensed pilot and an avid amateur cyclist. Despite his busy professional and personal schedule, he has managed to find time to serve his alma mater.*

*He and his wife, Pam, have one daughter, Alexandra.*



## *LaMar Steen*

*Greeley, Colorado*

*MA-1951, Educational Administration*

*Alumnus Trail Blazer*

*LaMar Steen's career has encompassed a variety of endeavors that have brought him distinction. His career in education spanned 32 years as both a classroom teacher and administrator. One of his unique contributions as an educator was a course in aerospace studies that he designed and taught at Manual High School in Denver. His students built an airplane suitable for flight. In cooperation with Channel 9 television, Mr. Steen also produced a film on the teaching of aeronautics in secondary schools that received wide acclaim throughout the country and set the pace for present day studies in this aspect of education.*

*Mr. Steen went on to design an airplane that became the most widely accepted of its kind in the world. The "Steen Skybolt" he designed and sold in kit form was a two-passenger biplane capable of aerobatics, along with normal pleasure flying. More than 5,000 of his aircraft plans are spread around the world. Five hundred of his planes are currently in operation, and make up a squadron unsurpassed anywhere in private circles.*

*Although he retired from education in 1982 and has sold his aircraft business, Mr. Steen remains extremely busy. He is now involved in the hobby of radio-controlled model airplanes. One of four pioneers in this rapidly emerging hobby, he built and flew radio-controlled airplanes as early as 1947. This was an era of trial and error, when components had to be built by hand and a "ham" radio license was necessary. His efforts have contributed significantly to this hobby and sport that has grown in recent years into almost a billion-dollar business.*

*He and his wife, Dixie, have three children, Lance, Mardi, and Cory.*



## *Marian Stoskopf*

*Ulysses, Kansas*

*BA-1959, Elementary Education and English  
Outstanding Alumna, Field of Education*

*Marian Stoskopf began her teaching career immediately after graduating from high school in 1923. After marrying, she left teaching to raise her family. However, her love for teaching was strong and in 1955 she returned to college and was awarded her bachelor's degree from UNC in 1959.*

*After a long and rewarding teaching career, Mrs. Stoskopf was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame in 1986. Her nomination contained the following endorsement, "Marian is a very exuberant and dynamic person who is always on the go. She is never too busy to meet a student, friend or neighbor, in banter or serious encounters. Her dustbowl heritage helps her envision the problems of the less fortunate, and her knowledge of life makes her equally at ease with the elite."*

*In addition to her career as a teacher, Mrs. Stoskopf was a member of the Garden City, Kansas, Board of Education for a number of years and has been a well-known public speaker in southwest Kansas, delivering more than 30 commencement addresses. She is in demand as an inspirational speaker for teacher in-service sessions, and she has addressed groups of school administrators and other school employees.*

*She and her husband, Cleve, have two children, Cleve, Jr., and Sally Beth.*





## *Marjorie Wilson West*

*Lakewood, Colorado*

*BA-1962, Elementary Education*

*MA-1970, Reading*

*Alumna Trail Blazer*

*Marjorie Wilson West has earned an excellent reputation as a classroom teacher in Lakewood. However, what makes Mrs. West particularly special is that she is legally blind. Mrs. West suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, a disease that gradually erodes peripheral vision and eventually results in complete blindness.*

*Mrs. West's expectations for herself and her students are high, but realistic and attainable. Students are constantly challenged to become the best that they can be. She inspires students to think for themselves and teaches them to be responsible for their own behavior. She makes home visits to each student's home each year, attends extracurricular activities in which her students participate, writes a weekly newsletter to parents, prepares a summer calendar of activities for each student, and encourages parent volunteer help in the classroom.*

*Mrs. West is active in a variety of educational organizations ranging from the International Reading Association and National Educational Association to a local Parent Teacher Association.*

*Mrs. West set a precedent for handicapped awareness by becoming the first blind teacher in Colorado to teach regular education with a full-time aide and a dog guide in the classroom. Her accomplishment has gained local and national attention, and she is a 1988 nominee for U.S. West Outstanding Teacher of the Year.*

*As Mrs. West told her class on the first day of school last year, "There's something wrong with my eyes. That's my handicap, but I can't think of anything I can't do." West's positive attitude has rubbed off on her students and their parents. Her students and their parents alike agree that Mrs. West is an outstanding teacher and that her handicap has served as a basis of understanding in developing handicapped awareness. She has proven that a handicap is not a disability, and that any goal can be accomplished with hard work and determination.*

*Mrs. West has one daughter, Michele.*



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