

## Embarq establishes scholarship

Representatives from Embarq Corporation visited Northwest for a ceremony marking the establishment of a scholarship fund at the University.

The telecommunications company donated \$11,500 to Northwest. From this amount, \$10,000 will endow the Embarq/Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by the Northwest Foundation. The remaining \$1,500 will fund a \$500 scholarship for the first three years.

“Northwest is honored that Embarq has recognized the importance of higher education and providing much-needed scholarship funds for deserving students,” said Orrie Covert,

Northwest’s vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation. “This marks the beginning of a strong partnership between Northwest and Embarq that will impact current and future generations of Bearcats.”

The scholarship will be available to an incoming freshman who resides within an Embarq local telephone service area with preference given to those who have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0. ■



Randy Knox (left), public and external affairs manager for Embarq Corporation, presents Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard a check for an endowed scholarship to benefit Northwest students.

## 2006-2007 Northwest Foundation Board



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*More than 70 percent of adults die without valid wills.*

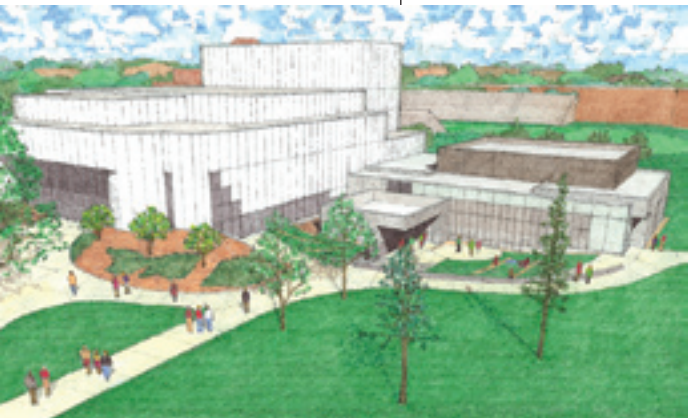


If you don't have a will, you should think about instructions and provisions for those you leave behind. As you remember the people and organizations important to you, don't forget about Northwest. You can be assured your gift, regardless of the size, will be used as designated to benefit the University and its students.

Contact the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 to receive sample bequest language.

## Seven-figure gift assists with new studio theatre

A \$1 million anonymous donation to the Northwest Foundation and a \$2.8 million match by the University has enabled Northwest to build a studio theatre.



This rendering shows the studio theatre (right) will be located to the south of the existing Performing Arts Center.

The new studio theatre, to be used for student and departmental performances, is being constructed on the south side of the Performing Arts Center, connected to the existing building. The theatre will seat about 200 people and will have space for a makeup/changing

room and storage facility.

“This project is a perfect example of an anonymous gift directly meeting the needs of students and faculty,” said Dr. Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Months of planning and years of dreaming are finally becoming a reality. The new theatre will offer

many learning and performance opportunities and will provide theatre patrons an exciting venue through which they can experience many types of theatrical productions.”

Pat Immel, assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages, said the new theatre will give Northwest students the opportunity to produce theatrical works of a more experimental nature and better suited to a more intimate environment.

“I’m particularly excited because there will be new technology for our technical production and design students to experiment with such as an articulated lighting grid and a new lighting and sound control system,” Immel said. “All of these wonderful additions will give our graduates an edge when applying for internships, graduate programs and jobs.”

The project should be completed by fall 2008. ■

For information about naming opportunities within Northwest’s new studio theatre, please contact Teresa Macias, development officer for the College of Arts and Sciences, at (660) 562-1248 or [teresa@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:teresa@nwmissouri.edu).

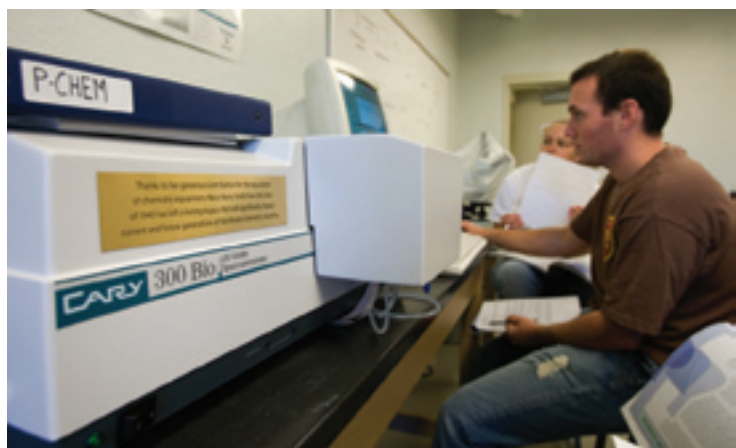
## Chemistry department purchases state-of-the-art equipment

Mary Marie Smith ’45, who died in May 2004, had a passion for science. Because of this interest, coupled with her allegiance to Northwest and desire to help others receive an education, Northwest’s chemistry department received more than \$200,000 from her estate to fund equipment purchases and chemistry scholarships.

The department recently used \$85,000 of Smith’s gift to purchase a research-grade ultraviolet-visible absorbance spectrophotometer, a device that measures the amount of color and light a substance absorbs.

“The Department of Chemistry and Physics is grateful for the generosity of the Mary Marie Smith estate in providing us with the resources to purchase this equipment,” said Dr. Richard Toomey, associate professor of

chemistry. “It is one of the most widely used instruments in the discipline and the department.” ■



The spectrophotometer recently purchased by Northwest’s chemistry department includes a plaque recognizing Mary Marie Smith, a 1945 alumnae who, through her estate, provided funds for the equipment.

*“It is comforting to know that, after graduation, Northwest students will have honed their laboratory skills on an instrument that will be of similar, if not higher, quality than those that they’ll use as professional chemists.”*

**Dr. Richard Toomey**

## From an early vision to the finishing touches

Robert Lee Stanton, a co-chairman of the Bearcat Stadium reconstruction committee in 2002, and his wife, Doris Ann, have chosen to assist with the second round of improvements to the facility.

By making a contribution from his individual



By taking advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Robert Lee and Doris Ann Stanton continue to support improvements to Bearcat Stadium.

retirement account, Stanton, a Rock Port native and loyal Bearcat fan, took advantage of the recent Pension Protection Act of 2006. The legislation

allows individuals 70½ or older to make charitable contributions directly from their IRAs without having to count the distribution as income. The Pension Protection Act went into effect in 2006 and is set to expire at the end of this calendar year.

“What makes this type of gift appealing to me is that there is no tax on this distribution,” Stanton said. “Plus, as an active volunteer, a member of the Northwest Board of Regents from 1987 to 2000 and after serving on the Northwest Foundation Board, I want to remain involved and give my support to something I can see during my lifetime.” ■



“Bearcats” was still visible in the dirt as sod was removed from the end zone at Bearcat Stadium before the new lights and FieldTurf were installed this summer.

## Band seeks alumni assistance with funding trip to London

Although the members of the Northwest bands are excited to represent Northwest in the 2008 London New Year’s Day Parade and Gala Concert Festival in London, the reality of funding a trip of this magnitude has set in. As a result, Carl Kling, director of bands, is optimistic that alumni and friends are willing to assist.

“Our students give so much to the University and surrounding communities with their time and energy,” Kling said. “The hours of preparation and planning that go into the perfect performance is one of their greatest challenges. However, the reward comes from hearing Bearcat Marching Band fans comment on how much they enjoy the band’s performance and the praise the BMB receives for engaging the audience. Please help us share the Bearcat Marching Band with millions of new fans throughout the world.”

Accompanying Kling and the Bearcat March-

ing Band overseas will be Dr. William Richardson, who directs the University’s jazz program, and members of the Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble.

The cost of the eight-day trip is about \$2,200 per person. Kling expects 120 students will make the trip. The parade, said to be the largest event of its kind in the world, is Jan. 1, 2008. More than a million spectators are expected to line the parade route and millions more will watch the extravaganza as it is broadcast by approximately 500 television stations and networks worldwide.

Anyone interested in helping the Music Department with this endeavor should contact Teresa Macias, development officer for the College of Arts and Sciences, at (660) 562-1248 or [teresa@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:teresa@nwmissouri.edu), or Kling at (660) 562-1794 or [ckling@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:ckling@nwmissouri.edu). A variety of sponsorship levels are available. ■

## Opportunity Alert:

### Charitable Gifts from Your IRA

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides charitably minded individuals 70½ or older a golden opportunity to make gifts to charitable organizations directly from their IRAs. This opportunity is available for 2006 and 2007 on the following terms:

- Transfers must be directly from the IRA to a charity
- Maximum allowable transfer is \$100,000 per year
- Gifts must be outright\*
- No charitable deduction is allowed

*\*Transfers to donor advised funds, supporting organizations and charitable remainder trusts and for charitable gift annuities do not qualify.*

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