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1995

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Homecoming
Banquet

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Welcome

Wesley Sargent
President, Alumni Association

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Student Welcome

Greg Roberson
President, Student Representative Council

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Entertainment

Elena Batman - Vocalist
Vergie Amendola - Pianist
"Prima Donna" by Lloyd-Webber
"Old Mother Hubbard" by Hely-Hutchinson
"Art is Calling for Me" by Herbert

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Invocation

Rhoda Rogers
Board Member, Alumni Association

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Dinner

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Introductions

Georgette Vigil
Executive Director, Alumni Association

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Award Presentations

Herman Luján
President, University of Northern Colorado

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Presidential Award

Alumni Volunteer of the Year
Lloyd Yonemura

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Honored Alumni Awards

Elena Batman	Michael Tormey
Neil Westergaard	Walter Francis
Bernice Bass de Martinez	Jerry Kiefer
Robert Heinich	Barbara Coloroso

Lloyd M. Yonemura
Kaunakakai, Hawaii
Alumni Volunteer of the Year
President's Award



Lloyd Yonemura (BA-72) has conducted the Aloha-UNC Project since 1986 to recruit students for UNC from his home state of Hawaii with stunning results. That first year eight students enrolled, last fall 137 islanders were students at UNC, second only to students from Colorado.

"The number of students, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, cats and dogs saying good-bye almost shut down the airport in Honolulu," says Jerry McMillen, the UNC recruiter who works most closely with Lloyd, who also had worked on discounted travel arrangements.

Along with the Admissions office and the support of the Alumni Association, Lloyd has designed an elaborate two-phase program that has easily earned him UNC's first Alumni Volunteer of the Year President's Award. Lloyd first makes contact by phone, letter or, when possible in person, with every student in Hawaii who has been admitted to the university. In the second phase, devoted to supporting students who choose UNC, he travels throughout the islands to hold meetings that also include current UNC students, who have formed an active Hawaiian Club on campus.

"Lloyd is one shining example of the power of a giving and caring alumni advocate," says McMillen.

Elena Jeanne Batman
New York City
Creative Achievement Award



Elena Batman (MM-87) has earned rave reviews for her leading role as Carlotta Giudicelli in the Broadway smash "Phantom of the Opera." She also performs for the New York City Opera and Lincoln Center's "Meet the Artist" program.

Batman has lived and worked in Chicago, where she made her debut as Queen of the Night in Mozart's "The Magic Flute." She reprised the role for the New York City and Connecticut operas. As the only vocalist, she joined noted actors and musicians from the Juilliard School, the New York Philharmonic, and the Metropolitan Opera orchestras in concert to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the American Center for the Alexander Technique.

According to UNC's Charmaine Coppom, chair of the UNC Voice Department, "Elena's professional success has put her at the very top of her profession, but it is her kindness toward UNC graduates and faculty that makes her such a special candidate for the Honored Alumni award. Elena continues to support UNC by offering advice, support and even housing for many of our aspiring music students when they travel to New York for auditions."

Michael Tormey
Greeley, Colorado
Presidential Service Award



Mike Tormey (BS-72, MS-77) is president of Advantage Network Systems, which operates credit bureaus and collection agencies in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. However, it's Tormey's service from 1994-95 as president of the UNC Alumni Board that earns him status as one of UNC's Honored Alumni.

"Mike has been a strong leader who quietly works behind the scenes to let alumni know how important they are to UNC and to encourage them to get involved with their alma mater. His involvement in programs such as UNC Near You!, as well as other outreach efforts, has made him an effective ambassador for the university," said Georgette Vigil, executive director of the UNC Alumni Association.

A third-generation Weld County native whose great-grandfather homesteaded in the area, Tormey contributes his services to a variety of community organizations in addition to UNC. He has been a Boy Scout leader and a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International. He is active in Centennial Rotary in Greeley and is a past chairman of the Community Corrections Board.

Neil Westergaard
Denver, Colorado
Distinguished Service Award



Neil Westergaard (BA-75), executive editor of *The Denver Post*, is in charge of the entire 200-person news-gathering division. His responsibilities include story selections for the front page, policy decisions and the overall direction of general news, features, business and sports sections.

Such responsibility wouldn't surprise Westergaard's UNC classmates. In 1975 he was named "Outstanding Senior" for a series of articles on the campus police department for the *UNC Mirror*.

After graduation, Westergaard worked for the *Town and Country News*, then a 30,000 general circulation weekly in Greeley, and the *Colorado Springs Sun*. He held a variety of positions at *The Denver Post* before he was promoted to his current position.

"Neil Westergaard is an example of the quality of students at UNC," said Frank Lakin, who nominated him for university recognition. "He distinguished himself as a student, set a track record of achievement in his profession, and now serves as an outstanding role model for aspiring journalists."

Walter Francis
Riverton, Wyoming
Community Service Award



Walter M. Francis (BA-71, MA-73) joined Central Wyoming College in 1989, but his contribution goes well beyond the classroom. As associate professor of criminal justice and sociology and director of the Criminal Justice Program, he has earned the respect of his colleagues and established himself as a community resource.

"As a result of his influence and work on the Central Wyoming College Criminal Justice Program, the curriculum was completely revised and rewritten to reflect contemporary criminal justice and law enforcement philosophies," said Joe Dolan, vice president/dean of academic services at the college.

Francis is the author of *American Policing: Changing the Quality of the Process*, and has been a regular contributor to such publications as *Law Enforcement News*, *The Police Chief* and the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*. He has testified before a U.S. House committee as an expert on controlling police misconduct, brutality and corruption.

Bernice Bass de Martinez
Oakland, California
Contribution to Youth Award



Bernice Bass de Martinez (BA-70, MA-72) is assistant provost and director of graduate studies at Mills College. Her duties include supporting curricular change in service, learning and diversity, and recruiting and diversifying faculty.

Before joining Mills College, Bass de Martinez served on the staff of several universities and was dean at Seton Hall University.

Her distinguished career as an educator and administrator led to her acceptance to this year's class of Leadership America, a network of women who have demonstrated leadership abilities and the potential to make significant contributions at the local and national levels. She is one of only 110 women representing 33 states and the District of Columbia.

In addition to her distinguished career as an educator and administrator, Bernice also is a consultant in the field of training, as well as human resource, international and curricular materials development. For example, she has evaluated a U.S.-based training program through interviews with participants from Haiti, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Peru and Ecuador and has directed a multicultural infusion project for the training of all employees of the Clovis, California, school district.

Jerry Kiefer
Greeley, Colorado
Columbine Award



Jerry Kiefer (MA-70) is executive vice president of Aims Community College in Greeley. He has been with Aims since 1971, when he accepted a position as a part-time instructor. He went on to serve in a variety of posts, including assistant to the president, acting president and dean of the college.

Kiefer has earned praise for his leadership at Aims, but his professional work is only half the story. A former parish priest from Pueblo, Kiefer continued his community service after leaving the ministry, getting married and moving to Greeley.

According to UNC Trustee Ken Whitney, Kiefer "does a lot, in a quiet way, that benefits mankind. He works hard for the oppressed and less fortunate." Kiefer's extensive Colorado community involvement includes service for organizations that help the hungry and homeless, fight for gender equity and civil liberties, promote commerce and business interests, and raise funds for those in need.

Robert Heinich
Bayfield, Colorado
Trail Blazer Award



Robert Heinich (BA-48, MA-49) is a best-selling author of educational technology textbooks. His book, *Instructional Media and the New Technologies of Instruction*, is now in its fourth edition, with a fifth already in the works.

He also was editor of *Educational Communications and Technology*, and the author of such publications as *Technology and the Management of Instruction* and *The Proper Study of Instructional Technology*.

Heinich, a professor emeritus of education from the Department of Instructional Systems Technology at Indiana University, also has taught at the University of Southern California, and served as director of the Educational Systems Division at Doubleday and Company. He spent a year at Hangzhou University in China as part of the Indiana University Exchange Program, and returned to China as a lecturer at Hunan Normal University.

Barbara Coloroso
Littleton, Colorado
Contribution to Education Award



Barbara Coloroso (BA-70, MA-72), an advocate of humane discipline in child-rearing, is a popular speaker who has packed auditoriums across North America. She is the author of *Kids Are Worth It! Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline*, an award-winning book that made the best-sellers list in Canada. Her book follows her highly successful audio cassettes and videotapes titled *Winning at Parenting...Without Beating Your Kids* and *Winning at Teaching...Without Beating Your Kids*.

Coloroso's UNC degrees are in special education, and she has been cited by division director Allen Huang for her loyalty to her alma mater and international impact on the well-being of children. A former Franciscan nun who is now married and the mother of three, she was a key speaker at the second International Conference on Self-Esteem Solutions, and was nominated for the Pope John Paul 23rd Peace Medal.

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7:30 - 9 am – **Pancake Breakfast**

Come and enjoy a double trip through the buffet breakfast in the northeast corner of Nottingham Field. A fund-raiser for Student Athlete Advisory Council. (\$3)

9 am - 5 pm – **Special Homecoming Hours**

The UNC Bookstore, Pete's Convenience Store and Teddy's Frozen Yogurt and Sweet Shop will be open Saturday for Homecoming shopping. Stop in and take a look around. Remember to check the Bookstore for a new purple pennant or sweatshirt to take to the game.

10 am – **Homecoming Parade**

The parade will begin on 10th Avenue near 17th Street, and travel to 20th Street (the University Center). At that intersection, the parade will travel west to Nottingham Field.

10:30 am - 1:30 pm – **Brunch**

Family members of all UNC students are invited to participate in the UNC Dining Services special family all-you-can-eat brunch at McCowen and Tobey-Kendel dining rooms. You may also pick up a "pigskin" box lunch to go with your choice of chilled fried chicken or deli sandwich. (\$4.05)

11 am – **Barbecue**

Sponsored by Hardees and the Blue and Gold Club. Join your fellow Bears fans at Nottingham Field for a barbecue and some pre-game fun. (\$4)

1 pm – **Homecoming Football Game**

Come enjoy the Bears' first Homecoming game at Nottingham Field as they clash with conference-rival Nebraska-Omaha.

3:30 pm – **5th Quarter Party**

Celebrate with other alums, students, and friends at Club Bentley in the University Center. A special welcome is planned for the Pride of the Rockies Marching Band alumni. (\$3 plus cost of drinks)

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4 pm – Fraternity & Sorority Open Houses

Following the game stop by your fraternity or sorority house and meet some of your younger “brothers and sisters.” Contact the Interfraternity/Panhellenic Council at (970) 351-1360.

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6 pm – School of Nursing Alumni Dinner

Join the School of Nursing as they recognize the alumni from 1970, '75, '80, '85, and '90 in the University Center Panorama Lounge. For reservations call (970) 351-2293.

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7:30 pm – UNC Womens Volleyball

Support your volleyball team when they take the court against the University of North Dakota in Butler-Hancock Gym. (tickets at the door)

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8 pm – Homecoming Dance

Everybody is invited to UNC's “Fantastic Voyage” Homecoming Dance in the University Center Ballroom which will feature a live disc jockey playing a wide selection of music and music videos.

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Also

Marcus Garvey Cultural Center Reunion
call (970) 351-1159 for details

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Gunter Hall Renovation
Any memorabilia you donate can help preserve its legacy -
call (970) 351-2877 for details





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