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**Honored  
Alumni  
Awards  
Banquet**

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University Center

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# Program

<b>Welcome</b> .....	Jon Runge, President, UNC Alumni Association
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# Anan Attachoo

Bangkok, Thailand

EdD-1975

International Alumnus

When Anan Attachoo arrived at UNC, he was already on the faculty of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, the preeminent institution of higher education in Thailand. After completing his doctor of education degree in the physiology of exercise, he returned to Chulalongkorn where he began an impressive career progression. Dr. Attachoo advanced from Associate Professor to a number of administrative positions, until he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Education in 1984, a highly respected education position in Thailand.

Dr. Attachoo has built the teacher education program at Chulalongkorn University with emphasis on providing the best possible education, plus ethical and moral development, for teachers. He believes that education should be an integral part in developing the individual and society to achieve the best possible quality of life.

A member of the National Sports Administration Committee, Dr. Attachoo has authored three textbooks and has been honored as a Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant. Dr. Attachoo represents our many Thai alumni in exemplary fashion.

He and his wife, Nawalak, have two children, Sarawut and Korawat.



# Andrea Slack Doray

Colorado Springs, Colorado

BA-1977 - English

Outstanding Young Alumna

Andrea Doray packs a lot into life. Since graduating from UNC, she has managed to balance a successful career with professional development and volunteer activities. Currently Director of Account Services for Praco Ltd., she also has owned her own marketing communications firm and taught part-time at the local community college.

The only two-term president of the Pikes Peak Advertising Federation, Ms. Doray has also been involved on the national level with the American Advertising Federation in its legislative and public relations committees. Frequently in demand as a guest speaker, she has spoken to groups as diverse as Rotary Clubs and new high school graduates. Ms. Doray volunteered her public relations talents during the 1986 World Cycling championships and in the Colorado Amateur Sports Corporation's effort to bring the Olympic Hall of Fame to Colorado Springs.

Ms. Doray is a published poet and fiction writer, in addition to volunteering her time for worthy causes such as the Neighborhood Reading Project and the American Heart Association. Named in *Who's Who in the West for 1987*, she was also selected Colorado's Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1986.

Ms. Doray lives in Colorado Springs with her husband, Paul.

# Martha Epp

Denver, Colorado

AB-1940 - Elementary Education

MA-1943 - Fine Arts

Creative Achievement

Until her retirement in 1972, Martha Epp was the artistic inspiration for hundreds of art students at North High School in Denver. She guided many students into careers in fine art, and many of her former students are now well-known artists in their own right. She served as a mentor, role model and friend. Miss Epp's students found that her ability to communicate about art came chiefly from being a working artist herself — she went beyond theory to practicality. Miss Epp introduced student teachers to the reality of the art classroom, to the the frustrations, joys and rewards. Her wise and gentle guidance provided the necessary support to students who might otherwise have chosen a different, and perhaps less fulfilling, career path.

Since retirement, however, Miss Epp has focused on her own creative abilities. Her contemporary abstract prints and collages have been exhibited in Colorado and elsewhere, winning her awards and high praise from critics and fellow artists alike. She has shared her talent with students at the University of Northern Colorado in printmaking workshops and also has volunteered her time with the Denver Teachers Club Helping Hand program.

Martha Epp has produced a significant body of creative work in her lifetime. She has demonstrated in her life and her work that excellence is possible in all human endeavors.



# Pete Mirich

La Salle, Colorado

BA-1950 - Industrial Arts and Social Sciences

MA-1961 - School Administration

Contribution to Youth

"Every student I come in contact with must be afforded the opportunity to be a better person than I am, and they can and will, by making sure that they are given the best education possible."

So reads the plaque placed in North Valley Middle School in honor of Pete Mirich. During Pete Mirich's long career with the La Salle schools, he has won the respect and gratitude of the La Salle community. The son of Yugoslavian immigrants, Mr. Mirich developed his outlook on life in the coal camps of Colorado and Wyoming.

As principal at La Salle Elementary and Middle Schools, Pete Mirich has pioneered programs in remedial reading, special, outdoor and computer education. His innovative approaches to the Head Start program have served as models for other schools.

Mr. Mirich's philosophy of education emphasizes teaching individual pride, responsibility and opportunity. He believes that each child should feel important as an individual, and throughout his long career he has worked to provide the best education possible for his students. Dedication to students has manifested itself in a number of ways, including using his own personal resources to help students in need. Because of his commitment and dedication to country and community, Pete Mirich has been honored by the La Salle community and also by the school district. Upon his retirement in 1989, the La Salle Middle School will be named for him.

Mr. Mirich and his wife, Esther, have three children, Debbie, Bradley, and Barbara.



# Patricia Ward Rubano

Wheatridge, Colorado

BA-1974 - Special Education: Acoustically Handicapped

MA-1980 - Special Education: Learning Disabilities

Community Service

After graduating from UNC in 1974, Patt Rubano became not only a teacher, but also an advocate for the hearing impaired. An itinerant teacher for eighteen schools in Jefferson County, she knew first hand the difficulties experienced by hearing-impaired individuals in their attempts to live independent lives. Her own daughter, Ann Marie, was hearing-impaired and developmentally disabled. Mrs. Rubano decided she was going to make an impact. Through years of volunteer effort, her chance came at the Forward House, a transitional house for developmentally-disabled deaf adults. Forward House opened its doors in 1985 to help young adults develop everyday living skills, utilizing their unique abilities and skills to collaborate on problem-solving.

While Forward House has been the major focus of Mrs. Rubano's efforts, she also has found time to be active in other volunteer efforts such as hosting foreign visitors for the Institute of International Education, working with Historic Denver on the restoration projects of the Grant-Humphreys mansion and the Mayan Theatre, and acting as a peer reviewer for grant requests. Her volunteer activities resulted in her recognition by the Jefferson County Association of Retarded Citizens, the Council on Exceptional Children, and KUSA-TV as one of the "Nine Who Care" in 1985.

Mrs. Rubano's volunteer accomplishments have received the full support of her four children, Niel, Ann Marie, John, and Carolyn.



# Roland M. Smith

Plainfield, Illinois

EdD-1969 - Educational Administration

Outstanding Alumnus - Field of Education

Roland Smith is a perfect representative of the thousands of UNC alumni who have made their mark in education. His career progressed from teaching posts to administrative positions, to his role today as Superintendent of the Plainfield, Illinois school district.

What Dr. Smith has accomplished since his appointment in 1978 merits recognition. The U.S. Office of Education in its report, "A Nation at Risk," named Plainfield one of seventeen outstanding school districts in the United States. *Instructor Magazine* also acknowledged the district's excellence. These awards have been made possible through Dr. Smith's approach to education. He emphasizes management training for administrators, and has used corporate management trainers for his programs. His district has developed innovative programs such as Saturday Scholars, which exposes high school juniors and seniors to college and university faculty members in science and math. The district publishes reading and math objectives for all students and distributes them to parents. By emphasizing cooperative efforts with park districts, libraries, and emergency services, the Plainfield district has become better able to serve its constituents.

Dr. Smith has been a presenter on several occasions at the National School Boards convention and has served on state and national task forces on school reform and technology. He and his wife, Bernice, have four children, Deborah, Denise, David, and Daniel.



# Gloria Velasquez Trevino

San Luis Obispo, California

BA-1978 - Spanish/Mexican American Studies

Trail Blazer

It is not uncommon for UNC alumni to successfully complete graduate work after receiving a baccalaureate degree from UNC. Nor does choosing a career in higher education deviate from standard. What constitutes trail blazing, however, is the fact that Gloria Velasquez Trevino began her education at UNC as a non-traditional student after working as a teacher's aide in Johnstown. She graduated with honors, and proceeded to receive her MA and PhD from Stanford University on full scholarship — all of this accomplished in ten years.

Professor Trevino currently teaches in the Spanish program at California Polytechnic State University where she received the Meritorious Teaching Award in 1986. Her award-winning poetry and short stories have been published and read throughout this country and internationally, as are her professional articles. Dr. Trevino's presentations, "On Being A Chicana Role Model" and "On Being A Chicana Professional" serve as resources for young people wishing to follow in a similar path. She proved what can be accomplished when an individual understands self worth and personal identity.

Dr. Trevino has two children, Brandi and Robert.



# Philip Wilson

LaCrosse, Wisconsin

EdD-1968 - Physical Education

Contribution to Health

Philip Wilson is concerned about your health. Professor in Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Wisconsin, he also directs the Human Performance Laboratory there. Dr. Wilson also directs the first (and some consider the finest) master's degree program in adult fitness and cardiovascular rehabilitation, a program he developed. In addition, he also serves as Executive Director of the LaCrosse Exercise and Health Program, and as a private consultant to firms such as Norwegian Caribbean Lines and Land's End.

Dr. Wilson has achieved national recognition for his work in adult fitness and cardiovascular rehabilitation. He is the founder and president of the American Association of Cardiovascular Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Other current national involvement include his work as a Fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine and with the United States Ski Team and the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Dr. Wilson has written seventeen books and numerous articles, and presents extensively — from Canada to Mexico, from Europe to the Far East.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three children, Michele, Kristi, and Michael.



# Catherine Will Yoder

Greeley, Colorado

MA-1974 - English

Presidential Service

As a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Catherine Yoder has proven her loyalty to the University many times over. Her work as chairman of the Constituent Group Committee in organizing chapters has been invaluable to the University. In fact, as the first president of the Weld County Alumni Chapter, she laid a solid foundation for succeeding presidents and their organizations. Through her term as president of the Alumni Association, Mrs. Yoder participated on all Alumni Association committees and activities. Few leaders have given of themselves so generously in a volunteer cause.

The Alumni Association has not been the only UNC group served by Catherine Yoder, however. She also served as president of the Friends of the UNC Libraries and chairman of the UNC Performing Arts Fund Drive. Other volunteer organizations which count Catherine Yoder among their staunch supporters are the Weld County Medical Society Auxiliary, the Greeley Philharmonic Guild, and Girl Scouts of America. Her record of leadership and enthusiasm serves as an example for members of all organizations in which she has become involved.

Catherine and her husband, Frank, have three daughters, Jean, Mary, and Diane.



# Homecoming Activities

November 7

Open house for alumni, parents, friends and Class of  
1977

9 am, Gunter Hall

Kepner Hall open house

9 am, tours of the \$4.7 million renovation

Homecoming parade

10 am, north on 10th Ave. between 20th and 11th  
Streets

Pre-game barbecue, open to alumni, parents, students  
and friends

11 am, west Jackson Field

Football game: UNC vs. South Dakota State

1 pm, Jackson Field

Outrageous post-game party, reserved tables for Class  
of 1977, football alumni, business graduates

4:30 pm, University Club, 819 19th Street

University Program Council presents Bob Goldthwait,  
"The Bobcat"

8 pm, Butler-Hancock Hall