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Contribution to Business Award

Betty Twist Pabst Aylin (BA-39), one of Houston's first women home builders, is president of three Texas corporations. She received her UNC bachelor's degree in 1939, and began her career as a teacher in Holyoke, Colo.

She later joined the Navy WAVES -- Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service -- and was stationed in San Francisco, where she met her late husband, Galveston native Julius F. Pabst, also a Navy officer.

After completing their tours of duty with the Navy, the Pabsts operated a lumber business and then established the Selkirk Island Corp. For the next 40 years, they converted Selkirk Island into a popular resort community 85

miles southeast of their home in Houston.

Since her husband's death in 1985, the UNC alumna has kept the corporation intact. She almost single-handedly runs a business that has developed 150 of the 1,100 acres on Selkirk Island.

On May 5, 1990, she was married to Robert N. Aylin, a retired advertising agency owner who serves as a director of three Texas museums.



Trail Blazer Award

James Burress (EdD-76) is often referred to as "Mr. Rehabilitation" by those in the field, says Dennis A. Gay, chair of the UNC Department of Human Service. "He has served a long and illustrious career in rehabilitation from 1943 to his retirement from the state/federal programs in October 1976."

Burress started his career as a social case worker in Washington, D.C. At the time of his retirement, he was regional commissioner for the Social and Rehabilitation Service, Department of Health Education and Welfare Regional Office, in Denver.

In that role, Burress provided invaluable assistance to the UNC Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program. "He was always available to consult with the RCTP staff in finding ways to strengthen

the program," Gay says.

Although Burress has been physically disabled since he was struck with polio at age 2, he has not allowed his condition to slow him down, says Gay. "If anything, it has given him added energies to create better conditions for people with disabilities."

Gay also credits Burress for his post-retirement activities, which included service as executive director of the People-to-People Committee for the Handicapped, Washington, D.C.



International Alumnus Award

Norman Heimgartner (EdD-68), a professor of education at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., has done post-doctoral study at the Gesell Institute of Human Development, Yale University and has shared his expertise in the field internationally.

A former teacher and associate director of early childhood studies at the University Laboratory School, Heimgartner began his career in the mid-1950s, teaching kindergarten in New York. He moved to Colorado in the '60s and continued to teach, as well as participate in a variety of special projects.

Such special projects included readiness programs for Ute Indian children, Cortez, Colo., 1962; staff and curriculum evaluation for Navajo children, Sanostee, N.M., 1972-

74; and deaf education projects in Colorado, Iowa, Montana and New Mexico, 1970-74.

He has written a variety of educational articles that have appeared in *The Innovator*, and is the author of *Developmental Traits of Deaf Children*. He has spoken to international audiences from Australia to the People's Republic of China.

He is a member of the national lecture staff of the Gesell Institute and also serves on the staff at the Yunnan Teachers University in Kunming, Yunnan, People's Republic of China.

Heimgartner's numerous achievements and honors include his selection as Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1973.



Alumna Educator Award

Louise Johnson (EdD-71) retired last year as dean of the College of Science and Technology at St. Cloud State University, but her contributions to the Minnesota institution will remain. Highlights include:

- The establishment of the departments of computer science, criminal justice, earth sciences, and electrical engineering
- The approval of new majors in biotechnology, computer science, electrical engineering, manufacturing, engineering, and statistics
- The first accreditation of the computer science, electrical engineering, and mass communications programs
- Appointment by the governor to the Committee on Science and Technology Research and Development under the Minnesota Department of Trade and

Economic Development.

Her honors include the Augsburg College Distinguished Alumni Award (1974) and the Teacher of the Year Award (1966), elected by St. Cloud students.

"Dr. Johnson is one of the finest students I had during my tenure at UNC, and she has grown to high levels of recognition for her work in higher education," says Robert Johnson, a former mathematics professor who nominated her for the UNC honor.



Alumni and Foundation Entrepreneur Award

William Rapp (EdD-64) is chairman and founder of ConferTech International Inc., a Golden-based teleconferencing company. The firm outdid the research and development division of national telephone companies in inventing the first full-duplex, full-digital teleconferencing bridge.

Rapp collaborated with Boulder inventor Bluford Comstock in patenting the device, which first gave conference callers the option of talking simultaneously. Callers previously made do with half-duplex systems -- the CB-radio method where one person talks while others must listen.

A 1989 profile in *Denver Business* traced Rapp's teleconferencing savvy back to 1964, when he wrote his UNC dissertation, "Teleconferencing as an Educational Tool." The

study led to a two-year program by UNC to teleconference into six western states and provide teacher education remotely, according to Rapp.

Before switching to a teleconferencing career, Rapp was a junior high teacher and an assistant principal for a total of 15 years in Denver Public Schools. He went on to serve as a program director for the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, contributing to the pilot project that would later become the Special Olympics.

Upon returning to Denver, Rapp joined the Federation of Rocky Mountain States -- a group of eight western governors and industry leaders who secured grants for programs to meet regional health, education and economic needs.



Contribution to Music Award

Charles "Doc" Rutherford (BA-49, MA-55, EdD-67) played quarterback for the 1947-48 football team at UNC, then Colorado State College of Education. He's now a jazz instructor at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif., who may be best known for his role in organizing the Orange Coast College Jazz Ensemble Festival, a popular annual festival from 1969-1986 that drew jazz greats, such as Dizzy Gillespie, as well as visiting school bands.

However, a *Los Angeles Times* article notes that "his most lasting contribution to the jazz world undoubtedly has been as an educator." Writer Bill Kohlhaase quotes Eric Marienthal, a saxophonist known for his work with Chick Corea's bands: "He was very important to my musical development. "He even helped

me find the instruments that I needed when I was first out of high school. Through him I met many of the musicians who helped me with my professional career. If it wasn't for him, there probably would not be a program at OCC."

The jazz instructor has provided recording opportunities for his students, with recordings such as "Big Band Super." He has continued to showcase his own skills as a musician by playing alto saxophone and piano in the Charles Rutherford Quartet, a group whose credits include the album "Mt. Harris Blues."

Rutherford's hands-on approach nets the praise of Bobby Shew, chair of the International Association of Jazz Educators. Shew, a jazz trumpet artist, cited Rutherford's success in cultivating the skills of jazz students for more than 15 years.



Alumnus Educator Award

George Umberson (EdD-67) is director of the School of Music at Arizona State University, Tempe. Under his leadership, the music program has become the fourth largest in the nation with nearly 700 music majors, and comprehensive programs through the doctoral level.

Umberson's duties have included raising funds and planning a new \$12 million addition to the university's music building. He was elected to the seven-member Graduate Commission of the National Association of Schools of Music, and regularly chairs NASM accreditation teams.

Before coming to ASU, Umberson was head of the Department of Music at West Texas State University from 1970-77. While in Texas, he served as president of the Texas Association of Music

Schools and the Texas Music Educators Association.

His other positions included chair of the vocal department and director of choral and opera activities, Eastern New Mexico University, 1960-70; director of choral activities, Pepperdine University, 1959-60; and high school choral director, Tucumcari and Roswell, N.M., schools, 1955-59.

Umberson has twice been honored by Eastern New Mexico University, in 1963 as Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and in 1984 as Outstanding Alumnus.

Acting UNC Vice President of Academic Affairs Howard Skinner says. "Under his leadership, the School of Music of Arizona State University enjoys a reputation as being one of the top institutions of its kind in the country."



Presidential Service Award

Alan Clark (BA-64) was an effective leader as president of the UNC Alumni Association from 1988-89, says Bryan Stuart, director of alumni relations.

Clark "developed pertinent goals and measurable objectives, implemented new revenue programs, produced an alumni directory, and led, by example, a campaign for increased alumni financial support," Stuart says. "His leadership extended to his personal involvement in each and every activity of the association."

A special education teacher in Kansas City and Independence Mo., from 1964-68, he was recognized as the Outstanding Young Educator by the Independence, Mo., Jaycees.

He went on to serve as vocational director for Kansas City Goodwill Industries; clinic

liaison for the Kansas City Regional Diagnostic Center School, Missouri Division of Mental Health; executive vice president of the Missouri Jaycees; and liaison officer for the Missouri governor. His community achievements include the Distinguished Service Award from the Independence, Mo., Jaycees, and the 1973 Outstanding Young Men of America Award.

From 1978-79, Clark developed intercity economic revitalization programs for the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, Mo., and from 1979-80 he served on the economic development staff of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. Since 1980, he has been a commercial sales associate for Fidelity Real Estate in Colorado Springs.



Presidential Service Award

UNC Director of Alumni Relations Bryan Stuart also has words of praise for **Richard D. Olson (BS-76)**, who served as president of the Alumni Association from 1989-91.

"He initiated a relationship with the career placement office that has blossomed into the Career Connections program with alumni offering internship and job-shadowing opportunities; and, he encouraged the development of new chapters of alumni," Stuart says.

Olson's achievements as Alumni Association president follow the pattern he set as a UNC student.

According to Stuart, Olson was the first student trustee to serve on the UNC Board of Trustees.

He helped found the Better Business Bureau for Northern Colorado; and he now serves on the Board of Christian Education, First Plymouth Congregational Church, Denver.

A former executive vice president of Interstate Lending, Olson is now president of his own marketing and consulting firm, R.D. Olson & Associates, Littleton.

THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

The history of the city of Boston is a story of growth and resilience. From its founding as a small settlement of Puritan settlers, it has evolved into a major center of commerce, industry, and culture. The city's location on a narrow neck of land between the harbor and the mainland has shaped its development, making it a natural port and a strategic military position. Over the centuries, Boston has been the site of numerous significant events, including the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. Today, the city is known for its historic architecture, world-class education, and vibrant cultural scene.

The city's history is a testament to the spirit of innovation and progress. From the early days of trade and commerce to the industrial revolution and the rise of the service economy, Boston has always been at the forefront of change. The city's many universities and research institutions have produced some of the most important scientific and technological advances of the modern world. Boston's rich cultural heritage, from its museums and theaters to its diverse neighborhoods, continues to attract people from all over the world. As the city looks to the future, it remains committed to preserving its historic character while embracing the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.



