

Shelton establishes scholarship, provides funds for piano

Beverly Holt Shelton '46 recently made a \$31,000 donation to the Northwest Foundation to benefit current and future generations of Bearcats with a passion for music and education.

Shelton first learned about the possibility of making a tax-free charitable donation from an IRA through the church she attends. She and her late husband, Edward Shelton '42, envisioned a new steeple for their church, so she made a charitable donation from an IRA to complete the project in memory of her husband.

Shelton liked the idea of making donations to worthy causes through her IRA, so she acted upon her son's suggestion to set up a scholarship fund at Northwest. The Sheltons, as well as their two daughters, Linda '69 and Joyce '76, graduated from Northwest with degrees in education.

The Sheltons, who grew up close to Maryville on adjoining farms near Quitman, attended Northwest with the desire to become teachers. Beverly majored in music education and taught music several years in public schools and also gave private piano lessons. Ed majored in business education and was a teacher, coach and principal

before retiring in 1982 as an assistant superintendent of the Independence Public School District.

In memory of her late husband, the majority of Shelton's \$31,000 gift was used to establish the Beverly J. and Edward J. Shelton Scholarship. Awards from this scholarship

will be made available to continuing students pursuing a major within the field of education, preferably music or business education. Students



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having graduated from high schools in the Independence Public School District will be given first preference followed by students from Nodaway County high schools.

"Ed and I both felt that we received a very good education and had some outstanding professors at Northwest," she said. "We attribute much of our professional success to Northwest, and this is a way for us to thank the University and also Nodaway County and the Independence Public School District."

Not only did Shelton establish a scholarship that will benefit students from the community that she calls home, she made a second gift to benefit something dear to her heart. She directed \$5,000 of her gift to be used to purchase a baby grand piano for Northwest's Department of Music.

"This gift couldn't have come at a better time as the music department is in the process of seeking re-accreditation with the National Association of Schools of Music," said Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "This helps Northwest demonstrate that we provide quality instruments for our students." ■

For more information about the scholarship established by Shelton or supporting Northwest through a planned gift to the Northwest Foundation, call (660) 562-1248 or visit www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/giving.

US Bank continues support

For the third consecutive year, US Bank has provided support for one of Northwest's top initiatives. The latest gift of \$1,000, along with gifts of \$500 in 2006 and \$750 in 2007, has been designated to provide funds for Northwest's unique American Dream Grant.

"US Bank is a proud supporter of Northwest and the American Dream Grant," said Rex Brod, market manager at US Bank. "By helping these students achieve their education, they too can have the many opportunities available to them that otherwise may not occur."

American Dream Grant recipients meet Northwest admissions criteria and come from the neediest families based on their application for federal aid. The grant pays virtually all college expenses during a student's first two years at Northwest, including tuition, fees, room, board, books and the use of a laptop computer.

"Each year the number of students receiving the American Dream Grant has continued to grow to the point of exceeding the funding available, with up to 90 students on the waiting list," said Andrea Wagner, Northwest's development officer for corporate and foundation relations. "Every gift to this program makes a difference in the lives of the recipients." ■

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Young alumnus creates scholarship in honor of professor

TJ McGinnis '07 believes his decision to attend Northwest is a decision he will never regret. Now, just a year after graduation, he has created a scholarship in honor of a man who was a positive influence in his life – Fred Lamer, assistant professor of mass communication.

“I always felt comfortable talking to Fred,” McGinnis, a broadcasting major, said. “He taught me a lot about life and helped me think things through.”

McGinnis established the Fred Lamer Excellence in Broadcasting Scholarship for students involved in KNWT, Northwest’s student television station.

“I wanted to give to an area that meant so much to me, and I want future students to be able to experience the same things I did,” McGinnis said.

At least \$500 will be awarded to a continuing

Northwest student each year with preference given to broadcast journalism students.

“The entire learning process, both in and out of the classroom, helps a student grow and mature,” Lamer said. “TJ took advantage of this and created many of his own opportunities. I am truly humbled and gratified by his gesture, especially at such a tender age, to help students continue their education.”

McGinnis, now a freelance videographer in Kansas City, said he credits his experience at Northwest, including the ability to job shadow when he was a student and networking with many Northwest alumni, as the reason for his success.

“I know this is really cliché, but I have always wanted to give to others who have helped me. Hopefully others will follow my lead,” McGinnis said. “As a recent graduate, I am trying to do what I can. Money will come and go, but I hope what I do with it will make a difference.” ■

To contribute to the Fred Lamer Excellence in Broadcasting Scholarship or for more information, contact Polly Howard at (660) 562-1248 or at pollyh@nwmissouri.edu.



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University, community explore mixed-use village concept

The Northwest Foundation is considering, in partnership with other Maryville entities, the development of a mixed-use village just west of the Northwest campus. The idea is still in the exploration stage, and to gauge interest, feedback has been sought from Northwest alumni and friends who graduated in 1980 and earlier. The results of that survey have not been finalized, but will soon be shared with University and community officials.

The key components of The Village at Northwest would be a mix of single-family houses and townhouses. The Village would feature a senior living complex with options ranging from independent living to assisted living to complete nursing care. There would also be an assortment of commercial activities such as restaurants,

doctors’ offices, a bookstore, a coffee shop and a dry cleaner.

“Although anyone could become a resident of the Village, we believe there are several reasons why those who are contemplating retirement in the coming years, especially alumni and friends, might find living in the Village particularly appealing,” said Orrie Covert, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation.

Similar ventures have been successful at Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, Penn State in State College, Pa., Dickinson State University in Dickinson, N.D. and Hendricks College in Hendricks, Ark. After visiting several of these communities, Maryville business leaders and University officials began entertaining the idea of such a facility in Maryville. ■

Donations honor longtime dean, department chair

A new scholarship has been established in honor of retiring faculty member Dr. Frances Shipley. In addition to serving 40 years at Northwest as a family and consumer sciences professor, Shipley spent 30 of those years as the department chair and 20 as dean of Northwest's Graduate School.

Thanks to Shipley's colleagues and loyal alumni and friends, the Dr. Frances Shipley Scholarship received about 80 donations totaling more than \$4,600 within two months of establishing the fund. The scholarship was announced as a surprise to Shipley during the 2008 Student Recognition Banquet in March.

"I sincerely appreciate what Northwest alumni and friends have done to honor my service and at the same time provide opportunities for future family and consumer sciences students," Shipley said.

The creators of the scholarship, Beth Goudge,

Connie Neal, Dr. Peggy Miller and Dr. Ann Rowlette, hope to see this fund reach the endowment level of \$10,000 so that scholarships in Shipley's name will be awarded perpetually on an annual basis. ■



Dr. Frances Shipley visits with friends and colleagues during a retirement reception in her honor.

Northwest friend honors family by creating scholarship

Northwest has always been a presence in the life of Fred Morris. Fred and his wife, Leslie, of Birmingham, Ala., are not Northwest alumni, but equally important, they are friends of the University.

Most recently, Morris has connected with Northwest in Florence, Ala., attending five of the six playoff and national championship football games the Bearcats have played at Braly Stadium. The one game he missed was the day of his daughter's wedding – although he was able to watch the game at the reception!

His original affiliation with the University started before he was even born with his father, Buel Morris, graduating from Northwest in 1953 after 23 years of taking classes, which included correspondence work from Korea. After earning his degree, his father later served as principal in Burlington Junction.

Many other family members also attended Northwest and pursued careers in the field of education. His uncle, Clinton Morris, attended, as did his aunt, Frances Morris Rodecker, who graduated after 24 years of taking classes and, in 1974, retired from a 47-year teaching career.

Robert Rodecker, Morris' cousin, attended Northwest before being accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy. The most recent Northwest graduate in the Morris family is Fred's sister, Jean Morris Mairs '63, of St. Joseph.

In honor of these family members, as well as members of both Fred and Leslie's family who enjoyed careers in the field of education, the couple contacted Northwest about their desire to establish an endowed scholarship that will be available to students during their semester of student teaching.

"Children deserve to have the best education possible, and that can't happen without quality teachers in the classroom," Fred Morris said. "We want to give an extra boost to some deserving students as they enter the teaching profession and to continue a commitment to quality education that has been important to our families for generations."

The first \$450 scholarship from the Morris Rodecker Haley Scholarship Fund will be awarded to a student completing his or her student teaching during the 2009 spring semester. ■

For more information regarding the Dr. Frances Shipley Scholarship, or to contribute, contact Andrea Wagner at (660) 562-1248 or andrea@nwmissouri.edu.

Northwest partners with ag company for scholarships

A new partnership has been formed between the Northwest Foundation and the CHS Foundation in an effort to assist Northwest students.

The CHS Foundation will fund three \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarships will be given to continuing Northwest students who are working toward an agriculture-related degree and who wish to pursue a career in agribusiness or production agriculture.

Based in Minnesota, the CHS Foundation is the major giving entity for CHS, an energy, grain and foods grains company. Its mission is to invest in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development. ■