



(Above) Northwest has a proud history of preparing students for careers in home economics, or family and consumer sciences, as it is known today.

(right) The Home Management House, later called the Mabel Cook Home Management House, opened in the fall of 1962 and was an important landmark for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences for many years. The house offered the opportunity each semester for six home economics majors to live there and experience home management under the supervision of a member of the home economics faculty. Today, the house serves as the Mabel Cook Recruitment and Visitors Center and is operated by the Office of Admissions.



Coalter

Northwest family and consumer sciences celebrates 100 years

This year marks the centennial for Northwest's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, which began in 1908 as the Domestic Science program under the direction of Hettie Margaret Anthony. After many name changes and five department chairs,

the family and consumer sciences department now offers four majors and enrolls about 175 students each year.

The festivities for the centennial year, with the theme "A Century of Change – A Future of Promise," began in March with the annual Student Recognition Banquet held in conjunction with FCS Week. More than 100 alumni returned to campus and attended the banquet, which honored many of the department's students. The banquet concluded with a surprise presentation to Dr. Frances Shipley, who retired in June after a 40-year tenure as department chair.

In addition, the FCS Centennial Committee is planning a centennial tree project dubbed a

Coalter receives state Teacher of the Year honor

Dr. Terry Coalter, associate professor of marketing and management at Northwest, has been named a Missouri Higher Education Teacher of the Year.

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt presented the award to Coalter during ceremonies this spring in Jefferson City.

"Education is the most important investment we can make in our own and in our children's future," Blunt said.

Coalter, who joined the Northwest faculty in 2000, received the 2007 Dean's Faculty Award for outstanding teaching from Northwest's Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies. ■

"Cen-tree of Change." This project aims to raise money to purchase a commemorative centennial tree by selling postcards created by the children at the Early Care and Education Laboratory and Horace Mann Laboratory School to help replace trees that were lost in the December ice storm.

The final celebration will be an open house/reception immediately following the Oct. 18 Homecoming parade. The event, on the third floor of the Administration Building, will feature tours of the department as well as displays of heritage apparel, pictures and other memorabilia. ■



Greek golf tournament benefits hospice foundation

Order of Omega, an honor society for Northwest students who are members of Greek-letter organizations, hosted the Greek Classic at Mozingo Lake Golf Course this spring.

All proceeds from the four-person scramble benefited the SSM Hospice and Home Care Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides hospice and home-care services to terminally ill patients and families. The tournament raised \$4,000 for the charity.

The Lambda Omega Chapter at Northwest works to support philanthropic events while providing members of the University's fraternities and sororities with organizational training and community building skills. It also seeks to promote the values of commitment and service shared by all members of Northwest's Greek-letter community. ■

President Hubbard announces plan to retire in 2009

Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, Northwest's ninth president, will retire next summer at the end of the 2009 fiscal year.

Hubbard announced his intention to step down at the June Board of Regents meeting. He assumed the presidency on July 1, 1984, and will have served as the institution's top administrator for 25 years, the longest term ever by a Northwest president.

"It is, of course, with great sadness that I announce my forthcoming retirement," Hubbard said. "There are simply no words to describe the deep affection Aleta and I feel for this University after so many years. Both of us want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the faculty members, staff and students, past and present, whose friendship and dedication have graced our lives. Together, we have accomplished so much. It goes

without saying that, whatever the future holds, Aleta and I will always be Bearcats."

Under Hubbard's leadership, Northwest has gained national recognition for its "Culture of Quality," an initiative designed to foster continuous improvement in all aspects of University operations. During the 1980s, Hubbard was instrumental in making Northwest the first comprehensive electronic campus in the United States. Hubbard also has supported the expansion of Northwest's pioneering alternative fuels program, which transforms recycled cardboard, paper and agricultural wastes into most of the energy used to heat and cool the campus. It is estimated that this environmentally sound process has saved the University \$10 million dollars over the past two decades compared to the cost of purchasing natural gas. ■

Northwest expands student laptop program

Northwest's Student Senate has approved an Office of Information Systems proposal to increase the University's technology fee from \$7 to \$10 per credit hour. The increased revenue will be used to provide every full-time undergraduate and graduate student with a new, fully loaded laptop computer, regardless of whether the student lives on campus.

Currently only students living on campus receive a computer, though Northwest makes laptops available for rent to those who reside

off campus. Under the expanded program, the rental option will remain in place for part-time students, who would pay \$50 per trimester for a used laptop.

Dr. Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems, said the University committed to the expansion in order to get the best deal possible on the purchase of 5,500 laptops at a cost of about \$4 million.

The University's laptop program began in fall 2005 when more than 2,200 notebook computers were distributed to students living on campus. Northwest has a long tradition of providing students with the latest information technology resources and made national headlines in 1987 when it became the first public university in the United States to create a comprehensive electronic campus. ■

Providing laptop computers to all full-time students is an attractive selling point for Northwest. The University, which previously equipped only campus residents with laptops, will expand its notebook computer program in the fall.

Chapter earns national honors

Northwest's Beta Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, a national honor society for business education majors, was recently named the No. 2 chapter in the nation.

Judges selected the chapter for national honors after evaluating a number of initiatives, including an alumni newsletter, chapter Web page, a podcasting project and involvement with high school students during Future Business Leaders of America events on campus.

The Northwest organization, advised by Dr. Nancy Johnson Zelif '81, professor of computer science and information systems, is the oldest active chapter in the country and has been listed in the national top 10 in each of Zelif's years as sponsor. ■

Conference explores culture, crisis communication

Northwest sponsored a public conference this spring to explore how culture can affect crisis communications.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Dorothy Pennington of the University of Kansas, discussed the importance to individuals and institutions of maintaining cultural sensitivity when communicating during a crisis or its aftermath.

"In a crisis we seldom take time to consider the impact on cultures and minority groups," said Brittany Keeshan, one of the conference's student organizers. ■

