Current Bearcats share tips with students and parents
Need a haircut? Maryville services from A to Z

Cat crew students help freshmen move into the new residence halls.
Academic advisors are some of the most influential people students will ever encounter at Northwest, according to the University’s assistant director of advising.

Brad Landhuis said Northwest’s advising system, which is faculty based, stresses the important role advisors play as guides to a student’s academic success. But they’re more than that, a lot more.

“They are role models, career coaches, mentors for students and sometimes just an ear, someone the student can talk to,” Landhuis said. “A student may have a personal issue they’re dealing with and just need someone who is looking out for their best interests. Academic advisors often fill that role.”

All full-time faculty at Northwest serve as academic advisors. First-time freshmen are grouped by major with a Freshman Seminar instructor. That instructor also serves as the students’ advisor throughout the first trimester.

“Studies indicate that 65 to 85 percent of college students change their major,” Landhuis said. “And about 20 to 25 percent of our students are deciding, so easily three-fourths of our students either haven’t decided on a major or change their major. That makes advising all the more critical.”

Academic resources

Northwest’s Advisement Assistance and Resource Office works closely with the staffs of the Registrar’s Office, Admissions Office, Freshman Seminar, Career Services and Mabel Cook Admissions to help with orientation and registration of new students and the retention of current students. Many resources are available to students throughout the academic year, including:

- Exploring Majors – Oct. 2, 2007, and Feb. 12, 2008. Academic departments are set up in a fair-like environment to provide information regarding all majors for students who have not yet declared a major or are thinking of changing their major.
- Career Services Resource Library – Contains books, periodicals, videos, DVDs and much more on the latest career related topics.
- DISCOVER – An online tool that can help assess interests, values and abilities as they relate to the “world of work.”
- Employer Services – Online job and internship posting, resume referrals, career events, and on-campus interviewing is offered.
- Internship/Job Listings – Students can register with the Office of Career Services and take full advantage of the system. This database is updated daily.
- Internship Search Assistance – The Career Services Web site provides information about how to get started with an internship search along with regional and national listings of available internships.
- Job Search Assistance – Career Services assist in outlining a deliberate strategy for a personal job search.
- On-Campus Interviewing – Employers travel to campus to interview candidates for all types of positions – full-time, part-time, and internships.
- What Can I Do With This Major? – This Web site helps students connect majors with potential careers. For each major that interests a student, they will find a list of common career areas, typical employer types and strategies designed to maximize their career opportunities.

For all of the above services, go to: www.nwmissouri.edu/careerserv/.

Advising ranked first

According to a survey of more than 100,000 students at four-year public colleges and universities, compiled from 2003-2006, students rated academic advising as the most important area of the college experience. Landhuis said the survey, conducted by Noel-Levitz Inc., provides important data to Northwest.

“Academic advising is a highly valued part of the university experience,” he said. “With that come expectations of students and parents. We expect students to take ownership in their education. We give them a lot of options, and they need to explore those options.

“Parents should be aware that we want to be true to the students and honor their confidentiality. We can talk to parents in general terms, but students need to make some of these important decisions for themselves with proper advisement.”
If only I had known then what I know now. How many times have you said that, or at least thought it? Hindsight may be 20/20, but first-year students, and their parents, often don’t get the opportunity to see that clearly as they feel their way through the first few months at Northwest. Luckily for them, the following Northwest students have gone through the process and were willing to share advice on everything from study habits to extracurricular activities.

**Nisha Bharti**

**Senior, Lexington, Mo.**

In the beginning: “My first day of Advantage I was really nervous. I came up with a friend, and we lived together. I was overwhelmed. It didn’t hit me until I was driving up here that I was starting college. When I got here, there were all of these people on the yard of my residence hall, Phillips Hall. I didn’t know what to do.

“My roommate and I kept our door open, and we went all around the hall. I think we went to Wal-Mart about 20 times that day.”

Advice to students: “Come with an open mind. Always keep your door open, you’ll attract a lot of people. Have plenty of minutes on your phone, because you’ll call home a lot at the start.”

If I could turn back the clock: “I wished I had gone to more student organization meetings. I was intimidated by not knowing anyone. But getting involved your freshman year leads to more leadership opportunities down the road. I joined Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, but I wish I’d done more.”

Advice to parents: “Always send stuff in the mail. A care package is really exciting. Postcards are good. It’s nice to get stuff in the mail.”

**Megan Walker**

**Junior, Memphis, Mo.**

In the beginning: “I remember saying goodbye to my parents, and I cried a little bit. Late that first night, I cried myself to sleep. Those first couple of days were awful. But the third day, I said this is OK.

“I had e-mailed my roommate before coming to campus. We went to everything at Advantage, and we met a lot of people. You have to immerse yourself in the campus and what it has to offer.”

Advice to students: “I got really involved that first trimester. I applied to become an Ambassador. I joined a sorority. I became really close to the girls in Phillips Hall. And don’t give up on your major if that first trimester doesn’t go well. Keep after it.”

Advice to parents: “Send cards, candy. It’s nice to know you’re being thought of. And at the end, during finals, always send a care package. Call, but not too much, maybe once a week.”

**Alex Drury**

**Senior, Blue Springs, Mo.**

Alex Drury had plenty of anxiety when he arrived in Maryville as a first-time freshman. He worried if college would be harder. He worried about the workload.

But once his mid-term grades were in the books, and they were good, he started to get to know more people, became more comfortable and got involved.

In the beginning: “Just get involved in something, whether it’s intramurals, an organization or a fraternity or sorority. Typically, students in organizations do well academically.”

Advice to students: “Leave your door open and stop and meet other people. Call your parents every few days to let them know you’re alive. And don’t skip classes. Go to class or you’ll get behind.”

Advice to parents: “Give advice, but realize your son or daughter needs to make decisions on their own. Parents have a hard time letting go because everything is so different and new. But it works itself out.”

**Tips from the pros**

Students pass along advice to freshmen, parents
Family Weekend set for late September

A tradition that dates back decades will take place on the Northwest campus and in Maryville in late September. Family Weekend, formerly known as Family Day, is scheduled for Sept. 28-30.

A variety of activities are planned, including the second home Bearcat football game under the lights this season. Northwest will take on Southwest Baptist at 6 p.m. in Bearcat Stadium/Mel Tjeerdsma Field.

Family Weekend schedule:

**Friday, Sept. 28:**
- Evening – Fall Fest in the residence halls
- Dinner in Maryville
- 6-9 p.m. – Alumni Awards Banquet, Union Ballroom (reservations required)
- 8 p.m. – Jim Wand, hypnotist, Charles Johnson Theater (event is free but ticket is required)
- All day – Family Weekend Archives display in B.D. Owens Library

**Saturday, Sept. 29:**
- 7:30 a.m. – 5-kilometer run/walk/roll sponsored by Athletic Training Club. Route begins at International Plaza. Entry fee is $15.
- 8:30-10 a.m. – Pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes sponsored by Student Senate. $4 per person.
- 9-11 a.m. – Roberta Hall (sorority) Open House (refreshments provided)
- Noon-4 p.m. – Fraternity open houses
- 4 p.m. – Bearcat soccer vs. University of Central Missouri
- Bearcat Zone Tailgate begins at Pavilion. $5 per person
- 6 p.m. – Bearcat football vs. Southwest Baptist, Bearcat Stadium/Mel Tjeerdsma Field
- Halftime recognition of Family of the Year
- Dinner in Maryville
- Talent Show sponsored by RHA (to be announced)
- All day – Family Weekend Archives display in B.D. Owens Library

**Sunday, Sept. 30:**
- Morning – Morning faith services at various churches throughout Maryville
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – All-you-can-eat brunch buffet at the Union. $6.49 per person
- All day – Family Weekend Archives display in B.D. Owens Library

Maryville services

Maryville may not be a booming metropolitan area, but you still want peace of mind knowing there are services available for a variety of day-to-day issues your son or daughter may experience.

What is there to do outside the University? Where can I go to get my car repaired? Where can I eat besides the Bearcat food court? Where can I go to get my hair cut?

The following list will help you answer these questions and more.

**Apartments**
- Horizons West Apartments, 582-5211
- Maryville Housing Authority, 582-3601
- Parkway & Carson Apartments, 582-7233
- The Villas at the Summit, 582-3125
- United Country Twaddle Realty, 582-7562
- Fox Alley Apartments, 582-4800
- Fox Cove Apartments, 582-8858
- Ingels Briarwood Apartments, 582-8368
- Maryville Meadows, 582-2537
- Maryville Realty & Construction, 582-2661
- Northridge Apartments, 582-3927

**Village O Apartments, 582-7725**
- Wabash Corner Apartments, 582-8240

**Auto Body Repairs/Service/Parts/Tires**
- Beemer’s Muffler Center, LLC, 582-2800
- Boyles Motors, 582-2116
- Car Quest, 582-8146
- Deibert’s Garage, 582-0025
- Leaverton Auto, 582-4884
- O’Reilly Auto Parts, 582-3171
- Parson’s Tire & Battery, 582-7213
Churches
Calvary Chapel Northwest, 562-0001
Church of Christ, 562-8098
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 582-8536
Church of the Nazarene, 562-2420
Community of Christ, 562-3679
Community of Faith, 562-2623
Conception Abbey, 944-2827
Countryside Christian Church, 582-8872
First Assembly of God, 582-2623
First Baptist Church, 562-2616
First Christian Church, 582-4101
First Presbyterian Church, 582-4257
Hope Lutheran Church, 582-3262
Jehovah’s Witnesses, 582-3916
Laurel Street Baptist Church, 582-4773
St. Gregory’s Catholic Church & School, 582-3833
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 582-5832
The Secret Place, 582-2514
Temple Baptist Church, 582-2922
United Methodist Church, 582-4821

Clothing Stores
JC Penney, 562-2044
Jock’s Nitch, 582-2455
Maurices, 582-4648
The Student Body, 582-8889
Warehouse Exchange, 562-2286

Computer Services/Dealers
ASDE Computer Services, 582-2703
MTE Office Center, 582-7128
Northwest Consulting, LLC, 582-8500
Prothero Technology, 562-8200

Cosmetics/Facial
Mary Kay Cosmetics, 582-MKAY
Mary Kay Skin Care, 582-8967
R Salon, 562-3775

Dentists
Dr. Jeffry Gardner, DDS, 582-4655
Gentle Dental Care, 582-8516
Lisa Parker, DDS, 582-2786
Dr. Stan Snyder, DDS, 582-8601
Tweed Dentistry, 582-7177
Vierthaler Family Dentistry, 582-2273

Department/Discount Stores
Dollar General, North and South, 582-4501
Wal-Mart, 562-8525

Dry Cleaning
Quality 1 Cleaners, 562-9992
Maryville Dry Cleaning & Laundry, 582-5559

Exterminators
Hart’s Pest Control, 582-8641

Florists
Bittersweet Floral & Gifts, 582-5700
Hy-Vee, 582-2191
Maryville Florists, 582-3066
Wal-Mart, 562-8525

Garbage Collection
Herbert Emery Sanitation, 582-5573
Williams Services, 582-8152

Grocery Stores
Hy-Vee, 582-2191
Wal-Mart, 562-8525

Hardware Stores/Home Improvement
Sutherlands, 582-0031

Hospital
St. Francis Hospital & Health Services, 582-2600

Hotels/Motels
Americas Best Inns and Suites, 582-3111
Comfort Inn, 582-2002
Super 8, 582-8088
Holiday Inn Express, 582-9949

Internet Service
ASDE Computer Services, 582-2703
Embarq, 800-449-4791

Locksmiths
Maryville Glass and Lock, 582-3131
Nodaway Glass, 582-7263

Newspapers
Maryville Daily Forum/Penny Press, 582-2424
Nodaway News Leader, 582-4747
Northwest Missourian, 562-1224
St. Joseph News-Press, (816) 271-8673

Optometrists
Family Eye Clinic, 582-5222
Powell Optometry, 582-4022
S. Chavala, MD, 562-2566
Spec Shoppe, 582-8911

Pharmacies
Carter’s Pharmacy, 582-2763
Hy-Vee, 582-2199
Wal-Mart, 562-8525

Restaurants
A&G Restaurant Bar & Grill, 582-4421
Applebee’s
Bubba’s BBQ & Fixins, 582-3202
Burger King, 562-0062
Carson’s Sports Grill, 582-2699
Dairy Queen, 582-5622
Domino’s Pizza, 582-2600
Gray’s Truck Stop & Restaurant, 582-2412
The Hangar, 582-7676
Happy Garden, 582-6668
Hardee’s, 582-7741
Hy-Vee Deli, 582-2199
KFC, 582-8522
La Bonita Mexican Restaurant, 582-2229
Las Palmas, 582-2051
Mandarin, 582-2997
McDonald’s, 582-8222
Mr. Goodcents, 582-2368
Murphy’s, 582-5676
Pagliai’s Pizza, 582-5750
Pizza Hut, 562-2468
Sassy’s Café, 582-7279
Sonic Drive-In, 582-3545
Subway, 582-5544
Taco John’s, 582-8056

Shoe Stores/Shoe Repair
Brown Shoe Fit, 582-4641
Cobbler Cottage, 562-2033
JC Penney, 562-2044
Payless Shoe Source, 562-2727

Sporting Goods
Jock’s Nitch, 582-2455
Student Body, 582-8889
The Sport Shop, 582-8571

Tanning Salons
Beach Tanning, 582-3224
Hair Clinic, 582-7600
JASS Salon, 582-3330
O’Hair Salon & Tanning, 582-5515
Tanastic Tanning, 582-3330

Travel Agencies
Cotter Travel, 562-3000
Calendar of Events

ACADEMICS

September
- Last date to drop a first-block course
- Last date for 25 percent refund for dropped trimester courses or withdrawal

October
- Third installment due
- Last date to get 75 percent refund for dropped second-block courses
- Last date to drop a trimester course
- Preregistration for spring 2008 begins
- Last date to get 50 percent refund for dropped second-block courses
- Last date to place a second-block course on pass/fail
- Last date to change a second-block course to audit

November
- Last date to withdraw from the University

ACTIVITIES

September
- Booth College of Business and Professional Studies Awards Ceremony
- Soccer vs. Emporia State, 2 p.m.
- Football vs. Truman State, 1 p.m.
- Soccer vs. Washburn, 2 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Central, 5 p.m.
- Visiting Writers: Joshua Kryah and Matthew Cooperman, 7 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. South Dakota, 7 p.m.
- Theatre: "John Brown’s Body," 7:30 p.m.
- Family Weekend
- Soccer vs. Missouri Western, 2 p.m.
- Alumni Awards Banquet, 6 p.m.
- Northwest Athletic Training 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk, 7:30 a.m.
- Soccer vs. Central, 4 p.m.
- Football vs. Southwest Baptist, 6 p.m.

October
- Distinguished Lecture: Andrew Sullivan, 8 p.m.
- Career Services Exploring Majors
- Volleyball vs. Missouri Southern, 7 p.m.
- Ploghoft Lecture: Darryl Johnson, 7 p.m.
- Alumni Tailgate at Arrowhead Stadium Fall Classic VI: Football vs. Pittsburg State, 2 p.m., Arrowhead Stadium

November
- Midnight Madness, 10 p.m.
- Brick & Click Libraries Symposium John Richardson exhibit closes

For an up-to-date calendar, go online at www.nwmissouri.edu/calendar
Green applauds work of security task force

As students began returning to campus from summer vacation, the office of Gov. Matt Blunt released recommendations in August, framed by the 29-member Campus Security Task Force.

Formed in the wake of the April shootings at Virginia Tech, the panel was charged with finding ways to improve the safety and security of students, faculty, staff and visitors at Missouri’s institutions of higher learning.

As a member of the task force, Northwest Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green played an important role in drafting the recommendations, which call for every Missouri campus to have a designated official responsible for coordinating emergency operations and acting as a liaison with the Missouri Office of Homeland Security.

“I think the best thing in this process for us is a commitment to the best practice of participating in all-hazards planning,” Green said, emphasizing that the scope of the recommendations extends well beyond “live shooter” incidents and embraces the widest possible range of appropriate emergency responses.

“The report calls on schools to develop better all-hazards response capabilities and to form threat assessment teams,” he said. “We have those in place now, but this is good information on how we can expand and improve.”

A key recommendation is for institutions to adopt the Emergency Response Information Program, ERIP is essentially a large database that contains detailed information about campus facilities and resources. It could tell first-responders, for example, where hazardous chemicals are stored or show the best alternate routes for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

Other task force recommendations:

• Installation of locks on classroom doors and control of access to residence halls.
• Expanded use of surveillance cameras and building design features designed to enhance security and prevent crime.

Phi Delta Theta brings home national honors

Northwest’s chapter of Phi Delta Theta received four awards presented at the fraternity’s National Leadership Institute, which took place at the organization’s General Headquarters in Miami, Ohio. The honors include:

• The Gold Star Award for overall excellence. One of the highest honors bestowed by the national office, this distinction goes to fewer than 10 percent of Phi Delta Theta’s local chapters.
• The Hayward S. Biggers Ritual Trophy. This award recognizes superior ritual observance of ceremonies and a commitment by members to live up to the principles upon which the fraternity was founded.
• Community Service Award. Recipient chapters must demonstrate excellence in various philanthropic projects during the preceding year. Phi Delta Theta philanthropies at Northwest included the annual Walk to D’Feet ALS, the Omaha North Show Choir event and bell ringing for The Salvation Army.
• Scholarship Award. This award is presented to chapters that rank first academically among male Greek-letter organizations at their institutions. Northwest’s Phi Delta Theta chapter has won the scholarship award four consecutive years.

Regents select contractor for new studio theater

E.L. Crawford Construction Inc. of St. Joseph was named contractor for a proposed “studio theater” addition to the University’s Performing Arts Center. Northwest’s Board of Regents selected Crawford during its August meeting.

New homepage design targets prospective students

Northwest rolled out its new Web homepage as students returned for the start of the fall trimester. Gone are the familiar photograph of the Administration Building, the University seal and the multiple “buttons” to various institutional URLs. Instead, users will find a fresh, modern page designed to attract potential students, their families and the general public. Log on at www.nwmissouri.edu.

“Although not all the pages on the Northwest site have undergone the complete redesign, we believe the beginning of a new academic year is the perfect time to present our new homepage,” said Dr. Jon Rikman, vice president for information services, and Mary Ann Lowary, vice president for university relations, in a joint announcement.

Users will still see some pages from the old site and, inevitably, a few inconsistencies among the new pages. But now that the redesign is going live, the main focus is on bringing all academic departments and administrative offices into the system as well as going back to newly-designed pages to refine details within the overall look. All pages should be re-designed and in the new system by the end of the fall trimester.
Get ready for an Around The World

“Around The World” is the theme of Homecoming 2007, which has numerous events planned the entire week.

The Homecoming schedule begins with the traditional Hanging of the Banners at noon Oct. 21 in J.W. Jones Student Union and concludes with an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 in Bearcat Stadium. Royalty voting will take place from Oct. 15-19, and a Homecoming Archives display can be viewed throughout the week in B.D. Owens Library. Penny Wars for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, sponsored by Alternative Spring Break Organization, will take place Oct. 22-26.

The annual Homecoming Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Oct. 27. It begins in front of Roberta Hall on the east side of campus and will proceed to the main entrance to the University at Fourth Street. It will continue east on Fourth to the Nodaway County Courthouse square in downtown Maryville. There, it will turn north on Market before ending at the corner of Sixth Street. A “family friendly” viewing area will be set up on campus near the intersection of University Drive and Fourth Street.

Tickets for the Variety Show and football game are on sale now. Call (660) 562-1212. Variety Show tickets are $5 per person, and Northwest students may charge tickets to their campus account. The football game is free to Northwest students with a valid Bearcat ID Card. Single-game reserved seats are $12, while adult general admission is $8.

Newsletter survey results prompt changes

Northwest Family readers who responded to the survey that was included in the May edition made several suggestions to improve the newsletter.

You’ll notice some subtle and not-so-subtle changes to this edition of the newsletter. Our goal is to produce a communication tool that is informative and useful to you.

Beginning with this issue, stories that appear in the newsletter will be shorter, and there will be more of them. We will attempt to cover a broader range of topics that directly relate to parents and the students they send to Northwest.

Other highlights of the survey:

- By a 2-to-1 margin, survey responders prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, not electronically.
- 78 percent of those responding said they were very interested in the Northwest News feature of the newsletter.
- Campus events received the most votes for what topics or features readers would like to see in the newsletter.

Additional comments are always welcome. Please direct them to Stu Osterthun, editor, at: stuo@nwmissouri.edu.

2007 Homecoming schedule

Monday, Oct. 22
- Canned Art Competition, 10 a.m., Union

Wednesday, Oct. 24
- Comedy Show, 7 p.m., PAC

Thursday, Oct. 25
- International Buffet, 5 p.m., Union
- Variety Show, 7 p.m., PAC
- Royalty Crowning, 9 p.m., PAC

Friday, Oct. 26
- Bell Ringing, 8 a.m., Bell of ‘48
- Walkout Day Celebration, noon, Bell Tower
- Homecoming Golf Classic, noon
- Flag Raising Ceremony, 2 p.m., International Plaza
- M Club Hall of Fame Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
- Variety Show, 7 p.m., PAC

Saturday, Oct. 27
- Alumni Open House, 8 a.m., Alumni House
- Homecoming Parade, 9 a.m., begins in front of Roberta Hall
- New Hudson & Perrin Halls Open House, 11 a.m.
- Bearcat Zone Opens, 11 a.m.
- Football vs. Washburn, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28
- Awards Presentation, 1 p.m.