

Students prepare for cutting-edge ag industry

Agriculture has been in a technological revolution since mankind was ejected from the Garden of Eden. In the beginning, agricultural innovation progressed slowly, but recent developments in biotechnology, geospatial science and computer engineering have thrust the industry onto the cutting edge of technological and scientific advance.

About a century ago, half the U.S. population was actively engaged in farming. Today, less than 2 percent of Americans make their living directly from agricultural production, with another 13 percent employed in agricultural processing and marketing industries. Although human investment in agriculture has dramatically decreased, productivity has grown exponentially. The self-cleaning steel plow that revolutionized farming in the 1800s has given way to auto-steer equipment. Traditional row crops, such as corn and soybeans, are being supplemented with bioenergy and biopharmaceutical crops. Those actively engaged in agriculture are entrusted with the monumental task of sustainably producing environmentally conscious products that promote human health, economic stability and national security. Keeping abreast of such constant advancements is an immense challenge faced by producers and educators alike.

Northwest agriculture department faculty are working diligently to prepare students as future industry leaders. We are currently in the planning

stages of improving classroom and laboratory facilities on campus and at the R.T. Wright Farm. Our collaboration with agricultural businesses brings cutting-edge technologies into the classroom and increases student internship opportunities nationwide. We are actively engaged in interdisciplinary endeavors to increase undergraduate research and study abroad activities. Generous time and monetary donations from alumni and friends are improving student access to educational resources. With every challenge comes opportunity, and we are working hard to prepare students for the dynamic and fast-paced world of agriculture. We are optimistic about the agriculture industry and the important role our students will play in our nation's future.

We welcome you to stop by our department sometime and visit our museum, our facilities and our students: the past, present and future of agriculture.

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Arley Larson

Chair and Associate Professor of Agriculture



Dr. Arley Larson, chair of Northwest's Department of Agriculture, appreciates the hands-on opportunities provided by the University's R.T. Wright Farm, but also recognizes there's much more that goes into training today's students for successful careers in agriculture.

“I know of no pursuits in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture...”

George Washington

The mission of the *Northwest Alumni Magazine* is to foster connections between alumni, friends and Northwest Missouri State University. The offices of University Advancement and University Relations strive to inform readers of the accomplishments of Northwest's alumni, friends, faculty, students and administration and to positively position the University in the hearts of its many constituents to increase public and private support.

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I remember when ...

I will always appreciate what Dr. Robert Foster did for me when I was a student at Northwest.



I had four years of military service during the Korean War and worked for about 20 months before I decided I should go to college.

I came to Northwest in June 1956 wondering if I was too old to start a college career, but from the very start I was encouraged by Dr. Foster. In the fall of 1956, I was standing in a long line attempting to register for the semester when Dr. Foster grabbed me by the arm and jokingly inquired what I was doing.

He told me he was sure I had stood in enough lines during my military life and took me to the head of the line and told the young lady to give me the cards necessary for the classes I needed.

During my first summer semester, I told him of my strong desire to graduate as soon as possible and he said he understood that. He called me into his

office at the start of the fall semester in 1956 and told me he had a plan so I could graduate in August 1958. He explained to me that it wouldn't be easy, but it was possible and involved me going to two colleges at the same time. I assured him I would do my best to accomplish the goal. I never told him I had a full-time job in the evenings and weekends for fear he'd have second thoughts.

Thanks to him and his plan, I graduated in August 1958.

George E. Maher '58

I met Dr. Robert Foster on my first trip to the Northwest campus in 1975 after being appointed to the Northwest Board of Regents. As the institution's president he gave me a warm welcome. He took time to explain my duties and responsibilities as a regent. He made me feel welcome and eased my concerns about my new responsibilities. He proved to be a fine administrator with an extraordinary love for the institution, the students and faculty. His wife, Virginia, was very hospitable and always made everyone feel welcome.

Alfred McKemy

Dr. Kelley Sowards, who taught humanities, opened my eyes to the world, and because of him I knew I wanted to travel and discover for myself the great works of art and architecture. Dr. Sterling Surrey was another great teacher. One morning before class I was sitting outside his classroom telling a classmate that I hadn't read the assignment. About that time I saw Dr. Surrey standing there, and when we got in class, he of course gave one of his famous pop quizzes.

Mary Jane Kurtz Judge '54

I remember my first year at Northwest when there was a major blizzard and classes were cancelled for the first time in years. The theatre department had a show scheduled, and several of us walked from Hudson to the Performing Arts Center with snow up to our waists. The normally five-minute walk took half an hour!

Carrie Cleland Fishner '01

Charles Gillis '61 crowns Martha Guest Rainey '62 the 1960 Barnwarming Queen at the Ag Club's primary social function of the year. Attendants were Betty Johnson, Etta Lee Gray and Marilyn Larson Frueh '62.

Do you remember these events?

1958

Underclassmen are no longer allowed to enroll before seniors, allowing seniors to gain all necessary hours needed to graduate. *The Northwest Missourian*

Northwest begins its 53rd year with a record enrollment of 1,819, a 16 percent increase from the previous year. *The Northwest Missourian*

1968

A one-room schoolhouse is donated to Northwest. Under Tom Carneal's direction, the school is moved to a site north of the power house and east of the Administration Building. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

1978

The Office of Computing Services acquires a computer that functions as a server with multiple terminal access, making computing available to students and faculty beyond the departments of mathematics and computer science. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

1988

The use of e-mail is restricted to the hours of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. because it becomes "nearly impossible" to access a computer during the day for academic use. *Tower yearbook*

1998

Ground is broken for Northwest's new Biomass Processing Center. The facility will create pellets to heat the University. *Tower yearbook*

Instead of having students who complete their graduation requirements in December return for a May commencement ceremony, Northwest adds a December ceremony. *Tower yearbook*

Studio Theatre applauded by students, faculty, patrons

A highlight of Northwest's performing arts season was the opening of the new Studio Theatre, a \$4.3 million addition to the Performing Arts Center that will enhance learning opportunities for Northwest theatre students.

Made possible through a donor's gift to the Northwest Foundation as well as University funds, the new 5,500-square-foot theatre functions as a



Several Northwest student productions have already been performed in the new state-of-the-art Studio Theatre, which seats up to 200 people.

laboratory for the dramatic arts and contains state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment.

"The theatre more than doubles our drama classroom space and allows productions to be staged in a variety of formats," said Dr. David Oehler, chair of the Department of Communication, Theatre and Languages. "It provides a performance environment adaptable to literature encompassing many genres, periods and playwrights."

Oehler said both majors and non-majors will benefit from the new facility, which houses courses and productions taught or supervised by six full-time faculty members.

In addition to providing a technically superior space for student productions, the Studio Theatre also eases crowded event schedules at the Mary Linn Auditorium, the Black Box Theatre and Charles Johnson Theater.

The Studio Theatre's first production was in October, and the official premiere, "Celebration," will receive a seven-show run in March. ■

Family of Bearcats presented annual award, scholarship

The Ackley family of Meadville, which has a Bearcat tradition stretching across three generations, is the University's 2008 Family of the Year.

The Family of the Year award is bestowed each fall during the Northwest's three-day Family Weekend salute to families who have students attending Northwest. The recognition comes with a \$750 scholarship and other prizes.

Nominated by their daughter Kristen, a sophomore, Kenny and Rhonda Garrett Ackley are both Northwest alumni and graduated in 1984. More than a half-dozen family members also spent their college years as Bearcats.

Rhonda Ackley is a middle school teacher in the Meadville R-IV School District, and Kenny Ackley is a wildlife biologist at the Fountain Grove Wildlife Conservation Area. Kristen Ackley, who began her freshman year in fall 2007, is an elementary education major. Her younger sister, Rachel, still lives at home and is considering attending Northwest after finishing high school.



Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard (left) and Aramark representative Barry Beacom (far right), Northwest's director of campus dining, join the 2008 Northwest Family of the Year: (beginning second from left) Kenny Ackley, Rhonda Ackley, Kristen Ackley and Rachel Ackley.

"There is no other place I would rather be attending college," wrote Kristen Ackley on her Family of the Year application. "My family and I are so proud to be lifelong Bearcats, and I look forward to my children going to Northwest someday." ■

New regents

Three new members have been appointed to the nine-member Northwest Board of Regents, the University's governing body.

Dr. Douglas Wyckoff of Cameron is a graduate of Lathrop High School and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry.



Wyckoff

He has operated a private general dentistry practice in Cameron since 1992.

Gary Panethiere, Kansas City, is the legislative auditor of Jackson County. He is a CPA and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Panethiere

Bradley Gardner, a wildlife ecology and conservation major from Brookfield, is a student regent, serving on the board in an advisory, non-voting capacity. He is a member of Sigma



Gardner

Phi Epsilon fraternity and is active in the University Chorale and the 102 River Wildlife Club. ■



Dr. Gregory Haddock, who continues to teach part time, serves as the interim dean of Northwest's Graduate School.

Northwest introduces emergency texting system

Northwest recently launched an emergency text-messaging system called Bearcat Alert, a system that will enhance communication with University students and employees during times of crisis.

Text messages, sent strictly for emergencies, may include information regarding school closings, a violent situation on campus or severe weather.

Emergency notices will continue to be sent via e-mail, posted on the Northwest Web site and announced on KXCV radio.

"It all goes back to redundancy," said Scott Walk '85, '97, Northwest's health and safety manager. "The more ways we have to communicate with staff and students in case of an emergency, the better." ■

Haddock named interim dean

Dr. Gregory Haddock, associate professor of geography, is interim dean of Northwest's Graduate School. Dr. Frances Shipley recently retired after serving 20 years as Graduate School dean.

Haddock came to Northwest as an assistant professor in 1996 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Idaho. He was awarded tenure in 2003 and promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Appointed chair of the Department of Geology and Geography in 2002, Haddock has served as a member of the Graduate Council, president

of the Faculty Senate and chair of the University Deans and Chairs Council.

Haddock's research background is in geographic information systems and quantitative methods used in spatial analysis. He participated in the development of Northwest's online master's program in geographic information science and is the thesis adviser, or a member of the thesis committee, for several online graduate students.

As interim graduate dean, Haddock provides administrative oversight for 40 master's-level programs, three specialist in education programs, five graduate-level certificate programs and 144 graduate assistantships in a variety of academic departments and administrative offices. He also is the administrative representative to the Graduate Council and administers the faculty research grant program. ■

Center helps Katrina survivor put career back on track

Eric Greely Sr., an assistant principal and business teacher at Liberty (Mo.) High School, knows what it's like to lose everything. In 2005, Greely, his wife, Desha, and two sons, Caleb and Eric Jr., fled New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city and left their home flooded by 8 feet of water.

Ultimately the Greelys relocated to the Kansas City suburb of Gladstone. Greely, who worked in the corporate world for 15 years before deciding to become a teacher, put his career on hold and dedicated himself to "making life as normal as possible" for his family. This was a task that included such challenges as restoring the Greelys' frozen bank account, getting the boys back in school and playing football and replacing birth certificates and other lost documents.

When the time came to resume his life as an educator, Greely was hired by the Liberty School District. Though he already had a master's degree, he went back to graduate school, a forward-looking career move made possible by Northwest's Kansas City Center.

The center offers degree programs in education and business, and its proximity to where Greely lives and works, coupled with evening and



Eric Greely Sr. moved his family to Missouri after they lost their New Orleans home to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Now an assistant principal at Liberty High School, Greely recently completed all coursework through Northwest's Kansas City Center in Liberty for his specialist degree in education.

"blended" courses, has made it possible for Greely to complete work on his education specialist degree.

"Northwest is a fabulous college that has really addressed the needs of our community," Greely said. "It's the quality of the teachers that sets the curriculum apart, because they have worked as school administrators, and they bring that breadth of knowledge into the classroom." ■

Crisis minor added to offerings

In an unsafe and uncertain world, college graduates are finding a growing number of opportunities among the ranks of professionals whose job it is to respond to emergencies and manage crises.

To better prepare students who may seek careers in this challenging area, Northwest will introduce an interdisciplinary minor in comprehensive crisis response beginning with the spring 2009 trimester.

Dr. Mark Corson, associate professor of geography, serves as coordinator for the new minor.

“What we see in emergency management, disaster preparation and humanitarian relief is a move toward professionalization,” Corson said. “There is an expectation that people are going to have credentials. We feel this is an opportunity for our students to benefit.”

Disaster relief and crisis managers are increasingly in demand in both government and the non-profit sector, Corson said, as well as in business, which has a growing need for specialists in such areas as operational continuity, consequence management and public affairs.

The comprehensive crisis response minor is a good fit for any number of major fields of study, Corson said, which is why it has been designed as a multi-disciplinary offering by faculty from

a number of departments.

Corson’s interest in the program came about through his involvement with two field exercises open to all Northwest students and available to those enrolled in the new minor as experiential electives: Atlantic Hope at Indian Rivers State College in Florida and the International Institute for Humanitarian Aid, staged in the Balkan nation of Macedonia. He said both exercises have proven to be overwhelmingly positive experiences.

“You have students who say it has changed their lives and given them a new vision of who they are and what they can do,” he said. “One student told me, ‘I never thought I could be a leader, but I not only discovered that I can lead, but that people wanted me to lead, and that I’m pretty good at it.’” ■



Northwest students participate in a field exercise at Indian Rivers State College in Florida. A new minor in comprehensive crisis response will provide undergraduates with classroom and experiential training in areas such as first aid, hostage negotiations and organizing humanitarian aid in the wake of a natural disaster.

Electronic Campus center re-named for Rickman

In recognition of Dr. Jon Rickman’s more than 30 years of service to Northwest, the Electronic Campus Support Center has been renamed in Rickman’s honor.

Rickman, who joined the Northwest faculty in 1976, served as director of computing services for 20 years before assuming his current position, vice president for information systems, in 1996.

“I consider it a real honor to have my name on the Electronic Campus Support Center,” Rickman said. “Keeping the Electronic Campus operational, up-to-date and affordable for over 20 years has been an exciting and challenging journey.”

During the 1980s, Rickman played the lead administrative role in the creation of the Elec-

tronic Campus, which was deployed in 1987. The first comprehensive, interactive computer network of its kind at a public university in the United States, the system initially served students, faculty and staff through more than 2,300 data stations.

Most recently, Rickman has overseen the upgrading of Northwest’s laptop program, which provides all full-time students with fully loaded notebook computers whether or not they live on campus.

The Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center occupies the former National Guard armory and serves as the administrative, maintenance and support hub for Northwest’s Electronic Campus. ■



The Jon T. Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center, named for Northwest’s vice president for information systems, supports about 22 computer labs, 800 desktops, 100 electronic classrooms and, in conjunction with the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium, 13 Internet-connected interactive television classrooms located across northwest Missouri.

The mention of Winterset and Madison County, Iowa, most likely creates images of the county's famed covered bridges or its favorite son, John Wayne. However, nestled just a few miles north of this quiet central Iowa town and past the Hogback covered bridge is Allendan Seed Company, one of the largest native grass and wildflower producers in North America.

At the helm of this massive operation is Dan Allen '70, a farmer who found – and filled – a niche at the time the farm crisis of the 1980s was wreaking havoc on family farms across the country.

“When it comes right down to it, the only thing I really give a whole lot of thought to is being able to buy groceries. That’s always been my focus in life, and I’ve found a way to do that,” Allen said. “If what we’re doing didn’t work, we’d be doing something else. But right now it’s just that simple, we’re filling a niche. There’s no other organization like ours in the United States.”

This soft spoken man indeed found a niche, but what enables him to continue to fulfill it is his ability to listen – and react – to plants, the market, the conservation community and even the country’s “green” conscience.

Despite being color blind, Allen grows and sells nearly 300 species of native grasses and wildflowers that encompass nearly every color of the rainbow. The business’s entire operation, which also includes bluegrass sod, corn and soybeans, covers 10,000 acres throughout four counties. Of that, about 3,000

A 'Niche' in Time

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The button blazingstar, cardinal flower and prairie cord grass are among the more than 300 species of native grasses and wildflowers grown at Allendan Seed.

acres are dedicated to native grass and wildflower seed production.

Growing up on an acreage near Des Moines, Iowa, Allen majored in agriculture at Northwest to pursue his childhood dream of being a farmer. After he graduated, he was a farm hand in a feed yard and then worked for the Farmers Home Administration for a year. Allen also worked nights at the Firestone plant in Des Moines and, when he was bit by the entrepreneurial bug in 1973, he custom baled hay for several years. He and his wife, Sonia Neidt

Allen '70, bought their farm in 1976.

In 1980, Allen expanded their farm operation, which included corn, soybeans, hogs and cattle, to include about 10 acres for native grass seed production. Allendan Seed discovered another niche in 1993 and consequently broadened its offerings to include wildflower seed.

"The market is always changing, and when it starts to ask for something different, we adjust to meet that need," Allen said. "If I could just sell dandelion seed that would be easy!"

The plant speaks

"The challenge is to think like a plant, really listen to it. I guess you could call it plant psychology," Allen said. "Each plant out there responds to a unique set of environmental stimuli, so we have to determine how to get that plant to re-seed. Those plants don't talk, so we have to figure out what their preferences are."

Another challenge lies in separating the tiny grass and flower seeds from the rest of the plant.

"The cardinal flower has seed about the size of dust, and one year we had enough to combine several hundred pounds of it," Allen said. "And partridge pea is also pretty tough to harvest. It forms a pod like a bean, but as soon as the sun hits it and it dries, it snaps open and all of the seed just flies. Timing is extremely critical, but we've figured out how to harvest it."



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The government speaks

In 1985, the federal Conservation Reserve Program was started. The program, which continues today, encourages owners of erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to plant the land in vegetative cover such as native grasses.

"The CRP fell in line with what we were doing," Allen said. "I think preserving or incorporating our ecosystem into our society is a necessity for survival of the species. As our population explodes, that environmental need is going to become greater and greater."

As president of the Iowa Native Seed Growers Association, Allen has developed a good relationship with the Department of Natural Resources. But the relationship was initially shaped more than 20 years ago to deflect a potential problem.

"There was already a state tree nursery, and it was important for us to emphasize that seed production is a lot more complicated than a tree nursery," he said. "We weren't just trying to protect our business, but we were concerned the industry would be disturbed to the point that it couldn't be effective in the response to those who wanted seed material."

Allen said a "great working relationship" has developed between the Iowa Native Seed Growers Association, DNR and Allendan Seed. In addition, not-for-profit organizations have also entered the mix.

"A percentage of the material we sell to DNR and Pheasants Forever goes right back into those organizations," he said. "This 'check-off' has generated more

than \$1 million in less than 10 years. This helps maintain stability in our industry without an atmosphere of competitive hostility between a non-profit organization, like Pheasants Forever, a government organization and a commercial, private organization."

The consumers speak

In addition to selling seed to organizations such as the DNR, Pheasants Forever and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Allendan Seeds' largest client is the Iowa Department of Transportation. The department uses the prairie native seed, called eco-type seed, for roadside enhancements. Not only do the prairie plants assist with controlling erosion, but they also help prevent blowing and drifting snow across the pavement.

"Just this morning one of the roadside contractors said he was getting all kinds of calls because he mowed a bunch of the wildflowers, and people are upset," Allen said. "That in itself is a huge reversal of how it used to be when people would get upset because there was nothing but weeds growing along the road and they wanted it mowed. This goes to show that people are starting to notice, so that's a good thing for our business."

Allendan Seed sells its seed through a competitive bid process to departments of transportation throughout the Midwest, although some states buy their seed through contractors. Therefore, Allendan Seed sells to these contractors. Their product, which is also distributed to Canada and overseas, has even reached the commercial flower market.

"We don't grow specifically for the traditional commercial market. It's just an added benefit," Allen said. "The black-eyed Susan, the yellow cone flower and the cardinal flower are the common ones, but we don't grow a lot of the material in the commercial market because there are contamination issues with the other things we're growing."

One aspect that separates Allendan Seed from other similar producers is the vertical integration of the company.

"What we do is from start to finish," he said. "Wildflower mixes can't be grown in the field. They have to be grown as monocultures and then put together. It takes a fairly big organization to be able to track and grow all of those species in the quantities needed in the mixes."

Other organizations may grow one or two species, but if they're servicing the retail market, they end up having to buy the rest of their materials from businesses such as Allendan.

"We're able to provide everything," he said. "We've listened to our customers and do what we can to supply them with what they want."

The kids speak

Allendan Seed has about 50 employees, many whom are seasonal migrant workers, as well as the Allen's four grown children who returned to the family business



The bright color and hardiness of the early sunflower make it a popular variety.

(Opposite page) Not only are the clustered flowers of mountain mint attractive, but some varieties deter chiggers and ticks and are not preferred by deer. Dan Allen visits with his daughter Kelly Hayes in the Allendan Seed headquarters, just across the driveway from the farmhouse where he and his wife, Sonia, raised their four children, all of whom work for the family business.

following college. Oldest son Chad Allen serves as production manager and chief financial officer; Angela Barker is the operations manager and responsible for sales and inventory; Scott Allen runs the sod business and row crop operations; and Kelly Hayes manages the greenhouses and experimental fields.

"I used to find myself biting my tongue all the time, but that's part of the transition. Now my job is to fill in the gaps between all four of their areas of responsibility," Allen said. "I also come up with some of the business's more aggressive ventures, but they have the expertise in the implementation of these ideas. The kids keep this place anchored. Since they came back home to run the business, my job has become bureaucratic – and I've always felt a bureaucrat should be working toward eliminating his job."

Relinquishing most of the responsibility to his children has also been an adjustment to Allen's work schedule.

"I hate the weekends because the kids take off," he said. "I am used to working all the time, weekends, weekdays. For 40 years it was just one long day – one day morphed into the next. Now, when you break on Friday, it's like you have to start all over again on Monday. Again, like so many times in my life, it's an adjustment that I'm learning to make." ■



Scholarship being established for elementary education majors

The Drs. Bob and Betty Bush Scholarship is a new scholarship fund started by contributions from colleagues and friends of Professor

Emeritus Dr. Betty Johnson Bush '60 in honor of her service and contribution to Northwest, higher education and the field of elementary education.

Bush began her career in higher education at Stephens College and came to Northwest in 1983. Throughout her professional career, Bush received many honors, including Northwest's Lifetime Achievement Award for Service presented by the College of Education and Human Services at the annual Honors Convocation. Bush, who retired

from Northwest in 2002, continues to serve the University as an adviser to student teachers.

"It is such an honor for the College of Education and Human Services to establish this scholarship so that future generations can complete their degrees," said Bush, whose husband, Bob, is a 1957 Northwest graduate. "Northwest has given us so much during our careers that it is a pleasure to be able to give something back."

Upon reaching the endowment level of \$10,000, The Drs. Bob and Betty Bush Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior elementary education major at Northwest. ■

For more information about The Drs. Bob and Betty Bush Scholarship, contact Andrea Wagner, development officer, at andrea@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248.



A scholarship named for Drs. Bob '57 and Betty Johnson '60 Bush will be endowed once it reaches the \$10,000 level.

Northwest Foundation adds five new board members

Five Northwest alumni recently have been appointed to the 29-member Northwest Foundation Board of Directors and include:

- W.A. "Bill" Hedge '74 of St. Joseph who is an assistant professor in Northwest's Department of Educational Leadership and pastor at St. Francis Temple in St. Joseph
- Bill Brown '63 of Platte City who owns and operates Brown Real Estate Co.
- Juan Rangel '91 of Kansas City who is the director of business development for the Metropolitan Community Colleges
- Toni Cowen Espey '83 who is a State Farm agent in Coconut Creek, Fla., and lives in Parkland, Fla.
- Gary Thompson '76 of Avon, Conn., who is an executive vice president at Hartford Financial Services Group

Orrie Covert, Northwest's vice president for

university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation, said he is excited to have such outstanding individuals on the board of directors.

"These five new members, who volunteer their time on the foundation board, are certainly dedicated to Northwest and bring a considerable amount of knowledge to the table," Covert said. "Our board continues to include successful individuals with high integrity and enthusiasm for serving their alma mater."

The Northwest Foundation promotes the welfare, goals and programs of Northwest. 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. ■



Hedge



Brown



Rangel



Espey

* Thompson photo unavailable

TKE alumni award first scholarship

Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni of Northwest's Delta Nu Chapter awarded their 2008 scholarship to Lauren McCulley, a graduate of Truman High School in Independence.

This is the first scholarship awarded by the University's TKE alumni. Dennis Cox '74 said the \$1,000 scholarship will be offered annually. Recipients, nominated by a TKE alumnus, must be high school seniors who will attend Northwest.

McCulley succeeded in academics at Truman High School and was an active member of National Honor Society, Student Council Executive Board, A+ Program, Youth Friends and DECA. She is interested in fashion merchandising and is majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing. ■



Bruce Barlow '75 presents Lauren McCulley, a Truman High School graduate who now attends Northwest, with the first Tau Kappa Epsilon scholarship. The annual scholarship is provided by TKE alumni from Northwest's Delta Nu Chapter.

Alumni Center plans continue, funding options explored

Plans for the proposed new Alumni Center are progressing, albeit at a slower pace than representatives from the Northwest Alumni Association and Northwest Foundation had anticipated.

Orrie Covert, executive director of the Northwest Foundation, said the Foundation's finance and executive committees are exploring many avenues to provide funds for the proposed Alumni Center.

"The present economic conditions have slowed the process of obtaining funds, but many options are being considered by the committee," Covert said. "Members of the facilities committee have put in substantial hours of thought and have worked diligently on this project."

Unless specified by the donor, gifts donated to the Northwest Foundation by Northwest alumni and friends will not be used to fund this project. Furthermore, the financing of the Alumni Center will not override University projects or take away from scholarships for Northwest students.

Steve Sutton '71, director of alumni relations, said members of Northwest's Office of University Advancement have been in constant communication with city of Maryville personnel regarding zoning requirements, permits and other necessary steps to continue with the project.

"To comply with city zoning requirements, our architect has added some redesign features that have greatly enhanced the proposed center," Sutton said. "As with almost any building project, we continue to give and take and frequently

tweak project plans to make the Alumni Center a home that all alumni and friends will be proud to visit. It's reassuring to hear of the overwhelming amount of support for this project voiced by so many loyal Bearcats."

The approximate 24,000 square-foot, two-story facility, which Northwest Foundation officials say is a priority due to significant growth in the form of rising levels of donor support and alumni involvement, will include open gathering areas, meeting and conference rooms, offices and parking. The center will be located on the corner of College and North Munn avenues, directly west of the current Alumni House, which will continue to be used for small gatherings. ■



Northwest alumni and friends in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area gathered for a Bearcat social, Cincinnati Reds baseball game and fireworks in August. Attending the event, sponsored by the Northwest Alumni Association, were (from left) Jim Turner '77, Dana Burris Irlbeck '93, Everett Irlbeck, Robin Dehn Turner '78, Kristi Sweeney '96, Andrew Lindsley, Maggie Rose Lindsley '92, Teresa Macias '97, '05, Polly Parsons Howard '00 and Laurie Long '92. Not pictured: Jim and Deborah Raus '91 Murphy and family, Jim and Melanie Brown '96 Noble and family and Steve Sutton '71, Northwest's director of alumni relations. ■

Alumni chapter news

1. As in previous years, the Maryville Chapter provided free bottled water to new Bearcats and their families as freshmen moved into their residence halls. Assisting with the water station are Paul Wilmes '75, John Van Cleave '73, '89, Steve Sutton '71 and Jim Fall.

2. Doug '92 and Tammy Schmitz receive a Bearcat sign and other gifts as tokens of the chapter's appreciation for Doug's 2007-08 St. Joseph Chapter presidency.

3. Rick Kuhl, Ryan George '00, Dave Snider '80, '83, Mary Jo Bevard-Kuhl '84, Kendal Smith and Jennifer Hewitt Smith '86, members of the Kansas City Chapter, gather for a tailgate prior to the Snake Saturday Parade in North Kansas City.

4. Karen Mills Shawler '65, Wendell Jackson, Judy Bunch, Joan Lynch Jackson '65, Lilly Goins, Cindy Goodale Goins '98, '05 and Dennis Bunch '69 of the Southern Iowa Chapter proudly display their entry in the Lenox Rodeo Parade.

SOUTHERN IOWA

The Southern Iowa Chapter participated in parades in Clearfield and Diagonal, Iowa, as well as the Lenox, Iowa, Rodeo parade this summer. The members used a large sign in the back of a truck and a banner to promote Northwest and their chapter. In August, chapter members assisted at the Northwest booth at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Plans are being made to attend several productions that are part of the University's Encore Performance Series.

For more information about the Southern Iowa Chapter, or to get involved, contact Dennis Bunch '69 at bunchhardware@frontiernet.net or Northwest's Office of University Advancement at alumni@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248. ■

KANSAS CITY

The Kansas City Chapter recently elected new officers: President Brian Stewart, Vice President Terry Day '65 and Secretary Lesley Dean '01.

In July, nearly 30 Bearcats and friends attended the Kansas City T-Bones game and conducted the annual school supply drive for McCoy Elementary students and families. In August, chapter members gathered at O'Dowd's in Zona Rosa for a meet-and-greet with North-

west football head coach Mel Tjeerdsma. In early October, the chapter sponsored a happy hour at The Quaff and assisted the Northwest Alumni Association at the Bearcat tailgate party at Arrowhead Stadium prior to the Fall Classic VII.

Upcoming chapter events include a social with Northwest basketball coaches Steve Tappmeyer and Gene Steinmeyer, a happy hour event for the MIAA basketball tournament and participation in the Snake Saturday Parade in March.

The chapter would like to thank Bill Adams '81 for providing a laptop to use at alumni events and Rob St. Thomas '83 for his help with the chapter's new Web page at www.nwalumnikc.com. ■

ST. JOSEPH

Members of the St. Joseph Chapter attended a family picnic in August, Vic '70, '71 and Denise Bower '71 Kretzschmar hosted a barn party in September, and the Second Harvest Food Bank received canned food items from chapter members in November. Future plans include a trip to Kansas City's Country Club Plaza.

For more information, or to get involved, contact Dave Price '70 at dprice@amfam.com or Patty Bolin Roach '71, '90 at abearcat@stjoelive.com. ■



CENTRAL IOWA

The Central Iowa Chapter has elected new officers: President Kim Wall '01, Vice President Amy Carter '02 and Secretary Faith Spark. The chapter's annual golf outing in June was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, in July, several alumni and friends beat the heat and attended an Iowa Cubs tailgate and baseball game. The following month, the chapter partnered with Northwest's Office of Admissions to sponsor a booth at the Iowa State Fair.

Chapter members invite all Northwest alumni and friends to attend socials at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Old Chicago on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.

For more information about the chapter, contact Kim Wall at central_iowa_bearcats@yahoo.com or the Office of University Advancement at alumni@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248. ■

DALLAS

Northwest alumni and friends who are members of the Dallas Chapter volunteered at Children's Medical Center in June by helping young patients make Father's Day cards and playing games with the children. In July, chapter members volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank. Other events this fall included a garage sale, barbecue, wine tasting social and a Rough

Riders baseball game. The chapter also worked at a concession stand at a Southern Methodist football game to raise scholarship funds. ■

ARIZONA

A focus group for alumni and friends in Arizona took place in August. During the meeting, several events were planned and new chapter leaders were determined, including President Sandy Schiager '92, Vice President Jennifer Sullivan '99 and Secretary Ben Campbell '08.

For more information about the Arizona Chapter, contact Northwest's Office of University Advancement at alumni@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248. ■

MID-MISSOURI

The Mid-Missouri Bearcats participated in several events this summer and fall, including a barbecue at the Hog House, a facility in Montgomery City owned by Dave Teeter '86, and a tailgate at a University of Missouri game in Columbia. The group's winter activities included a corn maze, hay ride and camp fire, a holiday canned food drive and a basketball game at Mizzou.

For more information about the Mid-Missouri Chapter, visit www.midmobearcats.com. ■

5. Jane Laughlin Sullivan '74 and Megan Thole Ulrich '04 enjoy the tailgate festivities prior to the Iowa Cubs baseball game.

6. Marc '00 and Jodi Pick with their son, Nolan, join members of the Central Iowa Chapter at an Iowa Cubs game.

7. Chrissy Beck '02, president of the Mid-Missouri Chapter, feeds a calf at the Hog House barbecue.

8. This summer, the Dallas Chapter's Deborah Vernon '81, Deb Tripp '92, Katie Tripp '05, Debbie Willing Perry '73, Mercedes Ramirez Johnson '97, Barney Brinkman '79 and Colleen Brinkman volunteered at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

9. Members of the Mid-Missouri Chapter enjoy a barbecue at the Hog House, a facility owned by Dave Teeter '86.



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2009 Alumni Awards call for nominations

Northwest is honoring outstanding individuals through its annual Alumni Association Awards program, and 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, 2009**

Contact Brenda Untiedt for a nomination form at (660) 562-1248 or alumni@nwmissouri.edu or visit www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/events/awards/nominations.htm.

The award nomination deadline is Feb. 15, 2009, and the awards banquet is Sept. 25, 2009. Additional information will be available soon.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Recognizes a Northwest graduate for exceptional professional and personal achievement and extraordinary distinction in a chosen field.

Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award

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

Distinguished Faculty Award

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

Honorary Alumni Award

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

Northwest Turret Service Award

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

Young Alumni Award

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

Tourin' Bearcats return to Alaska in spring 2009

The Tourin' Bearcats travel program for Northwest alumni and friends is making a return trip to Alaska, but instead of a cruise, as was taken in June 2006, the group will experience an extensive scenic land tour.

The May 29-June 3, 2009, trip is open to the public and costs \$1,299 per person, which includes all excursions, tours, lodging and several meals. Airline transportation, about \$1,000 depending upon departure location, is not included but will be coordinated through Cotter Travel.

Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations, said alumni and friends have been requesting a return trip to Alaska after the successful Tourin' Bearcats' cruise there two years ago.

"We had 115 people who joined us for the cruise to Alaska," Sutton said. "It was such a tremendous atmosphere to have so many travelers who all had at least one thing in common – their affinity to Northwest."

Travelers fly to Fairbanks, Alaska, take a

full-day "Discover the Gold" tour on a riverboat sternwheeler, tour the Chena Indian Village, pan for gold, meet sled dogs, experience a scenic expedition on the domed McKinley Explorer luxury train to Anchorage, Alaska, and participate in a wilderness tour at Denali National Park. In addition, the trip includes an excursion on the Alaska Railroad Coastal Classic train from Anchorage to Seward, Alaska, complete with a wildlife and glacier tour of Kenai Fjords National Park.

Those wishing to participate in the Northwest Alumni Association-sponsored trip must make a reservation, with a \$350 deposit, by Jan. 29, 2009. Final payment is due March 20, 2009.

For more information about the Tourin' Bearcats trip to Alaska, contact the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 or alumni@nwmissouri.edu. Inquiries also may be made to Cotter Travel at (800) 676-3233.

Additional trip details are available at www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/travel/alaska.htm. ■

2008-09 Alumni Association Board



The 2008-09 Northwest Alumni Association Board of Directors include: (front row) Mike Zech '86, Amy Willits Harlin '95, Jackie Lionberger Damiani '71, '76, Joan Lynch Jackson '65, Kay Thomas '71, Mark Pickerel '76, Larry Maiorano '69, '74, Jim Goecken '92, Allen Kearns '62 (back row) Brenda Untiedt '00, Kory Schramm '95, President Tim Sullivan '75, Dave Teeter '86, Steve Sutton '71, Vice President Neil Neumeyer '98, John VanCleave '73, '89, Vic Kretzschmar '70, '71 and Dave Snider '80, '83. Not pictured: Nicole Porterfield '91 and Cindy Akehurst '01. ■



Bearcats' bout with Central captures national spotlight

Two of the most storied men's basketball programs in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association history

soon will take the stage in front of a nationwide audience. Northwest faces the University of Central Missouri at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 in Warrensburg on CBS College Sports Network. It will be the first nationally televised Northwest basketball game.

Bryan Boettcher, Northwest's sports information director, said the Bearcats and Mules matchup is one of five Division II men's games to be shown on the network during the 2008-09 season.

Northwest and Central Missouri have com-

bined to win 28 MIAA championships and make 30 NCAA tournament appearances. Five of the last seven MIAA tournaments were won by either the Bearcats or the Mules, and each program has four titles in all.

Four-time MIAA Coach of the Year Steve Tappmeyer has led the Bearcats to nine 20-win seasons in the last 11 years and to two Elite Eights in the last seven. Northwest swept Central Missouri last season for the first time since 2003-04. The Bearcats went on to win the MIAA tournament and advanced to the round of 32 in postseason play before finishing with a record of 24-8.

The Feb. 21 date is the second half of the regular season home-and-away dual between Northwest and Central Missouri. The first meeting takes place Jan. 14 at Bearcat Arena in Maryville. ■

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- ◆ Promotional items
- ◆ Sponsorship opportunities
- ◆ Bearcat apparel
- ◆ E-scores

Athletes welcome locker room upgrades

The days of small, crowded locker rooms with their own "unique" aroma are a thing of the past for two more Northwest sports teams. Renovations of locker room facilities for the women's basketball and volleyball programs were completed this fall.

Dr. Bob Boerigter, Northwest's director of athletics, said the updates followed the 2007 renovation of the football and men's basketball locker rooms.

"Quality facilities – for both men's and women's programs – are of utmost importance in maintaining competitive MIAA and NCAA programs," Boerigter said.

The women's basketball and volleyball locker rooms previously were located on the lower level of Martindale Hall and consisted of small, metal lockers. The new location on the lower level of Lamkin Activity Center, previously a large, public-use locker room, has been converted to a facility capable of housing both programs while still allowing each program to have its own distinct locker areas. The new facility, complete with Bearcat green carpet, features individual wooden

lockers, each with a mirror and ventilation system, as well as a student-athlete lounge area with leather furniture and a flat screen television.

Neil Elliott, development officer for athletics, said there are opportunities for Northwest alumni and friends to support this project.

"We are continuing to solicit support for this much-needed project by seeking individuals and businesses to sponsor lockers in the new facility," Elliott said, "This is a great way to honor a former student athlete, coach or team by having his or her name permanently affixed to one of the lockers in this great new facility." ■

For more information about supporting the women's basketball and volleyball locker room, contact Elliott at neile@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248.



Volleyball Coach Anna Tool addresses her team in the new fully equipped locker room in Lamkin Activity Center.

Alumni, friends answer call for arboretum support

When a devastating ice storm struck the Northwest campus in December 2007, the University asked alumni and friends to help replace 79 trees that were removed because of the severity of damage. Thanks to the generosity and the contributions of so many individuals and organizations, more than 330 trees have been purchased and commemorated, and the campus, known as the Missouri Arboretum, is being restored to the peaceful beauty enjoyed by generations of Bearcats.

One person who has a deeply rooted connection to Northwest's arboretum is Dr. Johanne Wynne Fairchild, professor emeritus of agriculture and biology.

Fairchild and two of her students, Denise Reynolds '92 and Darren Markt '91, set out to identify and label each of the 77 tree species existing on Northwest's campus in 1990. As an undergraduate research project, Reynolds, under the direction of Fairchild, produced the first "Tree Walk" publication that listed the labeled tree

species and featured a map showing the location of each species.

"After the publication of 'Tree Walk,' I had so many professors and others in the community tell me how glad they were that we had labeled them," she said. "I think our efforts led to an appreciation of trees."

The work of Fairchild, her students and several others were paramount in Northwest being designated the Missouri Arboretum in 1993.

"The arboretum not only provides an attraction to Maryville, but it also serves as an important learning tool," she said. "It allows people to become educated. I'm a natural historian, and trees are so important because of what they contribute to the environment."

The dedication of individuals such as Fairchild and her students have ensured Northwest's arboretum – a living museum – will be a learning opportunity for all who visit the campus. ■

Former students who would like to contact Fairchild may e-mail her at johannefairchild@hotmail.com.



The early identification of trees on Northwest's campus is the work of Dr. Johanne Wynne Fairchild and two of her former students

The Northwest Arboretum Web site, www.nwmissouri.edu/arboretum/commemorated.htm, is periodically updated to indicate the names of donors as well as the locations and types of trees commemorated as a result of the 2007 ice storm. Since new plantings require extensive care and watering, especially during northwest Missouri's hot summer months, the trees are being planted in "waves" to help ensure their survival. All commemorative trees should be planted by Homecoming 2009.

Class notes

1945
JEAN JENNINGS BARTIK ♦ was inducted into the Computer History Museum Hall of Fellows in October. The Hall of Fellows honors individuals of outstanding merit who have significantly contributed to both the advancement of computing history and to the evolution of the information age. Jean was one of the first programmers of the ENIAC computing system in 1945 and later assisted in converting the ENIAC system into one of the first stored-program computers. She also has been inducted into the Women in Technology International Hall of

Fame, and Northwest's computing museum has been named in her honor.

1948
LAVONA STALCUP REID (ATTD.) lives in Rock Port. She retired in 1989 after nine years on the faculty at Tarkio College.

1951
BILL SHERMAN ♦ was inducted into the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Hall of Fame in 2007. He has been a member of MRPA for 32 years, the majority of it with the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, where he created many popular programs while upgrading Metropark facilities.

1967
MICHAEL FORBES ♦ retired in May from the Council Bluffs, IA, Public School System after teaching driver education for the past 41 years. His wife, Carolyn, an elementary teacher for 35 years, also retired. They plan to enjoy their friends and two granddaughters, golf, fish and travel.



1968
JESS COLE JR. (MASTER'S '70) is retired. He and his wife, Judy, live in Gentry.

JIM AND DOROTHY HELZER ('69) GUBSER have three daughters, Gina, Amy and Kimberly, and seven grandchildren. Jim is the pastor of the Creston (IA) First United Methodist Church and Jerusalem United Methodist Church.

1972
CAROLYN HENRY ♦ and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 3. Carolyn retired from teaching music in the Maryville School District, and Bob is retired from the News and Information Office at Northwest. They live in Maryville.

1973**BOB BELCHER**

and his wife, Cheryl, live in Lee's Summit. Bob is a division manager at Sales Consultants Inc., and Cheryl is a sales engineer at Ecolab Inc. Their daughter, who graduated from Truman State in May, was named Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II All-American in softball and Player of the Year at the MIAA conference tournament.

1975**GLEN JOHNSON**

was inducted into the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Sports Medicine Hall of Fame in June. He spent one year at a high school in Texas before becoming the head athletic trainer with the University of Colorado football team.

He then moved to West Virginia University, serving in the same capacity. In 1981 he became an orthopedic surgeon in the St. Louis area. He's since been active with many athletes and has traveled extensively with U.S. soccer to international competitions.

MARY ANNE PHILLIPS

is the recycling coordinator for the city of Joplin.

1976**RICHARD ('89) AND CINDY HELZER ('76, '89) BALDWIN**

retired in June as superintendent and elementary principal, respectively, from the Rock Port School District. Both have worked for 32 years as Missouri educators. Richard was the secondary principal at Glasgow R-II for seven years and agriculture educa-

tion teacher at North Nodaway in Hopkins for 16 years. Cindy was principal in the North Nodaway, Pilot Grove and Glasgow R-II school districts. She also taught at North Nodaway for 14 years and was librarian in the New Franklin and Westran school districts. They have three children, Jenna, 27, Nathan, 23, and Bret, 19, and one grandchild. Richard began a new career as the director of the Atchison County Development Corporation on July 1. They live in Rock Port.

WES STRANGE

teaches agriculture education at Gallatin High School. He previously taught at Tri-County in Jamesport for nine years and 11 years in Cameron. He also worked for the

MFA Livestock Association for 12 years.

1977**JACK BAIN (MASTER'S)**

teaches high school math in the North Daviess R-3 School District. He previously taught 32 years in Princeton and Trenton before retiring. He and his wife, Marilyn, a paraprofessional, have two adult children, Lori and Kristi.

1978**PAT FORBIS**

was inducted into the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Sports Medicine Hall of Fame in June. He was an athletic trainer at Grand Prairie High School in Texas before moving to Jefferson City, where he has been involved in sports medicine clinics.

Weymuth makes conducting debut at Carnegie Hall

Dr. Rick Weymuth, professor emeritus of music, fulfilled a dream of a lifetime in March when he conducted at Carnegie Hall.

Weymuth came to Northwest in 1980, teaching choral classes and directing Northwest Celebration, Tower Choir and Madraliers. He said the awards he has received in his field – in particular his induction into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame – contributed to him being asked to guest conduct at Carnegie Hall.

"I had never been to Carnegie Hall, and I was honored to be asked," Weymuth said. "When the experience was over it was like I was floating on a cloud."

His appearance at the famed venue was part of the Distinguished Concerts International New York "Excellence in Education" series. In addition to friends and family who made the trip to New



York, he said a former Northwest Music Camp student was the managing director of Carnegie Hall. The seven choirs he conducted were directed by his former students at Northwest or Winnetonka High School in Kansas City, where he taught prior to joining the Northwest faculty – John von Glahn '99, Brian von Glahn '02, Jason Elam '97, '01, Robert Schofer '90, '95, Sandy Schlesselman, Trent Clayton

and Bob Crews.

"It was great to be surrounded by so many familiar faces," he said. "To look out in the crowd and see my granddaughter sitting next to my 89-year-old mother is an immeasurable feeling."

Weymuth, who lives in Maryville and Hilton Head, S.C., with his wife, Annelle, is writing his fourth music book and will conduct at New York's Lincoln Center in 2010, 2011 and 2012. ■



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Quilt memorializes fallen soldier, classmate

A fellow student at Northwest served as an inspiration for Carlene Buck's "most touching" creation. Buck '69, who started quilting in 1981 after checking out several books on the subject from her local library, said the message from her quilt "Armistice... Mom, I'm Home" is still timely today.

"I believe God has inspired me to make several quilts," Buck said. "It is a responsibility and an opportunity to reach people with a message that is not my own."

Buck lives in Clarinda, Iowa, and has made more than 60 quilts that take anywhere from a couple weeks to several years to complete.

"Some are small, many are large, some are beautiful, some are downright ugly, but I have learned something from each one," she said about her quilt collection.

A quilt that Buck started in 1983, "Armistice... Mom, I'm Home," is dedicated to the

men and women returning home after serving in war. It features 24 blocks with a person on each, some with missing legs or arms to represent injured soldiers. Buck's classmate at Northwest, Durward Limbacher, served as one inspiration for the quilt.

Durward was drafted and served as a medic in Vietnam. He was killed while giving aid to someone in 1967.

"It was shocking to us," Buck said. "I feel this quilt is the most touching."

She has made quilts for each of her family members and hopes that a few will be donated to museums in the future.

Five years from now, Buck, who is retired following a 34-year career as an underwriting coordinator, hopes to have completed the eight quilts she is currently working on, along with 50 more.

Buck's quilts have been featured in many shows, a book and demonstrations, and she has also spoken at colleges across the country about her hobby. ■



At her home in Clarinda, Iowa, Carlene Buck '69 works on her next quilting creation. Buck has made more than 60 quilts, and, now retired, hopes to complete another 50 within the next five years.

DAVE "DC" COLT (MASTER'S) was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame in June.

BARBARA "BOBBIE" KUDLAC MORTON

is vice president of information technology at The Beryl Companies, the nation's leading provider of outsourced call center services to healthcare organizations. She previously was the information technology director for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

MICHAEL O'HALLORAN has completed 30 years



with the U.S. Treasury—Office of the Inspector General. He transferred from the Kansas City office to Washington, D.C., in 2000, where he heads the Personnel Security and National Security Clearance Program for the inspector general.

PAM SHAFER CAMPBELL (MASTER'S '05)

is a learning specialist at Smithton Middle School in the Columbia Public School District. She has been the special education department chair and recently received tenure. Her husband, Nick, is a minister at the Fairview United Methodist Church. They have two children, Susan and Wesley, who are in graduate school.

1979 RANDY AND DIANA ZIPF ('78) FOSTER

live in Overland Park, KS. Randy is vice president of



accounting and control at The Scouler Co. Diana is co-founder of Communication for Kids, LLC. She has developed a program called Talking Tykes, which serves children with special needs in the area of early language learning, communication and sign language.

BRENDA BAKER FRIEDMAN teaches math at Caney (KS) Valley High School and is the assistant volleyball coach. She

most recently taught at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, OK. Her husband, Jay, is the pastor of New Life Wesleyan Church. They live in Copan, KS.

BILL PERKINS (MASTER'S '83) ♦

is director of supply chain at Air Products in Allentown, PA. He and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, Michael, 12, and Jack, 6.

1981 GERIANNE MERRIGAN

is a professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies at San Francisco State University.

BILL OLIVER

is general manager of KNCY Radio. He lives in Nebraska City, NE.

1984**MARK ANDERSON**

is operations manager for Entercom radio stations WROQ and WTPT. He and his wife, Sue, live in Simpsonville, SC.

1985**REIKE PLECAS**

is the director of operations and business development at Veracity Financial Group, LLC. He also serves on the Des Moines Playhouse Board of Directors and co-chairs Hollywood Halloween, the annual children's fundraiser for the Des Moines Playhouse. He and his wife, Cassandra, have two children, Lara, 15, and Devon, 10. They live in West Des Moines, IA.

**1988****RICK MOORE (MASTER'S)**

is professor of instru-

mental music and band director at Central Arizona College-Signal Peak and has received the CAC George Fridell Excellence in Teaching Award. He also is the musical director for Big Band Memories of Tucson and performs on the trumpet and saxophone with his own group, the Sonoran Jazz Ensemble, and the Phoenix-based Seniors Unlimited.

1992**ANNE SIMON DEAVER**

and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of Marlo Kellene on June 17. She joins Franklin, 4, and Simon, 4. The Deavers live in Liberty.

1993**JULIE HERING ♦**

and Dennis Kent were married Dec. 15, 2007. Dennis works for Hy-Vee. Contact



Julie at jhering-kent@mchsi.com. They live in Oakland, IA.

ROBBIE AND JENNY SANDERS ('97) OEHLERTZ

announce the birth of Ali Grace on Feb. 1. Robbie is manager of client support at ADP, and Jenny is a women's therapist at Hope House. They live in Greenwood.

ELIZABETH STEPHAN

is the librarian in the College of Business and Economics and an assistant professor at Western Washington University in Bellingham. She previously was a librarian at the University of Mississippi.

TREVOR PYLE (MASTER'S '96)

is a senior consequence management analyst at L-3 Communications. His wife, Michele, is a senior QA analyst at SAIC Inc. Defense and Maritime Solutions. They celebrated their first anniversary in July and live in Alexandria, VA.

1995**JEFFREY HENDERSON**

and his wife, Amy, live in Council Bluffs, IA, with their daughter, Ava, 1. Jeffrey is an associate professor in the English Department at Iowa Western Community College, and Amy is a part-time student and part-time sales agent at Omni Hotels Reservation Center in Omaha, NE.

LYNN MCCLURE

and his wife, Jennifer, live in Bonner Springs, KS, with their sons, Alex, 6, and Andy, 3. Lynn is president of First Legend Bank & Trust, and Jennifer is a vice principal in the Park Hill School District.

CARRIE PUHALLA

is the volleyball coach at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, NE.

Keep in touch

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You also may submit a photograph. Please include a self-addressed envelope so the photo can be returned, or e-mail it, in high resolution, to alumni@nwmissouri.edu. (Photographs with children or pets will not be accepted.)

Know any of these folks?

The following alumni who were involved in Northwest's agriculture program in the 1960s are considered "lost" because the University does not have a current physical mailing address for them.

If you recognize someone on the list, please provide Northwest with their contact information (i.e. address, phone number, e-mail address, married name) or ask them to e-mail alumni@nwmissouri.edu or call (660) 562-1248.

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Larry Kimble '61
James Wells '61
Marjorie Groom '62
Patricia Harris '62
Donna Buckley '63
Gary Burgher '63
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Kenneth Wiley '69



Monk presents flag to Northwest

U.S. Navy Construction Mechanic Chief Petty Officer Jim Monk '76, '85 presented an American flag to the Northwest Alumni Association. The flag, which was accepted by Steve Sutton '71, director of alumni relations, was flown over Al Asad, Iraq, on Jan. 1. Monk, who has been in the military for 22 years, is with Seabees Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 and was deployed to the Al Anbar Province in Iraq in support of America's military mission there. Monk returned home to Valley Falls, Kan., on May 8 following his second tour of duty overseas. ■

1996

KRISTEN HUBER BURCH and her husband, Joe, live in Excelsior Springs with their children, Tyler, 4, and Zachary, 1.

1997

TRACY SIBBERNSEN BURRUS (MASTER'S '01) and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Finley Rose. She joins Jackson Scott, 4. Tracy teaches kindergarten in the Andover (KS) School District, and Eric is a Planet Sub franchise owner with stores in Wichita and Manhattan, KS, and Lincoln, NE. They live in Wichita, KS.

MARK AND JENNIFER ELLIOTT MEYER announce the birth of Abigail Faith on Feb. 18.

She joins Andrew, 10, Madeline, 8, Josiah, 4, and Gabriel, 3. Mark is a journeyman mason and certified welder for J.E. Dunn, and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom and home educator. They live in the Kansas City area.

KAREN RANIERE completed a master's in leadership and administration in July and is now the assistant director of special services in the Wheaton-Warrenville School District in Wheaton, IL.

1998

AMY WALDRON BARKSDALE and her husband, Ethan, live in Kansas City.



Amy is a first-grade teacher at St. Patrick Grade School. Ethan is a graduate of Boston University and is an engineer and works at Holland 1916, a metal company in North Kansas City. Their son, Cooper, was born in April.

STEPHEN AND ERICA ZUBER COPPINGER

announce the birth of Audrey Rose and Henry Joseph on May 12. They join Grace, 5, and Thomas, 2. The family lives in Kansas City.

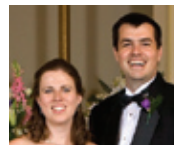
AMY BLAZEK DAVIS moved to Indianapolis, IN, in April, and married Joel Davis in Asheville, NC, on July 20. She is the Midwest regional representative for Trikeenan Tileworks.

KEVIN GERMAN lives in Chicago and is the director of software en-

gineering at CenterPoint Properties.

KEVIN JOHNSON and Amy Shorner were married

May 31. Kevin is a doc-



toral student in music education at the University of Georgia, and Amy is an associate pastor at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, GA.

GINGER LANGEMEIER

is the assistant director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. She previously was the deputy director for government relations for the National Pork Producers Council in Washington, D.C. She also was deputy chief of staff and legislative director for Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska and held several key positions for Rep. Sam Graves of Missouri.

BRIAN MAIJALA

and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Austin on July 3, 2007. They live in Hallsville.

1999

ETHAN AND MANDY JOHNSON BROWN

announce the birth of Brett Charles on July 23. He joins Blake, 6, and Teagan, 3. Ethan sells real estate for CBS Home, and Mandy teaches kindergarten in the Papillion Lavista Schools. They live in Papillion, NE

JAMIE MILLER SMITH (MASTER'S '01) and her husband, P.J., live in Wathena, KS, with their daughter, Trinleigh Marie, 2. Jamie owns Pig-

tails 'n Inkwells, an educational materials store in St. Joseph. Contact her at jmteach2@hotmail.com.

KIMBERLY BURGESS WALAWENDER

and her husband, James, announce the birth of Evan James on March 31. He joins Audrey, 4. Kim is a stay-at-home mom, and James is a mechanical engineer at Black & Veatch. They live in Kansas City.

JASON WINCHESTER

and Fernanda Holton

were married July 8 and live



in Manassas, VA. Jason completed his Ph.D. at Louisiana State University and is an assistant professor at George Mason University in Virginia.

2000

GRETCHEN DALE

and Barry Crilley were married June 14. They are special education teachers in the Park Hill School District. Their daughter, Stella, was born in January 2008.

JOE AND KELLY ARCHER QUINLIN

announce the birth of Kori Eileen on June 27. She joins Derek Marvin. Kelly is Northwest's head athletic trainer and was presented the National Athletic Trainers' Association Division II Above and Beyond Award. Joe is the strength and conditioning coach at Northwest.

Merrick's smile bridges the generation gap

Many images enter a Northwest graduate's mind when he or she hears the term "Northwest." It could be anything from former classmates or professors to campus landmarks such as the Administration Building or the Bell Tower. For some alumni, whether they attended Horace Mann Lab School or Northwest, they think of Irma Jensen Merrick '49.

Not only is she a Northwest alumna, but Merrick was a longtime physical education teacher at Horace Mann on the Northwest campus, retiring in 1987. Upon her retirement, she began a second career, which started as a short-term position but lasted 20 years, as a cashier in the J.W. Jones Student Union food court.

A celebration – in honor of her May retirement from Dining Services and her 80th birthday – took place April 11. The campuswide event was complete with birthday cake for all Northwest students, employees, family and friends, an appearance by Bobby Bearcat, a serenade from the men of Phi Mu Alpha and the reading of a resolution from the Missouri Senate honoring Merrick as an outstanding Missourian. In addition, a tree

was planted on campus in her honor.

"Northwest and Maryville are wonderful," said Merrick, who was the 2008 Homecoming parade's grand marshal. Her picture also is on a billboard near campus. "It is a wonderful town to raise a family, and I am really going to miss interacting with the college students."

During her years as a cashier, Merrick became a favorite among Northwest students, whom she always greeted with a smile and often a hug. Whether she was serving as a judge for Bearcat Idol or the Homecoming Variety Show, sponsoring the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, attending a Bearcat game or "swiping your Bearcat card" in the Union, for many, Merrick and her friendly smile will continue to be synonymous with Northwest. ■

Join the "I Love Irma" group on Facebook for any Northwest student who ever met, loved, or would like to celebrate the impact that Irma Merrick had on your collegiate days."



Bobby Bearcat wishes Irma Merrick a happy retirement and, in return, receives a friendly smile and hug — a familiar site for Northwest students.

SHANE AND JENNIFER JARMAN SANDAU

are expecting their second child in April. Their son, Evan Griffith, is 1. Shane plans to pursue a master's degree this spring and become an English teacher. Jennifer is a teacher and the theatre director at Park Hill High School. They live in Kansas City.

2001

JUSTIN TYLER ♦ and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Carly Justine on June 2. She joins Cassidy, 11. Justin is a firefighter and paramedic for the City of Lenexa, KS, Fire Department, and Julie is a personal banker for Hillcrest Bank in Kansas City. They live in Platte City.

2002

CARRIE ARTMAN ANDERSON and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Ashley Jean on Feb. 23. Carrie is a consultant, and Mark is a software engineer. Both are employed at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City.

BRIAN BOONE

and Allisen Angel were married July 19. He is a physical education teacher at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic School in Omaha, NE.

SHANE REMLEY (MASTER'S '06) AND JENNIFER GREENE ('00)

were married June 28



in Kansas City. Shane is a science teacher at North Kansas City High School, and Jennifer teaches business in the Kearney School District. Jennifer received a master's degree in 2006 from Avila University. They live in Kansas City.

CORBET WILSON (MASTER'S '06)

is the principal of Greenwood Lakes Middle School in Seminole County, FL. He previously was the assistant principal at Milwee Middle School. His wife, Janel, is a field associate at Nova Southeastern University. They live in DeLand, FL.

2003

EMILY BURDICK and Clay Vogl were married Oct. 25. Emily is a team leader and chemist at ABC Labs, and Clay is a mortician. They live in Columbia.

DANIEL CHRISTIAN KETTELHAKE

left his position as a secondary language arts educator in Pawnee City, NE, to pursue a full-time career in music. His pop/rock album "I Am Merely Sand" was recorded in Nashville, TN, and is available on iTunes and his Web site, www.DanielChristianMusic.com.

Kozelichki awarded for investigation of mass killing

Officer Todd Kozelichki '92 was listening to his police radio Dec. 5, 2007, with members of his homicide unit at the Omaha Police Department in downtown Omaha, Neb. Suddenly, he and his unit were notified of a shooting at Westroads Mall, a large shopping mall hustling with Christmas shoppers.

Kozelichki, a six-year member of the homicide unit, had several thoughts crossing through his mind. Could it be a broken relationship incident or a drive-by shooting? Then, to his surprise, the term "active shooter" was used on the police radio, and there was no indication the shooting had stopped.

Kozelichki said navigating his way to the mall was difficult.

"A trip that would normally take 15 minutes turned into 40," he said. "There were hundreds of police officers and civilians blocking the roads, and it was a strain to even get in."

Once he arrived, eight victims as well as the 19-year-old gunman had already been pronounced dead.

The on-site investigation covered three floors in Von Maur, a high-end department store. Kozelichki was in charge of coordinating the

massive crime scene.

According to television reports and newspaper articles, Kozelichki was "exceptionally focused and determined in his investigation" of what some have described as the worst mass killing in Nebraska history.

"There was great teamwork at the scene that was demonstrated by civilians and personnel with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Nebraska State Patrol and Omaha Police Department," he said.

For his investigation, Kozelichki was awarded the Swanson-Grimm Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year award for his "calm stability during the long and chaotic two-day investigation." Nine other officers and one sergeant were nominated for this award.

When he was at Northwest, Kozelichki originally intended to become a math teacher and coach. However, his career path changed when he met his wife's uncle who was active in police work. Today, Kozelichki is a 10-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department and teaches classes within his department and at ITT Technical Institute.

He and his wife, Kim Kratina Kozelichki '92, live in Omaha with their 12-year-old dog, Jasmine. ■



Todd Kozelichki, a 10-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department, led the investigation of a mall shooting that left nine people dead.

Did you know?

- The First Bobby Bearcat was drawn as a character that was on all fours, until the 1950s when he stood up tall.
- In 1925, a live bear cub was brought from Omaha to serve as a living mascot.
- The Gaunt House is named in the National Register of Historic Places.
- In October 1985, the head of the Abraham Lincoln statue was stolen for a second time.

DUSTIN WASSON is the creative services director for Avery's Floor Mats in Laddonia. He has been with the company since 2005. He lives in Perry.

RACHEL JOHNS WRIGHT is a media assistant for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She and her husband, William, announce the birth of Tristian James on May 1. They live in Gretna, NE.

2004
ADAM AND VALERIE LEMKE HUNT announce the birth of Abram Oneal on May 6.

Adam completed a degree in elementary education at the University of Northern Colorado in May. Valerie completed an MBA at Regis University in December 2007.

RYAN LIDOLPH is a business banking officer at First National Bank and Trust Company in Columbia. He is responsible for assisting business customers with financing for their companies.

MATT ULRICH AND MEGAN THOLE were married Aug. 9 in Omaha, NE, and now live in Woodward, IA. Matt is a precision ag specialist at

Agronomic Solutions, and Megan is a senior claim examiner at Principal Financial Group.

COREY WILSON

is director of development at The Durham Museum in Omaha, NE. He previously was the museum's development associate and staff writer.



2005
AMY VETTER

and Brian Cox were married May 3 and live

in Bennington, NE. Amy is a teacher at the Jewish Community Center, and Brian is an accountant at Coventry Health Care.

2006
DENNIS SHARKEY is the news editor of *The Daily News* in Richmond. He previously was a reporter for *Sun Publications* in Johnson County, KS, and for the *Leavenworth Times*.

2007**STEPHANIE COSTANZO**

is a full-time news reporter and fill-in anchor



at KLKN channel 8 in Lincoln, NE.

LAURA DELONG

is pursuing a master's in reading at Northwest. She is a teacher assistant in the Park Hill School District and lives in Independence.

DANIEL STREET

teaches physical education and health in the North Daviess R-3 School District.

GARY WACKERNAGLE ♦

and Olivia Cook were married March 18. He is a computer programmer analyst at West Corporation in Omaha, NE.

2008**SCOTT LEVINE AND CHRISTINA THATCHER ('07)**

were married June 7 and live in Clinton, IA. Scott is the associate editor at the *Clinton Herald*, and Christina is a quality control lab technician at Archer Daniel Midland.

In Memoriam

DENNIS CAMPBELL '81

50, died June 12 in Gower. He was an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser for East Buchanan School.

DEAN CLARK '73 (MASTER'S)

77, died Aug. 3 in Mena, AR. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and from teaching in Bedford, IA.

JUNE COURTNEY CLARK '57

88, died Aug. 14 in Fort Collins, CO. She was an educator in Union Star for 32 years, teaching eighth grade and serving as elementary principal.

DAVID CROZIER '40

91, died June 7 in Maryville. He retired from Northwest after teaching 42 years and serving as the faculty representative to the MIAA conference.

MONTRA DEVEZZ DORMAN '59

72, died June 15 in Loveland, CO. He taught building trades at Larimer County Voc-Tech School in Fort Collins, CO, and later worked in commercial construction.

KENNETH "TONY" D'ORTONA '06

33, died June 15 in Idaho Falls, ID. He was employed at Jackson Lake Lodge in Wyoming in the culinary arts.

BLANCHE WOOD HAWKINS '65 (MASTER'S)

94, died Dec. 11, 2006, in Waco, TX, where she had lived since 1998. She retired from the St. Joseph School District. She also taught in rural Missouri schools and in Oregon state.

CHARLES HAWKINS

74, of Maryville, died June 28 in St. Joseph. He was a professor of accounting at Northwest and retired in 1993.

LEWIS ISRAEL '31

98, died July 8 in St. Joseph. He was editor of the *Bethany Republican-Clipper* from the late 1950s until his retirement in the mid-1970s.

ROBERT JARDON

94, died May 15 in Nebraska City, NE. He farmed in Randolph, IA

LEROY KING (ATTD.)

64, died Aug. 9 near Red Oak, IA. He retired from the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, NE.

GROVER MICHAEL LOFTIN '70

60, died Aug. 10 in Grinnell, IA. He was a district seed salesman for Kruger Seed Co. as well as a Hampshire hog breeder.

SHERRY RYAN MACKEY '61

73, died Aug. 17 in Maryville. She was a teacher and retired as the deputy clerk in Nodaway County.

HELEN JONES MAXWELL '84 (MASTER'S)

73, died June 3 in St. Joseph. She retired in 1998 after 33 years of teaching.

EMMA PRICE MILLER '73 (MASTER'S)

88, died June 8 in Albany. She taught English at Albany High School for many years. She also taught piano and was a GED instructor.

JOSEPH OCHOA '58

75, died May 29 in Kansas City. He retired from Honeywell after 35 years of service.

MARGUERITE THOMPSON PITTSBARGER '54

96, died Aug. 22 in Maryville. She taught in Nodaway and Platte counties for 37 years.

RUTH MEYERS LARMER SAVAGE '39 (HORACE MANN) '60

86, died July 5 in Maryville. She taught 40 years in several elementary schools and retired as a professor at Northwest in 1986.

JUDSON "JUD" SEVY III '68
64, died Aug. 22 in Houston. He was employed in the insurance business.

AWALT STEFFEN '57, '59

97, died June 27 in St. Joseph. Throughout his career, he was a newspaper reporter, an executive director of the YMCA

and owned and operated a bookstore. He also was an elementary and high school principal and superintendent, retiring in 1974.

CHARLES VINZANT '55

88, died June 24 in Richmond. He owned and operated a dairy farm in Princeton for 13 years and was a Methodist minister in northwest Missouri for 32 years.

TRUMAN WILSON '50

82, died June 11 in St. Joseph. He was in the insurance business for more than 50 years and served in the Missouri House of Representatives for two years and in the Missouri Senate for 20 years.

LARRY ZIRBEL '50

86, died May 19 in Kansas City. He was a teacher and counselor for 37 years, retiring in 1986 from the Hickman Mills School District. He also officiated football, basketball, baseball and softball at the high school and college levels. He worked with the Kansas City Chiefs for 44 years and umpired in the American League Championship Series for the Kansas City Royals in 1984.

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 University Advancement, 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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