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**NATIONAL BETA ALPHA PSI AWARD GOES TO MONFORT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PROFESSOR**

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Monfort College of Business Professor of Accounting Allen McConnell was named a 2008 Outstanding Faculty Advisor by Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. He was among six faculty advisors nationwide who were recognized for their countless hours of commitment and contributions to professional growth and development of their students.

“Professor McConnell’s dedication and commitment to his students and their success both during their time in school, and after, is unequaled and steadfast,” noted former student Randy Watkins, CPA. “He showed us the importance of leadership and service to our community. He taught us the value of giving back to those who helped us achieve success,” said Karen Krogmeier, another former student.

McConnell’s drive for excellence at the college’s Theta Psi chapter was evidenced by the chapter achieving superior status again for 2008 – the UNC chapter has earned this distinction 10 out of the last 11 years.

McConnell has been with the College of Business since 1968. In addition to his role as faculty advisor for UNC’s Beta Alpha Psi chapter, he currently serves as the director of the School of Accounting and Computer Information Systems and teaches accounting courses.