

## I remember when ...

**M**y favorite professor was Dr. Johanne Fairchild. Upon taking my first class with her, I immediately liked her teaching style, knowledge and ability to disseminate the subject material. Dr. Fairchild exceeds many professors in

that she gets to know her students. When I moved to California after college for my first professional job, I even received a postcard from her and her husband when they were on vacation in the Smokies! To this day, she would know me and be interested in how my life was going. This is an example for all teachers, at any level, to learn from!

*Brian James '95*

Maryville. This generated so much attention that they decided to block the highway again the next night.

Some students were even under the wheels of large semitrailer trucks. After traffic had been blocked for up to several miles, a highway patrolman ignited a tear gas grenade to clear the area.

Trust me, you only have to experience tear gas once to understand why it is such an effective tool.

But the story does have a happy ending. The college decided to do something about the food being served and hired a new chef. As a result, the average per capita weight of the student body was noticeably increased.

*Ron Martin '66*

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**I**t was popular on some university campuses to participate in anti-war protests. However, the only protest that ever materialized at Northwest that I recall was a protest of the poor quality of food being served in the campus dining hall. I do remember that one dessert was a piece of tuna fish inside a small block of lemon Jell-O.

Dissatisfaction with the food finally got to the point that a number of the more committed activists marched over to Highway 71 at night and blocked all traffic on the south side of

**I** remember the first time I ever stepped on to Northwest grounds was also the first time I was in the state of Missouri. I was so impressed with how beautiful the campus was and how, when I walked through campus with my mom, everyone said hello. From that point on, I knew that coming to Northwest would be the best choice I made. I never looked back.

*Jennifer Dickson Booth '98*



President Robert P. Foster (right) gives Everett Brown a notebook of letters from friends and colleagues at a retirement dinner and “roast” in his honor in 1976. Brown, who died in 2005, came to Northwest in the 1930s as a student, was a longtime Northwest administrator and later was the area’s state representative for 16 years. Brown Hall is named for him.

## Do you remember these events?

### 1957

President J.W. Jones announces plans for two new dormitories, one classroom building, a physical education building, baseball diamond and football practice field. The \$3 million expansion program includes remodeling the Administration Building and gymnasium as well. *Towers in the Northwest*

### 1967

Northwest starts a National Honor Fraternity. *The Northwest Missourian*

This year’s track team won every meet. Pete Hager broke the 220-yard dash school record. The previous record was made by Herschel Neil in the 1930s. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

### 1977

Walkout Day resumes after an absence of several years, establishing itself as the Friday before Homecoming. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

Bearcat pitcher Mark Miller is drafted by Major League Baseball’s California Angels. *The Northwest Missourian*

### 1987

Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft “switches” on the Electronic Campus on the first day of Freshman Advantage Week, signifying the accomplishment that each residence hall room is equipped with a networked computer. *Transitions: A Hundred Years of Northwest*

### 1997

The Bearcat football team, coached by Mel Tjeerdsma, finishes the season 12-1, led by quarterback Chris Greisen. The Bearcats’ only loss comes in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs to the University of Northern Colorado, the eventual national champions. *2006 Football Media Guide*

## Political science internships send students worldwide

In the spring of 1978, my wife and I piled into our Honda Civic and traveled along northern Missouri over what our son would later call roller coaster hills, across one-lane bridges and through small towns on a road leading to an unknown town in the middle of “nowhere.” Just before we crossed the 102 River east of Maryville, we came across two men on horses herding cattle into a corral. Welcome to Bearcat country!

I had come to interview for a public administration opening in Northwest’s political science department. After I received the job, I was given the responsibility of developing an internship program for the political science department. Under this internship program, we have sent students to work at all levels of government, throughout the United States and worldwide – including Poland, Czech Republic, the Marshall Islands, Germany, England and Japan.

Currently, there are two special internship programs open to all Northwest students: The Washington Center and The Missouri Legislative Internship. The Washington Center offers students an opportunity to serve in a variety of venues in the vibrant Washington community. Last semester’s intern worked with the Heritage Foundation. The Missouri Legislative Internship offers Northwest students a \$3,000 stipend to serve an internship in Jefferson City. In the spring, a Northwest student worked with Rep. Trent Skaggs. Not only is Skaggs a 1995 Northwest graduate, but as a student he participated in

an internship in Germany.

During my 29 years at Northwest, I have grown to respect the students at this institution. They tend to be first-generation college students from working-class families. They have held jobs before coming to college and work while in college. When we send them out on an internship, they simply roll up their sleeves and go to work. Their strong work ethic creates the building blocks for success as students, as interns and as citizens.

As you’ll read in this issue’s cover story about State Sen. Brad Lager, Northwest graduates succeed in so many areas – in law school, in graduate school, in their professions and in life. They make a difference in Maryville, in Nodaway County, in Kansas City, in Jefferson City, in Washington, D.C., and in the world.

And after 29 years, I’m proud to say I’m still a Bearcat!

Sincerely,



*Dr. David L. McLaughlin*

Associate Professor  
Department of History/Humanities/  
Philosophy/Political Science



Since arriving at Northwest in 1978, Dr. David McLaughlin has spearheaded the University’s internship program for students studying political science.

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## Northwest joins Missouri's virtual school team

Northwest is playing a key role in efforts to offer virtual classes this fall to thousands of high school students through the Missouri Virtual Education Program, or MoVIP.

Dr. Roger Von Holzen, director of the University's Center for Information Technology in Education, said Northwest is serving as a project manager for the high school portion of the program.

Course content, curriculum development and online administrative tools are being delivered by a team of private vendors that includes distance learning provider eCollege and online curriculum

publisher Virtual Sage.

Von Holzen said Northwest's primary mission is to coordinate implementation of these services while acting as a liaison between the vendors and Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Created by legislation passed by the General Assembly last year at the urging of Gov. Matt Blunt, MoVIP will provide free courses taught by state-certified instructors to as many as 6,000 full- and part-time students. If the state-funded slots fill up, additional spaces will be available on a tuition basis.

At the high school level, courses include English, algebra, geometry, biology, chemistry, American and world history, economics, Spanish and Latin. There also will be advanced-placement courses.

Dr. Curt Fuchs, DESE's director of virtual education, said the popularity of virtual schools has blossomed nationwide. He explained that delivering elementary and secondary classes online offers options and flexibility unavailable in a traditional bricks-and-mortar setting.

Small schools, for example, will be able to offer a broader curriculum and advanced-placement classes. In addition, medically homebound students can continue their education online, and pupils who need remedial help can opt for electronic instruction instead of going to summer school. ■

Missouri is joining the ranks of 24 other states that have a statewide virtual school program.

For more information, visit [www.dese.mo.gov/movip/](http://www.dese.mo.gov/movip/) or contact the MoVIP office at (573) 526-4219.



### Hubbard directs finale

Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard was a guest conductor at the Northwest Wind Symphony "pops" concert this spring. Hubbard directed the concert's final selection, John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Hubbard, who has a music background, joked that he was "able to stop waving his arms around precisely when the musicians stopped playing." ■

## Students learn risks, rewards of peacekeeping

In the war-torn nation of Atlantica, a nervous team of negotiators seeks to secure safe passage for personnel and supplies while attempting to inspect a detention camp for rebel prisoners.

The atmosphere is tense and suspicious. Uniformed soldiers cradle assault weapons while the negotiators try to strike a bargain with the tough-as-nails Atlantican commander.

A new eruption of violence in the Balkans? Well, not quite. Two of the negotiators were Northwest students, and the scene occurred during a two-day international disaster relief/emergency preparedness exercise in Florida.

Seven Northwest students participated in the simulation this spring, which Dr. Mark Corson, associate professor of geography, described as “extremely authentic.”

Corson would know. A colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, he has seen combat in Iraq and served as a peacekeeper in Kosovo in 2001.

In addition to negotiation training, those participating in the exercise took part in a mass casualty evacuation and situations involving displaced persons and detainees. They also endured a “very authentic” mortar attack.

“The exercise was a great opportunity to see the challenges of providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief,” said Karen Beard, a Northwest student from Hannibal. “It was realistic all the way down to the explosions, gunfire and sleep deprivation. We learned a lot about negotiation and compromise in order to accomplish the ultimate goal of providing help to those who needed it.”

Corson said the Northwest students participated as part of an interdisciplinary pilot program designed by the Department of Geology and Geography and the Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science. The idea is to expose students to academic and field experiences that will prepare them for careers in humanitarian aid, peacekeeping and international relations. ■



A team of negotiators, including Northwest students Megan Jamison (seated right) and Ben Karney (seated next to Jamison), bargain with Dr. Mark Corson, associate professor of geography, over transportation of personnel and supplies inside the war-torn country of “Atlantica.” Corson, a U.S. Army Reserve colonel who served in Kosovo, was playing the part of the Atlantican military commander.

## Residence halls await record number of freshmen

This fall, the new and improved Hudson and Perrin residence halls will be greeted by their first residents: 450 eager Bearcat freshmen who will never know what it was like to “rough it” in an outdated dorm with no air conditioning and paper-thin walls.

Two years ago the original buildings were demolished and construction began on the new complex. Final construction was completed this summer, and new furniture is being installed, just in time for the incoming freshmen.

The timing of the residence halls’ completion couldn’t be better. Northwest will have a near-record number of freshmen in the fall – about 1,400.

The new modified suites, designed to enhance the freshman living experience, consist of a commons building, large and small gathering spaces and exterior gathering and green spaces all with different degrees of privacy. Each wing has about 10 rooms to house 20 students. The rooms are a pod concept featuring five-room neighborhoods with a semi-private restroom. ■



### Education Expo unites students, school districts

Schools from Maryville to as far away as Guam sent representatives to meet with Northwest’s teachers-in-training during the Education Expo in April. The fair, hosted by the Office of Career Services, is designed to match education majors with school districts where they will begin their careers. ■



A panel of experts, including (from left) Clarence Green '94, Don Schneider '70, '71 and Dr. Jerry Wilmes '78, answer questions during Northwest's summit on school safety.

### Campus celebrates expanded role for Wellness Center

Northwest students, faculty and staff gathered at the newly renamed University Wellness Center in April for a reception marking the facility's expanded role as a provider of services supporting physical health, mental health and healthy lifestyle choices.

Changing the center's name from Health Center to Wellness Center reflects a commitment to an educational environment that fosters a comprehensive approach to sound mental and physical health.

A new addition at the facility was completed in the fall. The added space created room for counseling offices formerly housed in Wells Hall, and means students now have access to clinical, counseling and outreach services at a single location. ■

## Northwest conducts safety summit

Northwest recently sponsored a summit on school safety, an event designed to engage area schools in reviewing and refining processes for preventing, responding to and enhancing security systems.

The summit featured Paul Fennewald, Missouri homeland security coordinator, and University officials.

Officials from universities, colleges and P-12 schools participated in the free summit as well as law enforcement and emergency services personnel.

Fennewald, who served as an FBI special agent for more than 20 years, participated in investigations of the terrorist bombings of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, and the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen. He also was involved in the investigation that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Rita Hanks, president of the Northwest Board of Regents, chaired the summit. Other presenters were Joe Cornelison, general counsel for the University; Don Schneider '70, '71, University regent and a former member of the U.S. Secret Service; Dr. Jerry Wilmes '78, vice president for student affairs/director of wellness services; Dr. April Haberyan, assistant professor of psychology, sociology and counseling; Clarence Green '94, director of campus safety; and Dr. Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems. ■

## New Steinway grand graces Charles Johnson stage

Students, music department faculty and guest recitalists who practice and perform at Northwest's Charles Johnson Theatre have a new "treat."

This spring, the department uncrated a new Steinway Model D concert grand piano. For more than a century this has been the instrument of choice for an overwhelming number of the world's best performing artists.

Dr. Ernest Kramer, professor of music, and Dr. Anthony Olson, assistant professor of music, journeyed to the Steinway & Sons factory in Long Island City, N.Y., and selected the piano from five on display in a showroom at the historic "Steinway Village" facility.

"I think it's the care and the craftsmanship that make Steinway special," Olson said. "They are all hand-crafted, and there is a rigorous selection process used just in picking the right woods."

Though the University frequently hosts noted performing artists who expect to play on a professional instrument, Olson said Northwest student musicians will benefit most from access to a world-class concert piano.



Katherine Valuck, a vocal music education major from Hannibal, plays Northwest's new Model D Steinway concert grand piano onstage at Charles Johnson Theatre.

"There are certain techniques that are much easier to do and much easier to hear on a quality instrument," he said. "The responsiveness of the Steinway makes a big difference." ■

# Pushing the line

By Mitzi Lutz • Design by Melinda Kelsey • Photographs by Darren Whitley

If there's a line, Brad Lager '97 will push it. Certainly not to cause trouble, but just to see just how far he can go.

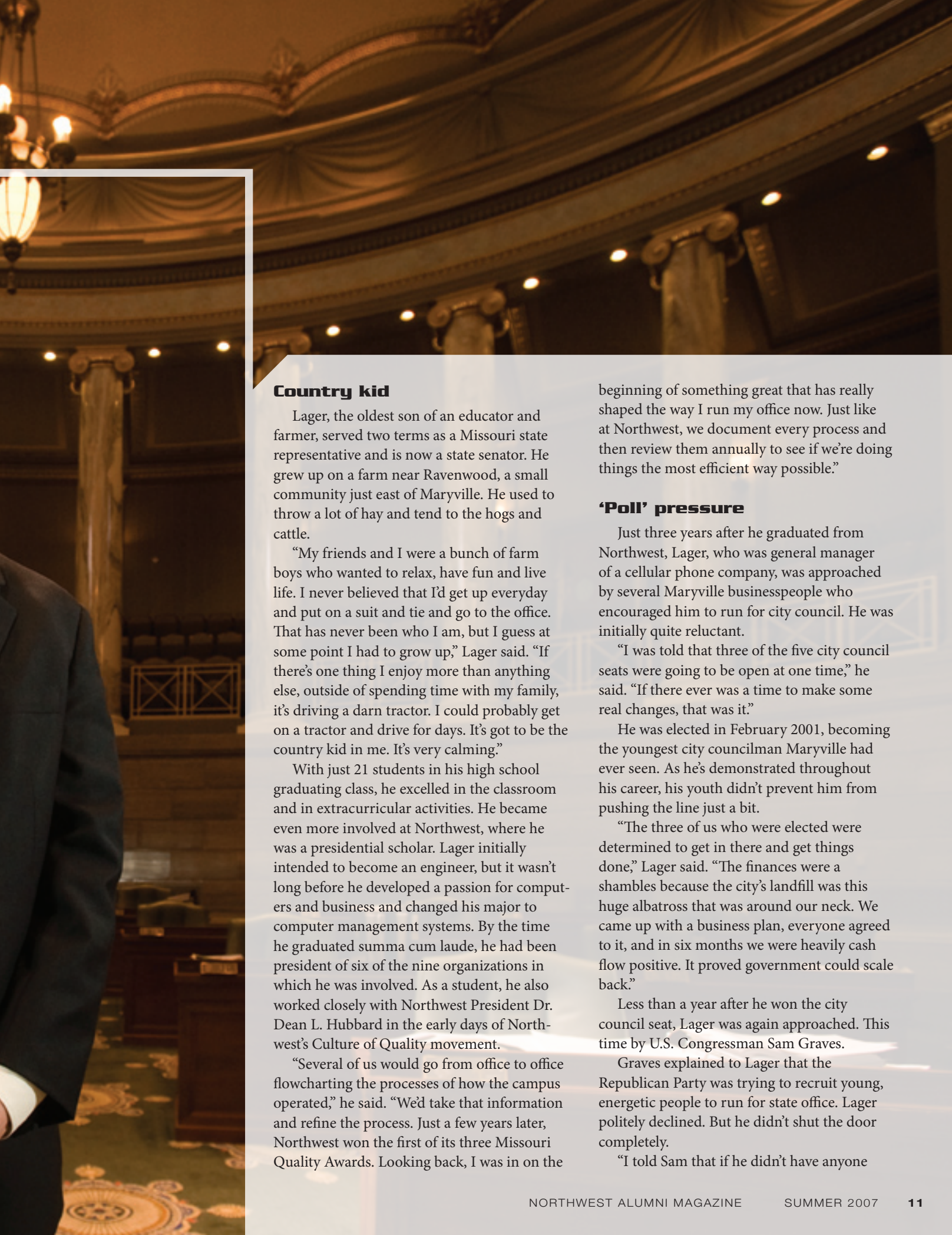
It's something he's done since he was a young boy growing up on a farm, and today, as a state senator in Jefferson City, it's no different. People thought he was too young to run for office. He had an awful stutter that would make it tough to become a public speaker. Few thought he could represent northwest Missouri in Jefferson City.

The lines were drawn.

He pushed right past them.

“When I was a kid, if someone told me here's the line and don't cross it, I'd always challenge it to see what would happen. I'd push it just a little bit more – but I also knew when to stop. I'm still that way today. I've never accepted it when someone tells me things must be done a certain way.”





### **Country kid**

Lager, the oldest son of an educator and farmer, served two terms as a Missouri state representative and is now a state senator. He grew up on a farm near Ravenwood, a small community just east of Maryville. He used to throw a lot of hay and tend to the hogs and cattle.

“My friends and I were a bunch of farm boys who wanted to relax, have fun and live life. I never believed that I’d get up everyday and put on a suit and tie and go to the office. That has never been who I am, but I guess at some point I had to grow up,” Lager said. “If there’s one thing I enjoy more than anything else, outside of spending time with my family, it’s driving a darn tractor. I could probably get on a tractor and drive for days. It’s got to be the country kid in me. It’s very calming.”

With just 21 students in his high school graduating class, he excelled in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. He became even more involved at Northwest, where he was a presidential scholar. Lager initially intended to become an engineer, but it wasn’t long before he developed a passion for computers and business and changed his major to computer management systems. By the time he graduated summa cum laude, he had been president of six of the nine organizations in which he was involved. As a student, he also worked closely with Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard in the early days of Northwest’s Culture of Quality movement.

“Several of us would go from office to office flowcharting the processes of how the campus operated,” he said. “We’d take that information and refine the process. Just a few years later, Northwest won the first of its three Missouri Quality Awards. Looking back, I was in on the

beginning of something great that has really shaped the way I run my office now. Just like at Northwest, we document every process and then review them annually to see if we’re doing things the most efficient way possible.”

### **‘Poll’ pressure**

Just three years after he graduated from Northwest, Lager, who was general manager of a cellular phone company, was approached by several Maryville businesspeople who encouraged him to run for city council. He was initially quite reluctant.

“I was told that three of the five city council seats were going to be open at one time,” he said. “If there ever was a time to make some real changes, that was it.”

He was elected in February 2001, becoming the youngest city councilman Maryville had ever seen. As he’s demonstrated throughout his career, his youth didn’t prevent him from pushing the line just a bit.

“The three of us who were elected were determined to get in there and get things done,” Lager said. “The finances were a shambles because the city’s landfill was this huge albatross that was around our neck. We came up with a business plan, everyone agreed to it, and in six months we were heavily cash flow positive. It proved government could scale back.”

Less than a year after he won the city council seat, Lager was again approached. This time by U.S. Congressman Sam Graves.

Graves explained to Lager that the Republican Party was trying to recruit young, energetic people to run for state office. Lager politely declined. But he didn’t shut the door completely.

“I told Sam that if he didn’t have anyone



### 5-Second Snapshot

- Political Party:** Republican
- Favorite vacation spot:** Hawaii
- Dinner with anyone, dead or alive:** Ronald Reagan
- When not in Jefferson City:** President and founder of LMS Communications
- Favorite food:** Steak, chocolate chip cookies
- On the iPod:** AC/DC, Billy Joel, Collin Raye, Martina McBride

who agreed to run by February that I'd do it," Lager said.

No one else stepped forward.

"Talk about soul searching," he said. "I agreed to do it, primarily because, just like when I ran for city council, I was so frustrated with government. I had witnessed in the phone business how oppressive government could be. If there was ever going to be an opportunity to change that mindset, this was it."

Lager was sworn into office as Missouri's Fourth District state representative in 2002.

During his two terms in office, he was appointed to several committees and became the chairman of the House Budget Committee.

"It really was quite comical how I lived in Jefferson City my first three years," he said. "Another guy in the House and I had a two-bedroom apartment with no furniture. We each slept on cheap air mattresses. After a year of patching the blown-out holes, I bought a nice, pillow-top air mattress, but it was still pretty primitive. I'm sure our constituents would have had a good laugh if they would have seen the conditions we lived in."

### 8,337 square miles

When the current senator's term expired, Lager chose to continue his public service in the state capitol's upper chamber. The 31-year-old was elected 12th District state senator in 2006. His district is the largest in the state, covering 8,337 square miles, 16 counties, 78 school districts, 118 communities and 12,000 miles of roads.

"The size alone is phenomenal," Lager said. "The 12th District is larger than Delaware, Connecticut or Rhode Island. Because it's so large, I've found that one of my biggest challenges, other than covering

When he's not in Jefferson City, Lager travels throughout Missouri's 12th District, taking time to interact with area schoolchildren.



that amount of land during a campaign, is understanding and representing the differences that exist between the citizens on the east side of my district and the west side. Some counties are plagued with high unemployment rates, while others have some of the lowest rates in the state. Fortunately, the communities also have a lot in common, such as agriculture."

According to Lager, there's also quite a difference between being a state representative and a senator, not just in the size of his office and staff, but in the way the members interact with each other.

"Because there are 163 members in the House, there's only a few who you can get to know really well," he said. "There are only 34 senators, so it's feasible to have a personal relationship with each of them. We're able to have a deeper understanding of where each person is coming from and why they have certain positions. As a result, it's much easier to negotiate, and it's a more cordial environment.

We can go to the Senate floor and disagree, but when it's over, it's over. No one is hostile."

The change of pace on the Senate floor also has been an adjustment for Lager.

"In the House, it's organized chaos, but it's still chaos. In the Senate, it's like watching paint dry. It's very deliberate, very slow, very decisive," he said.

"To say it's been an adjustment for me is an understatement. I'm a guy who doesn't have a lot of patience sometimes. It's been a real evolution for me. I'm really trying to watch the process and learn from it."

Lager, who's seen many



Meeting with constituents "on their turf" is an important part of representing the 165,000 citizens of northwest Missouri. Lager (center) is often joined by another Bearcat, State Rep. Mike Thomson '68, '71 (right) from Maryville.

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people who come to Jefferson City change for the worse because of the pressures of the job, never wants to forget his values and why he's been elected.

"It's important for me to not only work hard, but to make sure I'm the same person when I drive home that I was when I drove down to Jeff City," he said. "I think part of that is being comfortable with who you are, how you were brought up. The reason people sent me here is because of what I believe and how I act and who I am. If that changes, then the person they sent to represent them isn't the same person. I don't know how you continue to do the will of the people if you think you're different from everyone else."

### A voice for Northwest

Since being elected to office, Lager said he has tried to facilitate Northwest's mission.

"I think that my role is not to necessarily figure out where the University should be going, but as the Board of Regents, the president, the cabinet and the community decide where the University is headed, my job is to help facilitate that any way I can," he said. "I've also made strides in educating my peers about all the great things happening at Northwest – whether it's the biomass project and how Northwest deals with energy or the opportunities Northwest has been able to provide through scholarship initiatives."

Hubbard, who has seen Lager grow from a young college freshman to a confident statesman, is grateful for his ability to fight for Northwest Missouri State University.

"Brad is a natural leader who is intelligent, enthusiastic and what I call 'stubbornly optimistic,'" Hubbard said. "Because of



Lager doesn't let his youth prevent him from stating his case on the Senate floor and fighting for the interests of Northwest Missouri State.

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these traits and his willingness to 'push the line' on our behalf, he's able to make things happen. Since going to the Legislature as our representative, Brad has been an untiring and effective advocate for Northwest. In fact, on numerous occasions he has gone far beyond what one normally could expect from a representative. For example, this year in the midst of a very contentious debate over the MOHELA legislation, he worked a miracle. He managed to get our appropriation more than doubled – from \$11.4 million to \$24.4 million!"

The increased appropriation will not only allow Northwest to complete and fully equip the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics, but the Center will provide a foundation for Northwest to offer degrees in nanotechnology, "a field of tremendous opportunity for our students," Hubbard said.

### A view from the front porch swing

Lager admits there are days, following his term

– or terms – as senator, when he thinks he may want to run for a statewide office, but the demands placed on individuals in those positions make him rather hesitant.

"I'm not sure I'm willing to accept those demands, on me or my family," he said. "There'll be a time when I'm 75 years old, swinging on my front porch, reviewing life and reflecting on what I did right and what I did wrong. When that day comes, I don't want to have erred on the side of not taking the time to be a good father or being involved in my kids' lives and being involved in raising my children."

Lager and his wife, Stephanie, his high school sweetheart, are expecting their first child – a daughter – in October.

"My family life is the most important," he said. "There is no grand plan as far as what is the next step. I take it a day at a time, fight a battle a day and do what I think is right." ■

### Facing an obstacle

Being tongue tied is one thing, especially when speaking in public. But Lager, a legislator who routinely speaks to audiences of all sizes, has faced a bigger obstacle his entire life – stuttering.

"I still fight with it, and it's brutal," he said. "I did speech therapy up until I went to college. It was finally determined that I get to thinking so fast that I literally can't spit it out fast enough. There are still days now when I stutter my way through a speech. At the end of the day, though, that's a part of who I am."

Lager pushed right past this potential road block and hasn't let it stop him from reaching his goals in life.

"I never thought my stutter would prevent me from pursuing my dreams. What's most important to me as a state senator is that I communicate and listen to the people who are my constituents and confidants," Lager said. "I try to listen more than I talk, although I really like to talk! I'm a person who believes that if you plan your work and work your plan, and worry about the things you can control and work hard, it all works itself out."

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## Embarq establishes scholarship

Representatives from Embarq Corporation visited Northwest for a ceremony marking the establishment of a scholarship fund at the University.

The telecommunications company donated \$11,500 to Northwest. From this amount, \$10,000 will endow the Embarq/Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by the Northwest Foundation. The remaining \$1,500 will fund a \$500 scholarship for the first three years.

“Northwest is honored that Embarq has recognized the importance of higher education and providing much-needed scholarship funds for deserving students,” said Orrie Covert,

Northwest’s vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation. “This marks the beginning of a strong partnership between Northwest and Embarq that will impact current and future generations of Bearcats.”

The scholarship will be available to an incoming freshman who resides within an Embarq local telephone service area with preference given to those who have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0. ■



Randy Knox (left), public and external affairs manager for Embarq Corporation, presents Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard a check for an endowed scholarship to benefit Northwest students.

## 2006-2007 Northwest Foundation Board



Members of the 2006-2007 Northwest Foundation Board of Directors include: (Row 1) Jason White '91; Immediate Past President Chuck Place '72; Phyllis Combs Leet '49; Shoba Mansukhani Brown '71; Ron Taylor '79; Jim Ballinger '67; (Row 2) Bill Price '60; Holly Murphy-Barstow '81; Jason Garst '93; Jodie Hamilton Mackintosh '77; Robert Lee Stanton; Vice President Mike Faust '74; (Row 3) Ray Hischke '66; Don Beeson '59; Ron Houston; Dick Wiles '71; Phil Patterson '74, '78; (Row 4) Jim Joy '57; Ron Ideker '62; Mercedes Ramirez Johnson '97; Dan Runde '81; Jim Redd '66; (Row 5) Joyce Barnes Kerber '60; Mark Burnsides '79; Helen Fisher Mutz '50; Bill Gram '52; (Row 6) Tom Carneal; Executive Director Orrie Covert; President Jim Blackford '72. Not pictured: Bill Corken '53; Mark Doll '80; George Green '58; John Grispon '87; J.D. Hammond '55; Jerry Moyer '76, '78; and Ron Woolsey '74, '78. ■

*More than 70 percent of adults die without valid wills.*

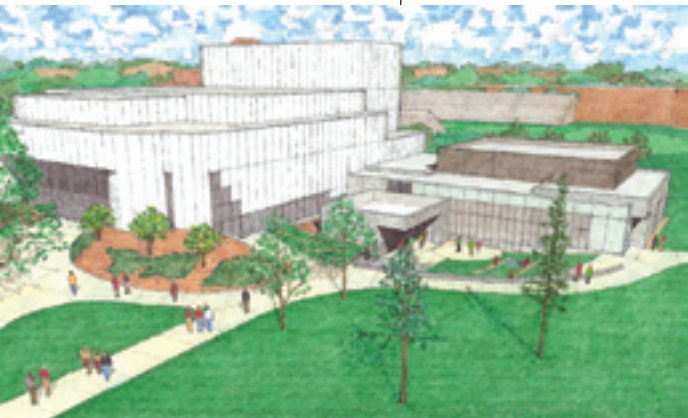


If you don't have a will, you should think about instructions and provisions for those you leave behind. As you remember the people and organizations important to you, don't forget about Northwest. You can be assured your gift, regardless of the size, will be used as designated to benefit the University and its students.

Contact the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 to receive sample bequest language.

## Seven-figure gift assists with new studio theatre

A \$1 million anonymous donation to the Northwest Foundation and a \$2.8 million match by the University has enabled Northwest to build a studio theatre.



This rendering shows the studio theatre (right) will be located to the south of the existing Performing Arts Center.

The new studio theatre, to be used for student and departmental performances, is being constructed on the south side of the Performing Arts Center, connected to the existing building. The theatre will seat about 200 people and will have space for a makeup/changing

room and storage facility.

“This project is a perfect example of an anonymous gift directly meeting the needs of students and faculty,” said Dr. Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Months of planning and years of dreaming are finally becoming a reality. The new theatre will offer

many learning and performance opportunities and will provide theatre patrons an exciting venue through which they can experience many types of theatrical productions.”

Pat Immel, assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages, said the new theatre will give Northwest students the opportunity to produce theatrical works of a more experimental nature and better suited to a more intimate environment.

“I’m particularly excited because there will be new technology for our technical production and design students to experiment with such as an articulated lighting grid and a new lighting and sound control system,” Immel said. “All of these wonderful additions will give our graduates an edge when applying for internships, graduate programs and jobs.”

The project should be completed by fall 2008. ■

For information about naming opportunities within Northwest’s new studio theatre, please contact Teresa Macias, development officer for the College of Arts and Sciences, at (660) 562-1248 or [teresa@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:teresa@nwmissouri.edu).

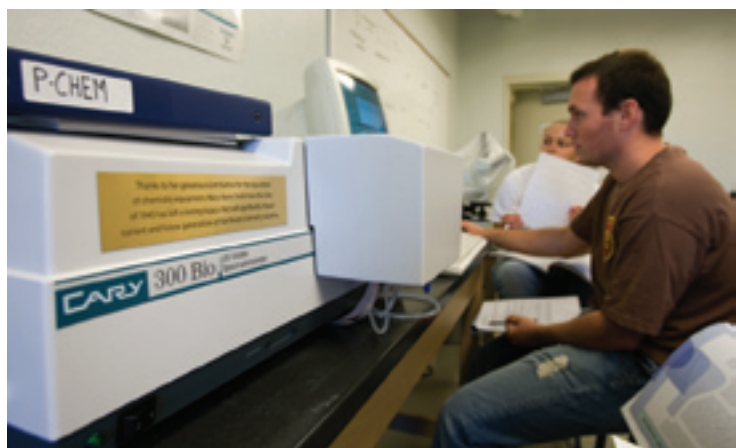
## Chemistry department purchases state-of-the-art equipment

Mary Marie Smith ’45, who died in May 2004, had a passion for science. Because of this interest, coupled with her allegiance to Northwest and desire to help others receive an education, Northwest’s chemistry department received more than \$200,000 from her estate to fund equipment purchases and chemistry scholarships.

The department recently used \$85,000 of Smith’s gift to purchase a research-grade ultraviolet-visible absorbance spectrophotometer, a device that measures the amount of color and light a substance absorbs.

“The Department of Chemistry and Physics is grateful for the generosity of the Mary Marie Smith estate in providing us with the resources to purchase this equipment,” said Dr. Richard Toomey, associate professor of

chemistry. “It is one of the most widely used instruments in the discipline and the department.” ■



The spectrophotometer recently purchased by Northwest’s chemistry department includes a plaque recognizing Mary Marie Smith, a 1945 alumnae who, through her estate, provided funds for the equipment.

*“It is comforting to know that, after graduation, Northwest students will have honed their laboratory skills on an instrument that will be of similar, if not higher, quality than those that they’ll use as professional chemists.”*

**Dr. Richard Toomey**

## From an early vision to the finishing touches

Robert Lee Stanton, a co-chairman of the Bearcat Stadium reconstruction committee in 2002, and his wife, Doris Ann, have chosen to assist with the second round of improvements to the facility.

By making a contribution from his individual



By taking advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Robert Lee and Doris Ann Stanton continue to support improvements to Bearcat Stadium.

retirement account, Stanton, a Rock Port native and loyal Bearcat fan, took advantage of the recent Pension Protection Act of 2006. The legislation

allows individuals 70½ or older to make charitable contributions directly from their IRAs without having to count the distribution as income. The Pension Protection Act went into effect in 2006 and is set to expire at the end of this calendar year.

“What makes this type of gift appealing to me is that there is no tax on this distribution,” Stanton said. “Plus, as an active volunteer, a member of the Northwest Board of Regents from 1987 to 2000 and after serving on the Northwest Foundation Board, I want to remain involved and give my support to something I can see during my lifetime.” ■



“Bearcats” was still visible in the dirt as sod was removed from the end zone at Bearcat Stadium before the new lights and FieldTurf were installed this summer.

## Band seeks alumni assistance with funding trip to London

Although the members of the Northwest bands are excited to represent Northwest in the 2008 London New Year’s Day Parade and Gala Concert Festival in London, the reality of funding a trip of this magnitude has set in. As a result, Carl Kling, director of bands, is optimistic that alumni and friends are willing to assist.

“Our students give so much to the University and surrounding communities with their time and energy,” Kling said. “The hours of preparation and planning that go into the perfect performance is one of their greatest challenges. However, the reward comes from hearing Bearcat Marching Band fans comment on how much they enjoy the band’s performance and the praise the BMB receives for engaging the audience. Please help us share the Bearcat Marching Band with millions of new fans throughout the world.”

Accompanying Kling and the Bearcat March-

ing Band overseas will be Dr. William Richardson, who directs the University’s jazz program, and members of the Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble.

The cost of the eight-day trip is about \$2,200 per person. Kling expects 120 students will make the trip. The parade, said to be the largest event of its kind in the world, is Jan. 1, 2008. More than a million spectators are expected to line the parade route and millions more will watch the extravaganza as it is broadcast by approximately 500 television stations and networks worldwide.

Anyone interested in helping the Music Department with this endeavor should contact Teresa Macias, development officer for the College of Arts and Sciences, at (660) 562-1248 or [teresa@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:teresa@nwmissouri.edu), or Kling at (660) 562-1794 or [ckling@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:ckling@nwmissouri.edu). A variety of sponsorship levels are available. ■

## Opportunity Alert:

### Charitable Gifts from Your IRA

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides charitably minded individuals 70½ or older a golden opportunity to make gifts to charitable organizations directly from their IRAs. This opportunity is available for 2006 and 2007 on the following terms:

- Transfers must be directly from the IRA to a charity
- Maximum allowable transfer is \$100,000 per year
- Gifts must be outright\*
- No charitable deduction is allowed

*\*Transfers to donor advised funds, supporting organizations and charitable remainder trusts and for charitable gift annuities do not qualify.*

**Call Northwest’s Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 for more information.**

## Alumni chapter news

### KANSAS CITY

Members of the Kansas City Chapter attended a special happy hour for Northwest men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer in December. Fan support for both Bearcat basketball teams was great in March with the chapter's First Friday happy hour.

The chapter also conducted a food drive for Harvesters and wishes to thank everyone who contributed.

This summer and fall, the chapter has a calendar full of First Friday happy hours planned throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. An updated calendar will be distributed via e-mail and can be viewed at [www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/alumnicalendar.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/alumnicalendar.htm). ■

### ARIZONA

Bearcats in Arizona gathered on St. Patrick's Day to take in a Kansas City Royals and Arizona Diamondbacks spring training baseball game. Baseball, a few green beers and plenty of reminiscing were enjoyed by all.

The chapter is planning another outing for late September, possibly a Kansas City Chiefs game in San Diego, or an early October event. Anyone who has ideas for chapter events should

forward them to Allyn Calhoun '82, chapter president, at [adcalhoun@cox.net](mailto:adcalhoun@cox.net). ■

### ST. JOSEPH

The St. Joseph Chapter has been working to establish funding for a perpetual scholarship to be presented each year to an incoming freshman. Donations are being solicited and fund-raising events are being developed. One such fundraiser involves raffling a football signed by the players and coaches of the 2006 Northwest football team. The drawing will be conducted at halftime of this fall's first home football game.

Northwest alumni and friends attended a February social with a Mardi Gras theme, complete with beads and masks, at Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood and Steaks Restaurant.

Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard and his wife, Aleta, were guests at April's meeting where Hubbard discussed growth and changes at Northwest.

Chapter members participated in St. Joseph's annual Apple Blossom Parade in May.

Doug Schmitz is the chapter's new president, and chapter member Mark Pickerel now serves on the Northwest Alumni Association's national board. ■

1. Brian Stewart (attd.), Dave Snider '80, '83 and Tony Dorrel '86 visited at the Kansas City Chapter's December happy hour.

2. Brian Stewart (attd.), Jennifer Hewitt Smith '86, Coach Steve Tappmeyer, Damian Valline Bridges '84, Coach Gene Steinmeyer, Vinnie Vaccaro '73 and Larry Maiorano '69 enjoyed the Kansas City Chapter's social.

3. Members of the Arizona Alumni and Friends Chapter attended a spring training baseball game in March between the Kansas City Royals and the Arizona Diamondbacks in Surprise, Ariz.

4. Northwest President Dr. Dean L. Hubbard visited with Bill Brooks '91 during an event sponsored by the St. Joseph Chapter.



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### NEBRASKA/WESTERN IOWA

Members of the Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter are calling all Northwest alumni in the area to ask for their help and input in better serving the area's alumni. Input is being sought on types of events in which the chapter could participate. The chapter has already established a successful Thirsty Thursday tradition where members gather the first Thursday of every month at a local establishment for food, beverages and socializing. Ideas for future events include other socials, networking events, guest speakers and forming recreational sports teams. Anyone who enjoyed their college experience or enjoys sharing in Bearcat pride is encouraged to get involved. For more information, contact Joe Glab '01 at [catz54@gmail.com](mailto:catz54@gmail.com) or visit [www.free-webs.com/bearcatalumnine/](http://www.free-webs.com/bearcatalumnine/) or [www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/chapters/nebraska\\_iowa.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/chapters/nebraska_iowa.htm). ■

### DALLAS

The Dallas Chapter hosted a football watch party in December to support the Bearcats in their win against Bloomsburg. There were even Northwest alumni visiting Texas from the Kansas City area who read about the watch party and attended. In January, the chapter attended a wine tasting event at the Homestead Winery. In February, the chapter members volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank. Efforts that day resulted in helping feed 700 people for the month. Chapter members agreed that they should participate in this event again this summer and then annually. In April, the chapter participated in the Multiple Sclerosis walk in downtown Ft. Worth. The chapter raised funds for this cause, and Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations, was there to walk with the chapter. ■

### CENTRAL IOWA

The Central Iowa Chapter started off the year with its annual "Bearcats at the Bucs" event at the Des Moines Buccaneers hockey game. In February, the Northwest Jazz Quintet joined chapter members at "Sips, Sounds and State History" at the Iowa Historical Building. The evening was followed by wine tasting at the residence of Tim '75 and Jane Laughlin '74 Sullivan. Other chapter events included outings to the Funny Bone Comedy Club and bowling at Warrior Lanes. For more information about the Central Iowa Chapter, please contact [central\\_iowa\\_bearcats@yahoo.com](mailto:central_iowa_bearcats@yahoo.com). The chapter also has a page on MySpace at [www.myspace.com/central\\_iowa\\_bearcats](http://www.myspace.com/central_iowa_bearcats) and on Yahoo Groups at [groups.yahoo.com/group/central\\_iowa\\_bearcats/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_iowa_bearcats/). ■

### SOUTHERN IOWA

In April, several members of the Southern Iowa Chapter volunteered to help with the Special Olympics in Creston, Iowa. To celebrate the chapter's first anniversary, there was a social at Smith's Sports and Spirits. This summer, the chapter participated in several area parades and hosted a golf outing. The chapter is selling T-shirts, and the proceeds go toward the Southern Iowa Alumni and Friends Chapter Scholarship. For more information, contact Joan Lynch Jackson '65 at [joanjackson@iowatelecom.net](mailto:joanjackson@iowatelecom.net). ■

### MID-MISSOURI

The Mid-Missouri Chapter was chartered April 12 in Columbia. Visit [www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/alumnicalendar.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/alumnicalendar.htm) for upcoming chapter events and dates. For more information about the Mid-Missouri Chapter or to find out how to get involved, contact Clint Prange '04, president, at [clint.prange@myfcsfinancial.com](mailto:clint.prange@myfcsfinancial.com). ■

5. Members of the Dallas Alumni and Friends Chapter, including Katie Tripp '06, Stan Swan '70, Les Clark '00 and Chris Johnson '93, volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank.

6. Members of the Northwest Jazz Ensemble performed at the Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines during the Central Iowa Chapter's "Sips, Sounds and State History" event.

7. Ben Borland, Adam Bunch, Tom Borland '06 and Dennis Bunch '69, '76, members of the Southern Iowa Chapter, tailgated at the NCAA Division II National Championship game in Florence, Ala.

8. The Mid-Missouri Chapter, chartered in April, received its chapter banner. Pictured are Chrissy Beck '02, Ashlee Erwin '04, Clint Prange '04, Steve Sutton '71, director of alumni relations, and Derrick Griffin '01.

9. Jennifer Van De Vyvere '04, Stephen Yaple '04, Ashlee Erwin '04 and Ian Dunlap '04 were among the more than 45 Bearcats living in the Columbia area who gathered at D Rowe's for the Mid-Missouri Chapter charter celebration.



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**MISSION:**

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

## Alumni experience 'trip of a lifetime' in Panama

Twenty Northwest alumni and friends participated in a unique Tourin' Bearcats trip to Panama in February hosted by Joe and Ellita Cornelison.

Cornelison serves as the University's general counsel, and he and his wife, Ellita, have a special relationship with the Central American nation.

After retiring from the Army in 1995, Cornelison was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as deputy administrator of the Panama Canal. He remained in that capacity until the canal was transferred by the United States to Panama in 1999.

Mrs. Cornelison's grandfather was the country's interim president from the time it gained its independence from Colombia until its first presidential election. She lived in Panama for most of her life and spent her professional career at the canal.

"The Cornelisons' insights, personal experi-

ences and contacts in Panama made this a trip that could not be duplicated," said Steve Sutton, director of alumni relations. "This was the trip of a lifetime for everyone who attended."

The itinerary included Panama City, a special briefing at the canal and an up-close look at canal operations. Travelers crossed the isthmus on the Panama Canal railroad and visited the tropical rain forest. ■



Twenty people participated in the Tourin' Bearcats' trip to Panama.



The Tourin' Bearcats travelers, including Joe Cornelison and Ray Hischke '66, received a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Panama Canal.



Enjoying a casual lunch were (from left) Ray Hischke '66, Dave Sears, Terina Sears, Patty Whan, Jim Whan, Joe Cornelison, Ellita Cornelison and Linda Hischke.



The tour of the Panama Canal was a highlight of the trip.



Peggy Whan '65, Linda Hischke, Terina Sears and Ken Minter learn about the flora and fauna of the tropical rain forest.

View more pictures from the Tourin' Bearcats' trip to Panama at [www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/photoalbum/index.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/photoalbum/index.htm).

For more information about future Tourin' Bearcats trips, call Northwest's Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 or e-mail [alumni@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:alumni@nwmissouri.edu).



# Congratulations!

## 2007 Alumni Association Award Recipients

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

#### Rob Bolin '83

As past president of the Northwest Foundation and a Centennial Society member, Rob Bolin '83 is the owner of Bolin Auto and Truck Parts in St. Joseph. He is an avid supporter of Northwest and has been a sponsor and attendee of many University events. He also is a member of the St. Joseph Host Lions Club and Ducks Unlimited.



### NORTHWEST TURRET SERVICE AWARD

#### Ron Houston (attd. '60-'63)

Ron Houston attended Northwest for three years before transferring to the University of Missouri-Columbia to receive an engineering degree. Houston is president and CEO of J.L. Houston Company in Hopkins. He is a member of the Maryville Industrial Development Board, the Steel Tank Institute Board and the Northwest Foundation Board.



### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

#### Dr. Stephen Town

Dr. Stephen Town, professor of music, came to Northwest in 1986. He has conducted Northwest's distinguished Tower Choir at concerts across the nation. A teacher, conductor, performer, author and researcher, Town is the first faculty member from the music department to be invited to conduct at Carnegie Hall and to teach at Imperial College, London University, under the sponsorship of the Missouri London Program.



PHOTO BY BILL BATEMAN

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

#### Dr. Frank Grispingo

Dr. Frank Grispingo is a professor of educational leadership and the director of the doctoral program and has



been a member of the Northwest faculty for 42 years. He has served as chairman of the educational leadership department, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, supervisor of the Horace Mann Laboratory School and on many community and statewide organizations.

### DISTINGUISHED EMERITUS FACULTY AWARD

#### Dr. Peggy Miller '69

Dr. Peggy Miller '69 began her teaching career in Benld, Ill., returning to Northwest in the fall of 1969 as the lead teacher in the new Child Development Laboratory. She was instrumental in expanding the laboratory and providing a model program for students pursuing a two-year child care administration certificate and for those majoring in child and family studies.



### YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

#### Mercedes Ramirez Johnson '97

Mercedes Ramirez Johnson '97 is a professional speaker and writer. Johnson was instrumental in establishing the Dallas Alumni and Friends Chapter of the Northwest Alumni Association. As a former member of the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors, she served as co-chairwoman of the Annual Giving Committee.



### HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

#### Robert Lee Stanton

Robert Lee Stanton is a former member of the Northwest Board of Regents, serving more years than any other member. Because of his service to Northwest, Stanton was awarded an honorary doctorate degree. He is a member of the Rock Port United Methodist Church, Rock Port Rotary Club, Rock Port Telephone Cooperative and many other community organizations. ■



### You're Invited!

The Northwest Alumni Association honors individuals who have given of their time, talent and service to Northwest. Please join Northwest in saluting these outstanding Bearcats.

- Friday, Sept. 28
- J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom
- 6 p.m. Social
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner
- 8 p.m. Awards Presentation

All Northwest alumni and friends are invited to attend the Northwest Alumni Association awards ceremony. It's a great way to kick off the Family Day Weekend and salute these deserving individuals.

For more information about the ceremony or to reserve tickets, visit [www.nwmissouri.edu/ALUMNI/events/awards/index.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/ALUMNI/events/awards/index.htm) or call the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248.



# GOLDEN YEARS SOCIETY REUNION

## Honoring the Class of '57

The Golden Years Society Reunion welcomes all classmates from 1957 and before to attend Northwest's Homecoming festivities. Mark your calendar for Oct. 26-27, and make plans to return to campus and reunite with fellow Bearcats.

For more information, contact the Office of University Advancement at (660) 562-1248 or [alumni@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:alumni@nwmissouri.edu).

### Itinerary

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 26

- 9 a.m. Welcome reception, Alumni House
- 9:30 a.m. Campus/community bus tour
- 11 a.m. Reunion photo, Kissing Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon, J.W. Jones Student Union
- 2 p.m. Flag-raising ceremony, International Flag Plaza
- 6:30 p.m. M-Club Hall of Fame Athletics Banquet\*

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 27

- 8 a.m. Homecoming Welcome, Alumni House
- 9 a.m. Parade with VIP seating
- 11:30 a.m. Barbecue, Bearcat Zone in College Park\*
- 1:30 p.m. Football vs. Washburn\*

**COST: \$20**

\*additional cost



# HOMECOMING

## OCTOBER 26-27, 2007

### Variety Show

- Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
  - Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- COST: \$5**

### Homecoming Golf Classic

- Friday, Oct. 26,
  - Two-person scramble, tee times beginning at noon
  - Mozingo Lake Golf Course
- COST: \$45 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, prizes)**

### M-Club Hall of Fame Athletics Banquet

- Friday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.
  - J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom
- COST: \$17**

### Homecoming Welcome

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m.
- Alumni House
- Free refreshments

### Homecoming Parade

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.
- Route begins in front of Roberta Hall to Fourth Street and goes east on Fourth Street to courthouse square

- Family-friendly viewing area between Roberta Hall and Fourth Street

### Homecoming Barbecue

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m.
  - College Park
- COST: \$5**

### Football vs. Washburn

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m.
  - Bearcat Stadium
- COST: \$12 reserved, \$8 adult general admission (standing room only), \$5 student**

### Order Tickets

- Tickets will not be mailed; they must be picked up at the event.
- Tickets may be charged to Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Reservations are not accepted without a credit card of full payment, and all tickets sales are final.
- Football and Variety Show tickets may be purchased online at [www.nwmissouri.edu/tickets](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/tickets) or by calling (660) 562-1212.
- Call (660) 562-1248 to register for the Golf Classic.

- Call (660) 562-1977 for M-Club Hall of Fame tickets.
- Seats are assigned on a best-available basis.
- Ticket prices include Missouri sales tax.

### Places to Stay

#### MARYVILLE

Comfort Inn	(660) 562-2002
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## Bearcat Reflections

### Don Sears

**SPORTS PLAYED AT NORTHWEST:** Basketball and baseball

**GRADUATED:** 1970

**MAJOR:** Secondary physical education

**MINOR:** Health and safety, elementary physical education

**SPORTS MEMORIES:** I received three varsity letters as a baseball pitcher and four letters in basketball. I also held school rebounding and scoring records, and I received the conference sportsmanship award two seasons in a row. When I came to Northwest, the baseball team was in the rebuilding stages. Being from Des Moines, Iowa, I hadn't had a lot of travel experience. I remember I took my first plane ride when the baseball team was headed to play in California and in Las Vegas. We were a young team, but I remember the coaches were proud of how well we played.

**SINCE GRADUATION:** After graduation I moved back to my hometown of Des Moines and continued to focus on education, athletics and family. I was a teacher in the Des Moines Public Schools for 35 years, 19 of those at the elementary level. In 1986, I received my master's from Drake University. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Sandy, for 35 years. We now live in Ankeny, Iowa. We have two adult sons who have carried on the athletic tradition. Ryan plays professional basketball in Holland, and Todd plays professional baseball for the Florida Marlins. My wife and I travel quite a bit to see them play.

**CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN ATHLETICS:** I have spent many years coaching golf, basketball, swimming and baseball. I have enjoyed coaching because of the personal improvement it allows the players and the good memories I have of my sons playing sports as they grew up. ■



Don Sears, who was a standout on the basketball court (top) and on the baseball mound, has passed his athleticism on to his sons, one who plays professional basketball in Europe and another who's a first baseman for the Florida Marlins.

### Tappmeyer, players receive postseason basketball honors

Northwest men's basketball sophomore forward Hunter Henry was named to the 2007 National Association of Basketball Coaches' All-South Central Region First Team and the 2007 Division II Bulletin All-America Fourth Team. Freshman Lance Sullivan was tabbed on the 2007 Division II Bulletin All-Freshman Team, while head coach Steve Tappmeyer was one of 29 coaches on the 2007 Division II Bulletin Coach of the Year list.

Henry finished the season tied for first in the MIAA in field goal percentage (.577) and third in scoring (17.6 ppg). The MIAA Most Valuable Player will enter the 2007-08 season on a 27-game scoring streak of more than 10 points – the second longest since the 1992-93 season. He owned nine double-doubles last season and scored a career-high 33 points against Washburn. Henry won MIAA Player of the Week four times, the most of any conference athlete.

Sullivan earned his honor after becoming the first Bearcat since 1996 to be the MIAA Freshman of the Year. The redshirt freshman ranked second on the team in scoring (11.4) and assists

(2.7), and his 52 treys was the most on the club.

Tappmeyer, who won his fourth MIAA Coach of the Year honor, took a team that was ranked fifth in league preseason polls to a share of the league title. Northwest was ranked as high as No. 11 in the NABC Coaches' poll and finished the year at No. 17. Participating in its 11th NCAA Tournament and seventh in the last eight seasons, Northwest won 20 games for the seventh time since the 1999-2000 season.

Northwest ended its season in the second round of the NCAA South Central Region Tournament with a 24-7 record. The Bearcats won their 11th overall MIAA Championship, sharing it with Central Missouri.

Northwest is expected to return 12 letterwinners and four starters. The team's first home game for the 2007-08 season is Nov. 16 versus Baker in the Ryland Milner Classic. ■



Northwest men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer and two of his players received much-deserved recognition for the Bearcats' stellar season.

## Fall Classic returns for sixth installment at **Arrowhead**

The sixth annual Fall Classic at Arrowhead will kickoff at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, in Kansas City.

The Fall Classic has been an indicator of MIAA supremacy in recent years – the Northwest Bearcats and Pittsburg State Gorillas have shared or won outright MIAA championships in 16 of the last 18 seasons dating back to 1989, and both have been ranked in the AFCA Top 25 in 12 of the last 13 meetings. This year proves to be no different with

Northwest and Pittsburg State being ranked in the top 25 of multiple preseason polls.



Tailgating, complete with green and white beads, delicious food and excited fans, is always a hit prior to the Fall Classic at Arrowhead. The Bearcats take on the Pittsburg State Gorillas on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Arrowhead Stadium parking lots open at 11 a.m. and the stadium gates open at noon. Parking is \$10 per vehicle.

All Bearcat alumni, family and friends are invited to the tailgate party hosted by the Northwest Alumni Association and the Kansas City Alumni Chapter. The party will begin at 11 a.m. and will be located in the tents adjacent to Lot M. There will be food, music and appearances from the Northwest cheerleaders and band.

Game tickets are \$25 for club level seats. Field level seats are \$20 for adults and \$10 for fans ages 3 through high school age as well as Northwest students with a University ID. Children 2 and younger sitting on an adult's lap are free.

To order tickets, call the Northwest Student Services Center at (660) 562-1212 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or purchase tickets online at [www.nwmissouri.edu/tickets/footballtix.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/tickets/footballtix.htm). ■

## 2007 M-Club Hall of Fame **inductees**

The following individuals and team will be inducted into Northwest's M-Club Athletics Hall of Fame. The ceremony and banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased by contacting Michele Steinmeyer at (660) 562-1977.

### **CHRIS GREISEN '99**

Quarterback; helped lead the 1998 national championship team to a 15-0 record; holds the conference record for yards passing in a season with 4,076 and touchdown passes with 38 in 1998; drafted by the NFL's Arizona Cardinals in 1999; currently plays for the Georgia Force in the Arena Football League.

### **KATHY KEARNS BEHOUNEK '98**

Cross country and track athlete; first Northwest winner of State of Missouri NCAA Woman of the Year award in 1998; four-time All-MIAA and All-Region performer; school record holder in the 5K in cross country; earned cross country All-America status in 1996 and 1997.

### **RON "JESSE" JAMES '67**

Wrestler; MIAA Champion and MIAA Wrestler of the Year in 1966 and 1967; holds the best career mark at Northwest at 74-8 in 152-lb. weight class; holds school

records for wins in a season (30), pins in a season (16), points in a season (116), career pins (37) and career points (300); finished third in 1967 NCAA Division II Tournament and sixth in 1966 tournament to earn All-America status twice; inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004.

### **RUSS MILLER (attd. '76-'81)**

Basketball; four-year starter; ranks seventh all-time in scoring (1,282 points), second in rebounding (837) and second in shot blocks (94); led the team three straight seasons in rebounding, including a 9.5 average in 1980; only Northwest player to have scored 1,200 points and collect 800 rebounds.

### **SCOTT SPURGEON '91**

Baseball; All-America First-Team selection as a third baseman in 1988; two-time All-MIAA First-Team choice as a catcher in 1987 and third baseman in 1988; named MIAA Hitter of the Year and MIAA Sportsman of the Year in 1988; holds school records for single-season doubles (22), career (.872) and season (1.007) slugging percentage; drafted by the Houston Astros in 1988 as a first baseman.

### **1980 VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Won Northwest's first and only conference championship, an MAIAW crown; posted a school-record 52 victories, going 52-9 under Coach Pam Stanek; team's .852 winning percentage is a school record. ■



Quarterback Chris Greisen and Coach Mel Tjeerdsma celebrate a victory – one of 15 during the Bearcats' perfect 1998 season.

## Dual-sport athlete focuses on national championship

At 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds, you wouldn't expect Kendall Wright to excel in a powerhouse football conference. But that's just what he's done.

The junior from Sulphur Springs, Texas, has buried all doubts regarding his small stature by proving himself not only as an offensive force on the gridiron but as a dangerous competitor in track and field.

Wright came to Northwest in the fall of 2004 because he wanted to be a two-sport threat.

Once on campus, Wright made an immediate splash in track and field, earning All-MIAA honors in his first full season by placing fifth in the 60-meter hurdles at the indoor conference meet and battling the first of many hamstring injuries to earn all-conference in the outdoor 110-meter hurdles.

Hamstring woes have continued to plague Wright, and he said constant injuries have affected his attitude about the sport.

"I think the hamstring injuries have weakened me," he said. "Injuries just got in my head and messed with it a little bit and made me feel differently about track."

While his passion for running and jumping has dwindled, his desire to play football has not. Wright has had the opportunity to perform on the biggest of stages in his two years as a Bearcat wide receiver, and he's eager for more of the same.

In 2005, the 'Cats, seeded sixth regionally, were supposed to fall in the first round. But the team exacted revenge on the skeptics by advanc-

ing past three MIAA squads and earning a spot in the national title game. Losing to Grand Valley State the following week didn't diminish the team's accomplishments in Wright's eyes.

"It felt special. We had a lot of great athletes, and we were the underdogs," he said. "The way we ended it, going from almost nothing to almost everything, was real special."

The following season, Wright's 83 catches for 1,151 yards led the team as the Bearcats returned to the title game. But the Grand Valley State Lakers defeated Northwest for a second consecutive national championship.

Wright, a second-team all-region selection as a sophomore, said the second loss was more difficult for him, and that he took personal responsibility for the defeat.

"For me, the last championship game was harder since I fumbled to possibly lose the game," he said. "We still were in it, and I still put the blame on myself."

Wright's focus on leading the Bearcat football team to a third Division II championship game remains his top athletic goal.

"My number-one goal is to get back to the national championship and win this time," he said. "I haven't been a leader since I got here, so I want to try and lead the team and just have fun and be with my buddies out on the field." ■



Kendall Wright (No. 4) celebrates with teammate Mike Peterson during last season's Homecoming game against Fort Hays State. Wright was the leading receiver for the Bearcats in 2006, finishing the season with more than 1,100 receiving yards.

Visit [www.nwmissouri.edu/sports/football/](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/sports/football/) for more information about Bearcat football.

### Acebado receives ITA Player of the Year accolades

Northwest tennis student-athlete Pablo Acebedo has been named the North Central Senior Player of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Acebedo was a unanimous selection at No. 2 doubles with sophomore Daniel Usieto on the All-MIAA First Team and was a three-time MIAA Athlete of the Week. He also earned Second Team All-MIAA accolades at No. 2 singles. Acebedo ended his career 10th in all-time doubles wins with 54. ■

## Football team selects four captains for upcoming season

Four Northwest student-athletes have been named team captains for the 2007 football season. All four players are seniors, two each from the defense and offense.

The captains, as voted on by the team, are linebacker Jared Erspamer of Omaha, Neb., defensive end Dallas Flynn from Blair, Neb., running back Xavier Omon of Beatrice, Neb., and tight end Mike Peterson from Atlantic, Iowa.

"These guys are four excellent choices from a really good group of seniors," said Head Coach

Mel Tjeerdsma. "I feel good about our overall team leadership. These four, who have all started for at least two seasons, have a little more responsibility to represent themselves in games, practice and the preparation aspect."

The No. 2 Bearcats ended the 2006 season at 14-1 overall and had a second straight National Championship appearance. Northwest lost 13 seniors from 2006 but expects eight offensive starters and five defensive starters back in 2007. ■

## Class notes

**1960**

**KEN GERARDY**

is retired from a 33-year career with the IRS, holding supervisory and management positions for the last 21 years of his career. He lives in Sunrise Beach where he manages a resort and is involved in the Lake Arts Council.

**1961**

**RONNIE DITTEMORE (MASTER'S '71)**

is a mental health consultant and has been appointed to the Mental Health Commission by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt.

**1964**

**JERRY CHRISTENSEN**

was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association

Basketball Hall of Fame. He coached 33 years at Treynor High School and had a 508-217 record, 10 conference titles, 10 runner-up finishes and seven trips to state.

**RONALD AND LORETTA FARMER ('62) HORNECKER**

live at 17552 N. Somerset Dr. in Surprise, AZ. Ronald retired in July 2006 after 21 years on the faculty of Golden Gate

Seminary in Mill Valley, CA. For 17 years he was the director of the Doctor of Ministry program. Loretta retired as an office manager for a law firm in Marin County, CA, in 2002.

**1967**

**VIRGINIA CORE BORKOWSKI**

and her husband, Merle, celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 9.

## New York City pianist remains close to Iowa roots

It's often said, you can take the girl out of Iowa, but you can't take Iowa out of the girl. This couldn't be more accurate when it comes to professional pianist Robin Clarke '83. Originally from Norwalk, Iowa, Clarke now lives in a tiny apartment in the middle of New York City.

She's in the perfect setting for her profession – surrounded by the hustle and bustle of 8 million residents in the United States' largest city that serves as the international epicenter for music, film, theatre and dance. Ironically, this Iowa native who has performed on Broadway prefers country music and likes to get her hands dirty.

"Although I live in a bread-box in New York City, I have a

vegetable and flower garden about the same size as my apartment," Clarke said. "Unfortunately, the garden is two hours away in Connecticut. I like to play in the dirt, and it's important enough to me that I don't mind the drive."

Clarke, who previously was a pianist for a ballet company in Des Moines, Iowa, as well as the world-renowned National Ballet of Canada and the Toronto Opera Repertoire, moved to the Big Apple in 1999. Her childhood piano has accompanied her on each of her moves.

"I still use the Kawai upright piano that I've had

since I was 15 years old," she said. "I've moved it many places. I even put it in a horse trailer when I moved across the border to Canada."

Not what you'd expect from an NYC musician who commutes via a bus and subway everyday to work. But then again, this Iowa girl is never too far removed from her roots.

Clarke comes from a musical family and has played the piano since she was "old enough to sit up." Her first teacher was her grandmother, and she's been a church accompanist since she was 10 years old.

"The life of a musician requires you to juggle several jobs at the same time," said Clarke, whose husband is a professional percussionist. "Not only is there my commitment with the church, but I've always had a piano teaching studio and other casual gigs such as playing for weddings and at retirement homes."

Clarke's full time "gig" is at The American Musical and Dramatic Company, a school whose aim is to produce the next generation of Broadway stars. Clarke is an accompanist and co-teacher in the school's musical theatre branch.

"This is the perfect job for me because I can combine my two passions – teaching and playing the piano," she said. "Twenty years from now I hope to be doing the same thing – teaching and playing. The only change I'd make in my life would be to have a piece of earth for me to garden a little closer than two hours away." ■



PHOTO BY CARY CONOVER

Robin Clarke '83, an accompanist and co-teacher at The American Musical and Dramatic Company, is instrumental in producing the next generation of Broadway stars.

## Top nine picks for summer and fall reading

Summertime and early fall often means reading time – a chance to hit the hammock or the backyard deck with a comfortable lawn chair and a good novel. For those who are still pondering which warm-weather titles to choose, Northwest's Department of English has compiled this list of nine favorites.

### "The Makioka Sisters" Junichiro Tanizaki

The story, set in wartime Japan, centers around the four daughters of a once-wealthy family. The novel's primary theme is the fading of traditional Japanese culture before the forces of modernization, Westernization and militarization.

### "Suite Francaise" Irene Nemirovsky

Nemirovsky perished at the hands of the Nazis in Auschwitz in 1942. She is best known as the author of the unfinished "Suite Francaise,"

two novellas portraying life in France in the early 1940s after the Germans occupied Paris.

### "The Emperor's Children" Claire Messud

This novel is the story of three 30ish friends, all vaguely literary or artistic, trying – not very successfully – to find love and fame in post-9/11 Manhattan.

### 1969 JAMES JUHLER ♦

is senior vice president of accounting at Physicians



Mutual in Omaha, NE. He previously was vice president of accounting and has worked for the company since 1972.

**1975 VALERIE SMITH UNKRICH** was named Iowa Wesleyan College's 2007

### "For Rouenna" Sigrid Nunez

A haunting story about a poignant and unusual friendship between a novelist and the retired army nurse who seeks her out. The author describes her work as a story about truth, memory and unexpected heroism.

### "Snow" Orhan Pamuk

This translation of Pamuk's 2002 novel explores the conflict between Islamism and Westernism in modern Turkey; listed as one of the 10 Best Books in 2004 by "The New York Times."

### "Sacred Hunger" Barry Unsworth

The story, a tale of greed told against the backdrop of the slave trade, is set in the mid-18th century and centers around cousins Erasmus Kemp, son of a wealthy merchant, and Matthew Paris, a surgeon.

### "Another Country" James Baldwin

This landmark 1962 novel depicts the Bohemian lifestyle of musicians, writers and other artists living in Greenwich Village in the late 1950s.

### "The Things They Carried" Tim O'Brien

This collection of related vignettes about a group of American soldiers in the Vietnam War is based largely on the author's own experiences.

### "All the Pretty Horses" Cormac McCarthy

This book introduces readers to John Grady Cole who, at 16, finds himself at the dying end of a long line of Texas ranchers, cut off from the only life he has ever imagined for himself. The book was adapted into a feature film of the same name starring Matt Damon and Penelope Cruz. ■

Chadwick Teacher of the Year in April. She is an assistant professor of physical education at the college, where she has worked since 1993.

**KATHY WAGONER** was head volleyball and softball coach at Knox

College in Galesburg, IL, and retired from coaching this spring. She coached 17 years at Knox College and 25 years in the Midwest Conference and has more than 250 career wins in both volleyball and softball.

Cut out and save!

### 2007 BEARCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



**Aug. 23\*, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Arkansas Tech**

Sept. 8, 6 p.m.  
at University of Nebraska,  
Omaha

Sept. 15, 6 p.m.  
at Missouri Western

**Sept. 22, 1 p.m.**  
**Truman State**

**Sept. 29, 6 p.m.**  
**Southwest Baptist**  
**(Family Day)**

Oct. 6, 2 p.m.  
Pittsburg State  
(Kansas City, Fall Classic at  
Arrowhead VI)

**Oct. 13, 1 p.m.**  
**Central Missouri**

Oct. 20, 2 p.m.  
at Fort Hays State

**Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Washburn**  
**(Homecoming)**

Nov. 3, 1 p.m.  
at Emporia State

**Nov. 10, 1 p.m.**  
**Missouri Southern**

#### Home games bolded

For the latest schedule information, visit [www.northwestbearcats.com](http://www.northwestbearcats.com).



\*Game subject to cancellation if field renovations are not complete.



**Benton wins teaching award**

Galen Benton '64 recently won Minnesota West Community and Technical College's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Benton, who has taught at the institution for 24 years and has twice been named Teacher of the Year, was nominated by his students.

One student wrote, "Mr. Galen Benton is probably the best teacher I have ever had. He has passion for music and encourages and builds up his students ... to want to learn and share his enthusiasm."

In addition to teaching and leading the college's Concert Choir and Pop Singers for 18 years, Benton is active in his community's Kiwanis Club, the Worthington (Minn.) City Band, his church choir and praise band, the Worthington Concert Association and the Worthington Brass Quintet. ■

**1977**

**MARK HAGEDORN** is an agriculture agent with the Brown County University of Wisconsin Extension. His wife, Deann, is a teacher in Barron. Mark previously was a livestock production specialist in Shell Lake, managing the feeds and agronomy department of Shell Lakes Cooperative, a Land O'Lakes affiliate. They have two children.

**DAVE AND CHRISTY SCOTT (ATTD. '73-'77) HAGEMAN** celebrated their 30th anniversary in August 2006. Dave is a safety and health consultant at Chubb Insurance in Clayton, and Christy is a music and piano teacher at Abiding Savior Lutheran School. They have three granddaughters and another granddaughter due in July. They live in Imperial.

**STEVEN SCANLAN**

is senior vice president and chief investment officer at Physicians Mutual in Omaha, NE. He previously was vice president and chief investment officer. He joined the company in 2005.



**LOU YACINICH (MASTER'S)** is director of athletic advancement at Grand View College. He previously was athletic director and finished his 33rd season as head baseball coach this spring.

**1978**  
**DAVID "D.C." COLT (MASTER'S) ♦** was inducted into the Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame on March 16. D.C. has served as head

athletic trainer at Northwest since 1981. He is pursuing an educational doctorate from the University of Missouri.

**1979**

**LAURA WIDMER ♦** received the Friends of Northwest Press Award for service to the publishers and editors of northwest Missouri. She was presented the award by the Northwest Missouri Press Association in January at its annual meeting. Laura is an assistant professor of mass communication and student publication adviser at Northwest.

**JOE WOOD** received a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma in May. He retired from the U.S. Army in July 2002 and is employed in the Quality

Assurance Office as a systems design specialist and chief of surveys for the U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence.

**1980**

**KEN SCHREIBER** was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in February. He has coached high school baseball for 27 years, 21 at St. Albert High School in Council Bluffs, IA, after starting at Underwood in 1980. His overall record is 448-298, and he has been named district coach of the year three times and state coach of the year twice. In 1996 and 1999, he led the Falcons to state championships.



**Bearcat Connection, free online community just for Northwest alumni and friends, will soon be launched. By logging on, you'll be able to:**

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- Make valuable networking connections
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- Register for alumni events
- Join conversations on message boards ... and much, much more!

In the meantime, make sure Northwest has your current e-mail address on file so you can be notified how to register for the Bearcat Connection online community. Send your name (and maiden name), class year and e-mail address to alumni@nwmissouri.edu today!



## Young neurosurgeon experiences real-life drama in O.R.

As a young neurosurgeon, Dr. Josh Anderson's '01 life doesn't play out like a scene from the popular TV shows *Grey's Anatomy* or *ER*. And he'll be the first to admit, there's a lot less drama and romance in the operating room – and a lot more brain surgery.

"In no way, shape or form are those medical shows on TV accurate," Anderson said. "Trust me, brain surgery is intense enough without dramatizing it."

In simple terms, neurology relates to the study of the brain and the central nervous system and encompasses anything in the brain or spinal cord that can be repaired by surgery or radiation therapy.

Anderson, who is in his third year of a seven-year residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center, said he didn't always want to be a neurosurgeon.

"Initially I wanted a Ph.D. in biochemistry," Anderson said, "but it just wasn't for me. I wasn't interested. That's when I decided to go to medical school."

Anderson said several Northwest professors contributed to his career path, and he enjoyed anatomy labs and physiology classes, particularly when the topic turned to neurology.

"It was very intriguing working on the brain," he said. "It was interesting to me that I could actually help someone by cutting their head open."

He said neurosurgeries typically last from four

to six hours, though he has seen some cases last as long as 40 hours. Working long hours with demanding cases leaves limited free time for the young surgeon.

"I used to like to play the guitar and do a lot of outdoor things, like hiking and camping, but I don't get a chance to do much of that right now," Anderson said. "But the most difficult aspect of being a neurosurgeon isn't the long hours – it's giving people bad news.

Unfortunately, when dealing with head injuries, it's not that uncommon. It's very challenging and taxing, but I know how important it is to do it compassionately."

As emotionally draining as his career can be, Anderson said being a neurosurgeon also has its rewards.

"It's a wonderful feeling when I'm able to help someone, and I see them get better," he said. "I'm proud that I've been able to take the skills I've learned to help someone in a time of crisis. I remember one man, in particular, who was randomly shot in the back of the head at a gas station. I was sure when I saw his CAT scan that he wasn't going to make it. Now, eight months later, he's doing great." ■



Dr. Josh Anderson '01, a neurosurgeon at the University of Kansas Medical Center, said the toughest part of his job isn't the grueling hours – it's giving people bad news.

*“In no way, shape or form are those medical shows on TV accurate. Trust me, brain surgery is intense enough without dramatizing it.”*

**Josh Anderson '01**  
Neurosurgeon

### 1981

#### **KEN MISFELDT**

is the head baseball coach at Dana College. From 1993 to 2006, he was assistant baseball coach at the University of Northern Iowa, head coach at Mount St. Clare College and assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Iowa Western Community College.

### 1982

#### **BILL GERLT**

is director of group sales for the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club. He lives in San Antonio, TX.

#### **LELAND MORRISON (MASTER'S)**

will be superintendent of the Burlington (IA) School District this fall. He has been an elementary school principal and superintendent in several Iowa school districts. He

also has taught at Wayne (NE) State University.

#### **MARK REAVIS** ♦

is general manager for the state of Oklahoma for Massco Inc. He lives in Yukon, OK.

#### **REBECCA JOHNSON WIGAL** ♦

is vice president district manager at Fifth Third Bank in Columbus, OH. She lives in Gahanna, OH. In March, she participated in her first

concert as a member of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

### 1983

#### **DAN DANFORD (MASTER'S)** ♦

has been appointed to the Missouri Western State University Board of Governors by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt. He is president and founder of Family Investment Center in St. Joseph.

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**DIANA BISHOP EWING** is a development officer for the National Office of Mosaic. She works in Des Moines and central Iowa. She received the National Outreach Award from Eunice Kennedy Shriver of the International Special Olympics and the Global Iowa Award from the Iowa Council of International Understanding.

**D. KENT KELSO** is the regional vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. Since 2000 he has been assistant vice president and dean of students at Northern Kentucky University.

**1985**  
**PAMELA MARNIN CLARK (MASTER'S '92)** is a self-employed farmer/rancher. She taught for 14 years and worked at DOC for seven years. Pamela and her husband, Ivan, custom raise Holstein

bottle calves and milk cows and have a beef cattle cow/calf operation. They live in Troy, KS.

**CURTIS MATHER** was appointed by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt to the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts. He is a general orthopedic surgeon.

**1986**  
**SHANE PARSHALL**

is vice president of information protection at Physicians Mutual in Omaha, NE. He previously was an assistant vice president of information protection. He joined the company in 1996.

**1987**  
**BRIAN SCHIEBER** is senior vice president and manager at Nodaway

Valley Bank. He joined the bank in 2000 and has two years previous experience in public accounting and 11 years in private industry accounting.

**1988**  
**JERRI BROWN**

is an account analyst for an insurance agency in Des Moines, IA. She recently bought a home in Redfield, IA, and has a home interior decorating business. She enjoys decorating, landscaping, crafting and traveling.

**MARCIA TYER PORTER (MASTER'S)** received the St. Joseph School District's Innovator of the Year award. She is a special services coordinator at the Colgan Alternative Resource Center in St. Joseph.

**1989**  
**DEVAN NAIR** is an associate partner, GBS, at IBM Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**1990**  
**GARY BATTLES (SPECIALIST)** is superintendent of the West Nodaway School District. He was superintendent of the Remsen-Union School District in Remsen, IA, from 2000 to 2006. Earlier in his career, Gary was a secondary teacher, coach, counselor, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent in the West Bend-Mallard School District in Iowa.

**1990**  
**KAY METZGER MISKA** is a licensed real estate agent/relocation specialist at Apartment Search by CORT in Minneapolis, MN. She was presented the Presidential Sales Excellence Award in March for being No. 2 in sales nationwide.

**1991**  
**PAMELA BURKHEAD** and Paul Korneman were married Aug. 19, 2006, in Cameron. Pamela is an account clerk at the Western Missouri Correctional Center, and Paul is a self-employed farmer. They live in Cameron.

**1992**  
**DARRIN MCBROOM (MASTER'S '98)** is a history instructor at Lee's Summit High School.

He completed his second year as women's volleyball coach at Longview Community College. In his first year, he led the team to the national rankings, and this year



**How now brown cow**

Dr. Dennis Padgitt, professor of agriculture, conducts a tour for one of his agriculture classes, addressing issues such as the waste removal process, safety features and the importance of clean bedding. ■



## No beanies necessary ... just your help in locating these 1957 graduates so they can be notified of their class reunion during Homecoming.

Kevin Barker  
Gerald Beery  
Joan Bishop  
George Brown  
Edna Byous  
James Casteel  
June Courtney Clark  
John Cole  
Dorothy St. John Connor  
William Cordonier  
Nancy Packwood Dancer  
Helen Dovell  
Donald Dunn  
Nora Edwards  
Robert Elliott

Max Fiantdt  
Paul Fore  
Sharon Foster  
Velma Foster  
Jimmie Frazier  
Tommy Freeman  
David Glenn  
Henry Hannon  
Lura Stafford Hanson  
Alta Hawley  
Doyle Hendrickson  
James Holt  
Loretta Taylor Jacoba  
Austin Jay  
Leora Jones

Nancy Jorstad  
Carl Lake  
Lewis Linville  
Nancy Lundgren  
Monty McVicker  
Terence Merrigan  
Dewaine Metcalf  
Patricia Miller  
Wilma Moe  
Bill Mullins  
Fiona Nelson  
Viola Parkhust  
Richard Pinkerton  
James Ranck  
John Rinehart

Ronald Schenk  
Frances Schrader  
Ruby Scott  
Hubert Sharp  
Ernest Smith  
Richard Smith  
John Sorlie  
Leland Springer  
John Swan  
Wreatha Jarvis Terry  
Curtis Thomas  
A.E. Vassey  
Lillian Wickiser  
James Wright

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the team placed sixth in the national tournament. Contact him at [darrin.mcbroom@mcckc.edu](mailto:darrin.mcbroom@mcckc.edu).

### 1993

#### SEANN O'RILEY ♦

is executive vice president and chief lending officer at Nodaway Valley Bank in St. Joseph. He joined the bank in 1999 and has 13 years of banking experience.

#### TOM AND SARA HOSFORD PERKINS

live in Wichita, KS. Tom is an assessment coordinator at Northwest High School. Sara is an onsite graphics coordina-

tor at Pioneer Balloon Company.

### 1994

#### CLARENCE GREEN

was appointed by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt to serve on the Campus Security Task Force, which will evaluate Missouri's campus emergency response plans and ensure close communication between higher education and public safety communities. Clarence is director of campus safety at Northwest.

#### SHARI DRESSEN GRIFFIN

and her husband, David, announce the birth of Samantha Marie on Dec. 29. Shari is a midday radio host on NRG Media KLTQ-FM, and David is a store manager for Payless Shoe Source. They live in Omaha, NE.

#### JACQUE GREEN MCCURDY

is owner of Band Services of Iowa. Her husband, Chris, is in sales with DeMoulin Uniforms. They live in West Des Moines, IA, with their two children, Samuel, 4, and Lillie, 2.

#### JIM WILLITS

and Meredyth Burge were married June 23, 2007, in Cleveland, OH. Jim is senior director of sales for the Philadelphia Flyers NHL team in Philadelphia, and Meredyth is an assistant for Wickers, Herzer, Panza, Cook and Batista Law Firm in Avon Lake, OH.

### 1995

#### KIKI KUNKEL BOINSKI

is an eligibility tech for Arapahoe County, CO. KiKi, her husband, Stephen, and their twins live in Centennial, CO.

### Career credential files to be destroyed

It's time for the annual credential file audit in the Office of Career Services. Any credential file that has not been used since 1997 will be destroyed. A credential file includes job search materials such as a résumé and letters of recommendation. It is not an official academic record.

Any graduate wishing to have his or her "old" file activated or archived may do so by calling (660) 562-1250 or e-mailing [career@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:career@nwmissouri.edu) before Sept. 1, 2007.

Requests should include legal name (and maiden, if applicable) and Social Security number.

Please note, due to the annual cycle of this initiative, files older than and inactive since 1996 have already been destroyed. ■



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**Keese named Iowa Teacher of the Year**

Jan Merriman Keese '73, '76 was named 2007 Iowa Teacher of the Year and had the opportunity to meet President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush in the White House Oval Office.

Keese is a third-grade teacher at Crocker Elementary School in Ankeny, Iowa. She has twice been named the Ankeny Community School District's teacher of the year. She has served as president of the Iowa Reading Association and as the state coordinator for the International Reading Association to Iowa.

She and her husband, Scott '74, a band director in the Ballard Community School District, have two daughters who also are educators.

Three other Northwest alumni received similar honors and were profiled in the spring 2007 issue of the *Northwest Alumni Magazine*. Darryl Johnson '92, '98 is the Missouri Teacher of the Year, Christy Compton '03 (master's) received the U.S. American STAR of Teaching award and Dr. Dwight Pierson '68, '74, '88 is the Iowa Superintendent of the Year. ■

**TOM AND KELLY MATTHEWS HARRIS** live at 2496 Waverly Circle, Yorkville, IL. They have two sons, Ryan, 3, and Nate, 1.

**1996 MARCHELLE CHRIST BUTTRICK** is owner of Chelle's Creative Photography, specializing in children's photography, high school seniors, family portraits

and wedding photography. Her husband, Jeremy, is a geographic information system coordinator for Harrison County. They live in Woodbine, IA, with their daughter, Jordan, 4.

**JASON EGGERS (MASTER'S '00)** will be the principal at Maryville High School this fall. He was principal

at Mound City Junior-Senior High School for the past seven years. Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught vocal music in Mound City.

**DENNIS HAMILTON** is a designer in the engineering department at Snorkel International in St. Joseph. He was previously employed at York International in Albany.

**DENISE HOPF** and Aaron Ackerlund were married June 23. Denise teaches K-3 special education at Earlham, IA, Community School. Aaron is a service adviser at Granger Motors in Granger, IA.



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[www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni)

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You'll find this and more at [www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni).



Thanks for your continued interest in Northwest, and remember ...

**Once a Bearcat, Always a Bearcat!**

## McKim ranks among nation's top amateurs in unique sport

**D**aniel McKim '04, a former All-American track athlete at Northwest, wanted to stay active and competitive after college. He's succeeded, although he's chosen a unique route. He competes in the Highland Games, a sport where a kilt is the required uniform, throwing telephone pole-sized cabers and 100-pound stones is the norm, bag pipes are played and there's an abundance of Scottish dancing.

Highland Games' athletes participate from April to October in events reminiscent of Scottish games of old and the modern-day "Strong Man" competition. The games include nine unusual events such as the caber toss, bramaer stone, heavy hammer and weight for height.

"The caber event is the most difficult to train for because the caber itself is hard to find," McKim said. "I practice caber throwing with an old telephone pole I hide in a park near my home."

McKim, who has been a part of the Highland Games for three seasons, has competed throughout the country and said, "the athletes who compete are no slouches. Many of the athletes are former All-Americans, and a few have participated in Olympic trials."

McKim trains five days a week, and it shows.

Competing with the top amateurs in class "A," McKim is ranked second in the nation for all amateurs.

"The games provide me a way to keep my competitive nature in full swing," said McKim, the assistant manager of community initiatives for the Missouri Housing Development Commission in Kansas City.

As the games conclude and the winners are announced, the prizes given to the top athletes are often as unique as the competition itself.

"Even though prizes can be as standard as plaques and money," McKim said, "sometimes they award the winner weaponry such as a sword or battle ax." ■



It may look like a telephone pole, but it's called a caber, and former Northwest track star Daniel McKim's ability to toss the unique apparatus makes him a standout in the Highland Games.

**LYDIA CHAPIN HURST** has been reappointed by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt to serve another term on the Northwest Board of Regents. Her term will end Jan. 1, 2013. She is an assistant manager at Flower Mill in Tarkio.

### 1998

#### HAWKEYE WILSON

and Deirdre Shepherd were married April 14. He is a consultant in customer operations for Healthcare Analytics in the Pharma Solutions Business Unit for Wolters

Kluwer Health, where he conducts pharmaceutical market research. He previously was senior research analyst for the Arizona Tax Research Association. Deirdre is a 1996 graduate of Arizona State University. They live in Phoenix, AZ.

### 1998

#### RICHARD COATHUP ♦

is a Web developer for National Processing Company. He previously worked in Kansas City for Cerner Corp. He and his wife, Lydia, live in Humble, TX.

**COLIN MCDONOUGH** was honored as the Wrestling Sports Information Director/Publicist of the Year by the National Wrestling Media Association. He is the associate media relations director at the University of Northern Iowa. He also is the media relations director of the newly formed Western Wrestling Conference.

#### BRIAN AND GINA HAYES ('01) SUTTON ♦

announce the birth of Jack Hayes on Feb. 11. Brian is a dentist in

Olathe, KS, and Gina is a designer with Hallmark Cards. They live in Kansas City.

#### JENNIFER GRIFFEN

and Tazz Worcester were married Sept. 23 in Independence. Jennifer is a customer service specialist lead at Star Medical Pharmacy, which is a division of Apria Healthcare. They live in Olathe, KS.

**1999**

**MARK BIGELOW** is a residence life coordinator at the University of South Florida. In May 2006, he received a master of education degree in adult and higher education with a concentration in student personnel services from the University of Oklahoma. He also was featured in the book "Brotherhood, Gay Life in the College Fraternity."

**RANCE AND BRYLIE BURCH ('00) CARLSON** announce the birth of Creed Isaac on Feb. 19. They live in North Kansas City.

**DON FERREE** and Patricia Peterson were married Dec. 27 in Maui, HI. Don graduated in May with a master's degree in secondary counseling from Creighton University. He will be a counselor at Burke High School



in Omaha, NE, this fall. Patty works in compliance in the athletic department for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They live in Gretna, NE.

**2000**

**WILL (MASTER'S) AND ANDREA KEARNS WAGNER** ♦ announce the birth of Brayden on Jan. 24. He joins a brother, Brooks, 3. Will is the secondary/assistant head football coach for the Bearcats, and Andrea is a development officer at Northwest. They live in Maryville.

**2001**

**JEREMIAH AND TRACI JERMAIN ('02) JOHNSON** announce the birth of Peyton Elle on Aug. 20, 2006. Jeremiah is a financial analyst at Midland Loan Services, and Traci is an accountant at Sprint. They live in Raymore.

**MARIA NANNINGA** ♦ and Conrad Lundvall were married May 5 in Maryville. Maria is an administrative assistant at Imagination Station Child Care in Omaha,

NE, and Conrad is pursuing a plumbing license at Metro Community College.

**NICK NEWBERRY AND KARI DOUGLAS ('02)** were married Oct. 14 in Maryville. Nick is an assistant manager at Wells Fargo Financial, and Kari is a human resources specialist at Shawnee Mission (KS) Medical Center. They live in Liberty.

**2002**

**MATT BROWNSBERGER** will be the head boys' basketball coach and high school physical education instructor at Chillicothe High School this fall. He previously was the head coach at Warsaw High School, where he guided the Wildcats to a 59-47 record over five seasons. Matt served on the Northwest coaching staff from 2001 to 2003.

**TRAVIS GERLACH (MASTER'S '03) AND LORI FORDYCE ('03)** were married Oct. 28 in Cameron. Travis is a Nutrena consultant for Cargill Animal Nutrition, and Lori is a business teacher at Central High School in the St. Joseph School District. Lori will complete a master's degree from Northwest in December.



**BROOKE HANSEN** and Mike McBride were married Oct. 14 in St. Joseph. Brooke is the member-



ship services coordinator for Alpha Sigma Alpha national sorority, and Mike is a rehabilitation counselor for the state of Indiana. They live in Indianapolis, IN.

**AMBER OSWALD** and Maurice Sanchez were married Nov. 4 in Kansas City. Amber is the office manager at Cubic Applications Inc. in Shalimar, FL, and Maurice is a systems integrator at Computer Science Corporation. They live in Navarre, FL.

**JOHN AND JULIE MCCRARY SCHROETER** announce the birth of Corban Gerald on Dec. 19. He joins Jack, 2. John is a GIS technician for the city of Olathe. They live in Olathe, KS.

**BRAD AND KARI FRERKING ('04, '05) WOODARD**

were married March 10 in Concordia. Brad is a feed mill manager at Juergens Produce and Feed Co., and Kari is director of finance and accounting for Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities. They live in Glidden, IA.



**2003**

**SHAWN AND LACI FIALA ('04) ADES** ♦ announce the birth of Addison Elaine on June 16, 2006. Shawn works at Home Depot, and Laci is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They live in Lincoln, NE

**Dunham and his dummies**

Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham and several of his buddies, including Walter, the angry old man, entertained audiences this spring in the Performing Arts Center. Dunham, whose performance was sponsored by the Student Activities Council, is hailed by The Tonight Show's Jay Leno and others as the nation's premier ventriloquist. This was Dunham's second visit to Northwest. ■



## Kaplan investigates possible sounds from the 'other side'

Bryan Kaplan '99 doesn't consider himself a "ghost buster," and he doesn't intend to make people believe in ghosts or even prove their existence. Kaplan, a paranormal investigator, simply records audio during paranormal investigations and reports what he finds.

Kaplan specializes in electronic voice phenomena, or EVP, which is unexpected speech or messages that are recorded and cannot be explained by science.

"That doesn't mean that EVP is paranormal," Kaplan said. "It just means something is detected and not understood. I'm intrigued by the fact the phenomena can be found on recordings. We may visit a place where there's been a violent death and hear nothing, but when we go back and listen to our findings, we may hear a little boy talking."

During an investigation for Paranormal Activity Investigators, a Kansas City-based non-profit organization formed by Kaplan and his friends, he uses standard audio equipment such as a digital audio recorder or a microphone connected to a computer.

"Nine times out of 10, people approach us to investigate," Kaplan said. "In addition to businesses and private residences, we've investigated some very interesting places such as the historical Lemp Mansion in St. Louis and the intriguing Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Kentucky."

The team of investigators typically gathers its data at night to eliminate unwanted noise and foot traffic.

"It's a misconception that we have to do our investigations at night. If there's something pres-

ent, it's there regardless of the time of day," Kaplan said.

Audio clips recorded by Kaplan during an investigation, as well as photographs and video clips gathered by his cohorts, are available to the public on the PAI Web site at [www.ghost-investigators.com](http://www.ghost-investigators.com). Kaplan said PAI audio clips have even been used on a National Geographic television program and on several national radio shows.

"Skepticism is necessary," Kaplan said of the people who question the validity of paranormal activity and EVP. "When a team from PAI does an investigation, there's a standard procedure we follow to ensure the audio is not contaminated. We differentiate what's real and what can be determined, and then what is unexplainable. We try to scientifically explain what's going on."

But providing a scientific explanation is not always easy.

"A lot of the audio we have is of children's voices, which means something's present since we don't take children with us on our investigations," he said. "No one knows for sure what it is. I can say for certainty that it's not radio interference ... so it very well may be sounds from the other side." ■

For more information about Paranormal Activity Investigators, visit [www.ghost-investigators.com](http://www.ghost-investigators.com).



Very little audio equipment is needed when Bryan Kaplan '99 conducts a paranormal investigation.

**JENNIFER MORRIS KELLY (MASTER'S)**  
won the St. Joseph School District's Teacher of the Year award. She teaches sixth grade at Noyes Elementary School and has worked in the district since 1998.

**RHONDA WRIGHT MCBEE (MASTER'S)**  
is the principal at Scotland Elementary School.

She taught 18 years in the district's special education department before becoming the federal programs director in 1998. She has been with the district for 27 years.

**JOEL MILLER AND STEPHANIE SCHUMER ('05) ♦**  
were married June 10, 2006, and live in Hampton, NE. Joel is an agriculture/FFA teacher

in the Hampton Public School District, and Stephanie is a paraprofessional in the Aurora Public School District.

**KENNETH "TEX" RIEDINGER AND MEGAN COLEMAN (MASTER'S '06)**

were married July 7 in



Branson. Kenneth is a high school physical education/health teacher in Buna, TX, and coaches varsity football, tennis and freshman basketball. Megan is a fourth-grade teacher. Friends can reach Kenneth at (409) 289-0957 and Megan at (409) 289-1539.

## 10 things students bring to school to remind them of home

... according to 10 Northwest students



An alligator head from Louisiana serves as a good reminder of home for senior Nick Triche.

**1** I bring my teddy bear and a princess wand that were given to me by my mom.

*Mallory Rives, junior*

**2** I have an alligator's head in my kitchen that reminds me of my home in Louisiana.

*Nick Triche, senior*

**3** I have my Nintendo-64 because it reminds me of all the time I spent during my childhood playing it with my younger brother.

*Nikki Welborn, freshman*

**4** I bring my quilt that my grandmother made. It reminds me a lot of my family.

*Aaron Baker, senior*

**5** I have one item that I take to school every year and put on my refrigerator. It's an old Christmas card

of my family: my mom and dad, my two brothers and our dog, who recently passed away. I love that picture because it was taken in the winter when

our home is the most beautiful after it snows. It reminds me of home every time I look at it.

*Kayla Scott, junior*

**6** The Dr. Seuss book "Oh the Places You'll Go" is something I have from home. I've had it for years. It motivates me for the future and reminds me how I got to where I am today.

*Drew Zimmerman, junior*

**7** My family is very important to me, so I bring pictures of my younger brother and sister.

*Lazarus Marquart, senior*

**8** I bring games that are some of my family's favorites so I can play them at school, too.

*Sarah Sauer, senior*

**9** I bring Mr. Bear. He's more than 30 years old, and I've had him since I was 2. He is the man!

*Rachel Butza, sophomore*

**10** I have a special pillow. When my grandma died of breast cancer in 2001, my mom took one of her shirts and sewed part of it on a pillow.

*Bailey Asher, sophomore*

**JESSICA TINGWALD** and Chris Gossler were married June 17, 2006, in Grand Marais, MN. They are nurses at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA, and live in West Des Moines, IA.

**DOMINIC WONDERLY AND BETH STIENS '00** were married May 26 in Maryville. Dominic is employed at Kawasaki in Maryville, and Beth is a fifth-grade teacher at West Nodaway Elementary School in Burlington Junction.

### 2004

**BRIAN SCHUMACHER AND JENNIFER LANCE** were married June 2 in Savannah. Brian is the co-manager at Feeder's

Grain in Bowling Green, and Jennifer is an administrative assistant at the Pike County Health Department Home Care and Hospice in Bowling Green.

### 2005

**JESSICA EAGEN '05** and Chad Dillon were married in September. Jessica is a learning for life/marketing executive for the Boy Scouts of America. She and Chad live in Glenview, IL.

**TRACIE BIXENMAN MOORE (MASTER'S '06)** is a 4-H youth development specialist for the Saline County University of Missouri Extension. Tracie previously was a 4-H youth educator for

Boone County. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Marshall and have a farm in Marceline.

**MILTON WICK (MASTER'S)** will be the assistant principal at Carthage High School. He previously was at New Mark Middle School in Kansas City.

### 2006

**ERICA HEERMANN** is the assistant director for athletic development and marketing for the department of athletics at the University of Indianapolis. She coordinates the marketing efforts for all 19 varsity sports.

**KATHRYN MEAD** will be a student in the doctor of chiropractic program at Logan

University in Chesterfield this fall.

**DEVON MILES** and Kyle Cosey were married April 28 in Maryville. Devon is a bookkeeper at Citizens Bank and Trust in Rock Port, and Kyle is an installer at Midwest Data Center in Rock Port.

**DANIELLE RHOADES AND DALLAS CARTER (ATTD.)** were married March 16 in Maryville. Danielle is stationed in Fort Lee, VA, with the U.S. Army, and Dallas is a corrections officer at the Maryville Treatment Center.



## Northwest faculty and staff receive well-deserved kudos

### KXCV news director wins media award

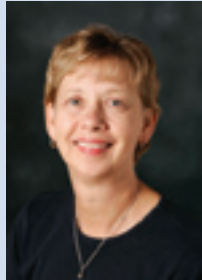
KXCV/KRNW News Director Kirk Wayman '96 has been selected to receive a Missouri State Teachers Association award for "Educational Orchestra," a news feature about the inaugural Meet the Orchestra Educational Concert staged by the Northwest Orchestra, the University's premier string ensemble.

Wayman will receive the award during the MSTTA regional meeting this fall.

"This award is a great example of the professionalism Kirk exhibits each day in his duties as news director," said station General Manager Ted Riley. "It brings positive recognition to Northwest and acknowledges the quality of work Kirk and the other professionals at KXCV/KRNW provide to our audience."

### Kling is guest conductor in Massachusetts

Carl Kling, assistant professor and director of bands, was guest conductor during the 22nd annual Honor Band Concert for high school musicians at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The 85 student musicians participating



Edmonds

came from six states and were nominated by high school band directors as being the most outstanding students in their programs.

### Edmonds co-authors article

An article co-authored by Dr. Carole Edmonds, assistant professor of educational leadership, appears in the winter 2007 edition of the American Association of School Administrators Journal of Scholarship and Practice. The article is titled "Leading the Learning: What Missouri Principals Say About Their Preparation Programs."

### Islam joins editorial boards

Dr. Rafiq Islam, associate professor of chemistry and physics, joined the editorial boards of two academic journals: Transactions of the Missouri Academy of Science and the Asian Journal of Biochemistry.

In addition, Islam will be a reviewer for the International Journal of Biological Chemistry, the Journal of Biological Sciences, the Pakistan Journal of Biological Sciences and the Journal of Applied Sciences. ■

### 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. ■

## In Memoriam

### GEORGE BARRATT '54

80, died Jan. 4 in Maryville. He retired from Northwest in 1988 after teaching math for 25 years. He also taught in Quitman, King City and Hickman Mills. He also served as secretary, treasurer and manager of the Northwest Missouri Teachers Credit Union for more than 25 years.

### GARY BENNEROTTE

65, died March 19 in Maryville. He was a professor of educational leadership at Northwest.

### ROBERT BIXLER '48

80, died Jan. 6 in Maryville.

### FRANCES PROVIN FLINT '63

86, died April 11 in Overland Park, KS. She taught in Troy and Highland, KS, and retired from Bethel Elementary.

### ANNA GORSUCH '42

99, died April 10 in Maryville. She taught in several rural Nodaway County schools and retired from Horace Mann School in Maryville.

### VIRGINIA BIRD HELZER '49 (HORACE MANN), '51

76, died April 21 in St. Joseph. She was an administrative assistant in Northwest's Department of Technology for 15 years.

### JOHN "RON" MURAWSKI '66

64, died April 30 in St. Joseph. He was owner of Ron Murawski Seminars, which presented seminars and training sessions in the health care field. He previously was an administrator at the Gower Convalescent Center.

### DOROTHY NOELLSCH NORTON '59

75, died Dec. 10 in Independence.

### FAY WOODSON "FW" NULL '30

97, died March 21 in Maryville. He worked for the Platte Valley Bank in Ravenwood for many years.

### CHARLES OELLERMANN JR '53

died Jan. 27. He was a retired teacher and coach in the Pattonville School District.

### LYNN SHEDDRICK '74

54, died April 7 in Olathe, KS. He was a warehouse supervisor for a glass factory.

### VESTA SHERIDAN '47 (HORACE MANN)

79, died Jan. 6 in Maryville. She was a lifetime caregiver of children and the elderly.

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