1. There was a great turnout – and ideal weather – at this year’s Central Iowa North- west Alumni golf outing at Briarwood Golf Course in Ankeny, Iowa.

2. Terry Hamilton ’72, Cindy Schreurs Hamilton ’72, Janice Young Meyer and Jim Meyer ’71, members of the Central Iowa Chapter, enjoyed an evening at the Iowa Cubs baseball game.

3. Larry Brown ’62 and Jim Meadows ’62 attended the Southern Iowa Chapter meeting in June to hear Dr. Bob Boerigter, Northwest’s director of athletics, give an update on Bearcat sports.

4. Kansas City Chapter members showed their support for Josh Lamberson, recipient of the Ken B. Jones Student Athlete of the Year Award, at the MIAA Spring Honors Banquet in Kansas City.

Alumni chapter news

CENTRAL IOWA

The Central Iowa Chapter hosted a golf outing this summer at Briarwood Golf Course in Ankeny, Iowa, as well as a night at the Iowa Cubs baseball game. Chapter members also helped promote Northwest at the Iowa State Fair. For more information about upcoming Central Iowa Chapter activities, contact Nick Wallace ’00, chapter president, at nicholas.wallace@smithbarney.com.

SOUTHERN IOWA

The Southern Iowa Chapter hosted a social in Creston, Iowa, in June with more than 60 alumni and friends attending. Dr. Bob Boerigter, Northwest’s director of athletics, was the special guest. The chapter also participated in several local parades during the summer. Several members returned to campus in September for a campus tour and a Bearcat football game. Anyone interested in this chapter’s activities should contact Joan Lynch Jackson ’65 at (641) 785-2210.
The kickoff for the Dallas Chapter was June 23 at the Champps Americana in Addison. Steve Sutton, Northwest’s director of alumni relations, presented the chapter with its official banner and gavel in granting the charter to the new chapter. About 30 alumni attended the event, including Joe Zelenz ’52, who also is a Northwest Alumni Association board member, as well as chapter officers Deb T ripp ’92, ’96 and Jennifer Fenner ’03. During the meeting, the chapter started a scholarship fund, conducted a raffle and sold custom T-shirts to heighten excitement for the chapter. Many members expressed interest in giving their time toward community service in the Dallas area, so plans are being made for future volunteer events.

Chapter leaders request ideas for future events – even events outside of the immediate Omaha area. In the past few months, chapter leaders have been contacted by alumni in Beatrice and Lincoln, Neb., and Shenandoah and Sioux City, Iowa, as well as several other locations. If you are interested in helping with an event, please attend one of the regular monthly meetings in Omaha or e-mail dlnmw1985@yahoo.com.

The monthly events continue for the Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter on Thirsty Thursday (the first Thursday of every month) at the Old Chicago Restaurant in downtown Omaha’s Old Market area. Everyone is welcome, including current and former students, graduates, spouses, family and friends.

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The Northwest Alumni Association wants you! Reflecting back on my fond memories of Northwest, whether I was walking to a class in Colden Hall, preparing a float for Homecoming or cramming for a tough test, it seems that they occurred only yesterday. I’d bet many of you know exactly what I mean.

Those memories, a desire to connect with former classmates and an economical avenue to “give back” by volunteering my time to promote Northwest were my initial reasons for becoming involved with the Northwest Alumni Association.

Are you wondering why you should become involved? There are many reasons.

First, there are 12 local alumni chapters that need and welcome your involvement. In addition, in 2006 there were nearly 200 alumni events, and if you were not able to attend an event last year, I hope time will allow you to do so in 2007. There is new awareness of alumni excitement on campus, and students have chartered Club Green, a Student Alumni Association that fosters an early connection to Northwest alumni during collegiate years. Also, an easy way to become involved is to nominate outstanding Northwest alumni through the annual Alumni Awards Program.

Visit the Northwest Web site specifically for alumni and friends at www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni. The site is being redesigned and will soon offer many new features to help you connect with your former classmates and stay informed about happenings at the University and with the Northwest Alumni Association.

Please trust me when I say the Northwest Alumni Association provides a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and develop new Bearcat friendships of all ages while promoting our great university.

The Office of Alumni Relations, the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the local alumni chapters continue to work together to strengthen the commitment to provide opportunities that foster lifelong relationships for the advancement of the University, alumni, future alumni and friends.

Please contact your local chapter or the Office of Alumni Relations at (660) 562-1248 or alumni@nwmissouri.edu and get involved today.

Sincerely,

Kay Thomas ’71  
President, Northwest Alumni Association
Alaskan Cruise Scrapbook

After being invaded by 115 Bearcats, Alaska may never be the same.

In early June, the group of energetic Northwest alumni and friends cruised Alaska’s Inside Passage as part of the Tourin’ Bearcats program. Port stops during the eight-day excursion were in Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria, B.C.

Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, his wife, Aleta, and several of their family members accompanied the tour group. Hubbard also addressed the Bearcat travelers during a Northwest cocktail party aboard ship.

“This was by far the best turnout we’ve had for a Tourin’ Bearcats trip,” said Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations. “I’m excited there is renewed interest in Northwest alumni and friends coming together and spending their vacations with each other. Plans are in the works for several more travel opportunities in the near future.”

For more information about upcoming Tourin’ Bearcats trips, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248.

All Tourin’ Bearcat travelers, including Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, Bob Cotter ’65 and Steve Sutton ’71, director of alumni relations, were treated to a private reception aboard the ship.

Gathering for a formal dinner were Melissa Dyche Nelson, Lewis Dyche, Steve Andes ’77, Janet Wyman Andes ’69, Barbara Jane Alexander and Barbara Bosch Alexander ’82, ’86.

Dick ’66 and Donna McLarney ’69 Borchardt are all smiles as the ship cruises through the Tracy Arm Fjord.

Linda Sperry, Bonnie White Sutton ’71, ’96, Kris Teale ’91, John Teale ’73, Carol Twaddle and Melvin Twaddle ’54 visited a museum in Juneau.

Following the cruise, the Northwest crew loaded a bus and headed to the airport.

Linda Sperry, Bonnie White Sutton ’71, ’96 enjoyed the scenery at Tracy Arm Fjord.

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Alumni Awards call for nominations

Northwest is honoring outstanding individuals through its annual Alumni Association Awards program. Next year’s event will be Friday, Sept. 21, 2007.

Your nominations are essential to the process. Individuals nominated should personify the University’s tradition of excellence through their service and achievements.

Contact Brenda Untiedt, alumni relations specialist, for a nomination form at (660) 562-1248 or e-mail alumni@nwmissouri.edu.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Recognizes Northwest alumni for their exceptional professional and personal achievement and extraordinary distinction in their chosen field.

Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award
Recognizes a former faculty member for his or her outstanding teaching, service and/or research contributions at Northwest.

Distinguished Faculty Award
Recognizes a present faculty member for his or her outstanding teaching, service and/or research contributions at Northwest.

Honorary Alumni Award
Honors Northwest friends who have served, promoted and loved the University in the tradition of a loyal graduate.

Turret Service Award
Acknowledges a graduate or former student whose significant contributions of time and talents benefit and promote the University and the Northwest Alumni Association.

Young Alumni Award
Honors graduates of the last decade for their exceptional achievements in career, public service and/or volunteerism that bring honor to the University.

Award Nomination Deadline – Feb. 15, 2007