The Northwest Foundation and the University are really no different than you and I personally, our businesses or our society. We struggle in some areas, we enjoy success in others. Regardless of whether we are flourishing or just coping, we have seen some less than encouraging trends in our economy, including the state of Missouri’s funding for higher education. There are bright spots, however.

These bright spots are our relationships – friends, family and others with whom we associate. Those who we are shoulder to shoulder with, who give us hope and help us along the way. We are all interdependent on one another for business and for a myriad of other integral parts of our society. Education provides the life blood for the economies of cities, states and nations – which when boiled down is “us.” Higher education is the key to success in nearly every area of life and in society’s overall progression.

Colleges and universities are going to have to be less dependent on state and public funding in the future, and while the burden of cost logically falls to the student, it may not be the best for “us” as a whole. If education becomes so expensive that it is not reasonably available to our representative population, our society will suffer. The alternative then is private sources of funding. While there is a disconnect between the source of the funds and any direct return on the investment, there will be a much larger return to society.

My goal as a member of the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors and as a Northwest alumnus is to promote and represent the University in everything I do. I want to ensure that the Foundation is doing the best job it can by being fiscally responsible and working together with University groups, alumni, faculty and staff.

We must each do our individual part in giving back to what education continues to give to us. We need to be aware of the valuable role higher education plays in our overall success and just how important Northwest is to the economic health of our cities, states and nation.

Please join me in the promotion of a greater Northwest for all of us!

Sincerely,

Dan Runde ’81
President, Northwest Foundation

MISSION

The Northwest Foundation promotes the welfare, goals and programs of Northwest Missouri State University. Its mission is to encourage, receive, invest, manage, steward and disburse private support on behalf of Northwest’s donors, for the benefit of the University, its students, faculty, staff and alumni. Established in 1971, the Foundation operates independently of the state institution as a separate 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation governed by its own board of directors.
The David “DC” Colt Fund to provide support for upgrades and improvements to the University’s athletic training facility is at 80 percent of its $100,000 goal. Enough donations have been received to begin the construction phase of the project. Additional funds are still needed to ensure that all of the necessary equipment is able to be provided for the proper care and treatment of Bearcat student-athletes. The current goal is to have the renovations completed in time for the start of the fall trimester.

The Champions Fund, to honor the 2009 National Championship football team and to provide financial support for the program, is another priority for athletics, and donations continue to be sought. Several alumni and friends have already stepped forward to support the fund that not only assists the football program, but also helps pay down the obligations on the improvements to Bearcat Stadium.

Five of the most legendary Bearcats in the history of Northwest athletics were recently inducted into the inaugural MIAA Hall of Fame class, including Henry “Hank” Iba ’28, Jack McCracken, Ryland Milner ’33, Herschel Neil ’39 and Jim Redd ’66. In addition, the following individuals and team will be inducted into Northwest’s M-Club Hall of Fame during the Oct. 29 ceremony:

- Don Neil ’50 (track and field), Brad Ortmeyer ’87 (cross country/track and field), Lindsey Borgstadt ’99 (cross country/track and field), Tucker Woolsey ’01 (football/track and field) and Seth Wand ’03 (football) along with former baseball coach Jim Wasem and the 1975 MIAA championship women’s cross country team.

For more information, contact Neil Elliott at neile@nwmissouri.edu.
Students involved in multiple departments within the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies have competed at the national level during the academic year.

The soils team qualified for its first national competition by winning the American Society of Agronomy Soil Judging Contest. Earlier this spring, student journalists received 18 awards at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York. Additionally, Northwest’s Students in Free Enterprise group was among 169 teams selected from more than 600 throughout the country to attend nationals, following winning in regional competition. The SIFE group is currently looking for funding opportunities to allow its members to compete at the regional and national levels as well as gain experience through the startup of a student-run business on campus.

Booth College faculty continue exploring ways to provide more opportunities for students to help accentuate learning within their respective majors. For example, the agriculture department is working with an advisory board to gather feedback and identify resources for projects within the department and University Farm, and faculty members in the mass communication department continue to work on convergence within the classroom as well as revamping their curriculum. Renovations this fall in Wells Hall will result in a student media converged newsroom to provide multimedia and digital stories to members of the campus, the community and Northwest alumni.

For more information, contact Polly Howard at pollyh@nwmissouri.edu.

Booth College of Business and Professional Studies

Dr. Charles Badami, instructor of music and collaborative pianist, performed “Widmung” (“Dedication”), a composition by Robert Schumann, on the piano that was part of an estate gift by the late Rolland and Maxine Deardorff.

Northwest students who are studying the piano now have a special instrument on which to practice thanks to the generosity of a Stanton, Neb., couple. A Baldwin M1 grand piano was part of an estate gift by the late Rolland and Maxine Deardorff and is now housed in the Olive DelUce Fine Arts Building. In addition to the piano, the couple made a provision in their trust to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Northwest students. The estimated estate gift is valued at more than $2 million, and an exact figure will be announced once the details of the estate have been finalized.

International travel seems to be the theme recently for College of Arts and Sciences. Northwest’s forensics team traveled to the United Kingdom to compete in the Montgomer Cup where they successfully debated against teams from the universities of Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Glasgow, Oxford and Cambridge. Music students and Northwest alumni took part in a June European trip that included stops in Florence, Italy; Salzburg, Austria; and St. Stephan Church in Vienna, Austria. Art students recently returned from a 21-day excursion exploring the history, art and culture of the Italian peninsula, history students are traveling abroad to study the history and culture of Eastern Europe and geology students recently returned from a trip to Scotland.

For more information, contact Teresa Gustafson at teresa@nwmissouri.edu.
The College of Education and Human Services has a new face leading its efforts upon the June 30 retirement of Dr. Max Ruhl, who served as the college's dean for 13 years. Dr. Joyce Piveral, who joined Northwest in 2000 and served as associate professor of educational leadership, is the interim dean.

To build on the success of the recently endowed JoAnn Marion Memorial Scholarship, a planning team aims to further honor Marion's commitment to education displayed during her 37 years at Horace Mann. The JoAnn Stamm Marion Fund has been established with a goal to generate funding to provide technology- and literacy-based improvements at Horace Mann and to house a display cabinet in the lab school that will showcase Marion's personal collection of teaching materials. The ultimate goal of the effort is to achieve a permanent naming opportunity at Horace Mann in her honor.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is the beneficiary of a recent gift of $10,000 made by Agnes Kowitz Boulger ’41. Boulger made the gift as a memorial to her late husband, Edward. This gift will likely be used toward facility and equipment upgrades within the department's foods and nutrition laboratory and the early childhood education laboratory.

For more information, contact Andrea Wagner at andrea@nwmissouri.edu.

The 1905 Society

The 1905 Society continues to provide the unrestricted support that helps strengthen the University’s programs, facilities and projects that encourage students to succeed.

Although the geographic locations of the 61 members of The 1905 Society prevent many from returning to campus for events, their passion for Northwest grows stronger. This was evident as Northwest President Dr. John Jasinski and his wife, Denise Jasinski, hosted fellow 1905 Society members June 30 at the Gaunt House, a fitting venue as a portion of the home's recent renovations were paid by Society gifts.

Any unrestricted annual gift of $1,000 or greater provides you with membership in The 1905 Society and will help ensure the financial health and wellbeing of Northwest for years to come.

To join The 1905 Society, contact Laurie Long at laurie@nwmissouri.edu or (660) 562-1248 or visit www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/giving/1905society.htm.

Tourin' Bearcats

• The Tourin’ Bearcats recently returned from a fun-filled Hawaiian cruise.
• The next Tourin’ Bearcats getaway is an Oct. 7-10 trip to San Antonio.
• Information will be available soon about the annual Colorado ski trip and other upcoming excursions.
Alumni Relations

The Northwest Alumni Association will honor six deserving recipients Friday, Oct. 1, at the annual awards banquet. The following are the award recipients:

- Dr. Bob Bohlken, Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Award
- Dennis Bunch ’69, ’76 Turret Service Award
- Dr. Rafiq Islam, Distinguished Faculty Award
- Jealaine Vaccaro Marple ’00, Young Alumni Award
- Eleanor Reaksecker, Honorary Alumni Award
- Mel Tyler ’80, ’85, Distinguished Alumni Award

For more information about the award recipients and the banquet, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni and click “Awards and Recognition.”

The Northwest Alumni Association recently chartered its 17th chapter in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Eastern Iowa Alumni and Friends Chapter is led by President Linda Wiles ’73, Vice President Dave Hockett ’98 and Secretary Doug Bannon ’77. With more than 6,500 members, the Northwest Alumni Association is celebrating its highest number of members on record. In addition, Paula Davis ’91 of Kansas City is the newest member of the national board of directors.

For more information, contact Steve Sutton at ssutton@nwmissouri.edu.

Corporate and Foundation Relations

As this fiscal year concludes, proposals are being prepared to submit to corporations and foundations that have established a tradition of supporting specific projects at Northwest on an annual basis. Proposals to entities such as US Bank, which consistently supports the American Dream Grant, and DST Systems, which supports Northwest theatre initiatives, will be going out in the next couple of months.

A proposal was recently submitted to the Goppert Foundation requesting a $100,000 gift to support the American Dream Grant, and a request for $50,000 has been submitted to the Sprint Foundation to support the annual Building Bridges conference hosted by the College of Education and Human Services.

Another loyal supporter of Northwest, the CHS Foundation, renewed its commitment to provide three $1,000 scholarships for students with an interest in agribusiness or production agriculture.

For more information, contact Andrea Wagner at andrea@nwmissouri.edu.

Welcome!

Join us in welcoming the following Bearcats to the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors.

Arnold Johnson ’77
Houston, Texas
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Noble Energy Inc.

Jeff Borchardt ’82
Olathe, Kan.
President, Chief Executive Officer
Kansas City Board of Trade

Paul Schieber ’81
Overland Park, Kan.
Vice President, Roaming and Access Planning
Sprint

Owen Straub ’86
Kansas City
Vice President, Engineering
(software development)
Cerner

Scholarship Support

Number of Gifts
Northwest names Vogel to registrar position

Terri Vogel is Northwest’s new registrar, a position she’s held since June 1 when Linda Girard retired after 35 years of service to Northwest, including the last 28 as registrar.

Vogel joined the Northwest staff in 1998 as a department secretary. She has since served as an instructor in the department of agriculture and freshman seminar and has worked in the registrar’s office since 2007 as an academic services assistant. Vogel also has worked as a business development specialist for the University of Missouri Extension and as an administrative secretary for University Outreach/Extension-Holt County.

Northwest’s focus on student success highlighted in report

Northwest is among 15 public universities across the nation recognized in a major new report from the nonprofit Southern Regional Education Board for outperforming similar institutions in helping students stay on track and graduate.

The SREB report, released this spring, profiles four-year public colleges and universities with successful approaches in boosting student success and graduation rates. The report, “Promoting a Culture of Student Success: How Colleges and Universities Are Improving Degree Completion,” identifies institutions that outperform similar colleges and universities by having high graduation rates based on criteria developed by SREB.

“These institutions are helping many students complete college degrees who otherwise often do not graduate,” said Cheryl Blanco, SREB vice president who co-wrote and researched the report. “The strategies they’re using can be adopted by other colleges and universities and will guide state policy decisions to improve degree completion across the nation.”

Regents approve limited tuition increase

The Northwest Board of Regents has approved tuition rates for the 2010-11 academic year. Undergraduates who are Missouri residents will pay $234.89 per credit hour. The Board also approved a tuition increase of $6.03 per credit hour for Missouri resident undergraduates that is being booked but not implemented because of an agreement with Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon that calls for a 5.2 percent cut in state funds in exchange for a tuition freeze. Additionally, the Board approved increases to tuition of $21.50 per credit hour for all out-of-state students and $11 per credit hour for in-state graduate students.

Furthermore, the Board upheld the University’s current alcohol policy and elected Lydia Hurst of Tarkio as the Board’s president and Dr. Doug Wyckoff of Cameron as vice president.

CUT OUT AND SAVE!

2010 BEARCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 2, 6 p.m. vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville
Sept. 18, 6 p.m. at Nebraska-Omaha
Sept. 25, 1 p.m. at Truman State
Oct. 2, 1 p.m. vs. Missouri Western (Family Weekend)
Oct. 9, 6 p.m. at Missouri Southern
Oct. 16, 1 p.m. vs. Emporia State
Oct. 23, 1 p.m. at Washburn
Oct. 30, 2 p.m. vs. Fort Hays State (Homecoming)
Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. at Central Missouri
Nov. 13, 2 p.m. at Pittsburg State
(Kansas City, Fall Classic at Arrowhead IX)
Home games bolded

For a complete schedule of校友 events, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni or call (660) 562-1248.