

Retired faculty pursue diverse interests

SANDRA MULL

Since her retirement from Northwest in 2001, Sandra Mull has continued to expand her own education. Whether it's her interest in foreign languages or her devotion to the ministry, Mull's hobbies are diverse.

Mull retired after teaching 32 years in the physical education department. During this time, she also started and coached Northwest's first gymnastics team as well as a community gymnastics club.

Mull, whose love of languages started in high school where she learned Greek and Latin, currently is taking Spanish at Northwest.

"I'm not fluent in Spanish, but I hope to get better," Mull said. "I've traveled to Mexico many times, including one time with my mother and sister. It was a highlight in my mother's life to have all three of us together. I also have helped coordinate mission trips to central Mexico, traveled to Europe and lived in Toronto, Ontario, for two years."

Mull is co-president of the Maryville branch

of the American Association of University Women, an organization that supports education and equality for women.

In addition, she devotes her time to several northwest Missouri Christian churches. Mull, who visits a different church each Sunday, serves as a pastor-at-large. In this capacity, she preaches, meets with search teams at churches that are looking for a new pastor, conducts workshops and shares news of what is happening in the churches throughout the area.

"When I graduated from college, there were few openings for women in the ministry. To this day, there still are some churches that are reluctant to call women as pastors," she said. "The Disciples of Christ started ordaining women in the 1800s, so fortunately I was able to answer the call to ministry in the Disciples." ■



Sandra Mull visits a different church each Sunday as a pastor-at-large for Disciples of Christ churches throughout northwest Missouri.

THOMAS CARNEAL

Thomas Carneal came to Northwest in 1968 thinking he would be in Maryville for a year; 35 years later, he retired from Northwest with many fond memories.

Since his retirement in 2002, Carneal, who was professor of history and humanities, is the treasurer of the Nodaway County Historical Society Museum in Maryville. He also spends much of his time at the museum making it appeal to those who wish to learn more about the county's history.

"I created this monster (the museum), and I want to make sure it continues," Carneal said.

In addition, Carneal is an avid dog showman and judge. He has shown poodles for many years as "an excuse to get away from the week." Since 1995, he has been a judge for the American Kennel Club, a responsibility that has taken him to three countries and 40 states.

Carneal hopes to continue traveling much like he did prior to his retirement. He said his involvement in Northwest's Study Abroad program

and establishment of the University's sister institution, Nigata University in Japan, provided many opportunities to travel in past years.

He is entering his fifth year as a member of the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with managing the resources given by donors that ultimately benefit the University.

After thinking Northwest would be a quick stop along his journey, Carneal said he is grateful for his time in Maryville and at the University.

"I've had a great life. I got to teach and meet great students – some who are lifelong friends," he said. "I want to think that I made a difference in young people's lives." ■



Tom Carneal (left) travels the world as a dog showman and judge for the American Kennel Club.