

BEARCAT ROAR

"Bearcat Roar" gives you the opportunity to share your Northwest memories or stories with other alumni and friends.

Please submit remembrances along with your name, year of graduation, address and telephone number to Mitzi Lutz, editor, *Northwest Alumni Magazine*, Alumni House, Maryville, MO 64468-6001 or by e-mail to mitzi@nwmissouri.edu.

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I remember when ...

My college roommate for three years, Velma Swartz Mitchell '58, and I recently reunited (after not having seen each other all these years) to celebrate our 70th birthdays. Velma is still working as a nurse in Yuma, Ariz., and I am still teaching school in Long Beach, Calif. We were graciously invited to spend this special reunion weekend at the home of Eva Lee Hess Griffen '59 near Washington, D.C. Delivee Creamer Wright '59, who recently retired from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, joined us as well as Sandra Hayzlett Jones '56 from St. Joseph. We had many "I remember whens" as we sat up talking and laughing while looking through our old *Tower* yearbooks together each night. It was certainly a trip down memory lane and so nice to renew our friendships once again. I highly recommend a similar reunion to all Northwest alumni.

Barbara Julius Smith '54

I remember a 12-inch snowfall in 1978 that cancelled classes for the day, not because most students couldn't have made it to class, but because many of the professors lived outside of Maryville and it was virtually impossible for them to drive to the campus. I also remember the students in my dorm, Franken Hall, erupting in loud, spontaneous shrieks of joy upon learning that there would be no classes that day. Some went back to bed no doubt, but some of us took advantage of the day off to play in the snow. It was a pleasant reminder of our childhood days ... a blast from the past as they say!

Rhonda Prewitt Rosenthal '79



Former Northwest roommates and friends recently gathered for a 70th birthday celebration. Pictured are (from left) Velma Swartz Mitchell '58, Sandra Hayzlett Jones '56, Delivee Creamer Wright '59, Eva Lee Hess Griffen '59 and Barbara Julius Smith '54.

I remember going to Dr. Sharon Browning's office to request an assignment deadline extension. This brief meeting turned into a pivotal point in my life. Through a perceptive eye, she saw that a larger issue was troubling me. She quietly stood up and closed her office door. She helped me work through a "personal challenge." I graduated three years later and married that "personal challenge." Thank you, Sharon.

Dale Clymens '86

I was one of the colony members of the new sorority Sigma Kappa. I think back to those first few meetings we had when no one knew too many people. We were all so excited and enthusiastic. Not only were we building our new sorority, but we were making lifelong friendships. Some of my strongest friendships that are still in place today came from the girls I met at that time.

Heidi Price '96

Do you remember these events?

1956

Baseball is revived as a sport at Northwest, and 11 years later the Bearcats win the Northern Division Championship.
Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest

1966

Students are required to follow a dress code before being allowed to participate in on-campus meals. Men must wear slacks, a sport shirt, socks and shoes. Women are required to wear a blouse or sweater, a skirt or dress and shoes.
The Northwest Missourian

1976

Northwest erects a new dairy facility on the University farm, three miles north of campus. Included at the facility are a dairy barn, a confinement barn and a home for the farm manager. *Tower* yearbook
Northwest offers its first MBA degree. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

1986

Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton visits Maryville in September. *The Northwest Missourian*
By popular demand, KNWT brings back "The Dating Game" to its program lineup. *The Northwest Missourian*

1996

The Delta Chi fraternity begins implementing policies to protect guests and the organization from possible legal conflicts. Guests must RSVP within 24 hours of an event, which allows the fraternity to compile a list of people who are covered by its insurance policy.
The Northwest Missourian



A small plaza near B.D. Owens Library honors local men who died in World War I. A similar memorial once located on campus was removed in the 1970s.

Bohlken named to listening hall of fame

Dr. Bob Bohlken, professor emeritus and former chairman of Northwest's speech and theatre department, was recently inducted into the International Listening Association's Hall of Fame during a conference in Salem, Ore.



Bohlken, who joined the organization in 1984, has been a frequent presenter at ILA conferences and is a former vice president and member of the executive board.

Bohlken served the Northwest family for 30 years, joining the Northwest faculty in 1970 and retiring in 2000. ■

WWI plaques return to Memorial Drive

Nodaway Countians who fought and died in World War I are being commemorated with the creation of a new structure on the Northwest campus.

For many years, four bronze plaques were bolted to brick columns on either side of Memorial Drive, just west of the Administration Building. The plaques were installed shortly after the war ended in 1918 and removed in the 1970s when Memorial Drive was widened to accommodate traffic volume created by the new high-rise residence halls.

Tom Carneal, professor emeritus of history, said the original street was quite narrow, and over the years the columns suffered damage from being struck by automobiles, and the plaques became heavily tarnished and weather stained.

Now, at the close of Northwest's centennial year, the refurbished plaques have gone back on public display after decades in storage.

A small plaza has been built at the northeast corner of Memorial Drive and features two 9-foot masonry-capped pillars similar to those that held the plaques when they were first installed.

Two large plaques, one for each pillar, list the names of men who served. Two smaller plaques bear the words: "In memory of the men from Nodaway County Missouri who gave their lives in the Great World War 1914-1918." ■

Biology department acquires electron microscope

Northwest's Department of Biology recently acquired a scanning electron microscope as a gift from Hallmark Cards. Often referred to as an SEM, the device is capable of magnifying objects more than 100,000 times their actual size with far greater resolution than is possible with a conventional microscope.

Using the SEM, Northwest faculty members and students are now able to view high-resolution images of objects as small as 4 to 5 nanometers. A nanometer is a billionth of a meter, which is about the distance a human fingernail grows in a second.

Viewing such infinitesimal bits of matter is possible because, unlike conventional microscopes that use light to form an image, SEMs emit a beam of electrons produced by a metallic filament.

Dr. Gregg Dieringer, associate professor of biology and department chairman, said the SEM is used in classroom

demonstrations and by students assisting faculty members with research projects.

The 10-year-old apparatus would have sold for about \$150,000 when first manufactured, Dieringer said. ■



Dr. Kurt Haberyan, professor of biology, views an image on a scanning electron microscope that was recently acquired by the University as a gift from Hallmark Cards. When the Hallmark scientist who was the SEM's primary user left the company, the microscope sat idle in a Kansas City laboratory until a manufacturer's representative mentioned that Northwest was looking for just such a machine.

Owens Library enters eBook age

Electronic book databases, now part of the research arsenal of Northwest's B.D. Owens Library, make it possible for students to search and cite the complete texts of thousands of volumes with only a few keystrokes and mouse clicks.

Whether working on or off campus, students can go to the library's homepage, select the eBooks button, then choose either Ebrary's massive Academic Complete collection or the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

"Combined, the two resources contain the equivalent of more than 30,000 bound texts," said Frank Baudino, head librarian for information services.

Academic Complete, which contains fully searchable books on everything from Shakespeare to terrestrial mollusks, is similar to the University's general circulation collection, Baudino said.

The Gale database comprises a variety of reference materials, including encyclopedias, almanacs and annotated lists.

For those old enough to remember preparing term papers using typewriters and 3-by-5 cards, the real gee-whiz feature may be Academic Complete's automatic inclusion of citation material when text is inserted into another document. When a user pastes a quote into a word processing document, the correct citation for the quote automatically appears.

But for all the labor-saving technology, Baudino said, it's still going to be a while – and maybe never – before the average undergraduate can complete four years of college without opening a printed book.

"Certainly this gives our students and faculty some very powerful tools," he said. ■

Two MBA programs soon to be offered in Kansas City

Beginning in January, Northwest's Kansas City Center in Liberty will offer a general MBA and an MBA with health management emphasis.

The general MBA will offer 21 required core hours, plus 12 hours of electives. The MBA program is designed so it can be completed within one calendar year when all prerequisites are met.

Students enrolled in the MBA with health management emphasis will take predetermined courses in health management taught online by faculty of the School of Health Management, a division of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■

Eckert-Stewart is new director

Dr. Sandra Eckert-Stewart was named director of Northwest's Kansas City Center in July.

She said her goals are to expand the variety and scope of the center's academic offerings while working to promote those already in place. These include courses and degree programs in guidance and counseling, educational leadership, curriculum and instruction, alternative teacher certification, health and physical education, recreation and computer science.

For more information, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/NWKC, e-mail nwkc@nwmissouri.edu or call (816) 736-6600. ■

Centennial Commencement

Northwest conducted its centennial commencement Aug. 1 in Bearcat Arena.

Several special features were added to the traditional graduation ceremony, including dozens of flags representing the home countries of Northwest's international students. In addition, each of the University's three colleges and the Graduate School displayed its own banner.

Dr. Patricia Lucido, professor of chemistry/physics, carried Northwest's new ceremonial mace. Carved in the shape of one of the Administration Building's landmark towers, the mace was created by President Dean L. Hubbard, a skilled woodworking enthusiast, from the wood of an Austrian pine that once stood on the lawn of the Gaunt House, Northwest's historic presidential residence.

Following the ceremony, graduates, family and friends attended a reception near Colden Pond, which was adorned with floating candles. ■



Talk of the Town



Your kids might holler when “that old music” blasts from your favorite radio station, and you might have had it with the mysterious phenomenon that makes the volume of commercials seem so darn loud.

But don’t touch that dial. You may be missing the best part of radio – its personalities.

Each generation has had its own radio personality – or disc jockey as they once were called when vinyl was king – who gave us a reason to tune in and become loyal listeners. Alan Freed, Wolfman Jack, Casey Kasem and Howard Stern often seemed bigger than the music they were playing or the guests they were interviewing.

However, with so many commercial-free and user-specific options available such as MP3 players, the internet and satellite radio, creating loyalty among listeners is no easy task.

But for five Northwest alumni – Sharon Cross Bonnett '65, Brent Harmon '75, Mike Railsback '80, Rob DeBolt '88 and Karen Browning Gruender '96 – radio is their passion. Their enthusiasm is contagious, their delivery is smooth and their interest in their local communities is refreshing. This is why they’re the talk of the town.

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Rob DeBolt '88

AKA: "Carson" and "Rob Carson"

Tune in: 3-7 p.m., WRQX Mix 107.3 FM, Washington, D.C.

Format: Hot Adult Contemporary

"There are two types of people in broadcasting: those who are egotistical and need to let everyone know who they are, and those who have esteem problems and need to be built up. I fall somewhere in between the two."

Why the name "Carson"? I always knew I wanted to be an entertainer, and I grew up just 11 miles from Johnny Carson's hometown of Norfolk, Neb.

Where do you get your drive to succeed? Growing up I did farm work, was a frycook and cleaned sludge from giant petroleum tanks. Because of that background, I've busted my tail to make sure I didn't have a career making minimum wage. I'm very fortunate to have a beautiful wife, two beautiful and healthy kids and to work in radio, doing what I love.

Any life-changing experiences? I had a heart attack when I was 32 years old. I was in great shape, but I had a lot of stress in my life. I was the only guy in cardiac rehab under 70. It made me realize I had to try all of the things in life that I was previously afraid to do, like stand-up comedy, and to not take anything for granted.

Signs of early success? A year out of college I was doing the morning show at a station in Columbia and

heard about a guy named Rush Limbaugh who had started a nationally syndicated radio show. Just a few years later I sold some of my comedy bits to him, and by age 25 I was mentioned in his bestselling book. I still write for him – a lot of pop culture parody and political satire.

What's your future hold? Some day I'd like to get a TV show on HGTV or TLC incorporating two of my interests – home improvement and gourmet cooking. I also see myself doing a morning radio show or segueing into talk radio full time.

How did Northwest prepare you for your career? Sharon Bonnett at KXCV really took me under her wing, and I still consider her my broadcast mom. Other than the broadcast courses, a poetry class helped me the most. It taught economy of expression. Brevity is the soul of wit.

Visit Rob on the Web at www.robcarsononline.com.



Karen Browning Gruender '96

AKA: "Karen Carson" and "KC"

Tune in: 5:30-10 a.m., WDAF 106.5 FM, Kansas City
Format: Country

Karen, when did you realize you wanted to enter this field? I always was the entertainer type and mimicked commercials as a kid. I really had fun in the radio classes at Northwest, and the creativity it provided was a great outlet.

Mike, as an agribusiness major at Northwest, how did you get into broadcasting? After graduation I worked for Allis-Chalmers farm equipment, but farming was brutal in the early 1980s. I learned about a job

opening for a farm reporter at a station in St. Joseph. They liked my ag background and said they could teach me the broadcasting part of the job. I don't do farm reports anymore – just traffic. It's a split shift, so I have the middle of the day off. I guess I should look into delivering pizzas or the phone book in my spare time.

"Doing airborne traffic comes easy for me, but I think the real reason I got the job was because I didn't get air sick and I was willing to risk my life riding with young pilots who make just \$9 an hour. Actually it's very safe, but we've had a few close calls, so it's probably a good thing they taught me how to land the plane – just in case." – Mike Railsback

Mike Railsback '80

AKA: "Sky Spy"

Tune in: 6-9 a.m., 4-6 p.m., WDAF 106.5 FM, Kansas City
Format: Country / Airborne traffic reports

Karen, how do you sound chipper so early in the morning? Sometimes it's hard to sound upbeat, considering I have a 1- and a 2-year-old at home, and I have to get up at 2 a.m. every day for work. There certainly have been times when I've had to draw upon my theatre minor. But when we're on the air, all of us on the "Morning Crew" know our listeners are counting on us to get them going in the morning. As soon as we're on the air, the adrenaline flows.

Mike, what makes the "Morning Crew" have such a great rapport? We all like what we do and know how to think on our feet, plus, Karen and I have similar backgrounds. We were both raised on a farm, we both graduated from Northwest and we both met our spouses at Northwest. (Mike married Linda Orr '80, and Karen married David Gruender '96.) And we both agree, you can't beat Pagliai's pizza.

“I’m the slightly goofy friend who keeps you company during the work day. Many times listeners call in and tell me a little too much about themselves. That’s fine, though, because they view me as a part of their lives – kind of like the toaster or an appliance that’s always there.”



Brent Harmon '75

AKA: “Brother B”

Tune in: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., KSJQ 92.7 FM, St. Joseph
Format: Country

Are your listeners surprised you don’t fit the “look” of country music? Although I like the music, especially the old stuff, I’m often told I don’t look like a country guy. The anonymity is one of the things I like about radio. I listen to all kinds of music. I think the first

time I saw the Rolling Stones in concert was when I was in college, and I saw them again this year.

What are some of your hobbies? My wife and I enjoy tennis, live music and traveling, and I’ve always been interested in clothes. I remember when I was at Northwest I took a trip to England and bought silver platform shoes with stars and 4-inch wooden heels. I actually wore them around campus. I’m sure other students thought I was from outer space. I still have them, but looking back now, that was sure weird!

You’ve been a broadcaster for 29 years. How have things changed? When I first started, we were cuing up 45 RPM vinyl records. With today’s technology, everything is point and click. The digital age has made people a lot more song oriented instead of band oriented. The listener’s interest in who wrote the song and what label it was recorded on is now lost. People even call in to the station and request a certain number on a CD instead of the song title. They don’t realize I don’t have the actual CD in hand. Everything is downloaded from various services now. Thankfully, the relationship with the listeners hasn’t changed. It’s still me talking to you.

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Bonnett leaves lasting legacy at KXCV

Since 1971, KXCV has been the public radio voice of Northwest. For all but the station’s first year, Sharon Cross Bonnett '65 has served the station in such roles as community service coordinator, program director and, since 1985, general manager. Bonnett retired in June after 34 years of service, but her passion for public broadcasting will continue to impact listeners and future generations of student broadcasters.

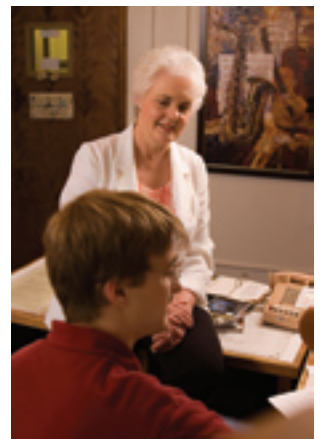
During her tenure, Bonnett expanded the station’s coverage area with a repeater station, KRNW, in Chillicothe, provided audio reader services for the visually impaired and launched the Bearcat Radio Network. She also oversaw the installation of a new tower and a digital conversion project to provide digital broadcasting to the area.

“My avocation and my vocation have been one in the same,” she said. “I’ve had many great years at KXCV, and I’ve learned

from two great mentors – Cathran Cushman and Rollie Stadlman. I’m proud to have continued the dual mission of student training and public radio service.”

Bonnett said she corresponds with about 200 alumni on a regular basis and looks forward to visiting many of them in their work environment now that she has more time for travel.

“We’ve accomplished a lot at KXCV over the years, but what gives me the most joy is my relationship with students,” Bonnett said. “The students are my children – even after they graduate – and I enjoy interacting with them and seeing them become productive members of society.” ■



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-Orrie Covert
Vice President for
University Advancement

The 1905 Society – making the future brighter

A year and a half ago, as Northwest was approaching its centennial year and the successful completion of the University’s inaugural capital campaign, there was a lot of buzz and excitement on campus.

Not only were there special events to help celebrate this milestone, but there were projects being completed to ensure that these moments in Northwest’s history would not soon be forgotten. Many of these events and projects were made possible by the vision and financial support of a generous group of 100 individuals – the Centennial Society.

Because of the leadership and support of the Centennial Society, a new society has been formed to continue the momentum that this group of visionaries helped create which will lead Northwest into its next 100 years.

The new 1905 Society will be a vital initiative in the future of Northwest.

“Needs are infinite, we all know that,” said Orrie Covert, vice president for university advancement. “What we don’t

know is exactly where the most crucial needs are going to be within our University from

year to year. By providing flexible, unrestricted support, *The 1905 Society* can help to better position Northwest in meeting these varied future needs as they arise.”

Covert said whether the needs lie in the form of scholarship support, additional financing for capital projects or the extra funds needed to upgrade campus technology, this group will help ensure the financial health and wellbeing of the University for years to come.

For more information on *The 1905 Society*, including how to join, please contact Laurie Long in the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 or laurie@nwmissouri.edu. ■

The 1905 Society

With any unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or greater, you can become a member of *The 1905 Society*. Membership will come with recognition of your dedicated efforts to assist in Northwest’s continual prosperity and growth as well as exclusive invitations to campus events. *The 1905 Society* members will help make the future of Northwest even brighter, so please join today.

Wagner is new Northwest development officer

Andrea Kearns Wagner ’00 recently joined Northwest’s Office of University Advancement as a development officer.

Wagner is responsible for managing a pool of donors for Northwest’s College of Education and Human Services. She also leads the advancement office’s corporate and foundation relations initiative.

“Northwest’s advancement office is coming off an outstanding capital campaign which raised more than \$43.5 million – well beyond the original goal,” Wagner said. “I’m excited to be given the opportunity to build on that and continue their success.”

Wagner has previously served as an enrollment and counseling research secretary for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, a sales representative at Med4Home and an account representative for Wells Fargo Financial in St. Joseph.

She and her husband, Will, who is the assistant head football coach/defensive backs coach for the Bearcats, live in Maryville with their son, Brooks, and are expecting their second child in January.

Wagner, whose office is in the Advancement Center, can be contacted at (660) 562-1248 or andrea@nwmissouri.edu. ■



Blackford becomes president of the Northwest Foundation Board

Jim Blackford '72, senior vice president of Citizens Bank and Trust in Maryville, has been named president of the Northwest Foundation Inc. Board of Directors. Blackford has been a member of the board since 2001, most recently serving as vice president.

Blackford said he is honored to lead the organization whose members are responsible for managing the resources given by donors to the Northwest Foundation which ultimately benefit the University. He also gives credit and respect to his predecessor, Chuck Place '72 of Albany.

"Chuck Place and previous Foundation board presidents have each added successive levels of growth to this organization," Blackford said. "During his tenure, Chuck championed many initiatives which established new benchmarks for the Foundation. One of the most important was the board development process. Chuck understood that much can be accomplished by developing a quality board."

Blackford emphasized that just because the high-profile capital campaign which raised more than \$43.5 million has concluded, fundraising for the University has not ceased.

"The cost of providing public higher education is generally funded by state support, tuition

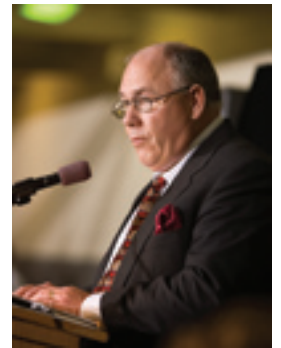
and private giving," he said. "Given that the national projected trend of state support, as a percentage of the total operating budget, is spiraling downward, coupled with the market-driven need to keep tuition costs reasonable, an increased importance is being placed upon private giving. Our goal is to meet the ever-increasing demand that is being shifted to private support to help keep quality education affordable at Northwest."

Blackford and his wife, Beverly, the executive secretary to Northwest's dean of enrollment management, have two sons. Nathan received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Northwest and is now employed with Cerner Corp. in Kansas City. Tanner completed three years of pre-pharmacy work at Northwest and is now in his third year of pharmacy school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"Northwest has been a special place for my extended family and me," Blackford said. "I truly believe that to whom much is given, much is expected. This presidency affords me the opportunity to pay back to Northwest in a small way the many advantages that have been extended to our family through our Northwest experience. This is a way that I can 'pay it forward' for all that we have received." ■



Blackford



Place

The Northwest Foundation promotes the welfare, goals and programs of Northwest Missouri State University. Its mission is to encourage, receive, invest, manage, steward and disburse private support on behalf of Northwest's donors, for the benefit of the University, its students, faculty, staff and alumni. Established in 1971, the Foundation operates independently of the state institution as a separate 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation governed by its own board of directors.

Gateway, Northwest celebrate partnership

In recognition of an agreement valued at \$2.5 million between Northwest and Gateway, one of the world's top computer companies, Northwest recently renamed two campus facilities.

The Gateway Electronic Campus Support Center is located at the former armory building,

just east of the baseball field, and the Gateway Call Center is in the Northwest Alumni House.

The partnership began in 2001 when Northwest received more than 2,000 Gateway computers. In 2004 and 2005,

the University received more than 3,000 notebook and tablet computers. Today, every Northwest student living in a residence hall receives a Gateway notebook computer. ■



Clipping the ribbon at the September dedication ceremony were (from left) Dr. Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems; Rita Hanks, Northwest Board of Regents president; Kevin Shabow, Gateway Senior Director of Sales; and Jim Blackford, president of the Northwest Foundation.

Shelton's gift endows scholarship for Native Americans

Already an annual tradition, the Northwest PowWow's impact will now additionally assist future generations of Northwest students financially in celebration of Native American

culture.

Upon learning of the Northwest PowWow and of the organization's ongoing efforts to endow The Native American Scholarship fund, Earl Shelton '49 of Kihei, Hawaii, recognized his opportunity to give back to his alma mater. In

celebration of his 81st birthday and in honor of his Native American ancestry, Shelton generously gave \$100,000 to permanently endow The Native American Scholarship fund in the Northwest Foundation.

The Native American Scholarship was established to assist juniors and seniors who are actively involved with Northwest PowWow and who demonstrate dedicated involvement and commitment to the preservation, promotion and celebration of Native American heritage in general.

After completing his Northwest degree in

secondary English education, Shelton furthered his studies in graduate school at the University of Arkansas. His 30-year teaching career began in the Missouri Ozarks. The last 15 years of his teaching career were spent on Maui, in both private and public schools and the University of Hawaii. He has called Maui home for more than 41 years.

Northwest's PowWow is a celebration of Native American heritage and culture as expressed through dance and song as well as through the fellowship of friends and family. While there are hundreds of tribes in the United States, each with its own traditions, the PowWow offers a time for all tribal people to come together in celebration of their common culture. More than 3,000 participants and spectators have attended the annual Northwest PowWow. To show its appreciation, the Northwest PowWow Council sent Shelton an embroidered Northwest blanket and performed a ceremonial dance in his honor during the third annual celebration in Bearcat Arena in October.

Just as the PowWow is an open celebration, contributions to The Native American Scholarship fund also are welcomed from individuals and organizations wishing to join in honoring Native American culture. Questions about PowWow or inquiries about contributing to the Native American Scholarship fund can be directed to Dr. Barbara Crossland, sponsor of the Northwest PowWow Council, at barbara@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1776, or to Laurie Long with the Office of University Advancement at laurie@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248. ■



The Northwest PowWow features talented contest dancers with competitions in divisions for men, women, junior/teen and tiny tots. The multiple dance categories include traditional, grass, fancy, fancy shawl and jingle dress. Although he was unable to attend this year's annual event, Earl Shelton '49 was honored with a ceremonial dance for his dedication to Native American culture and his support of The Native American Scholarship fund.



Remember Northwest in your will

You, too, can help to ensure that future generations of students benefit from Northwest's rich tradition of academic excellence by remembering Northwest in your will.

Contact Northwest's Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 or advance@nwmissouri.edu for more information.

Alumni chapter news

1. There was a great turnout – and ideal weather – at this year’s Central Iowa Northwest Alumni golf outing at Briarwood Golf Course in Ankeny, Iowa.

2. Terry Hamilton '72, Cindy Schreurs Hamilton '72, Janice Young Meyer and Jim Meyer '71, members of the Central Iowa Chapter, enjoyed an evening at the Iowa Cubs baseball game.

3. Larry Brown '62 and Jim Meadows '62 attended the Southern Iowa Chapter meeting in June to hear Dr. Bob Boerigter, Northwest’s director of athletics, give an update on Bearcat sports.

4. Kansas City Chapter members showed their support for Josh Lamberson, recipient of the Ken B. Jones Student Athlete of the Year Award, at the MIAA Spring Honors Banquet in Kansas City.

CENTRAL IOWA

The Central Iowa Chapter hosted a golf outing this summer at Briarwood Golf Course in Ankeny, Iowa, as well as a night at the Iowa Cubs baseball game. Chapter members also helped promote Northwest at the Iowa State Fair. For more information about upcoming Central Iowa Chapter activities, contact Nick Wallace '00, chapter president, at nicholas.wallace@smithbarney.com. ■

SOUTHERN IOWA

The Southern Iowa Chapter hosted a social in Creston, Iowa, in June with more than 60 alumni and friends attending. Dr. Bob Boerigter, Northwest’s director of athletics, was the special guest. The chapter also participated in several local parades during the summer. Several members returned to campus in September for a campus tour and a Bearcat football game. Anyone interested in this chapter’s activities should contact Joan Lynch Jackson '65 at (641) 785-2210. ■

KANSAS CITY

The Kansas City Chapter is pleased to provide Michelle Lauderback, a senior biological psychology major from Lee’s Summit, the chapter’s first \$500 scholarship. She was presented the scholarship at a reception honoring President Emeriti Dr. Robert P. Foster and his wife, Virginia. The reception, held at the new Northwest Kansas City Center in Liberty, welcomed the Foster’s to Kansas City as their new retirement home.

In May, the chapter added six new board members: Brian Stewart, Mike Gates '72, '73, Pat Maiorano '71, Joe Caraway '70, Ron Ives '62, Terry Day '65 and Loree Sheldon Gentry '94.

The chapter also supported Gentry in her fundraising efforts for the Leukemia Society.

In addition to its monthly “First Fridays” happy hours, the chapter members participated in several events this fall, including the Second Annual Chiefs/Broncos watch party at The Quaff in September and the Fall Classic at Arrowhead on Nov. 4. ■





DALLAS

The kickoff for the Dallas Chapter was June 23 at the Chammps Americana in Addison. Steve Sutton, Northwest's director of alumni relations, presented the chapter with its official banner and gavel in granting the charter to the new chapter. About 30 alumni attended the event, including Joe Zelenz '52, who also is a Northwest Alumni Association board member, as well as chapter officers Deb Tripp '92, '96 and Jennifer Fenner '03. During the meeting, the chapter started a scholarship fund, conducted a raffle and sold custom T-shirts to heighten excitement for the chapter. Many members expressed interest in giving their time toward community service in the Dallas area, so plans are being made for future volunteer events. ■

NEBRASKA/WESTERN IOWA

The monthly events continue for the Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter on Thirsty Thursday (the first Thursday of every month) at the Old Chicago Restaurant in downtown Omaha's Old Market area. Everyone is welcome, including current and former students, graduates, spouses, family and friends.

Chapter leaders request ideas for future events – even events outside of the immediate Omaha area. In the past few months, chapter leaders have been contacted by alumni in Beatrice and Lincoln, Neb., and Shenandoah and Sioux City, Iowa, as well as several other locations. If you are interested in helping with an event, please attend one of the regular monthly meetings in Omaha or e-mail dlnmw1985@yahoo.com. ■

BAND

Alumni Band Day was Sept. 2, and alumni gathered to visit friends and perform with the Bearcat Marching Band. The alumni joined the BMB for pregame and halftime performances. Jack Williams '74, '90 directed the combined bands. Chapter president Bill Williams '76 led the chapter's luncheon at the J.W. Jones Student Union. The Alfred E. Sergel III Scholarship was awarded to Matt Willis, a trumpet player from Grain Valley. The C. Ward Rounds Scholarship is close to endowment. The day ended with a barbecue social with the alumni, BMB seniors and Kappa Kappa Psi seniors. The chapter sends a sincere thank you to Director of Bands Carl Kling.

Band alumni also followed the BMB along the Homecoming parade route. ■

5. Former Northwest President Dr. Robert P. Foster and his wife, Virginia, were honored at a reception at the University's new Kansas City Center in Liberty.

6. Northwest senior Michelle Lauderback of Lee's Summit was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Kansas City Chapter.

7. Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations, presents Deb Tripp '92, '96, president of the Dallas Chapter, with the chapter gavel.

8. Members of the Dallas Chapter display the chapter's new banner. The chapter was chartered June 23.

9. Larry Brown '62, Judy Brown, Judy Hullman Kearns '64 and Allen Kearns '62 attended the Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter's Thirsty Thursday at Old Chicago Restaurant.

10. Brian Cornelius '99, Don Ferree '99, Caley Balentine and Eric Dunlop '88, members of the Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter, enjoyed the food, drink and socializing at the chapter's Thirsty Thursday event in downtown Omaha, Neb.

11. Carl Kling, director of the Bearcat Marching Band, Bill Williams '76 and Jack Williams '74, '90 enjoyed 2006 Band Alumni Day.

12. Bill Williams '76, Band Alumni president, congratulates Matthew Willis, the recipient of the Al Sergel Band Scholarship.

13. Members of the St. Joseph Chapter await the start of the Apple Blossom Parade aboard the centennial-themed Northwest float.

There are many reasons to join your alumni association

The Northwest Alumni Association wants you!



Cindy Pickerel, Jim Roach, Joan Lynch Jackson '65 and Mark Pickerel '76 broke out their cowboy boots and hats for this year's Summer Bash Alumni Reunion in St. Joseph.

Jonathan Miller '92, Paula Northup Miller '95 and Mark Stewart '03, '06 gave it their best shot at karaoke.

Reflecting back on my fond memories of Northwest, whether I was walking to a class in Colden Hall, preparing a float for Homecoming or cramming for a tough test, it seems that they occurred only yesterday. I'd bet many of you know exactly what I mean.

Those memories, a desire to connect with former classmates and an economical avenue to "give back" by volunteering my

time to promote Northwest were my initial reasons for becoming involved with the Northwest Alumni Association.

Are you wondering why you should become involved? There are many reasons.

First, there are 12 local alumni chapters that need and welcome your involvement. In addition, in 2006 there were nearly 200

alumni events, and if you were not able to attend an event last year, I hope time will allow you to do so in 2007. There is new awareness of alumni excitement on campus, and students have chartered Club Green, a Student Alumni Association that fosters an early connection to Northwest alumni during collegiate years. Also, an easy way to become involved is to nominate outstanding Northwest alumni through the annual Alumni Awards Program.

Visit the Northwest Web site specifically for alumni and friends at www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni. The site is being redesigned and will soon offer many new features to help you connect with your former classmates and stay informed about happenings at the University and with the Northwest Alumni Association.



Please trust me when I say the Northwest Alumni Association provides a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and develop new Bearcat friendships of all ages while promoting our great university.

The Office of Alumni Relations, the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the local alumni chapters continue to work together to strengthen the commitment to provide opportunities that foster lifelong relationships for the advancement of the University, alumni, future alumni and friends.

Please contact your local chapter or the Office of Alumni Relations at (660) 562-1248 or alumni@nwmissouri.edu and get involved today.

Sincerely,

Kay Thomas '71

President, Northwest Alumni Association



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MISSION:

The Northwest Missouri State University Alumni Association fosters lifelong relationships through initiatives and opportunities that advance the University and its alumni, future alumni and friends. The Office of Alumni Relations staff and Northwest Alumni Association leaders are committed to a set of core values that support our mission, dictate our decisions and focus our behavior.

Alaskan Cruise Scrapbook

After being invaded by 115 Bearcats, Alaska may never be the same.

In early June, the group of energetic Northwest alumni and friends cruised Alaska's Inside Passage as part of the Tourin' Bearcats program. Port stops during the eight-day excursion were in Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria, B.C.

Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, his wife, Aleta, and several of their family members accompanied the tour group. Hubbard also addressed the Bearcat travelers during a Northwest cocktail party aboard ship.

"This was by far the best turnout we've had for a Tourin' Bearcats trip," said Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations. "I'm excited there is renewed interest in Northwest alumni and friends coming together and spending their vacations with each other. Plans are in the works for several more travel opportunities in the near future."

For more information about upcoming Tourin' Bearcats trips, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248. ■



All Tourin' Bearcat travelers, including Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard, Bob Cotter '65 and Steve Sutton '71, director of alumni relations, were treated to a private reception aboard the ship.



Gathering for a formal dinner were Melissa Dyche Nelson, Lewis Dyche, Steve Andes '77, Janet Wyman Andes '69, Barbara Jane Alexander and Barbara Bosch Alexander '82, '86.



Dick '66 and Donna McLarney '69 Borchardt are all smiles as the ship cruises through the Tracy Arm Fjord.



Merle Pierce, Barb Pierce and Bonnie White Sutton '71, '96 enjoyed the scenery at Tracy Arm Fjord.



Linda Sperry, Bonnie White Sutton '71, '96, Kris Teale '91, John Teale '73, Carol Twaddle and Melvin Twaddle '54 visited a museum in Juneau.



Following the cruise, the Northwest crew loaded a bus and headed to the airport.

Alumni Awards call for nominations

Northwest is honoring outstanding individuals through its annual Alumni Association Awards program. Next year's event will be Friday, Sept. 21, 2007.

Your nominations are essential to the process. Individuals nominated should personify the University's tradition of excellence through their service and achievements.

Award Nomination Deadline – Feb. 15, 2007

Contact Brenda Untiedt, alumni relations specialist, for a nomination form at (660) 562-1248 or e-mail alumni@nwmissouri.edu.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Recognizes Northwest alumni for their exceptional professional and personal achievement and extraordinary distinction in their chosen field.

Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award

Recognizes a former faculty member for his or her outstanding teaching, service and/or research contributions at Northwest.

Distinguished Faculty Award

Recognizes a present faculty member for his or her outstanding teaching, service and/or research contributions at Northwest.

Honorary Alumni Award

Honors Northwest friends who have served, promoted and loved the University in the tradition of a loyal graduate.

Turret Service Award

Acknowledges a graduate or former student whose significant contributions of time and talents benefit and promote the University and the Northwest Alumni Association.

Young Alumni Award

Honors graduates of the last decade for their exceptional achievements in career, public service and/or volunteerism that bring honor to the University. ■

Hope you can join us on the next Tourin' Bearcats excursion!

Man on a mission

When Frank Bollinger '51 was a boy, doctors said he'd never be able to walk again. Later, doctors told him he'd never live to the age of 40. He proved them wrong on both counts. Rightly so, at age 78, Bollinger doesn't take life for granted. With more than 900 medals from competing in the Senior Olympics, he hasn't slowed down.

At 4 years of age, doctors gave Bollinger's parents the news that he had contracted the poliovirus.

"The whole right side of my body was pretty much paralyzed," Bollinger said. "The doctors said I wouldn't ever be able to walk again."

However, by the time Bollinger reached high school in Excelsior Springs, he was a four-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, baseball and track and field.

After high school graduation, a heart condition kept Bollinger from military duty during World War II. His doctor even told him he wouldn't live past the age of 40.

Bollinger, not willing to sit back and wait for the worst to happen, enrolled at Northwest where he majored in agriculture while competing

for legendary Coach Ryland Milner on the track team. Primarily a pole-vaulter, high-jumper and discus thrower, Bollinger was part of the 1949 and 1950 Hall of Fame teams that won both the indoor and outdoor conference titles.

After graduating from Northwest, Bollinger, who had since passed his Army physical, enlisted in the military and served for two years.

When Bollinger was relieved of his military duties, he and his wife settled in Excelsior Springs where they raised their five children. During that time, Bollinger remained active with hang gliding, scuba diving and competitive downhill skiing.

It wasn't until 1995 that Bollinger competed in his first Senior Olympic event in Kansas City.

"One of my friends asked me if I could still high jump," he said. "I said I thought I probably



could, and as it turned out, I set a record that first time."

Since then, there's been no slowing down and no looking back.

Bollinger has competed throughout the Midwest, attending about 10 events a year, racking up medals and making friends along the way.

"It's the friendships that make competing so much fun," he said. "Everybody tries like heck to win, but nobody gets mad when it's over. We just go out and try to win the next time."

Bollinger competes in many events, including the high jump, discus, hurdles, 100- and 200-meter dashes, pole vault and long jump. By practicing nearly every night, Bollinger has won about 930 medals.

"I'd really like to reach 1,000 medals before I quit doing this," he said. "In a couple of years I turn 80, and the competition thins out a little bit."

Jacqueline, his wife of 54 years, disagrees about his plans to hang up his cleats.

"He won't stop when he gets to 1,000," she said. "I don't believe that at all."

Bollinger admits the word "quit" may be easier to say than do, considering it's something he's refused to do his entire life.

"Well, the doctors told me I'd never walk again, and I beat that," Bollinger said. "Then they said I wouldn't live past 40, and I beat that, too. I'm proud of the accomplishments I've made to even be able to do what I'm doing, so I'm going to keep competing for as long as I can."

Whether Bollinger reaches the 1,000-medal mark isn't important. After all, he's defied the odds and is a champion of life. ■



(Above) Staying active and practicing daily in his backyard has enabled Bollinger to win nearly 1,000 Senior Olympics' medals.

(Top Right) Just as he did as a student-athlete, Bollinger winds up to throw the discus. Bollinger competed in the pole vault, high jump and discus for the 1949 and 1950 Northwest M-Club Hall of Fame track teams.

Bearcat Reflections

Jim Williams

SPORTS PLAYED AT NORTHWEST:

Football, golf, wrestling

GRADUATED: 1970, 1973

MAJOR: Physical education, master's in education

SPORTS MEMORIES: I came to Northwest with 40 freshmen on the football team, but by the time we were seniors there were only five of us left. Wrestling was the star attraction back then, and it always drew the biggest crowds. We were always a perennial threat to win the conference, and we regularly beat some of the bigger schools in the



Big 8 (now the Big 12) Conference. The teammates and people whom I met and became lifelong friends with provide the best memories.

SINCE GRADUATION: After graduation, I was a teacher and coached football and wrestling at Rock Falls (Ill.)



Three-sport athlete Jim Williams was an intimidating sight for his opponents during his playing days on the gridiron at Northwest. Following graduation, Williams played semi-professional football and was a teacher and coach. Today, he is retired and lives in St. Charles with his wife, Ruth Hallquist Williams '74.

High School for three years. During that time, I also played semi-professional football for the Rockford Rams and the Lake County Rifles. After that, I was a teacher and coach for 30 years at St. Charles High School. In my 17 years as the head football coach, we won more games (99) than any other coach in school history, and we won the Missouri 4A State Championship in 1982. That same year, I was named Missouri 4A Football Coach of the Year. I have been married for 33 years to Ruth Hallquist Williams '74, and we have two children, Jamie, 29, and Julie, 28.

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN ATHLETICS:

I've retired from coaching, but I still like to take in as many games as possible as a spectator. I go to as many high school, college and professional games as I can. I also golf regularly, hunt and fish. ■

Northwest women tee off

A new Northwest athletics team will swing into action for the first time during the 2007-08 season. The Northwest Board of Regents recently approved a proposal to add women's golf to the University's roster of intercollegiate sports.

"Expanding opportunities for competition within our region makes the addition of this sport very appropriate for us as we respond to the sustained interest that has been present on our campus," said Dr. Bob Boerigter, director of athletics.

Currently, Truman State, Missouri Western and Fort Hays State are the three other Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association schools that have women's golf.

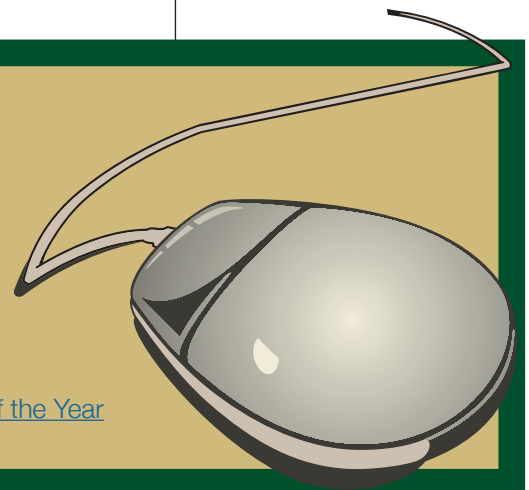
The addition of women's golf brings Northwest's total of intercollegiate sports to 17. ■

For the latest information on your favorite Bearcat sports team, visit

www.northwestbearcats.com

- ◆ Schedules
- ◆ News Releases
- ◆ Media Guides
- ◆ Rosters
- ◆ Statistics
- ◆ Ticket Information

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Class notes

1955

JACK AND JEAN JENSEN (ATTD. '54-'56) WIECHMANN ♦ celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 11 while traveling in Spain. They live in Omaha, NE.

1956

WELDON DOWDEN ♦ and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 1. Weldon worked for Phillips Petroleum Co. for 36 years. They live in Bartlesville, OK.

JAMES AND DONNA BROWN SNAPP celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 31. James started his career in the shipping industry in the Long Beach, CA, and Los Angeles harbors and retired as president and CEO of an international metals producing company in Long Beach. Donna was an art teacher in the Long Beach area. They live in Palm Desert, CA.

1962

JIM MEADOWS ♦ is a retired United Airlines captain and is now in the earthmoving construction business. His wife, Miriam, has retired from the American Chianina Association in Platte City and is now an accountant for Barker John Deere. They live in Indianola, IA.

1964

HAROLD AND CAROLE LININGER ('63, SPECIALIST '92) JOHNSON ♦ live in Savannah. Carole retired July 14 as associate director with Upward Bound Project Focus at Emporia State University after 17 years. They have two sons, Matthew and Christopher, a 1995 Northwest graduate. They have a granddaughter, Maryn, and a grandson on the way.

GENE PROBASCO is a contract technical writer after several years of

teaching speed communication in Missouri, New Mexico and Arizona. His current writing assignment is with the IT Department of US Airways.

1965

GEORGE GARCIA ♦ will retire from the Boulder Valley (CO) School District on July 31, 2007, after seven years with the district. He previously was superintendent of the Tucson (AZ) United School District. He and his wife, Mary, a retired school superintendent, have five children and eight grandchildren.

VINCENT PAOLILLO is director of graduate education programs at William Woods University. He retired in 2003 as executive director of school management with the St. Joseph School District. For the past three years he has been an adjunct professor at William Woods.

1967

JEAN MEADOWS ♦ AND **TYRA DALE WALKER (ATTD. '64-'66)** were former Roberta Hall roommates and Phi Mu sisters and recently continued their annual tradition by playing in the Rally for the Cure golf tournament in Bella Vista, AR, where they live.

JERRY (MASTER'S '72) AND GLENDA CLARIDAY (ATTD. '68-'70) NOBLE live in Chillicothe. Jerry taught for seven years and has been in sales since. Glenda is a CPA and a partner with Harden, Cummins, Moss and Miller LLC.

ROGER SCHLEGEL

♦ was captain of the 1966 Bearcat football team and president of the M Club and senior class. His son, Anthony Schlegel, was selected by the New York Jets in the third round and was the 71st pick overall in the 2006 NFL draft. Anthony was a two-year starter at Ohio State University.

1968

DWIGHT PIERSON (MASTER'S '74, SPECIALIST '88) was named the 2006-07 Iowa Superintendent of the Year. He has been superintendent of the Forest City (IA) Community School District since 1996 and will retire in June 2007.

1969

JAN SANDERS is director of information services at the Pasadena (CA) Public Library. She also is vice president/president-elect of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association.

1970

BARB MCAVOY DRAKE retired from the Maryville R-II School District in May after 34 years. She taught English, reading improvement, college survival, speech, debate and served as the library media specialist.

1971

KAREN BARNETT SOVEREIGN (MASTER'S '86) retired from the Maryville R-II School District in May. She taught English, speech, journalism and drama at the high school



Hoopsters reunite to remember playing days

Former Northwest basketball players and their wives (from left) Paul '63 and Ellen Davis '64 Lizzo, Jerry '62 and Barb Meznarich, and Don '63 and Sandra Drake recently reunited in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"It was so nice to catch up on what each of us had been doing and talk about our memories at Northwest," Drake said. "The rich tradition of Northwest basketball which we enjoyed was under the leadership of the great coach Marion Moss. Our day together had many good stories and memories of those great basketball years."

All three men had successful careers in education and coaching. ■

for 14 years. She began her teaching career in the Northeast Nodaway School District where she taught 17 years.

1972

KEITH SMITH (MASTER'S '87) ♦ retired from the Maryville R-II School District in May where he had taught classes such as American history, world geography, civics, frontiers, military geography, Civil War, regional geography and economics for the past 25 years.

1973

VIRGIL MOORE is director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He has worked with the department since 1979 in a variety of field research and management positions, most recently as fisheries chief.

SAM RATCLIFFE ♦

is retired but still teaches high school computer science and economics and coaches junior college and high school cross country and track teams. He was an officer in the U.S. Army Special Forces and a marketing representative with IBM.

1974

JOHN CONAGHAN is president of Old Republic Title Company of Kansas City. In 1987, he founded American Land Title.

JOE DRAKE (MASTER'S '86) retired from the Maryville R-II School District in May. He was with the district 32 years and taught physical education, health and drivers education. He coached wrestling, football and baseball and

plans to continue coaching wrestling.

1975

ART JABLONSKI ♦ is president of the board of directors of the Northern Trust Company of New York, which is a subsidiary of the holding company, The Northern Trust Company.

TOM NORRIS ♦

leads the Norris Design Group in Scottsdale, AZ, which has been named the top architectural firm in metropolitan Phoenix for 2006 by *Ranking Arizona* magazine.

MARILYN CORLETT OTTE ♦

retired from teaching third grade at Eugene Field Elementary School. She taught in the Maryville School District for 25 years.

LARRY RYNER

works for Securitas Security Services in Independence.

JOE THOMPSON

married Vicki Farrar on June 12. Joe works for Computer Task Group as a consultant. They live in Duluth, MN.

1977

ABE ABRAHAM (MASTER'S) is founder and CEO of CMI Management Inc. and was honored by the Minority Business & Professionals Network Inc. and named to its list of the "Fifty Influential Minorities in Business." He started CMI in 1989, providing maintenance and operations support to commercial, government and institutional facilities.

CHARLES EDWARDS

is director of packaging operations in St. Louis for

Sigma-Aldrich Corporation where he has worked for 19 years. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children, David, 26, Alexis, 7, and Elaine, 3. They live in Lake St. Louis.

DENNIS MCMEEKIN (MASTER'S)

was elected to the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association in July. He is the trainer at Sam Houston High School in Arlington, TX.

SARAH HUNTMAN REED ♦

is the president of Northland Medical Managers and is the coding reimbursement and compliance coordinator for Meritas Health Corporation, a subsidiary of North Kansas City Hospital. Sarah has been with Meritas for five years.

1978

DAVE COLT (MASTER'S) was awarded the National Athletic Trainers' Association College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year. He has been the head athletic trainer at Northwest since 1981 and is pursuing his educational doctorate from the University of Missouri.

1980

TRUDY SCOTT DORREL ♦ retired from the Northwest Technical School in May after 20 years. She has taught practical nursing and was the program coordinator.

1981

PHIL WRIGHT ♦ received the Missouri Inter-scholastic Press



Association's Administrator of the Year Award in April. He is the assistant superintendent in the Liberty School District.

1984

PAUL COLTON is the boys basketball coach at Frontenac (KS) High School. He was the head coach at Joplin High School from 2001 to 2005. Last year he was the freshman boys coach at Fayetteville (AR) High School while completing work on a master's degree.

TIM LANGRINE is the medical representative for the Island of Bikini in the Marshall Islands. He lives in Hawaii.

1985

DENNIS CROY is the principal at Tri-County R-7 High School in Jamesport. He taught agriculture at Gallatin High School since 1993. He and his wife have two children, Erin, a sophomore at the University of Missouri, and Kyle, a high school sophomore.



A group of Northwest landscapers and groundskeepers found a creative way to express their deeply rooted affection for the University's mascot.

For nearly five years, the men labored to create a topiary of Bobby Bearcat. That's right, a topiary – a statue made out of shrubbery.

During football season, the larger-than-life figure greeted fans at the entrance of Bearcat Stadium, its leafy paws thrust into the air like a referee signaling a touchdown.

The topiary started out as "just kind of a dream" that morphed into a project the men could work on indoors in rainy weather. ■

Keep in touch

As life changes, your classmates and friends want to know. Tell us what has been going on in your life by using the enclosed envelope or by e-mailing the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@nwmissouri.edu.

You may also submit a color photograph. Please include a self-addressed envelope for it to be returned or e-mail it (high resolution) to alumni@nwmissouri.edu. Photographs with children or pets will not be accepted. ■

KEVIN AND CARRIE CRAWFORD (MASTER'S '97) JAMES live in Ames, IA. Kevin is 2006 president of the Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association. He has served on the association's board of directors since 2000 and is employed by the city of Ames in the Parks and Recreation Department as golf course superintendent at Homewood Golf Course. Carrie is employed in the Ankeny (IA) School District.

MICHAEL AND KENNA MILLER ('84, '87) JOHNSON and their three daughters live in Greeley, CO. Mike is vice president of alumni relations at the University of Northern Colorado. Kenna is director of the Stryker Institute for Leadership Development and the Women's Resource Center, which serve non-traditional-aged college students.

KAREN WRAY retired from the Maryville R-II School District in May after 29 years. She taught seventh-grade language arts as well as exploratory classes.

1986

DAVID (MASTER'S '88, SPECIALIST '89) AND JILL HARRISON COX ♦ live in Gladstone with their children, Caroline, 11, and Richard, 9. David is a principal in the North Kansas City School District and finished his doctorate in May. Jill is a senior staff accountant with K and Company.

RICK AND SUSAN SVOBODA (ATTD. '84-'86) MARTIN live in the Twin Cities with their four children. Rick is head of private asset management with US

Bank. He earned an MBA from Creighton University and holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

BETH BAIER MAYNES teaches at Heartland Christian School in Council Bluffs, IA. Her husband, Jim, is a plant operator with the City of Council Bluffs. They live in Treynor, IA, with their children, Elissa, 15, and Justin, 13. Last year, Elissa went through chemotherapy and surgery for Ewings Sarcoma and is now cancer free.

SANDY WOLBERT SEIPEL (MASTER'S '92) is the high school principal in the Northeast Nodaway School District. She and her husband, Chris, have three children, Brad, 17, Matthew, 15, and Jenny, 10.

1987

AL HASTINGS (MASTER'S) is the technology coordinator with Charles City (IA) Community Development. He retired from the Charles City Community School District in 2004 after serving as the district's technology coordinator for 17 years.

KATHY ARMSTRONG PANTZAR was named teacher of the year at the Katy (TX) Independent School District.

EUGENE STILLMAN is the interim director of community engage-



ment at the University of Central Missouri. He has been with Central for 16 years, starting as an admissions representative and then moving to campus advocate for students in 1995.

1989

SANDI HOCAMP-SIEDELMANN was remarried July 15. She and her husband, Ron, live in Exira, IA, and have two daughters, Elizabeth Rose and Elizabeth Grace, 15. Sandi is a special education teacher in the Exira (IA) Community School District.

DIANA DRENON JOHNSON (MASTERS '89) retired from Maryville Middle School in May. She has been with the district 11 years. She has taught middle school family and consumer sciences for the past 10 years. She and her husband, Jim, have moved to Houston, TX, where he has accepted a teaching position at Houston Baptist University.

KENT PORTERFIELD (MASTER'S '92) ♦ is vice president for student development at Saint Louis University.



1990

LINDA STEFFEN POORE (MASTER'S '06) is a third-grade teacher in the Clarinda (IA) School District. She and her husband, Jon, live in Clarinda, IA, with their children, Lindsey, 13, and Jacob, 9.

1991

SHANNON MILLER BINGHAM and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Tobin Richard on April 15, 2005. He joins Ethan, 3.

SHAUN PRICHARD announces the birth of Emmalynn. Shaun is the executive officer of Solano Local Agency Formation Commission in Fairfield, CA.

JUAN RANGEL is director of business development for Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City. He previously was an executive partner for HarmonyNCCJ. He and his wife, Yvonne, have one son, Juanito, 3.

JOHN SAYRE ♦ is a captain in the North Kansas City Fire Department where he has been employed for 11 years. He lives in Kansas City with his wife, Shelly, and their four children.

JENNIFER GALLOP SMITH and her husband, Donovan, announce the birth of Alexander Donovan on March 17. He joins Amanda, 10, and Jordan, 7. Jennifer is a teacher of gifted and talented students in the West Platte R-II School District. She also is pursuing a master's degree. They live in Parkville.

RON (ATTD. '85-'89) AND MARILYN LANGFORD SNYDER announce the birth of Savannah Madalyn on Feb. 3. She joins Jeremiah. Ron works in the distributor division at the Mi-T-M Corporation, and Marilyn is an administrative assistant at the National Missis-

Defending the rights of all Americans

Brett Shirk '90, '92 proudly wears an American flag on the lapel of his suit. It's not uncommon, however, for critics to question why he, of all people, wears the pin – especially considering the organization he leads has defended such controversial groups as the Ku Klux Klan, Nazis, communists and atheists.

"It's my flag as much as anyone else's," Shirk said. "This flag represents the views of all Americans."

As executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas and Western Missouri, Shirk is accustomed to answering questions about his patriotism.

"I get mail from conservatives and progressives," said Shirk, who has held the top position at the ACLU for a year. "It doesn't bother me, even when someone writes to say that 'the Supreme Court of the Universe will take me down.'"

According to Shirk, the mission of the ACLU is to protect the United States' Constitution and the Bill of Rights and to preserve the liberties of all American citizens, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious belief or political viewpoint.

"We defended the KKK at the same time we worked to stop lynching in the South," he said. "We're defending the free speech rights of Fred Phelps at the same time we're defending the free speech rights of gay and lesbian activists."

Shirk has studied history in graduate school, earned a law degree and worked in local Missouri politics (for progressive Democrats and conservative Republicans, he points out). But another experience also impacted his career and personal

beliefs – living and working in the People's Republic of China.

"I really wanted to know what it was like to live in an autocratic police state," Shirk said. "Living in China for two years made a huge difference on how I view what it means to be free. If you really want to know what freedom is and what freedom isn't, try living under a totalitarian regime for awhile."

This life-changing experience prepared Shirk to speak passionately about the constitutional freedoms of United States citizens, a task he performs daily as the chief spokesman for the ACLU affiliate he represents.

"Regardless of the criticism and controversy, I remain a constant optimist," Shirk said. "If you don't believe things will get better, you can't do this job. Imagine if Martin Luther King hadn't believed we could be a better nation? Where would we be today?"

With a full-time staff of just two people, Shirk is the office's chief fundraiser and membership chairman and works with a group of 20 attorneys who provide pro bono legal services.

"It's not always about the client or even their message we're defending," he said. "It's about protecting every citizen's right to live on an equal basis in a free nation. I enjoy waking up each morning knowing that I'm defending something much bigger than myself or the ACLU or any of us. I'm defending the Bill of Rights, the very foundation of freedom in our country." ■



Brett Shirk '90, '92, executive director of the ACLU of Kansas and Western Missouri, lines his office walls with portraits of many civil rights activists including Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy.

sippi River Museum and Aquarium. They live in Dubuque, IA.

CONNIE JEAN KNOTT TATE (MASTER'S '97) works in the bulk commodities division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the Farm Service Agency in Kansas City. She retired in March 2004 as a captain with the Air National Guard after 22 years. She can be contacted at (816) 926-3852.

1992

LISA GRUENLOH is director of communications for Infilaw, a law school consortium in Naples, FL.

LORI JOHNSON (MASTER'S) is coordinator of evangelism and volunteers at the First United Methodist Church in McPherson, KS. She also is a licensed Kindermusik educator.

LAURIE LANDSNESS

married Justin Besco on April 29. They live in Osceola, IA. She works for Southwestern Community College in Creston, IA.



1993

JULIAN BROWN is interim head football coach at Westover (NC) High School. He has been the defensive coordinator there the past two years and has been on the staff for four years.

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GINA GRUHN ♦ and Randy Hurley were married Oct. 15, 2005. Gina is vice president of sales and account management with Medco in Franklin Lakes, NJ. Randy works in commercial and residential real estate in Madison, NJ. They live in Convent Station, NJ, and can be reached at gruhng@aol.com.

JAMES AND LESLIE HAGAN ('94, '98) **WEST** ♦ announce the birth of Hagan Alexander on May 11. He joins Richley, 6, and Christian, 3. James is a senior account manager with Velociti Inc., and Leslie is a part-time gifted teacher in the Park Hill School District. They live in Kansas City.

1994
ERIN ALBRIGHT and Paul Milek were married May 11 in Winter Park, FL. Erin is a marketing manager at Aramark at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, and Paul is a courier with FedEx. They live in Sanford, FL.

BECKY DEYOUNG COLWELL ♦ is a nursing recruiter with Avila University. Her husband, Paul, is the assistant principal/athletic director at Turner USD 202. They live in Lenexa, KS, with their two children, Bennett, 3, and Katelyn, 2.

TYLER EDWARDS is dean of students and head varsity boys basketball coach at Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll, IA. He also coaches middle school football. He and his wife, Edie, have three children, Dylan, 12, Drew, 7, and Dawson, 4.

ROGER HUGHLETT won first place for best local column in the Maryland Delaware D.C. Press Association's 2005 Editorial Contest. He is news editor of the *Washington Business Journal* and lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Zahra Safavian.

JAMIE MCMURPHY is an assistant principal at Rocky Heights Middle School in Douglas County, CO.

ANDY AND JILL DRAPER ('01) **SEELEY** announce the birth of Morgan Elizabeth on May 2. Andy is the assistant sports information director at the University of Utah, and Jill is a staffing manager for Ajilon Office in Salt Lake City, UT.

DANNY WESTHOFF and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth of Ella on July 30, 2005. She joins a sister, Taylor. Danny has been in the telecom industry for 11 years in Kansas City and is a network specialist for Inter-tel. Nicole is a Realtor with Reece and Nichols Realtors.

1995
TOM COLE (MASTER'S '97) is a business development manager with S.M. Wilson



& Co., a Kansas City area commercial contracting firm. He leads the firm's business and economic development initiatives. He received the Ec.D. designation from the International Economic Development Council. Fewer than 60 people

worldwide have earned this designation. He lives in Liberty.

JEREMY GUMP announces the birth of a son, Preston. Jeremy is a senior manager at Ernst & Young and owns a horse farm in Michigan.

ANNE HARTER (MASTER'S '97) teaches ninth-grade language arts in the Shenandoah (IA) Community School District. She lives in Red Oak, IA, with her three sons.

CHRIS HOLT is the head football coach at Maryville R-II High School. He coached at Princeton High School the past two seasons.

RYAN O'ROURKE and his wife, Lindy, announce the birth of Autumn Grace on June 30. She joins Ashley. They live in Independence.

HEATHER HAMLIN PETERSON is an elementary school counselor in Stockton, CA.

ROB REDMAN has his own legal practice in Kansas City.

MELISSA MEGERSON UNRUH is in the process of adopting a daughter. She works at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid in Kansas City.

1996
DARIN AND BILLIE BOWMAN BERGMANN announce the birth of Calvin Arden Lee on Dec. 20, 2005. He joins Trevin, 4. Darin is employed with the Principal Financial Group, and Billie is an IT senior test lead with John Deere Credit. They live in Waukee, IA.

THERESA CULLEN (MASTER'S '99) graduated in July with

a Ph.D. in instructional systems technology and a minor in science education from Indiana University. She is now an assistant professor in the instructional psychology and technology program at the University of Oklahoma. She can be contacted at tacullen@gmail.com.

KIMBERLY ZOOK HO and her husband, Gordon, announce the birth of Stella Rose and Maxwell Joseph on June 30. Kimberly is owner/president of You're Invited Wedding and Event Planning. Gordon is owner/president of Innovative Solutions Consulting Group. They live in Overland Park, KS.

MATT AND DANIELLE PILLOW JOHNSON ('98)

announce the birth of Brooklyn Sierra on May 31. She joins Hunter. They live in Maryville.

PAUL AND TERRI GILLISPIE ('95) KEMNA

announce the birth of Riley Jane on April 18. Paul is in management with Scholastic Inc., and Terri teaches biology in the Neosho R-5 School District. They live in Neosho.

KEVIN AND DARCY MICKELSON ('95) MARET

live in O'Fallon with their son, Alexander, 2. Kevin is assistant director of bands and director of percussion studies at McKendree College in Lebanon, IL. In addition to teaching, he assists with the



Marching Bearcat Band, specifically the drum line, and is in charge of the McKendree Pep Band.

CODY AND MELISSA NEWMAN (MASTER'S '99)

have opened C & G Education Station in Maryville, a one-stop shop for educational supplies. They named the store after their two children, Cade, 2, and Gabriella, 3. Cody also works in the community relations office at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services in Maryville.

NICOLA HENSLER RICCI is a clinical and outpatient dietitian with the U.S. Federal Government. She lives in Ann Arbor, MI.

1997

HEATHER BADER DOYLE and her husband, Brett, have two children. Brandon Xavier is 2, and their daughter was born Jan. 16. They live in O'Fallon.

SCOTTE HANSEN is the director of youth and children's ministry at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. His wife, Annie, is a teacher at Christ Kids Childcare. They live in Lincoln, NE.

SCOTT PUMMELL

is sports editor of the *St. Joseph News-Press*. He has been with the *News-Press* for 12 years and has been the assistant city editor the past five years.

RYAN WYLLIE

and Kelly Hallihan were married Aug. 13, 2005, in Des Moines,



IA. Kelly is a seventh-grade teacher in the Johnston (IA) Community School District and is completing a master's degree. Ryan is an environmental scientist at MWH in Des Moines, IA. They live in Urbandale, IA.

TODD AND JENNIFER ROSBOROUGH ('98) ZYMBALL announce the birth of Sydney Nicole on Feb. 2. She joins Courtney Michele, 3. They live in Shawnee, KS.

1998

COLLEEN COOKE (MASTER'S '05)

is the director of communication at Bishop Miege High School in Fairway, KS.

JANA CRAIN

is an account supervisor at Bernstein-Rein Advertising Inc. in Kansas City.

KEVIN GERMAN

and Erin Russell were married March 31 in Scottsdale, AZ. They live and work in Chicago, IL.

KIMBERLY LINVILLE (MASTER'S '00)

and Jeffery Archer were married June 17 in Excelsior Springs. Kimberly is a fourth-grade teacher at Prairie Point Elementary in the Park Hill School District, and Jeff owns the Kansas City branch of Critter Control, a wildlife damage control business. They live in Kansas City.

TYE PARSONS

is the executive director of the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments in Maryville.



He previously was the assistant director of the Missouri-Kansas Regional Planning Commission in St. Joseph.

AMY SHUTT REIMAN

and her husband, Brad, announce the birth of Gabriel Luke on Jan. 3. He joins Noah Bradley, 4. Amy is a licensed marketing assistant/administrative assistant with Clay County Farm Bureau. Brad teaches sixth grade at Spencer (IA) Community Schools. They live in Spencer, IA.

PEGGY SKROH

and David Kretz were married Feb. 28 in Las Vegas, NV. Peggy is in sales with American TV and Appliance, and David is manager of American TV and Appliance. They live in Madrid, IA.

MICHAEL SMITH (MASTER'S)

is the women's basketball assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. He previously was head coach at Moberly Area Community College where he recorded a 102-34 overall record. He and his wife, Melanie, live in Little Rock, AR, with their son, Cooper.

ROD (ATTD.) AND AMY MOUTRAY (MASTER'S '05) WOLF

announce the birth of Delaney Rae on May 2. She joins Alexandra, 3. Amy is a math teacher in the North Andrew School District in Rosendale, and Rod is a computer technician for Herzog Contracting in St. Joseph. They live in Barnard.



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Straight from a Student:

10 things you should do your freshman year
... at least according to Curtis Dedman



With his chest painted and a megaphone in hand, sophomore Curtis Dedman and his friends transform into ultimate Bearcat football fans on game day.

1 Wear something crazy to a Bearcat football game, or to all of them. One must look crazy to act crazy for the Bearcats.

2 Feast on the buffet at Pagliai's. It's a great place for pizza, and their pasta and side dishes are my favorite.

3 Keep everyone awake during finals week by blast-

ing the Backstreet Boys from your room. Playing the Backstreet Boys at anytime is funny, but during finals week it really lightens the stressful mood.

4 Build a loft to save space, and then try not to fall out of it. This happened to me, and I nearly broke my hand and spent the rest of the year sleeping on my futon.

5 Get your groove on at Shindigg. It's a rip-roaring good time! It's a country dance where they play everything from the Electric Slide to the theme from "Space Jam."

6 Order Domino's pizza to be delivered ... across the street from the restaurant.

7 Eat the "Pounder" at K & T Bar and Grill in Parnell. A whole pound of beef on a bun is always a challenge.

8 Get to know all of your floor mates. Networking is the best thing you can do now, and you may need their help in the future. If not, you have some lifelong friends.

9 Go to a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting. You may not be a Christian, but Crusade meetings aren't just for Christians, they are for anyone who wants to attend. You can sing, watch people make fools of themselves and listen to a different speaker every week.

10 Go to the Toolbox. Come hang out, watch movies or play games.

Curtis Dedman is a sophomore at Northwest. He is currently undecided on his major, but said he is leaning toward broadcasting. Dedman is involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and intramural sports. He also is a resident assistant and a DJ at X106.

He spent last summer participating in the Juneau Men's Summer Project. He worked for Alaska Travel Adventures booking kayaking and rafting tours. He also worked as a shore representative and participated in community outreach. ■

1999 BARRY AND STACY SANCHELLI ('00) AUDSLEY announce the birth of Anthony Michael on Aug. 18, 2005. Barry is a software engineer at Sprint Nextel in Overland Park, KS, and Stacy teaches middle school English at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner, KS.

KIM BUCHAN works for MasterCard in Reykjavik, Iceland, and will be pursuing a graduate degree in London next year.

RANCE AND BRYLIE BURCH ('00) CARLSON live in Liberty. Rance received an MBA from Avila University and is an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments in Liberty. Brylie has a master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and is the manager of human resources with Service Management Group in Kansas City. They are expecting their first child in March.

STEVEN FARIBORZ and his wife, Tracey, announce the birth of twin boys, Andres and Brendan, on June 21. Steven is a video editor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Multimedia Technology Services and freelances for the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals Jumbotron crews.

JENNIFER REYNOLDS HARE and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of Andrew on March 21. He joins Kate, 2. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom,

and Tim is a tile installer. They live in Omaha, NE.

MISTY CAMPBELL MAUZEY (MASTER'S '01) and her husband, Rich, announce the birth of Mattingly on Feb. 1. She joins Jeter, 2. Misty is a math teacher and head girls' track coach in the St. Joseph School District. Rich is in sales with Pepsi Americas. They live in St. Joseph.

JERRY NEVINS announces the birth of a son, Sawyer. Jerry works for State Farm Insurance.

LARA SCHULENBERG SMITH

completed the Summer Programme in English Literature through the University of Oxford. She attended Oxford on scholarship through the English Speaking Union-Kansas City branch. Lara teaches English in the Belton School District.

WADE AND LINDA MCCAMPBELL ('00) STERLING

live in Fayette with their son, Cale. Linda completed a Ph.D. in sport psychology/sports studies from the University of Kansas in 2005. She is an assistant professor of psychology at Central Methodist University. Wade is an area manager with Countrywide Specialty Lending Group.

2000**SARAH GOWDY FRINK**

announces the birth of Hannah Renae on April 6. Sarah is a store manager for Safeway in Medford, OR.

KEVIN KING

is the 6 p.m. news producer at KSDK News Channel 5 in St. Louis. He previously was at KWCH 12 in Wichita, KS, producing the 10 p.m. news.

THOMAS KIRKLAND AND KELLY PIERSON ('02, '03)

were married July 23, 2005, in Maryville. They live in Columbia.

SUZETTE REED (MASTER'S '05)

is a high school math teacher and assistant coach for cross country and girls' track in the Clarinda (IA) Community School District. She and her husband, Robert, have two children, Kennedy, 3, and Kaleb, 3.

BOB RICE ♦

announces the birth of a son, Alex. Bob is with the public defenders office in Chillicothe.

JULIE TREADMAN

is an account executive at FLSCONnect specializing in voter/constituent communication. Julie has been with the Republican National Committee in Washington since 2000.

2001**TOBIE RANDALL BOHANNON**

is the preschool teacher in the Nodaway-Holt R-VII School District and provides the Parents as Teachers services.

BECKY KONDRAS BRIGGS

is an internship coordinator for probation and parole in Kansas City.

JAMIE BRITZ DROEGE

and her husband, Ryan, announce the adoption of a son, Samuel. He was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on July 27, 2005, and was welcomed home May 23, 2006. In addition, they announce the birth of Andrew on May 1. Jamie is a kindergarten teacher in the Harrisonville School District. They live in Harrisonville.

SCOTT MAGDZIAK ♦

graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School in May 2005 and is a commercial real estate lawyer with Posinelli Shelton Welte Suelthaus PC in Kansas City.

KATHERINE PHILLIPS NOVAK

is a legal counsel in the Labor Relations Division of Union Pacific. She and her husband, Grant, live in Omaha, NE.

JARED WATSON

completed a master's degree in pastoral counseling at Boston University in May and is completing another master's degree in criminal justice from BU.

ERIN GILMORE WILLIAMS

received a master's degree in human service agency management from Lindenwood University. She is the executive director for the Wentzville Chamber of Commerce.

CHRISTINE EAGAN WOLF

is a clinical laboratory scientist at Tampa (FL) General Hospital in the Molecular Diagnostics Lab.

2002**ZACK BOMAN**

teaches high school in North Kansas City.

JENNY GIFFIN DAVEY ♦

and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Ledger Robert on April 3. He joins Landon, 2. Jeff is the internet sales manager at Cecil Myers Mitsubishi, and Jenny is the campaign manager for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They live in St. Joseph.

KERRY FINNEGAN

and Justin Wise were married Aug. 18. Kerry is a project associate for the Central Iowa Tobacco-free Partnership, and Justin is an intern pastor and attends seminary. They live in West Des Moines, IA.

TROY FORBES (MASTER'S)

and his wife, Tethnie, are assistant coaches for the Lake Superior State University men's and women's basketball programs. They previously were the assistant coaches at Elmhurst College in Illinois for four years.

JACOB GREEN

is a naval designer. He works on the design of stealth ships at General Dynamics in Maine.

LESLEY HOSTETTER

and Nathan Martin were married June 10, 2005, in Kansas City. Lesley teaches in the North Kansas City School District, and Nathan is employed at the Cheesecake Factory. They live in North Kansas City.

BRIANNE KIGER HUNTER

and her husband, Jared, announce the birth of Wyatt James on March 4. Brianne teaches social studies in the Northeast Nodaway School District, and Jared is the sign shop manager at Northwest. They live in Maryville.

MELISSA BARRY MULLOCK

is moving back to Maryville with her husband and daughter, Morgan, who was born in February.

MARIO (ATTD '00-'02) AND PRECIOUS TILLMAN PORRAS

were married in October 2003. Precious is the program associate of the Multicultural Resource Center at the University of Kansas.

TRU-KECHIA SMITH

is a transitional case manager for the Kansas City Health Department working with incarcerated prisoners with HIV.

COURTNEY JACOBSEN WATSON

earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University in May.

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BRETT WELLHAUSEN AND MELISSA GIZA ('03)

were married July 30, 2005, in Creston, IA. Brett works for Wellhausen Farms and Feedlots and is involved in farming and cattle feeding. Melissa is an auditor with the Iowa State Auditor's office. They live near Clarinda, IA.



SARA HENKE WHITE

and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of Isabella Gracelee on June 28. She joins Chandra, Travis, Garrett, Alexandra and Julianna.

CASEY WICKSTROM

is in the master's program in rhetorical communication at Ball State University. He also announces the arrival of a son in February.

2003

MICHAEL BISSEN AND LAURA GEORGE

were married June 3. Michael is employed with the Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, and Laura is employed at State Street Bank and Trust, Kansas City.

ERIC HOPP

is a licensed sales representative with Rick Hopp Agency at American Family Insurance in St. Joseph.

JENNIFER SPRECKELMEYER MEYER ♦

and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of Ean Miles on April 16. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom, and Tim farms. They live in Maryville.

NICOLAS VASQUEZ (MASTER'S '04)

and Lindsey Scheib were married July 8 in Oregon, MO. Nic is a vocal music teacher in the Maryville R-II School District. Lindsey is pursuing a bachelor's degree in vocal music education at Northwest. They live in Maryville.

SCOTT WINKLER AND NICOLE BAXLEY ('04)

were married Oct. 8, 2005, in Salisbury. Scott farms and is a Pioneer Seed dealer. Nicole is the advertising manager at the *Salisbury Press-Spectator*. They live in Salisbury.



KELLI ZONA

is a retail credit analyst at Mercedes-Benz Financial in Irvine, CA.

2004

KRISTI ALLEN

has begun her MPA program at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She works in the Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney's office in Maryville.

JENNIFER BAUMLI

and Travis Roderick were married July 16, 2005, in Maryville. Jennifer is a children's service worker with the state of Missouri, and Travis is employed with Leaverton Auto. They live in Maryville.

CHRISTY FORNEY

is grants administrator for the Maryville Department of Public Safety.

DANIEL HARDING

received the Missouri National Guard Long Service Ribbon in honor of his fifth year of service from the Headquarters Service Battery of the 1st Battalion 129th Field Artillery.

ADAM AND VALERIE LEMKE HUNT

were married July 7, 2004. Adam is a preschool teacher at ABC Development Center, and Valerie is the associate director of development for the University of Northern Colorado Foundation Inc.



SARAH WHITHORN PEARSON

is chair of the elementary/middle school foreign language program at Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools. Her husband, Matthew, is a youth director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Papillion, NE.

KRISTEN RHODES

is director of marketing with the North American Bison Cooperative, the nation's leading bison producer.

NICHOLAS WRAY AND SARAH STIENS ('06)

were married June 4, 2005, in Maryville. Nicholas is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at Northwest and is a counselor in the South Nodaway School District. Sarah is a teller at US Bank. They live in Maryville.

SARAH RICE WOODWARD ♦

is working in the Washington office of Rep. Sam Graves as a scheduler/tour director.

2005

SEAN BERGER

is an interactive designer/programmer at Bernstein-Rein Advertising Inc. in Kansas City.

CHRISTY POWELL ENDRESS

is the human resources generalist at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Lenexa, KS.

ADAM GILLESPIE

has completed his first year at St. Louis University Law School and is beginning work on a master's degree in health administration. He is a law ambassador at SLU and gives tours to prospective law students.

JAMI LONGENECKER HUCKEBA

is an administrative assistant at Canyon Hills Community Church in the Seattle area.

RORY JACKSON

and Heather Wiederholt were married Oct. 22, 2005, in Maryville. Rory is a counselor in the North Andrew School District and is pursuing a master's degree. Heather is enrolled in the medical assistant program at Vatterott College in St. Joseph.

JORDAN ORSCHELN

is a youth specialist with the state of Missouri working with delinquent sex offenders. He will travel to China next year to teach English.

BRANDON RIDDER

is a programmer analyst with Rural Sourcing Inc. in Rock Port.

GRANT VENABLE

and Rachel Taylor were married July 9 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Grant works at the University of Missouri.

2006**LINDSAY BLOHN**

is deputy communications director for the Pete Ricketts for Senate campaign in Nebraska.

LYDIA DOMBROWSKI

is a residential rehabilitation specialist with Community Alliance in Omaha, NE.

SCOTT HARVEY

is the vocal music teacher at the high school and middle school in the Hannibal Public School District.

CASSIE VORTHMANN

and Brian Reed were married May 20 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Cassie plans to attend nursing school, and Brian is employed with Nodaway Township in Burlington Junction.

In Memoriam

ANNIE LOGAN AVERILL '46

79, died Sept. 2, 2005, in Winston-Salem, NC. She was a teacher prior to her marriage and was a Navy wife and mother.

ROGER BRITTON '78

49, died July 2 in Ogden, IA. He retired in 1999 from teaching due to ALS.

WILLIAM BROWN '58

74, died July 25 in Urbandale, IA. He retired in 1985 as president and CEP of Western International, a worldwide producer of lawn and garden equipment.

JOHN CARPENTER '77

51, died May 23 in St. Joseph. He was vice president of technical affairs with Phoenix Scientific from 1991 to 2005.

JOHN COX '38

90, died May 25 in Iowa City, IA. He retired in 1985 after 27 years in the admissions office at the University of Iowa.

LARRY DOWNING '67

62, died July 11 in Raymore. He spent 37 years at Consolidated District No. 4 in Grandview as an English teacher, administrator and hearings administrator.

FREIDA ABPLANALP**ELWICK '49**

92, died June 2 in Belton. She was a teacher in the

Worth County R-III School District for more than 40 years.

MARY ANN SCHOOLER FARRENS '47

77, died May 13 in St. Joseph. She taught 44 years before her retirement.

MARILYN FRIZZELL '61

67, died May 1. She was a kindergarten teacher in the North Kansas City School District for 33 years, retiring in 1994.

GLADYS GRUBB GAMEL '63

85, died Aug. 21 in Hopkins. She taught for 40 years, the last 25 in the North Nodaway School District.

ANN EICKHOLT HEFLIN '84

53, died April 20 in Maryville. She was an LPN at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville for 16 years.

BETTY HUTSON HUBBARD '52 (HORACE MANN)

71, died April 27. She was employed with the former Sisters Hospital in St. Joseph until 1973 when she left to help run the family farm.

CATON LAKE '39

95, died June 20 in St. Joseph. He had lived in Lake Jackson, TX, most of his life. He was a math consultant in the Brazosport Independent School District in Freeport, TX, and Brazosport College

divisional chairman in Lake Jackson, TX. He retired in 1975.

JESSE MASTERS '57

75, died Dec. 11, 2005. He retired as an executive with Hartford Insurance Co.

WAYNE MCQUERRY '49

83, died April 21 in Orange, CA. He became a Navy pilot in 1945 and retired as commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1980. He was a communications specialist at North American Aviation, which later became Rockwell International. He worked on Apollo and space shuttle projects, retiring in 1990 after 30 years.

EVELYN MEEK MCWILLIAMS '57

92, died Feb. 2 in Englewood, CO.

VERNELLE BAUER O'MALLEY '45

82, died March 28 in Jefferson City. She was a homemaker.

ALETHA ROGERS PITTS '58 (HORACE MANN '55)

68, died April 30 in Maryville. She taught in Rosendale and was a substitute teacher in the Maryville School District for many years.

MILDRED HOOKER RENSCH '66

86, died June 16 in Kansas City. She was

a homemaker and a retired teacher from the Chillicothe R-II School District.

CAROL CUMMINGS SKOGLUND '57

87, died May 18 in Maryville. She retired from the St. Joseph School District, having taught for 34 years.

JAMES SMELTZER

69, died July 9 in Maryville. He retired from Northwest in 2003 as a professor of physics and was the former adviser of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

ROBERTA UTTERBACK '39

91, died May 1 in Greenville, MI. She taught in public schools in Missouri, Denver, CO, and Saginaw and Ann Arbor, MI. She retired in 1979 from Ohio State University where she was an associate professor of education for 35 years.

MORRIS WALTON '50

85, died May 27 in St. Joseph. He taught in Amity, Fillmore and Faucett and retired in 1980 as librarian at Savannah High School.

WILLIAM YAUCH '52

died April 5 in Batesville, AR. He was retired from a managerial career at Batesville White Line and Jayco Construction.

Let us know

If you learn of the death of a Northwest graduate, please submit in writing or via news clipping the name of the deceased (and maiden name, if appropriate), year(s) of graduation from Northwest, date of death, age, city of death, city of residence and a brief listing of accomplishments. In addition, submit your relationship to the deceased and your daytime telephone number to the Office of Alumni Relations, 800 University Dr., Maryville, MO 64468-6001, fax to (660) 562-1990 or e-mail alumni@nwmissouri.edu. No pictures please. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity. ■

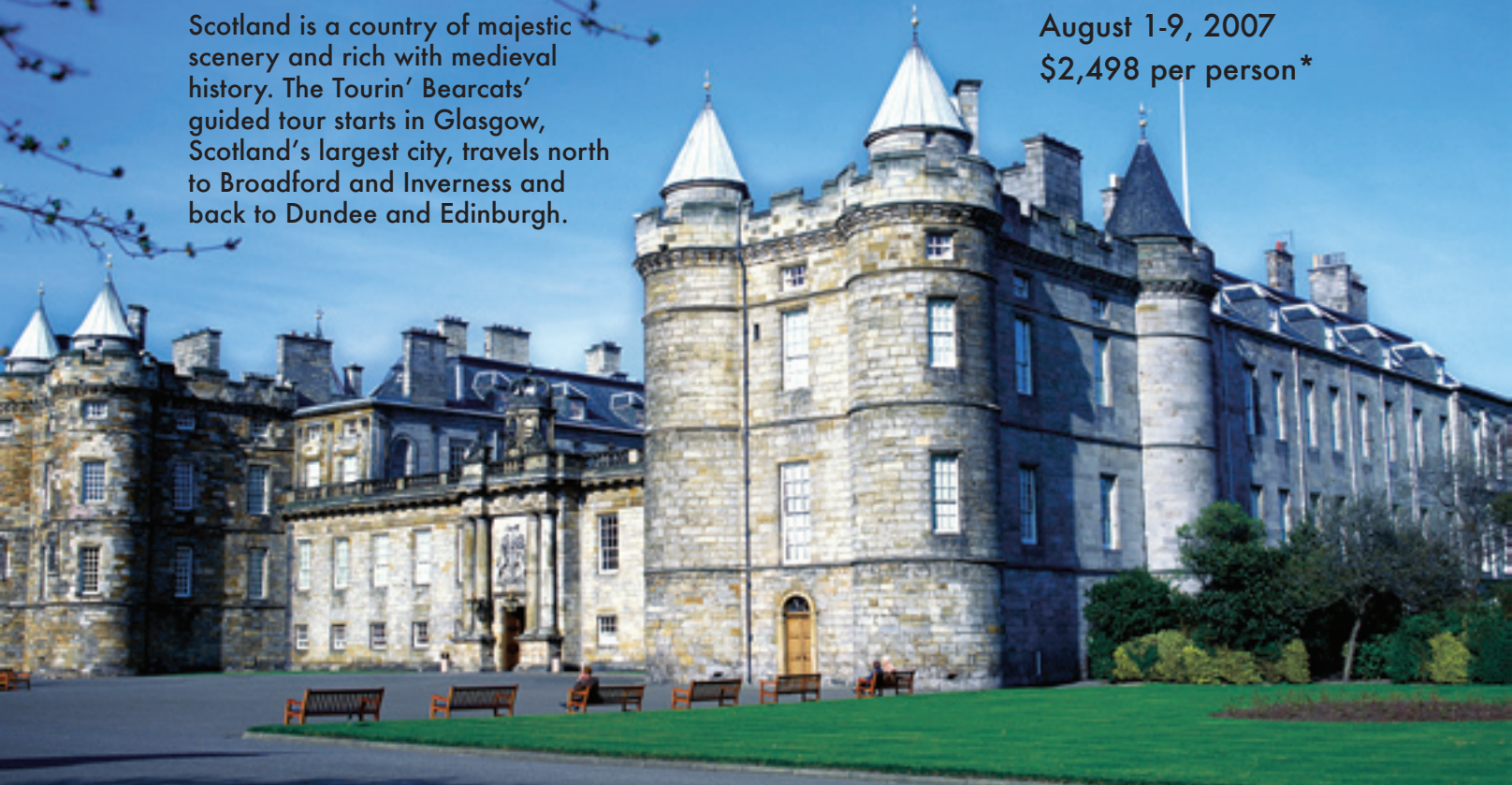
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 - Guided tour of the World Heritage Site at New Lanark

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