

I remember when ...

As I read the article about KXCV celebrating 35 years, it brought back thoughts of my time on campus in the late '40s. My way of playing records was to use a device called a phono oscillator to get the signal from the turntable to a nearby radio. A phono oscillator was actually a weak AM radio transmitter. After a while it became known that others in the men's quadrangle rooms could also hear the records that I would play. Before long, when I would return from class I would often find that other residents would put records on and then go back to their rooms and listen. I guess this was the first "radio station" on campus. In the very late days of my stay on campus, a microphone was added to occasionally give an unsuspecting new resident a special welcome.

Roy E. Lilley '49

Iremember working with Steve Chor in the telecom office one summer. We did a lot of work during that summer wiring all the dorm rooms for Ethernet and installing new computers. I enjoyed my time at Northwest, and I gained a lot of experience for the real world.

Richard Coathup '98

The remembrance submitted by Bill Elam in a recent issue of this magazine caught my attention because I had a similar experience during my years at Northwest. Shortly after I purchased an old 1926 Overland, my roommate

Pete Younger gave me a dare I could not resist one Friday night after a visit to the Palms. He dared me to drive my Overland down the campus sidewalk and honk my "burp-burp" horn as I went by President (J.W.) Jones' residence. I could not let a dare like this pass me by. Needless to say, a little yellow note was in my box the next Monday morning to see Dr. Jones. As I walked into his office, he looked at me quite sternly and said, "Mr. Malson, you know why you are here don't you?" He knew I did, and he then said, "Don't let it happen again!" I thought I saw a twinkle in his eyes as I did an about face and scooted from his office. The girls liked my old Overland also. One Saturday morning we counted 22 of us on board as we went up Fourth Street and around the courthouse square.

Jim Malson '50

It was a warm spring morning, and my walk from Phillips Hall toward class seemed routine enough – until I heard a cry for help. There, standing under a tree, was a girl I knew (who will remain nameless for the obvious reason). She was frozen in place and yelled, "Mark, I'm stuck." Her hair was in a bun. Sticking through the bun was a low tree branch. It had gone through just like a fish hook. I set my books down, broke the branch end off the tree and got the "hook" out of her hair. Amazingly, we made it to class on time. That was part of the fun of going to Northwest, even a walk to class could be an adventure.

Mark Hereford '81



The phono oscillator used by Roy Lilley in the 1940s is on display in Northwest's Warren Stucki Museum of Broadcasting.

Do you remember these events?

1957

The Northwest Missourian receives its seventh consecutive first-place certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. *Towers in the Northwest*

Northwest begins its wrestling program. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

1967

Donna Merritt is crowned Homecoming queen, and Carolyn Kading is crowned Tower queen. Martha Geyer is selected by her peers to reign over the annual "Hanging of the Greens" Christmas festivities in Residence Hall, later called Roberta Hall. *Towers in the Northwest*

1977

By the end of the fall semester, all but two residence halls adopt a new but controversial policy. The policy allows men to walk unescorted in the residence halls during open hours. Many female residents are unhappy with the new policy. *Tower yearbook*

1987

Northwest students flock to the corner of Fourth and Buchanan streets for the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

Rob DeBolt imitates Johnny Carson's "Carnac the Magnificent" at the Homecoming Variety Show. *Tower yearbook*

1997

Comedian David Spade, a former member of TV's "Saturday Night Live" cast, performs his stand-up routine in a packed Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

Colden Hall is temporarily closed for renovations. *Tower yearbook*