

**BEARCAT ROAR**

"Bearcat Roar" gives you the opportunity to share your Northwest memories or stories with other alumni and friends.

Please submit remembrances along with your name, year of graduation, address and telephone number to Mitzi Lutz, editor, *Northwest Alumni Magazine*, Alumni House, Maryville, MO 64468-6001 or by e-mail to mitzi@nwmissouri.edu.

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**I remember when ...**

**M**y college roommate for three years, Velma Swartz Mitchell '58, and I recently reunited (after not having seen each other all these years) to celebrate our 70th birthdays. Velma is still working as a nurse in Yuma, Ariz., and I am still teaching school in Long Beach, Calif. We were graciously invited to spend this special reunion weekend at the home of Eva Lee Hess Griffen '59 near Washington, D.C. Delivee Creamer Wright '59, who recently retired from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, joined us as well as Sandra Hayzlett Jones '56 from St. Joseph. We had many "I remember whens" as we sat up talking and laughing while looking through our old *Tower* yearbooks together each night. It was certainly a trip down memory lane and so nice to renew our friendships once again. I highly recommend a similar reunion to all Northwest alumni.

*Barbara Julius Smith '54*

**I** remember a 12-inch snowfall in 1978 that cancelled classes for the day, not because most students couldn't have made it to class, but because many of the professors lived outside of Maryville and it was virtually impossible for them to drive to the campus. I also remember the students in my dorm, Franken Hall, erupting in loud, spontaneous shrieks of joy upon learning that there would be no classes that day. Some went back to bed no doubt, but some of us took advantage of the day off to play in the snow. It was a pleasant reminder of our childhood days ... a blast from the past as they say!

*Rhonda Prewitt Rosenthal '79*



Former Northwest roommates and friends recently gathered for a 70th birthday celebration. Pictured are (from left) Velma Swartz Mitchell '58, Sandra Hayzlett Jones '56, Delivee Creamer Wright '59, Eva Lee Hess Griffen '59 and Barbara Julius Smith '54.

**I** remember going to Dr. Sharon Browning's office to request an assignment deadline extension. This brief meeting turned into a pivotal point in my life. Through a perceptive eye, she saw that a larger issue was troubling me. She quietly stood up and closed her office door. She helped me work through a "personal challenge." I graduated three years later and married that "personal challenge." Thank you, Sharon.

*Dale Clymens '86*

**I** was one of the colony members of the new sorority Sigma Kappa. I think back to those first few meetings we had when no one knew too many people. We were all so excited and enthusiastic. Not only were we building our new sorority, but we were making lifelong friendships. Some of my strongest friendships that are still in place today came from the girls I met at that time.

*Heidi Price '96*

**Do you remember these events?**

**1956**

Baseball is revived as a sport at Northwest, and 11 years later the Bearcats win the Northern Division Championship.  
*Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

**1966**

Students are required to follow a dress code before being allowed to participate in on-campus meals. Men must wear slacks, a sport shirt, socks and shoes. Women are required to wear a blouse or sweater, a skirt or dress and shoes.  
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**1976**

Northwest erects a new dairy facility on the University farm, three miles north of campus. Included at the facility are a dairy barn, a confinement barn and a home for the farm manager. *Tower* yearbook  
*Northwest offers its first MBA degree. Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

**1986**

Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton visits Maryville in September. *The Northwest Missourian*  
By popular demand, KNWT brings back "The Dating Game" to its program lineup. *The Northwest Missourian*

**1996**

The Delta Chi fraternity begins implementing policies to protect guests and the organization from possible legal conflicts. Guests must RSVP within 24 hours of an event, which allows the fraternity to compile a list of people who are covered by its insurance policy.  
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