Greeks celebrate 80 years on campus

Highest undergraduate enrollment ever
Northwest's Office of Scholarships and Financial Assistance reminds students and their families to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid after Jan. 1, 2008. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students also should be looking for scholarship opportunities for the 2008-2009 academic year. Applications for department and foundation scholarships will be available late this fall trimester and early in the spring 2008 trimester. Applications, in most cases, will be due in January or February. For scholarships, go to www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid/paying.htm.

**Important financial dates**
Following is a list of important dates for students enrolled in spring 2008 classes at Northwest.
- Jan. 14 – Late registration fee charged.
- Jan. 15 – First installment due.
- Jan. 16 – Last date for 100 percent refund for first block drop or withdrawal.
- Jan. 18 – Last date for 100 percent refund for dropped trimester course or withdrawal.
- Jan. 18 – Last date for 75 percent refund for first block drop or withdrawal.
- Jan. 24 – Last date for 50 percent refund for first block drop or withdrawal.
- Jan. 28 – Last date for 75 percent refund for dropped trimester courses or withdrawal.
- Jan. 28 – Last date for 25 percent refund for first block drop or withdrawal.

**Enrollment timeline for first-time freshmen**
To help you prepare for the application process, deadlines have been established for a variety of tasks. Keep track of the deadlines and anticipate next steps. Here’s what should be done during the next few months:

**November**
- Visit campus if you haven’t already.
- Search and apply for private scholarships.

**December**
- Search and apply for private scholarships.
- Apply for admission and scholarships if you haven’t already.
- Submit your housing contract along with $150 pre-payment (refundable if canceled by June 1). Housing contracts are mailed to accepted students the first of November. After November, they are mailed with the acceptance letter.

**January**
- Obtain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid from high school counselor, college financial assistance office, or line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Try to apply by March 1 and list the Northwest code, 002496.
- Collect family W-2 forms and file for federal taxes.
- Search and apply for private scholarships.
- Apply for student housing if you haven’t already.

**Enrollment timeline for transfer students**
Students who wish to transfer to Northwest and begin classes in spring 2008 should be involved in the process. Here’s what should be done during the next few months:

**November**
- If you haven’t already, sign up for New Student Preregistration.
- Attend New Student Preregistration.
- Apply for student housing if you haven’t already.

**December**
- Make sure your transcripts have been sent to the Northwest Office of Admissions.

**Transfer Student Visit Days**
Students thinking about transferring to Northwest who are unable to tour during the week are encouraged to attend one of the University's Green and White Transfer Student Visit Days. This day focuses specifically on Transfer Students and their needs. Northwest staff and students are available to answer questions about transferring to Northwest.

Two days have been set aside in spring 2008, Jan. 26 and April 12. The day’s schedule:
- 9-9:25 a.m. Registration (light snack)
- 9:25-10:15 a.m. Admissions overview and student panel
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. Group tour of campus
- 11:30 a.m.-noon Departmental and student services fair
- noon-12:30 p.m. Question and answer sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Financial aid and scholarships
Klint Talmadge didn’t know what he wanted to do when he grew up and, as of early summer, he still didn’t.

But his nine-month internship with the International Junior Golf Tour certainly is not to blame. The experience gave him some direction and led to a full-time position as assistant tournament director.

The Maryville native graduated from Northwest in April with a bachelor’s degree in corporate recreation/wellness. He finished his required 12-credit hour internship at the end of May, completing a whirlwind experience that had him working more than 30 weekend tournaments in 13 states.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2006, Talmadge served as assistant tournament director intern, traveling from facility to facility to help run golf tournaments for boys and girls ages 11-19. He was a rules official. He met with contacts and club professionals. He even learned how to mark a golf course.

“Our job was to make sure everything ran smoothly,” said Talmadge, 23. That proved to be a daunting task as 80 to 105 youth teed up each tournament.

He even learned calligraphy.

“My penmanship was rough, so I learned it out here,” he said. “I used it to fill out the scoreboard in the clubhouse.”

Talmadge, the son of Kim and Kenny Talmadge of Maryville, stumbled onto the internship while surfing the Internet.

“I applied, I got a phone call for an interview, I was accepted and I moved to Hilton Head, S.C.,” he said.

With no real career goal out of Maryville High School, Talmadge waited until the last minute to choose a major. After taking a couple of recreation classes, he decided to explore it further.

“I wanted to stay involved in recreation,” he said. He familiarized himself with the game of golf by playing in high school and working at Mozingo Lake Golf Course for eight years.

“I had an understanding of the little things,” Talmadge said. “There’s a lot of paperwork that needs to be done for each tournament. You have to make sure the facilities are ready, and you have to understand how to get organized. I’ve learned the Rules of Golf and just about everything that goes into making a tournament run smoothly.”

The 36-hole tournaments were held Saturdays and Sundays. On those days, Talmadge worked eight to 10 hours, sometimes more. On days leading up to the tournament he worked around six.

His internship paid him $500 per month. The IJGT paid all of his housing at Hilton Head as well as all travel expenses to tournaments.

Dr. Jeff Ferguson, associate professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance, was Talmadge’s academic advisor.

“I had a whole notebook full of stuff,” Talmadge said. “It was a huge binder. Every week I had to journal. There were some problems to solve that covered everything from facilities to management to operational procedures. And I had papers to write and a project to complete. I kept in touch weekly.”

In Hilton Head, at company headquarters, Talmadge works with Northwest alumna Kim Campbell. The public relations major from St. Joseph graduated in December 2003 and began working at IJGT in November 2005. She also is an assistant tournament director.

“Klint was one of our operations interns this season, and he did an outstanding job for us,” Campbell said. “Week in and week out, Klint was given tasks such as making sure all the equipment and paperwork for each week was packed and ready to go. He also was in charge of putting together the tournament fields with the correct cities and states for each player, so the information for scorecards and scoreboards could be handled correctly.”

Talmadge’s internship culminated with the Tournament of Champions at Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando May 25-28.

“The internship was an amazing experience,” Talmadge said. “It worked out excellent.”

Campbell said Talmadge’s work no doubt helped him land a full-time position.

“He did a great job and worked very hard,” she said. “It was a pleasure working with him as an intern, and now I get to work with him again.”
My, how attitudes have changed. It didn't take 80 years for Northwest to realize the value of social fraternities and sororities. But had a group of students in the University's early years stopped trying to establish Greek life on campus, we likely wouldn't be celebrating its 80th anniversary.

Angel McAdams-Prescott, interim director of campus activities, said Northwest has a rich history of Greek life, dating back to March 1927 when Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority was founded.

"When it all started, Greeks took the lead on campus in leadership and scholarship, the same ideals we have today," she said. "That is really neat to see that we've remained true to those things."

Although the University was 22 years old before the Board of Regents allowed Greek organizations, it didn't take long for the Greek community to grow. Sigma Tau Gamma became Northwest's first social fraternity in April 1927, and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority was founded on May 19, 1928.

McAdams-Prescott, herself a 2000 Northwest Delta Zeta alumna, said Greek organizations play an important role.

"I know that I would not be in my career today without the experiences as an undergraduate in a sorority," she said. "The opportunities afforded me were tremendous. The importance of living with those values that were instilled in me stays with me and always will."

Each Northwest fraternity and sorority was founded on principles of scholarship, leadership, service and philanthropy, member development and brotherhood/sisterhood.

There are 10 social fraternities and seven social sororities at Northwest. Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority were established in the last five years. All but one fraternity has its own house in Maryville. Sorority women live in Roberta Hall on campus.

McAdams-Prescott said she would like to see the number of culturally based fraternities and sororities at Northwest expand.

"By culturally diverse I mean by race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation," she said. Northwest has one historically African American fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, and one historically African American sorority, Alpha Delta Pi.

Fifteen percent of Northwest students participate in Greek life. Seventy percent of Northwest fraternity members graduate in four years, compared to 50 percent of non-fraternity members. Eighty percent of Northwest sorority members graduate in four years, compared to 60 percent of non-sorority members. Northwest Greeks also boast a 92-percent retention rate from the freshman to sophomore year.

When it comes to service and philanthropy, Northwest's Greek community is dedicated. During a recent academic year, Greeks donated more than 19,000 service hours to various organizations in Maryville. They also provide financial support to national projects or in goodwill to charitable organizations. Most recently, Northwest Greeks donated more than $55,000 to non-profit organizations, including $35,000 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, membership in Greek life declined nationally. At Northwest, membership grew slightly.

"Nationally, there was a disconnect..."
from the founding values,” McAdams-Prescott said. “We needed to refocus on who we are, what we’re about and what we stand for.”

She said members of the current Millennial generation were “perfect candidates” for Greek life.

“They are very civic-minded, having engaged in community service in high school,” McAdams-Prescott said. “They are very interested in excelling and advancing themselves. They fit nicely into the Greek system.”

McAdams-Prescott said aside from intercollegiate athletics, Greek life has the longest history.

“It’s nice to see three of the oldest organizations on campus continue to exist,” she said. “We feel being in a fraternity or sorority is truly the best thing a college student can do.”

Future Anniversary Events

Greek Week 2008
March 10-14
Greek Week Archives Display
B.D. Owens Library

Greek Alumni Weekend
April 5-6, 2008
Annual Greek Awards Ceremony
Alumni Gatherings and Social Activities
Fraternity Open Houses
Roberta Hall Open House

Greek Scholarship Campaign
Founder’s Gift of $80
Make checks payable to: Northwest Foundation
(Note 80th Anniversary Founder’s Gift on check)
Mail your contribution to:
Office of University Advancement
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468-6001
Or donate online at: www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/giving/online-giving.htm

Intramurals keep competition, wellness and social aspects alive

It’s the next-best thing to intercollegiate athletics. And it’s free.

Intramural activities allow Northwest students opportunities to compete, stay fit and meet new people while using some of the finest facilities around, said Bob Lade, director of recreational sports.

During his 26 years at Northwest, Lade has seen plenty of changes in intramural activities at the University. That includes going from 12 activities for men and two for women to equal opportunities today. However, some things have remained constant since Lade began his duties in 1981, and that includes the benefits intramural activities provide.

“The vast majority of intramural participants come to college having played high school sports,” Lade said. “But here, they either don’t have the ability to compete at the varsity level or they don’t have the time to spend on college athletics.”

There are 26 activities listed on Northwest’s intramural activity schedule for 2007-2008, including 14 in the fall. Besides older standbys such as flag football, basketball, softball and volleyball, Northwest offers field goal kicking, disc golf and volleyball. Volleyball?

“Someone asked me what that was and I asked them, have you ever played volleyball?” Lade said. “Now picture playing volleyball on a racquetball court. It’s a whole lot of fun.”

Lade estimates that 35 percent of Northwest’s student population participates in intramural activities. That includes huge numbers in flag football this fall with 75 teams. There is room to handle 64 teams, so Lade and his graduate assistants, who run the intramural programs, developed an NFL-type schedule where teams have byes during the season.

And Lade expects to go beyond the 72-team limit for 5-on-5 basketball. Participation, while perhaps not at the levels of the late 1980s and early 1990s, is high, he said.

“Northwest students are very good about playing intramurals,” Lade said. “We play 95 percent of our games without forfeits. It’s a well-organized activity and the students want to come out and play.”

Lade said the basic premise behind intramural activities hasn’t changed through the years, but he’s noticed a slight change in attitudes.

“Students are eating healthier,” he said, “and my observation is that smoking has decreased.

“One thing that has changed overall is that our sportsmanship is better as a whole. We don’t have as many incidents.”

Northwest students not interested in “playing” can be involved in other ways, including officiating.

“Our student labor budget for intramurals is $30,000 in salaries for the academic year,” Lade said. “There are other ways to participate. We’re always looking for quality officials.”

Lade reminds Northwest students that their participation in intramurals is free.

“That is very unusual,” he said. “You do have to pay a fee to golf at Mozingo. Other than that, the only cost to the student is an hour of their time.”

How to get involved

› Check with your Resident Assistant to see if your residence hall has formed a team.
› You may be going to school with former high school teammates/classmates, or with athletes you played against in high school. Form a team that way.
› Sign up on a free-agent list in the Student Recreation Center. Officials will find a team for you.

Go to www.nwmissouri.edu/crec for more information.
Encore opens with War Bonds, Five Browns

Northwest’s 2007-2008 Encore Series opens with two performances within a week’s time.

“War Bonds: Songs and Letters of World War II” opens the season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in Mary Linn Auditorium.

“War Bonds” will take the audience on a musical journey through a war that redefined the world. This living history cabaret is interspersed with personal letters from the Front and headline news of the period. The production is a warm reminiscence and a harrowing reminder of a time that is similar to the present. Twenty-two songs of the period lift the mood—even as the atrocities of war are described. Old-timers will sing along and shed a few tears as time goes by. Younger audience members will enjoy a lesson in history that just might keep them from repeating the mistakes of the past—or at least handle them with diplomacy and grace in the future.

The Five Browns take the Mary Linn stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

“One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years,” the New York Post wrote last year of The Five Browns, adding, “When these kids do Rachmaninoff, they’ll make you forget about Marshall amps.” A youthful, all-American quintet of brothers and sisters, each a virtuoso concert pianist, The Five Browns swept the classical world in 2005 with the release of its self-titled first recording for RCA Red Seal, which landed the group at the top of the weekly Billboard charts and, at the end of the year, as one of the Top Classical Artists of 2005.

Tickets to each show are $20 orchestra, $18 balcony and $12 for children under 12. Prices for Northwest students with ID are $15 orchestra and $13 balcony. For tickets, call (660) 562-1212, go online at www.nwmissouri.edu/tickets, or purchase them in person at the Student Services Desk, first floor Administration Building, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Phi Delta Theta honored for excellence

The Northwest chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity received the following awards from the Greek-letter organization’s international office:

- Gold Star Award – This distinction goes to top collegiate chapters for overall excellence.
- Scholarship Award – This award is given to chapters that rank first among social fraternities at their respective colleges and universities.
- Community Service – This award honors chapters that actively partake in community service projects, both on and off campus, and devote significant amounts of time and energy to such projects throughout the academic year.
- The Hayward S. Biggars Ritual Award – The Biggars Award recognizes chapters that demonstrate a strong knowledge of ritual and a commitment to its regular practice.

Northwest first to pilot Web-based phone system

Northwest has partnered with Colorado-based Carrier Access Corp. in a pilot program to provide Voice Over Internet Protocol service, referred to as VoIP, to about 10 percent of campus residents, including students at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

According to a Carrier Access release, the company’s VoicePage software is capable of delivering cost-effective residence hall telephone service via a simple-to-navigate Web page.

The release called Northwest “an ideal partner” in the pilot program because the University provides a laptop computer and high-speed Internet connection to all resident students. It hailed VoicePage as “a giant step for connection to all resident students. It goes to top collegiate chapters for overall excellence.

Fall ‘07 enrollment is at its highest level ever.

Fall census confirms undergrad enrollment record

The Office of Enrollment Management has released enrollment figures for the fall 2007 trimester that show a 6 percent increase over last year in total headcount and an 8 percent increase in full-time equivalencies, a ratio used to represent a theoretical student enrolled in courses totaling 12 credit hours.

Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management, said the fall ’07 census is a hallmark for the University in that it is at its highest level ever. Currently, 5,661 undergraduates are enrolled, which also represents a 6 percent increase.

Northwest’s total student headcount is 6,613. Seventy-three percent of those students are Missouri residents.

Schenkel said the first-time freshman tally grew almost 19 percent this fall and, at 1,446, represents the second-largest first-year class in Northwest history. In addition, this year’s freshmen are stronger academically and have an average ACT score of 22.2, which compares to 21.7 in fall ’06.

The number of international students at Northwest also is at an all-time high. There are 247 international students enrolled at the University, a 62-student increase over last year.

Seventy-six of those students are beginning their first year of study.

Countries with the greatest number of students attending the University include India, Japan, Korea and Nepal.

Lewis & Clark payments include $7 million for center

Northwest received the first installment of Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative funds, $7 million, in mid-October as the state released the first round of funding made possible through the partial sale of assets by the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, or MOHELA.

During the next several years, Gov. Matt Blunt’s Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative is expected to provide $335 million to Missouri’s state-assisted colleges and universities. Most of the money will pay for the construction of facilities designed to support science and technology programs.

The $7 million disbursement to Northwest is the first installment of $24.4 million in Lewis and Clark funds earmarked for the completion of the University’s Center of Excellence.

Phase I of the center, exterior construction, is complete. Phase II, interior design and construction, is now moving forward, according to Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

University, tenant sign MOU for Center of Excellence

Northwest signed a memorandum of understanding with Carbolytic Materials Co., LLC (CMC) on Oct. 25, stating that the Missouri-based firm is to become the first tenant at the University’s Center of Excellence.

CMC, which manufactures a substance known as ApexCM™ from shredded tires, enters into a cooperative technology research and development operation that will be housed at the center.

ApexCM™ is an alternative to several industrial grades of carbon black, a tinting and reinforcing agent used to make rubber and plastics, currently produced through the incomplete combustion of oil and natural gas. Extracting ApexCM™ from shredded tires replaces these petroleum-based materials for hundreds of rubber products such as hoses, belts, wipers, gaskets and roofing materials, and for colorants in plastic articles such as pipe and films.

Located on the Northwest campus, the Center of Excellence is designed to comprise a high-technology business incubator along with the University’s Graduate Applied Research Center. CMC will utilize the incubator as a headquarters for its R&D efforts, while the research center will support academic programs that emphasize related science and technology.
2007-2008 Bearcat Basketball Schedules

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Note: Bearcat women play first during conference doubleheaders.