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Unaffected by the construction projects on campus, Truman State University students went about their usual business at the start of the 2004-2005 school year. Even though they were unsure of the future, they made their way through their classes and jobs, eager to prove themselves to professors and peers. Whether they were seniors, juniors, sophomores, or freshman, students had a common



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goal – to get through the year unscathed. They faced each task with unconstrained spirit. The beginning of the school year meant a new school, new friends and new trials for first-year students. Sophomores gained a fresh start to redeem any missteps they might have made as freshmen. Juniors were able to enjoy one more year before thoughts of entering the real world were pushed to the forefront of

their minds. Seniors faced possibly the last chance to make the most of what the University had to offer. Staff members also had specific goals in mind. Some seasoned staff members prepared for yet another year, while others started down a new path at the University. New faculty and staff members prepared to face what lied ahead, whether it was a troublesome student or a new teaching technique. Many

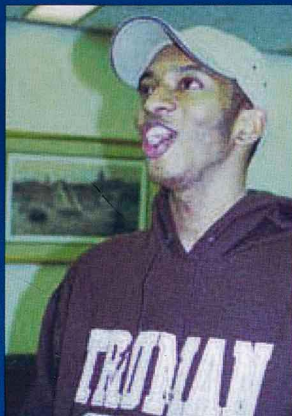


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professors not only taught classes, but also expanded their talents by embarking in different endeavors. Some professors chose to write a book or do research, and others supported students by becoming the adviser of a campus organization. Members of the University faculty and staff prepared for another year of hard work and dedication to helping keep operations on campus running smoothly. All of these

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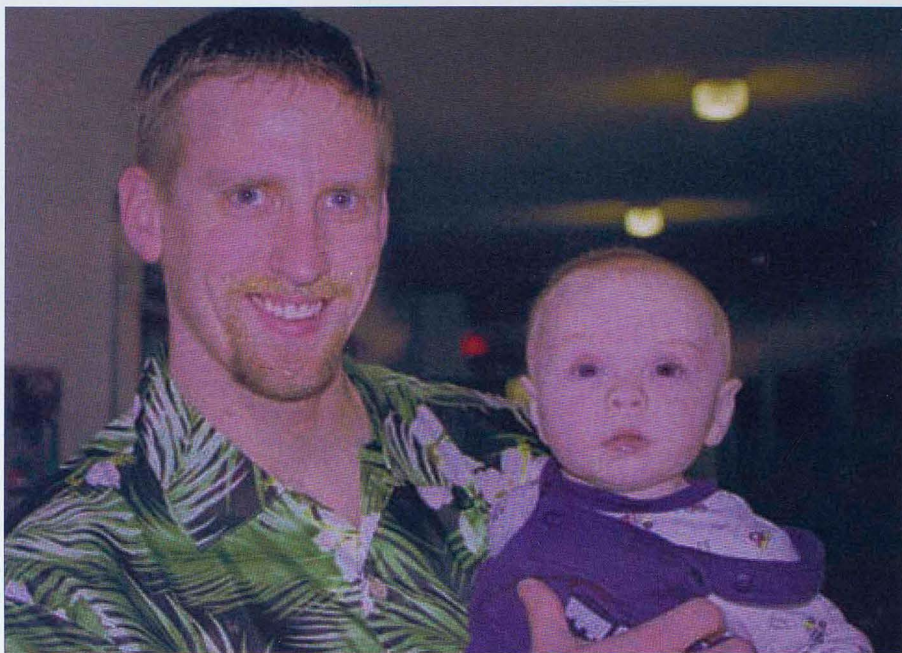


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people worked together as the months rolled on. August gave way to September, which meant the annual activities fair was near. It was a chance for the University to display some of its many organizations and for students to choose which ones they would devote their time and efforts to. September soon faded away, and October brought celebration in the form of



photo by Kim Dickinson

Homecoming. Organizations, sports teams and individuals unleashed their Bulldog spirit. School spirit turned into the giving spirit as the holidays came around. The mood on campus was frenzied as students studied for final exams and finalized their winter break plans. Friends became reacquainted with one another after winter break and spoke of their resolutions for the new year. Classes resumed

as students and faculty prepared for another semester. Freshmen became seasoned veterans, yearning not to repeat their past mistakes. Sophomores were one semester closer to becoming upperclassmen. Juniors began thinking about life after college and wondered if that meant graduate school, a career or something else. Seniors faced what was possibly their last semester, which entailed graduation applications, exit

exams, career searches, graduate school visits and portfolio submissions. While Mother Nature was bringing the earth into bloom, these activities kept students busy all semester. January, February and March blended together, and soon the school year was over. Students, staff and faculty might have had minor complaints, but in the end, they survived and accomplished things that were once thought to be unattainable. **un**



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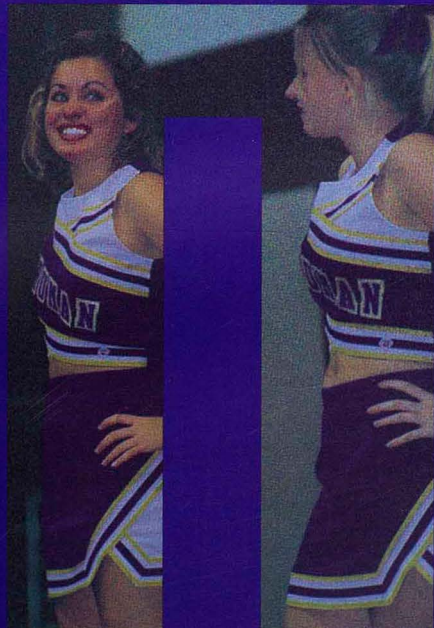


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Student Life



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Unremitting homework assignments to do, papers to write and tests to study for were a few aspects of the college experience at Truman State University. While those tasks were essential to a student's academic success, students needed a life outside of the classroom. Some might have felt that their social activities were stifled by Kirksville's size, but most students realized that they could easily entertain themselves. Whether it was sitting on the hot spot or going to the Hot Spot, playing hide-and-seek at Wal-Mart or seeking out the best restaurant, taking a stroll through downtown Kirksville or hanging out on the Quad, students knew there was more to college than textbooks. The University offered its share of entertainment, providing comedians, concerts, exhibitions and movies, and Kirksville provided students with a much needed chance to relax. A new dance club opened, discounts from local stores were taken advantage of, and the lake was always a source of fun. For students who wanted more than what the classroom had to offer, the possibilities were unlimited.

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▲ Seniors Amanda Brandmeyer and Melinda Starbuck dazzle the audience during the Lip Sync competition. Brandmeyer and Starbuck performed to the song, "Walk Like an Egyptian."

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Bulldogs UNleashed

—By Karen Schwartztrauber—

Staff Writer

Bulldog spirit was unleashed in 2004 during Truman State University's popular Homecoming celebration. University students enjoyed participating in the events all around campus organized by the Homecoming committee.

Traditional events such as flag football and lip sync were the most popular for some students, and others enjoyed watching the dunking booth, a new idea for the 2004 Homecoming festivities.

More than 25 different events entertained students during spirit week. Some of the better known were karaoke, the skit competition, lip sync and the annual parade. Sporting events that took place during the week included sand volleyball, a golf tournament, ultimate frisbee, a 5K run and the University football and volleyball games against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville).

Sophomore Dawn Runge, a member of the events committee for Homecoming, was one of many people who helped put on the University-wide celebration.

"All of us in the committee worked together to come up with the event ideas, as well as how to organize them," Runge said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it was definitely worth it."

Other popular events that occurred during the week were the King and Queen coronation, a spades card competition, the Ebony and Essence Dance, an all-alumni mixer, Step Show, a scavenger hunt, street graffiti and the SAB Homecoming comedian, Eric Passoja.

Senior Lauren DeVous was in charge of the Homecoming

events for business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi. Her fraternity sponsored the Lip Sync Competition, but DeVous was involved in other events as well.

"I think school spirit was really high this year," DeVous said. "There was so much happening, the coronation was a lot of fun, and so were the other events such as street graffiti and the pep rally. Everyone got to do what they wanted to do."

The entire Homecoming celebration began Oct. 11, 2004, when homecoming apparel started being sold. The 2004 theme was "Bulldogs Unleashed," which was printed on all of the shirts.

The theme scored high among students, who thought the idea was inventive and worked well with the University mascot. Senior Sarah Stroesser, an events coordinator for Homecoming, helped come up with the idea for the theme.

"We wanted something that was more aggressive for a motto than others have been in the past," Stroesser said. "We thought that Bulldogs Unleashed would be a more active approach."

Junior Kirsten Brimer said the theme helped make planning lip sync and skit ideas a lot easier.

"I thought it was a good theme," Brimer said. "It was broad enough that people could work with it in their skits and performances, but it was specific enough so that people still had to stick to it."

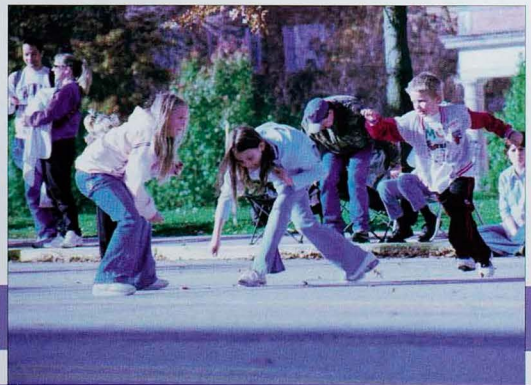
The skit competition along with lip sync proved to be two of the most popular events during spirit week. Organizations worked side by side in the skits to perform a short play that would support homecoming spirit. Six teams performed

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▲ Ashley Stewart, a visitor to the University, tests her aim at the dunk tank. Students gathered outside the SUB to try to dunk their professors.

photo by Loretta Palmer



▲ Children gather candy thrown at the Homecoming parade. Blue Key sponsored the parade, which was held on Oct. 23, 2004.

photo by Amy Olson

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altogether, each team consisting of a few organizations. The turnout for the skit competition was rather high, although some students chose to stay at home and watch TV.

"Although there were a lot of people at the skit competition, it was a little disappointing that it wasn't sold out," Runge said. "Due to the Cardinals World Series being shown at the same time on television, a lot of people were watching that."

Even though the World Series was on in students' homes, Homecoming spirit and participation on campus remained at a wonderful height throughout the week. One particularly successful event was the annual Karaoke night. About 120 people showed up to sing. Brimer was in charge of organizing the event for social sorority Sigma Kappa.

"Some of the singers were really amazing," Brimer said. "Everyone had a great time. Even the people who were singing just for fun were able to really get the crowd excited as well."

Karaoke, along with many of the homecoming events, was organized well in 2004. As soon as students arrived to sing, they looked for the song they wanted to perform among the compact discs supplied and then wrote it on a slip of paper. The event took place in the SUB Down Under.

Unfortunately for some, not all events were held inside. Students had to fight the sporadic cold temperatures of Kirksville fall weather instead. This proved to be a problem for the dunking booth in particular. Hosted

by social fraternity Sigma Tau Gamma and service sorority Tau Lambda Sigma, the booth was meant to dunk professors, not students. Pam Gardner, professor of nursing, and James Guffey, professor of mathematics, were victims of the dunking booth. Sophomore Sigma Tau Gamma member Jeff Herr was one of the people in charge of the event.

"People really liked it a lot," Herr said. "It was fun having the professors be the ones in the dunking booth. The students really enjoyed that."

Even the cold water and brisk breeze couldn't dampen spirits. "Since it was so cold, it was really difficult at first to get people involved," Stroesser said. "It really turned out rather well, however, and the professors were really good sports about it even though the weather was so bad. I think that if they keep doing it in future years more professors will take part in it."

The lip sync competition attracted the most students even with new events like the dunking booth. Lip sync, sponsored by social sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Sigma Pi, involved many different organizations. Each of these groups organized and performed a dance that accompanied the Homecoming theme in a creative way. Some of the groups chose to dance to songs that featured music from different



▲ Spike's leash appears behind the logo on the Homecoming shirts. Teams had the option of customizing their own team shirts.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Freshmen Ashley Vincent, Rachel Candee and sophomore Sammy Finney sing "Build Me Up, Buttercup" at Karaoke Night. These Alpha Sigma Alpha members were part of team three.

photo by Kim Dickinson

decades, and others decided to incorporate the Homecoming theme directly into the songs.

The lip sync competition was the highlight of freshman Angela Piper's first Homecoming at the University.

"I had so much fun," Piper said. "Everybody was really in to it, and that was wonderful to see. I would definitely do it again next year."

The competition was filled with spirited students like Piper. Loud roars of laughter and excitement that students displayed at the competition revealed their school spirit.

Even though lip sync was over, the real reason for Homecoming had not even begun. The University celebrated Homecoming on Oct. 23 by starting the day off with a lively parade. Residential halls, University special interest organizations, and Greek fraternities and sororities participated in the parade.

Many of the spectators were Kirksville residents who turned out to enjoy the festivities. Cheerleader junior Mandi Sagez was in the parade and was involved in many parts of Homecoming including the football game and other sporting events.

"Although I was involved in many areas of Homecoming, I think what I enjoyed most was being in the parade," Sagez



▲ Senior Cammy Mold, sophomore Brian Schmittgens and senior Melissa Storms try to make the audience laugh with their stage antics during the skit competition. Their team won third place in the skit competition.

photo by Jennifer Schubert

said. "The community really supported us. Almost the whole town square was covered by thrilled spectators."

The parade was longer than in past years due to the participation of many high school bands as well. This, along with the school spirit, was perhaps one of the reasons attendance soared at the football game later that day.

Students enjoyed the gripping football game against Northwest. The game ended with a 45-42 score. Although it was a sad loss, the game was exciting for spectators.

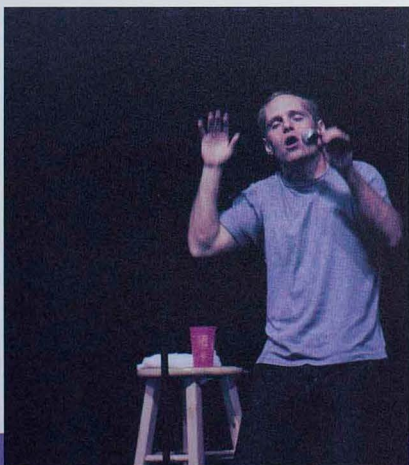
"The crowd was really into the game," Sagez said. "It was great to see so many students in the stands cheering their friends on during the game."

Homecoming was successful overall. The new ideas achieved great reviews from students.

"I think it helped to add more organizations to Homecoming," Brimer said. "It was good to have business fraternities and honor fraternities participating as well, because it really did make it seem campus-wide. We got to experience things with a lot more people than it would have been if it was for Greeks only."

Thanks to the support from the Homecoming committee along with all the work contributed by participating organizations, the Homecoming celebration went smoothly.

"With participating in homecoming last year and seeing it from the other side this year, I definitely could see how much spirit has increased this year," Runge said. "People definitely participated more." un



▲ Comedian Eric Passoja lightens the mood on Oct. 23. Passoja replaced John Roy, the originally scheduled SAB comedian.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ Kirksville coordinator Debbie Masten speaks at the kickoff for Shape-Up Missouri. Fifty-seven schools, 119 businesses, 28 communities and 19,991 people in the state participated to get Missouri in shape.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ KTVO interviews campus coordinator Carolyn Cox. Kirksville won the "Best Effort by a City" Award for the second year in a row.

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"Exercise is positively reinforcing and it makes people feel good. So, I think when you have people that become more physically active and physically fit, they're going to be happier people and it's probably going to make for a better Missouri overall."

- senior Stacie Cooley

Kirksville gets into shape

—By Kelly Kasparie—

Staff Writer

In 2004, students at Truman State University were working out not only for themselves but for Missouri as well.

The 2004 annual report on obesity, "America's Health: State Health Ranking," ranked Missouri as the 36th most obese state. Shape-Up Missouri was Governor Bob Holden's answer to that poor ranking. The program was eight weeks long and aimed at having its participants exercise three times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes.

Senior Stacie Cooley, who was named Miss Kirksville in March 2004, worked on improving health in the area during her reign and believed that helping with Shape-Up Missouri was a good way to support a healthier state. She said that participants didn't have to join a gym to exercise.

"Any way that you want to become physically active, you go for it," Cooley said. "Gardening counts, walking on your lunch break, swimming, anything, taking your dog for a walk. You can accumulate the time too, that's the great thing. It's very, very simple."

Cooley said that the university decided to enroll as part of the city of Kirksville's team instead of participating solely under the University name to connect the University and the community team.

"Our school chose to just go under Kirksville," Cooley said. "I think we kind of chose to combine our efforts all under one umbrella here in Kirksville so that everything the school did went to the community as a whole."

Participants called a designated location each week to report their status and keep track of how the community was doing. The coordinators called City Hall with their numbers after the totals were counted. A Web site was constantly updated with the top 10 cities in Missouri. Dr. Carolyn Cox, liaison to the Governor's Council, said city mayors could challenge other cities to gain ranking.

"This year we challenged Linn County/Brookfield and they came in seventh this year," Cox said. "Just because they are down the road and they are very similar to us."

Although Linn County/Brookfield beat Kirksville, Cox said the purpose of challenges was to support the program.

"It's all friendly competition," Cox said. "That's the key to get everybody motivated. The purpose isn't really the ranking, the purpose is to exercise."

Everything the program was doing seemed to be working. Enrollment in the program nearly doubled in 2003, and the program was expected to continue its growth in years to come, even with a new governor.



▲ Meredith Overton walks her dog Bella. Overton and others participated in the "Community Walk" as part of the kickoff held at the Adair County YMCA.

photo by Kim Dickinson

"The new governor is for all the programs for the Governor's Council," Cox said. "There's a lot more than just Shape-Up [Missouri]."

Numbers also grew at the Student Recreation Center.


Senior Lindsey Bradley said that although she felt the program was promoted less in 2004 than in previous years, the growing number of students involved was due to the power of suggestion.

"I think that since it's the second year people know a little more about it and people that participated last year told others about it," Bradley said.

Participation did increase, and Kirksville finished in the top 10 as it had in 2003. Kirksville was rated in the top 10 during the beginning weeks, but it started to slip near the end of the eight-week period. Cooley said she did not think people stopped exercising, but that they stopped reporting their workout status. Cox said the University dropped out of the top 10 for different reasons.

"A lot of the other communities came on [to the program], which is good, that's what we want," Cox said. "It's a good thing to let others share in the wealth."

Kirksville pulled through with the number nine ranking regardless of the setbacks. The program was successful because it got people motivated to lead a healthier lifestyle.

"Exercise is positively reinforcing, and it makes people feel good," Cooley said. "So I think when you have people that become more physically active and physically fit, they're going to be happier people, and it's probably going to make for a better Missouri overall." 



▲ Representatives from different businesses are available to answer students' questions at the fall 2004 Career Expo. Students had the chance to schedule interviews with the companies they liked when they met with the representatives.

photo by Amy Olson

"I was a little embarrassed because I was underdressed. But next year I'll be more prepared and I'll be more confident talking to people."

- freshman Brittany Cummings



▲ Wells Fargo consultants stand in front of their company banner. A commercial branch of Wells Fargo was located in St. Louis, Mo.

photo by Amy Olson

Learning the Ropes

—By Sadye Scott-Hainchek—
Staff Writer

Four hundred seventy-seven students could not be wrong.

Glen Ketterlinus of the University Career Center reported that this was approximately the number of students in attendance at the Fall 2004 Career Expo. A large number of those students were not seniors. Freshman Brittany Cummings, one of 49 freshmen who attended, said she came because of her biology teacher and ended up finding the Expo very helpful. Because other students in her class were thinking about attending medical school, Cummings made frequent trips to the Career Center to find out what she needed to do.

"I went twice with my biology class and once with a friend, and it was very helpful," Cummings said. "They had lots of activities and information about international jobs."

Though Cummings felt a little awkward, she said she planned on visiting the 2005 Expo.

"I was a little embarrassed because I was underdressed," Cummings said. "But next year I'll be more prepared and I'll be more confident talking to people."

Senior Erin Small, one of 251 seniors who attended, said she also visited the Expo during her freshman year in hopes that it would be helpful. She turned to other Career Center resources during the 2004-2005 school year.

"I checked the Web site for employers looking for my major," Small said.

Small then worked on her resume and decided whom she would need to talk to.

Although he had not found time to visit the Career Center, sophomore Gaurav Arora also used the Career Expo as a source of information. He found out about the Expo when the Career Center gave a presentation to his business class. Like Cummings, Arora said he felt that he needed to plan out his future while still in college.

"I need lots of time to prepare and pick the right classes, so I won't have as much hard work senior year," Arora said.

Arora said he planned on attending the Expo again the following year.

A wide variety of businesses and organizations were available. Ketterlinus said that 97 businesses



Senior Olga Yermolenke discusses her possible marketing future with a consultant from Edward Jones. The Career Center worked hard to bring representatives from a variety of companies and schools.

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
set up booths, looking for potential employees and interns. Companies like Boeing, Harrah's St. Louis Casino and Hotel, Sprint, AFLAC, Wal-Mart and Walgreens were notable among those employers. Ketterlinus said that 304 interviews were set up in total.

Small received an interview offer through the Expo but declined because she wasn't very interested in the job itself.

"I had already heard about the company from a friend, and I wasn't that interested," Small said.

Small, however, was slightly dissatisfied with the choices at the Expo.

"They need to have more people there looking for English majors," she said. "It seems like everything there is for business or nursing majors."

Although not everyone was able to find a future job, the overall success of the Career Expo guaranteed that it would take place at the University for years to come, giving more students the chance to take advantage of it. 



▲ Ralph Nader shares his views in a press conference that took place before his speech. Nader donated several books about politics to the University during his visit.

photo by Lisa Marget

I'm a Rich Big Brother

—By Danielle Borsch—

Student Life/Academics Editor

In one week, students had the opportunity to see two big, but very different acts on campus. The “I’m Rich! Biatch!” troupe performed in Baldwin Hall on Nov. 20, 2004. Politician Ralph Nader gave a speech in the same room the following night. Both nights received a large turnout, but the events could not have appealed to more different audiences.

The “I’m Rich! Biatch!” tour consisted of comedians Charlie Murphy, Bill Burr and Donnell Rawlings, members of the “Chappelle Show,” starring Dave Chappelle. Murphy did not attend the University event because of illness.

Freshman Julie Finazzo was upset about Murphy’s absence.

“Charlie Murphy was supposed to be the headliner, and he didn’t show up,” Finazzo said. “I heard he was sick. That was a little disappointing.”

The Student Activities Board, sponsor of the event, changed the price that the University paid the comedians after Murphy cancelled. Originally, they had agreed on \$15,000 but reduced it to \$11,000. Politician Ralph Nader received \$18,000 for speaking.

Nader spoke for nearly three hours about politics to a packed Baldwin Auditorium. He had run for President but did not talk extensively about his campaign experiences.

“I expected it to be about him running for the Presidency,” senior Cammy Mold said, “but mostly his speech was about just the government’s role in everyday life.”

Freshman Amanda Hoylman also noticed Nader’s focus.

“He had a lot of new ideas,” Hoylman said. “I don’t know if he really connected too much with his audience right away, but he had a lot of new ideas that really intrigued people.”

The “I’m Rich! Biatch!” tour did not always connect with the audience either. Mold, who attended both events, was not particularly impressed with the comedians.

“It was blatant comedy,” Mold said. “It wasn’t real creative. It seemed like it was lacking something.”

Finazzo saw a trend in the humor.

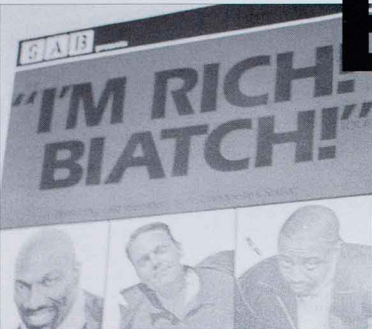
“I noticed a lot of ethnic and sexual jokes,” Finazzo said, “but they were pretty funny for the most part.”

Although Finazzo did not attend Nader’s speech, she still appreciated that the University brought the two unique performances to campus.

“You can actually learn something else about different aspects of society,” Finazzo said.

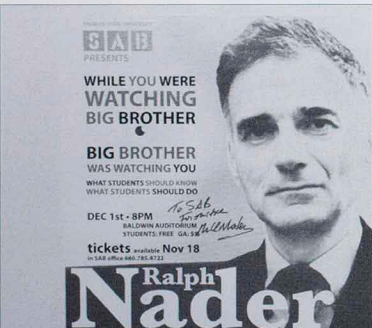
Baldwin Auditorium was filled with different kinds of students, faculty and visitors for the two events. Students appreciated the University’s efforts at encouraging diversity.

“[The events were] definitely the extreme ends,” Mold said, “but that just goes to show what a diverse body Truman has, the different acts we can bring in, and that we do cater to all different things.” **un**



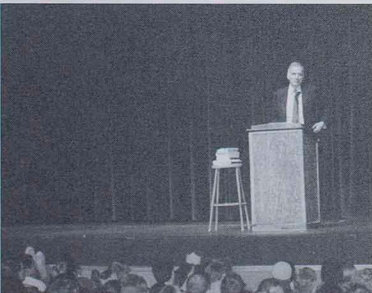
▲ Comedians Charlie Murphy, Bill Burr, and Donnell Rawlings appear on a poster for the “I’m Rich! Biatch!” tour. They were also part of the Dave Chappelle Show.

photo by Lisa Margetis



▲ An SAB poster advertises Nader’s appearance on campus. Nader ran for President in 2000 and 2004.

photo by Beth Spinney



▲ Nader speaks about politics to a packed Baldwin Auditorium. Nader was paid \$18,000 for traveling to the University to talk.

photo by Lisa Margetis



"You probably know at least one other person here."

- graduate student Jill Roberts

▲ Junior Angela Brinker and other students gather for the first drive-in movie night of the season at Red Barn Park. Students were able to see the first hour of "Shrek 2" at the drive-in but were interrupted by the rain, so the second movie, "Troy," was moved to Pershing Arena.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

Parking at the Drive-in

—By Danielle Borsch—

Student Life Editor

On a Friday night, Truman State University students could often be found heading out to the movies. They were actually going to Red Barn Park to the drive-in. The Student Activities Board installed a drive-in movie screen and offered free admission to see movies, such as “Spider-Man 2,” “Anchorman,” and “The Village.” The 2004-2005 season began on Friday, Sept. 17, with “Shrek 2” showing at Red Barn Park.

The movie nights were held both outdoors and indoors. SAB showed the indoor movies in Violette Hall 1000 during the colder months.

“I love it, especially the outside ones,” junior Rosanna Hernandez said.

Despite the cold, the drive-in shows at Red Barn Park proved to be the most popular, but both locations drew a sizeable crowd.

“It’s nice to see how many people come out,” junior Elizabeth Bobzien said.

Roommates Bobzien and Hernandez attended the drive-in for the “Shrek 2” showing. They would often go see the movies before going out to other Friday night activities.

“We actually haven’t seen ‘Shrek 2,’” Hernandez said. “We were out of the country when it came into theaters.”

Other students seized the opportunities to see movies they liked for a second time, while retaining that movie theater atmosphere.

“Personally, I’m here because I like ‘Shrek’ a lot, because Gingerbread is the coolest person ever,” sophomore Matt Novak said.

Students attending the SAB movie nights chose to go for a variety of reasons. Some of them, like Novak, had seen the movie before while others had not.

“If I haven’t seen it and I want to, then I’ll go see it,” Hernandez said. “Or if I’ve seen it and I want to see it again for free, I’ll go see it.”

Cost was a factor for many students at movie night. Some people said they might skip seeing a movie in theaters if they knew it would be coming to movie night.

“I’d wait to see it and save a few bucks,” Merritt said.

SAB showed the movies on Friday nights as well as varying times on Saturdays. Some students chose going to the drive-in over other popular Friday night activities, such as going to parties or the bars.

“I prefer it,” senior Meghan Jesse said. “I’m not a big drinker. And I’m not into that party scene, either.”

Jesse’s opinion was shared among other movie-goers.

“At parties, yeah you can socialize, but you’re mostly with drunk people who won’t remember you,” graduate student Jill Roberts said. “Here you can come with a bunch of your friends or you can come by yourself and find people. You probably know at least one other person here.” **un**



▲ Senior Kelly Sepulveda and sophomore Deepika Kansal get comfortable on blankets for a night at the drive-in. During colder months, students did not need the blankets because SAB showed the movies in Violette Hall.

photo by Renee Hellebusch



▲ Juniors Laura Keck and Twink Pham discuss their views on the Web cams at the Rant and Rave forum sponsored by Student Senate. Approximately 25 students and Student Senate members attended the forum to share their views, both positive and negative, and find out how their parents' money had been spent.

photo by Beth Spinney

Parents Pay to Peep

— By Danielle Borsch *Student Life Editor*

Students enjoyed relaxing on the Quad and minding their own business. Then, they found out they were being watched...by Web cameras installed by ITS. After the first of three Web cams went up, Student Senate hosted a forum called "Rant and Rave" for students to complain about the Web cam issue and other University policies.

At the forum on Oct. 4, 2004, students and student senators ranted and raved about the Web cams, but few non-student senators came to the forum.

"On the one hand, I think it went really well," senior Maria Scanga, student senator, said. "On the other hand, I think it was kind of disappointing. I always love getting student feedback, and we did have students there. That's always a good thing. On the other hand, I would have liked to have had more. This is an issue every student has an opinion on one way or another."

Much of the feedback about the Web cams was negative at first. Before they knew what the cameras did, students were unnerved by the possibility of being constantly monitored.

"It's this 'Big Brother's watching you' type idea that was in everybody's heads," said senior Mike Arrendale, Student Senate associate member. Arrendale reported technology issues from ITS to the Senate.

Arrendale's "Big Brother" reference was echoed by other students who feared situations like those that occurred in the book "1984" by George Orwell.

"When I first heard about it, I was kind of freaked out," junior Arthur Harrill said. "I thought it would be some weird crazy George Orwell security thing where they'd have cameras everywhere and they'd be monitoring it from some room. But apparently, now that I've found out more about it, it kind of seems not quite as scary."

Students generally dismissed the privacy issue after discovering that the Web cams were

permanently zoomed out. Thus, anyone looking at the images on the Internet would not be able to make out identifying features of those on the screen. Students then focused their concerns on money and purpose.

Parents' Council raised about \$60,000 by asking parents of University students for contributions. After purchasing new laptops and nicer monitors for Pickler Memorial Library, there was \$4,500 left. Parents' Council chose to spend the money on Web cams.

"We're spending \$4,500 on technology that's not really necessary," said senior Grant Mulkey, speaker for the Senate. "You can buy two or three other laptops. You can upgrade to some nicer monitors."

Money was a common student concern, but some felt the money spent on Web cams was not as big of an issue as originally thought.

"From the point of view of a student, \$4,500 is my tuition, Scanga said. "From the point of view of the grand scheme of things, looking at the University budget, looking at the Student Senate budget, looking at the amount of money they raised, it's a drop in the bucket."

Although students did not agree with the way the extra money was spent, they had bigger concerns. Parents' Council had not consulted students before buying the Web cams and having ITS install them.

"Nobody knew, and still a lot of students don't know. That's the biggest complaint right now," said junior Becky Hadley, member of the Senate Technology Committee.

Students acknowledged at the forum that Parents' Council had good intentions. The cameras might be a useful recruitment tool. Two Web cams would overlook the Quad and the library, and the other roving Web cam could be taken to sporting events and graduation.

Students left the forum with mixed feelings. While they were not afraid of being watched, they were annoyed that they had not been told about the cameras in advance. **un**

if i could read your mind

—By Amy Deis—

Staff Writer

Steven “Banachek” Shaw picked two audience members to help with the card trick. “Pick a card,” he said. Staring into their faces, he “read” their thoughts and correctly guessed their cards.

Shaw, well known at many other colleges and around the world, had appeared on “CNN Live” and the “Today Show.” He came to Truman State University for Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, and amazed more than 800 students and their families. As a professional “thought-reader,” Shaw used mind manipulation to tell what people thought.

Students and parents came to see the show for different reasons.

“I was curious,” freshman Ashley Goss said. “I didn’t know what [the show] was about.”

One mind-boggling trick Shaw performed involved index cards he handed out to 20 audience members. He asked them to write down their name, age, something about them involving a number and something about them not involving a number.

Throughout the show, Shaw closed his eyes and guessed the information on the cards correctly. This amazed many audience members.

“There was no way he could have planned this,” said Goss’ mother, Lisa Goss. “It kept me excited.”

However, not all audience members believed he really read people’s thoughts.

“When he gave the cards to the audience, he put them in a binder,” junior Valerie Dwyer said. “He was holding the binder he had put the cards in and it wasn’t very believable.”

Shaw amazed most of the audience with his final feat involving a couple of knives, three bladeless knife handles and envelopes. For this trick he used five random audience members. Taking the knives, he sealed them in two of the envelopes and put the knife handles in the other three.

Arranging the five envelopes on a table, Shaw lined up the five volunteers in order of those he thought he could manipulate the most. Before each person chose his or her knife, Shaw asked if that was the knife they wanted and gave them an opportunity to change. After they chose their knives, Shaw predetermined which two people had the

envelopes containing the knives.

Then Shaw shocked the crowd by lying across a chair and asking his first volunteer to plunge the envelope into his stomach. With gasps and shouts from the audience, the man did. Shaw’s guess was correct, and the envelope did not contain the knife. The second person did not have a knife either, and as Shaw predicted, the third did. Shaw ripped the envelope open, showing the knife to the audience.

For one of the remaining volunteers, Shaw asked her to stab his hand instead. Both she and the audience flinched, but there was no knife in the envelope. Shaw knew the last envelope had the knife and ripped it open, proving he was correct.

After the knife trick, Shaw explained how he manipulated the five people to choose the envelope he wanted them to by using verbal and non-verbal commands. Some caught on to his manipulation.

“I thought I knew how he handled the knife trick,” said Dwyer’s mother, Marilyn Dwyer. “If the person didn’t take the [knife] he wanted them to, he made them change.”


Shaw explained this manipulation through a demonstration. He asked the crowd to pick two simple geometric shapes, one able to fit inside the other. Then he asked the audience to raise their hands if one of those shapes was a circle. Nearly everyone raised his or her hand. Next, he asked them if the other shape was a triangle, and nearly everyone raised his or her hand again.

By using his hands to make triangular and circular shapes while he spoke, Shaw fooled most people into believing they chose the shapes on their own. He also said he used verbal commands by saying “simple geometric shapes,” as most associate those with a triangle and circle. However, some people were skeptical about the believability of his show.

“He’s done this so often, he knows which people to pick,” Marilyn Dwyer said.

Throughout the show, Shaw reinforced the idea that he just created an illusion of a sixth sense.

“It was neat how he explained what he did,” Ashley Goss said. “It made it more believable.”

Whether or not everyone believed Shaw to be real, most students and parents enjoyed watching the mind of a “thought reader” on stage. 



Banachek blindfolds himself and guesses what objects audience members are holding above his head. Banachek's performances earned him numerous awards, including Campus Performer of the Year in 1988 and 1999.

photo by Danielle Borsch



Banachek demonstrates his thought-reading abilities by predicting the phone number a volunteer chose out of a phone book. Before Banachek became a performer, he fooled scientists into believing he possessed psychic powers.

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Eager crowd members in Baldwin Auditorium wait to have their minds read. The event occurred during Family Day, so family and friends of University students all had the opportunity to volunteer for Banachek's demonstrations.

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a little dose of reality

— By Katie Curry —

Staff Writer

Truman State University students often complained about the lack of entertainment in the local area. The small town atmosphere didn't suit some because it did not necessarily attract big names or popular tours. The University's Student Activities Board, however, worked hard to help fill that void by arranging events with high-profile, popular stars from around the country to make the University feel a little less isolated. On April 6 and April 11, 2005, SAB did just that by bringing popular reality TV stars to campus.

On April 6, SAB hosted Last Comic Standing, featuring comedians Dave Mordal, Sean Kent and Corey Kahaney with Alonzo Bodden as the headliner, all of whom had performed on the NBC show of the same name. The event took place in Baldwin Auditorium, and each comic performed for about 30 minutes.

Freshman Molly Polette attended the event and described it as highly enjoyable.

"I didn't know what to expect because I really didn't know much about any of the comics," Polette said. "But I really enjoyed all of them and was really glad I ended up going."

Polette said that while the presence of the reality TV stars wasn't what drove her to come and see the event, it wasn't a negative aspect of the performance either.

"I hadn't really seen the TV show, so I really didn't know what to expect," Polette said. "But I was intrigued that Truman managed to get so many stars from a television show to come here. I think it was a big draw for a lot of people."

Sophomore Ian Vickers, chairman of SAB's research and development board, explained that it wasn't necessarily SAB's intention to single out events including reality TV stars.

"We weren't really looking specifically for reality TV stars," Vickers said. "For the [Hollywood Showdown] game show, we just thought it would be fun to have that event, and Gervase just came with the package."

The Hollywood Showdown game show took place April 11 in Baldwin Auditorium and was hosted by Gervase from the first season of

"Survivor" on CBS. The show had various Jeopardy-like categories that required contestants to display a variety of film knowledge. Contestants were asked to point out alterations made to a movie clip and to correctly identify a movie from a piece of its dialogue that had been dubbed in Spanish. Contestants were randomly chosen from the audience and won a variety of prizes ranging from movie posters to DVD players and even TVs. Sophomore Tyler Phillippi attended the event and was impressed by the efforts that went into the production.

"I was surprised about how well it was done, and the quality of the prizes people received," Phillippi said.

When asked if Gervase affected his decision to attend Phillippi said he felt Gervase's presence was an added bonus.

"I was more attracted by the movie aspect of the whole event, and I really didn't expect much out of the host," Phillippi said. "But he did a very good job of hosting the show and added to the entertainment value a whole lot, which was a nice surprise."

Vickers said that overall he considered both events to be highly successful. The Hollywood Showdown's attendance was hampered slightly by rain, but Vickers said he still felt optimistic about it.

"The crowd there might have been smaller because some people stayed home because of the rain," Vickers said. "But the crowd was still pretty peppy and energetic."


In fact, even a few fanatics came to the event just to see the reality TV star.

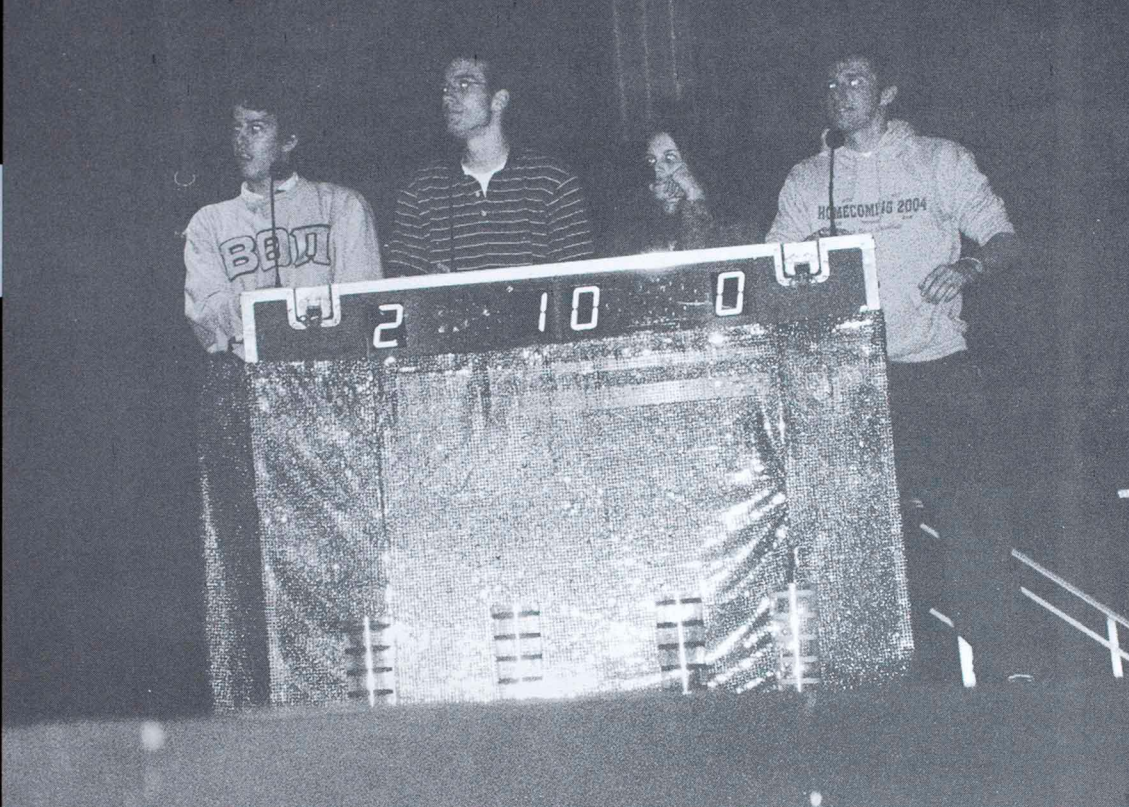
"One girl at the game show was very excited about seeing [Gervase]," Vickers said. "She came up after the show and got her picture taken with him."

The Last Comic Standing event also was very successful, and Polette said it seemed like the entire auditorium was filled to capacity.

"The Last Comic Standing seemed to be very popular," Vickers said. "It had a great turnout."

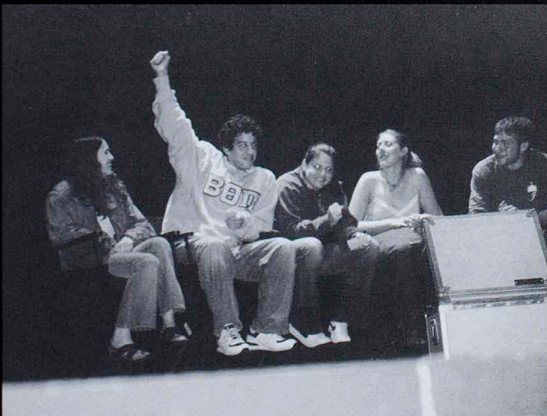
Vickers said that SAB tried to bring the best events to the University and names that would attract people.

"We always try to provide diverse events for students," Vickers said. "The best quality for the amount of money we spend." 



▲ Contestants answer movie trivia questions in the first few rounds of the Hollywood Showdown game show. The winner from each of the preliminary rounds had the chance to go to the final round to compete for prizes.

photo by Nichole Reiling



▲ Freshman Adam Hoskins cheers after getting an answer right in one of the final rounds. One of Hoskins' more memorable correct answers was finishing the line from the movie *Dirty Dancing*, "Nobody puts Baby in a corner."

photo by Nichole Reiling



▲ Dave Mordal amuses the crowd with his stand-up comedy act. Before becoming a comedian, Mordal held various jobs, such as being a heavy equipment operator and a Marine.

photo by Renee Hellebusch



▲ Interested students, faculty, and community members watch as Residence Life breaks ground for the new Residence Hall. Construction dotted the University campus during the 2004-2005 school year, including Magruder Hall and the laying of some new sidewalks.

photo by Amy Olson

Laying the Groundwork

—By Reena Karan—
Features Editor

On April 2, 2005, several shovels held by various members of the Truman State University community hit dirt. The overturned soil signified the birth of a new living area for University students.

The new residence hall was set to open in fall 2006 and to hold 416 students. The new hall would include full heat and air conditioning, a convenience store, multipurpose room and laundry facilities. Senior Laura McGranaghan, who worked in the Residence Life office, said the hall would be suite-style and only available to upperclassmen.

"The new halls will be suite-style, and I believe it will be a true type suite with a bathroom and common area between two rooms," McGranaghan said. "There will be no cafeteria in it, though."

The absence of a cafeteria was concerning to students.

"I live in Ryle, and this semester has been crazy during lunch and dinner," senior Marie Lederle said.

The New Residence Hall Steering Committee used student focus groups and surveys to help with its design decisions, even for the choice of carpet color.

The new hall was just one part of a \$96 million renovation plan updating all residence halls and various other University buildings over several years. The new hall would cover the overflow of students from the residence halls under renovation.

"Right now we are having some serious problems with housing for [fall 2006]," said John Mounsey, Res Life area coordinator. "When Missouri goes down we will lose 200 beds, and we are not sure how we are going to fix that."

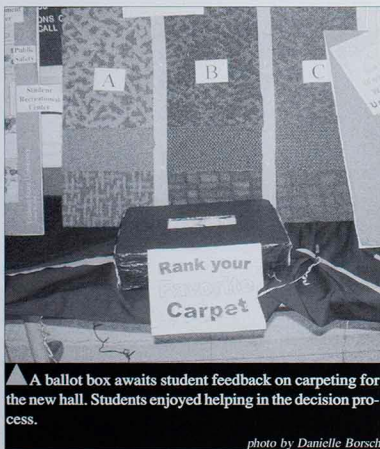
Students were concerned that the building plans might not fix housing problems.

"I don't know much about the new hall, but from what I've heard about it, it doesn't seem like it's going to help housing issues, at least not any time soon since other halls will close once it's open," freshman Jessica Lederle said. "If the number of incoming freshmen keeps increasing, it doesn't make sense to close halls to renovate."

Other students thought the renovations were a positive move.

"The dorms need to be updated, well not Centennial, but the older ones," Endaya said.

Until it opened in fall 2006, however, all students could do was discuss the new residence hall and hope it would be a success. **un**



▲ A ballot box awaits student feedback on carpeting for the new hall. Students enjoyed helping in the decision process.

photo by Danielle Borsch



▲ A poster projects an image of the future residence hall. The hall would be the first in the series of major renovations of residence halls.

photo by Danielle Borsch

Glory Days

Bohemia Nights

—By Krystal Miller—

Staff Writer

Loud thumping music could be heard through the stone walls of the dark building. Once a quiet clothing store, this was an unconventional change for Kirksville.

The name alone, Bohemia, accurately illustrated this new, exotic nightclub.

The entrance was fitting for such a place: a small, hard-to-find door located in the back of the building in a shady alley.

A long, dimly lit hallway led its patrons to the bar full of mingling people. The smell of smoke lingered throughout the space. Groups of friends played pool together while laughing and bouncing to the bass of the music in the background. Flickering lights highlighted the white, incense-perfumed fog as everyone gathered to dance on the 800-square foot dance floor.

On Jan. 13, 2005, Bohemia opened its doors to a seemingly eager crowd.

"I am very glad that there is a club here in town," senior Neal Meyer said. "Compared to a bar, there's more to do than just drink here, and it's a lot of fun."

A lounge overlooked the dance floor where guests sat and listened to the booming music. The lights of an electronic dartboard flashed in a dark corner of the room and cheers of joy roared over the music.

Friday and Saturday nights at Bohemia were open to those 21 and over. Guests lined up at the bar to receive their free drink that came with the \$5 cover charge.

Senior Alexis McGeahy sat on a rotating barstool and twisted back and forth as she waited for her turn at pool. She said that the best nights to be at the club were Friday and Saturday because Bohemia was often packed.

"They usually start off really slow," McGeahy said. "But they pick up around 11, and then the place rocks."

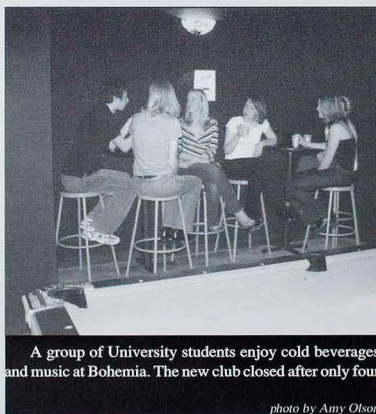
On Thursday nights, women trickled in to enjoy the \$5 all-you-can-drink specials. Men enjoyed "Ladies' Night" just as much, regardless of having to pay regular price.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights were reserved for

those under 21. Those visitors sipped non-alcoholic mock-tails, and the club had no cover charge.

"Bohemia's a good alternative to what's in Kirksville already," Meyer said. "I think it will be a success, especially when more people find out about it."

Co-owner Jeff Newton said he and Brad Steenhoek opened the club because it was something that Kirksville needed. They were both residents of Kirksville and had always heard students saying there was nothing to do in town. Once they had the real estate, Newton said they thought [a club] would be a good thing for the town to have.



A group of University students enjoy cold beverages and music at Bohemia. The new club closed after only four

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"It's something new for Kirksville," senior Ted Worth said. "It's more of the big city for a small town."

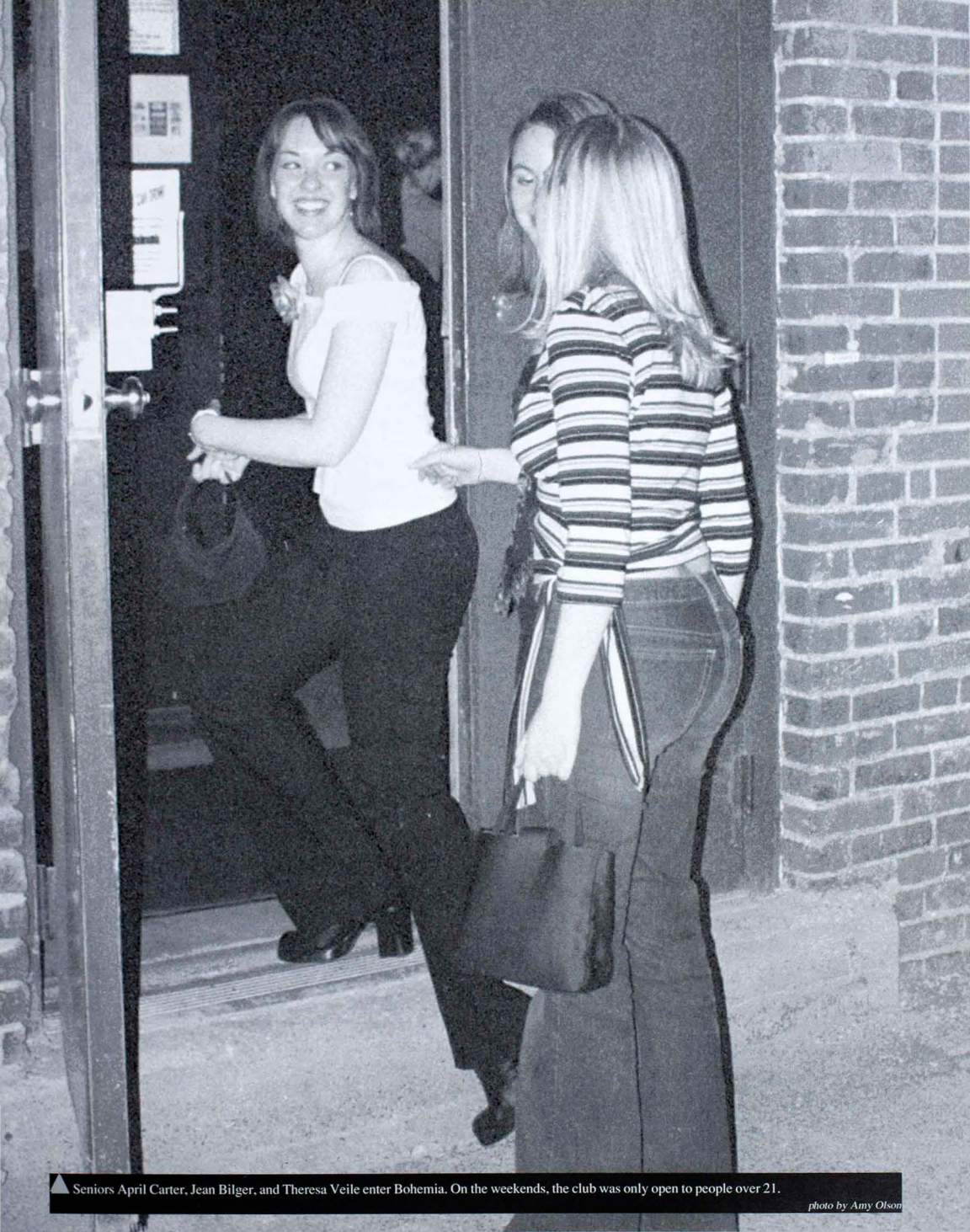
However, this small town was not ready for the hustle and bustle of city life.

"We just didn't get the business we were hoping for," Newton said wearily over the phone. He sighed and said that he didn't know what they were going to do with the building.

More and more people gathered to experience the unique atmosphere of the nightclub one last time. A waitress weaved through the

crowd while carefully balancing her tray full of the free shots she offered to patrons. She yelled over the blaring music to thank them for visiting and continued making her way through the multitude of friends dancing, playing pool and laughing, until she disappeared into the hazy fog.

At 1:30 a.m., the house lights rose and the music faded. Bartenders announced that the club was closing. For good. People made their way slowly toward the small door leading back to the alley, laughing and lingering, some saying they were sad to see it go. After everyone left on Saturday, April 2, 2005, Bohemia's stone walls stood silent and empty, reminiscent of the quiet times before its existence. There was talk, however, about possibly re-opening the club in the future as a venue where organizations could host events. **un**



▲ Seniors April Carter, Jean Bilger, and Theresa Veile enter Bohemia. On the weekends, the club was only open to people over 21.

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Redefining GarageBand

—By Emmy Thomson—

Staff Writer

March 2, 2005, music lovers gathered in anticipation of what they were about to do. These students could temporarily forget about studying for tests and writing papers. They were about to step into a new endeavor: They were about to create their own music.

Jason Beckham, Macintosh representative, demonstrated GarageBand and iLife software on Apple computers in the SUB Down Under. He utilized the software to create music, and he showed audience members how to use GarageBand to make their own music.

The overall presentation was on iLife, which included iPhoto, iMovie HD, iDVD, GarageBand and iTunes. The main program discussed at the demonstration was GarageBand, which “lets you easily perform, record and create your own music,” according to a Macintosh Users Group flyer that advertised Beckham’s presentation.

GarageBand had many features. It had a multi-track recording system, which allowed the user to record vocal and instrumental sections of a song at the same time, a very practical feature for aspiring musicians. Additionally, the user could view and edit full musical notation while recording. Moreover, to make recordings sound more skilled and professional, GarageBand could fix notes that were out of tune, change the timing and rhythm of recordings and even tune guitars and bass guitars.

Mac Users Group president, junior Brian Schmittgens, agreed that GarageBand was a useful tool to have.

“[GarageBand] covers the whole spectrum,” Schmittgens said. “People without any musical talent or training can use the loops, as well as people who play an instrument.”

Thus, GarageBand had a wide range of clients, from the musically inclined to people who had never even touched an instrument.

“{The software} is for people who have musical talent,” said junior Adam Gold, vice president of the Mac Users Group. “Someone can practice music without anyone else around to hear, if they are new to an instrument.”

Gold, however, thought it was most beneficial for musicians. He said that while listening to music on iTunes, a digital music jukebox, an individual could record himself or herself on GarageBand as he or she played along to the music. Such an option was helpful to blossoming musicians as well as people who just wanted to sing along with their favorite bands.

“It’s an awesome program,” Schmittgens said. “It’s powerful for as cheap as it is.”

Not only was the program inexpensive, just \$99.00 for the iLife package of programs, but junior Blake Larson also found that the program was user-friendly.

“[GarageBand] is really easy to use,” Larson said. “Everybody can use it.”

Besides learning about GarageBand, Larson received an added bonus for attending the presentation. At the demonstration, a spokesperson from Apple raffled off a free iPod. Additionally, a competition for the position of Apple representative at the University was connected to the presentation. Two men tried to draw as many people as they could to the demo, and the person who brought more people won the spot. Larson won the competition.

Larson said that GarageBand was best suited for being creative. For those students who wanted to spice up their classroom presentations, Larson said GarageBand was really valuable and that music created on the program could easily be added.

The presentation taught students the basics of how to use the software.

“[Beckham] did show that anybody can use GarageBand,” Larson said. “You just drag and drop. You can pick the bass line, guitars and piano and just drag and drop to create your own music.”

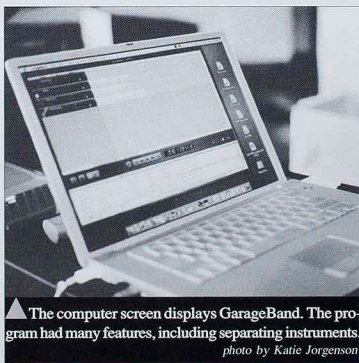
Some students were disappointed that the presentation was not more in depth.

“[Beckham] didn’t show anything I didn’t already know,” Schmittgens said.

Although Gold found there were good points to the demonstration, he, like Schmittgens, was not entirely satisfied.

“It didn’t go quite as well as I had wanted it to,” Gold said.

Likewise, Larson said the presentation was not as good as he expected.



▲ The computer screen displays GarageBand. The program had many features, including separating instruments.
photo by Katie Jorgenson



▲ Junior Blake Larson puts the GarageBand program to use, letting it record music from his guitar. Larson felt the GarageBand program was so easy anyone could use it.

photo by Katie Jorgenson

"I thought [Beckham] was lame and unexpressive," Larson said.

Schmittgens said the speaker knew a lot about GarageBand, but not the other iLife programs.

Gold said he would have changed the layout of the event.

"If I could have done it over, there would have been no keynote speaker, or the demonstration would have only been ten to fifteen minutes and would have focused on GarageBand," Gold said.

Gold said he thought that a more audience-inclusive demonstration might have been more successful in selling the GarageBand product to students. He said they would have had more students come up and experiment with the software to create their own music either by choosing instruments and beats or by recording themselves playing the electric guitar or electric piano and adding other instrument lines. **un**



▲ Sophomore Keith Majors tries his luck at GarageBand. The Mac Users Group invited students to try the program.

photo by Katie Jorgenson

Practicing service-learning

—By Emily Black—

Staff Writer

Running 26.2 miles and lifting 15,000 pounds may seem like a task best left to professionals. At Truman State University, however, more than 150 students, faculty and staff signed up to take on the challenge.

“Run a Marathon Lift an Elephant” was an incentive program that the Student Recreation Center organized to encourage participants to engage in a regular exercise routine.

The program was an assignment for HLTH 440, a university program-planning class. Three senior health science majors, Erin Haslag, Lindsay Scheitlin and Lindsey Bradley, took on the project.

“We based it off past programs from the rec, but the idea itself, of running a marathon and lifting an elephant, was between the three of us,” Haslag said.

The “Run a Marathon Lift an Elephant” program commenced after midterm break during the spring semester.

“Often the motivation is to get in shape for Spring Break so you look good on the beach,” rec center director Sue Limestall said, “Our goal is to get you to adhere to an exercise program after spring break.”

Limestall said the six-week program was a combination of cardiovascular fitness and weight training, the best recipe for an effective exercise program.

“The idea is that you either sign up as a beginner or advanced and over the six-week period that you are going to run at least a marathon distance, total, which comes out to about 5.2 miles per week,” Limestall said. “If you sign up for the advanced, you are going to run a double marathon, which

comes out to about ten miles per week.”

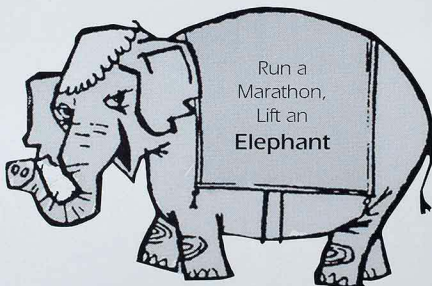
The rules of the event, posted on the University’s Web site, said the running portion could be completed indoors on the track, on a treadmill or outside by running or briskly walking.

As for the “Lift an Elephant” portion, participants at the beginner level had a goal of 3,000 pounds per week, while advanced-level participants aimed for 6,000 pounds.

“Let’s say you are doing five different weight bearing exercises with arms and legs,” Limestall said. “If I am doing leg presses or leg extensions, and I am doing a hundred pounds, and I do one set, which is ten reps, I’ve just lifted 1,000 pounds.”

Limestall said that after each workout, participants logged their mileage and pounds at the Member Services Desk, where a running total was kept and posted each week.

Scheitlin said they wanted to make sure the program stimulated



regular exercise.

“We put limits on how many miles they could record per day and per week,” Scheitlin said. “That way they have to actually run three times a week to achieve the program [goals].”

The University Web site said the beginner’s level was designed for those who wanted to incorporate fitness into their schedule. The advanced level was for participants who had already followed a regular exercise program for at least three months.

The reward for completing the goals by the end of the time allotted was a T-shirt displaying the “Run a Marathon Lift an Elephant” logo.

When the six weeks of the exercise program were over and the participants walked away with a better body in a brand new T-shirt, they were able to say what most people could not, “I ran a marathon, and lifted an elephant!” un



▲ Senior Erin Haslag runs outside for her marathon training. Haslag helped organize “Run a Marathon, Lift an Elephant” as part of a class project on service-learning.

photo by Danielle Borsch



▲ There is nothing quite like a little junk food to start the day. Junk food contributed to weight gain that left students feeling dissatisfied with their bodies, and in some cases, that dissatisfaction led them to eating disorders.

photo illustration by Marc Harmon

funny words, serious topic

— By Mark Standage —

Staff Writer

Some students had no idea what to expect, and others came to learn more about something that had plagued many people throughout time. So serious was the problem that in some cases death was the result. This, however, was not a typical discussion about a serious subject. This was a comedy show.

Comedian Michelle Barb visited Truman State University Feb. 3, 2005, to talk about her personal experiences and views about a subject that plagued many young women and men — eating disorders. Barb's performance was part of the Eating Disorders Awareness Week that took place Feb. 28 through March 4, sponsored by service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma.

Originating from a combination of long-standing personal, societal and emotional conditions, eating disorders can lead to many physical health problems. In her performance, Barb outlined one of the ways eating disorders work.

"Depression can lead to isolation and isolation can lead to death," Barb said.

Many people believed it was better to talk about a subject as volatile as eating disorders in a serious manner. Just the opposite was the case in Baldwin Auditorium as Barb began her performance.

Junior Abbie Smith, event coordinator and ASG member, found that audience members did not find the humor offensive and had a positive experience.

"I don't think people were necessarily offended at all," Smith said. "Maybe by some of the joking sexual remarks about herself, but it wasn't a big

deal because it was a comedic performance."

Barb, whom Smith found through the Internet and University Counseling Services, made a positive impression on the audience members. After the performance, Smith said the audience was truly excited about being happy in a humorous environment with the serious topic.

"I thought the audience was very excited about her performance, and I've heard nothing but positive responses since then," Smith said.

Senior Kara Timbers heard about the performance in an advanced exercise science class. Timbers enjoyed Barb's handling of the subject matter and thought Barb did a good job.

"She made the subject of eating disorders more interesting to learn about," Timbers said. "If anybody other than


a comedian would have come, I don't think as many people would have showed up."

Barb's empathetic and comical performance made the audience feel comfortable and confident.

"She made the audience feel better about themselves, which was a good thing when talking about eating disorders," Timbers said.

The performance, however, was anything but stand-up comedy. Barb repeatedly brought up how serious the effects of eating disorders are on the human body but did so in a way that many people could understand and feel comfortable listening to.

Paul Hamilton was one of the few men in the audience. He found Barb's method of humorous discussion very effective.

"It's a comedian, so people go there expecting a comedy," Hamilton said. "It helped her get her message across. By using humor and making fun of herself in some instances showed that she cared about what she was talking about." 

"She made the audience feel better about themselves, which was a good thing when talking about eating disorders."

-senior Kara Timbers

joining the craze

— By Katie Kelly —

Advertising Manager



Todd's Profile: bits and pieces

Sex: Male
Year: 2008

Concentration: Communication, Political Science

Favorite Quote: "Thwack. Thwack. Thwack. I'm sorry manitee."-Pooetry, by Keith Schnackenberg

About Me: I love cars, anyone who has seen my room, talked to me more than a couple of times, or had casual relations with me will tell you—I LOVE CARS. Like a nympho loves an orgasm and a rapper is always looking for the next eargasm, I'm always happy for the occasional cargasm. Well...other "-asms" which might apply... I also love lacrosse, any movies.

Groups: Truman Forensics Union - West County Is Better Than You - I Went To a Public School...bitch - St. Louisians - Parkway West alumni - Mo Hall 5 North - CCF - Obsessive away Message Checkers - I admit I Have an Unhealthy Relationship With Facebook - College Republicans - I Get My News From Jon Stewart... - Important Racers - Aqua Teen Hunger Force - College Students against Douchebaggery - High Society of People Who Eat Babies - Conan O'brien for president! - Apple Students

Second semester was full of hectic schedules and extracurricular activities as Truman State University students prepared for the end of the school year. Busy work and tests filled their days as finals week came near. Something else, however, was occupying the time of University students: the Facebook.

The Facebook began to consume countless hours of students' time in February 2005. The Facebook was an online networking system millions of students used across the country. Created in 2004 by Harvard students, Facebook was designed to give students the opportunity to get connected with their peers.

The University had its own student network, College Facebook, but with the explosion of the nationwide Facebook, College Facebook became close to nonexistent.

"As it turns out, the Facebook is way better because it is a lot easier to find people from back in the day," freshman Todd Turner said. "I guess it's just because there is a lot more schools involved with the Facebook versus College Facebook."

Students on Facebook posted profiles with lists of interests including favorite movies and music, clubs and jobs, field of study, sexual preference, dating status and more. The profiles were topped off with a picture of the student, which was often creative and hilarious. Turner's picture was just a random picture that he decided to use.

"I got this strange picture back, and I totally didn't realize someone was taking the picture at the time," Turner said. "I was just looking at him strange, and then he took it. I was like, 'Eh, I'll put that up.'"

Students enjoyed being able to search through the University's community, making friends and joining groups of interest.

To make a friend, a user had to send a request to another user. The recipient then had the choice to confirm or reject the friendship. Sophomore Brandon Foster said he thought that some students requested friends just to get a high number on their list of friends.

"I've never done it, but I have gotten some odd requests from people that I am not even sure I know who they are," Foster said.

Among the many things that could be posted in a user profile was the list of classes in which one was enrolled. Freshman Kimber Beckler said she liked this feature a lot.

"You can find your classmates a lot easier that way," Beckler said. "You can get help on homework if you have a question."

Students also could join groups that advertised their interests and personalities. Groups such as "Napoleon Dynamite (join this group and Pedro offers you his protection)" and "Chapstick Addicts," were among the

most popular groups. Senior Matthew Harms enjoyed being able to join the Facebook groups.

"It's a great way to meet up with people of similar interests, things like sports and different regional nuances," Harms said.

Harms found that groups that discussed things like preference for the terms "pop" or "soda" were really fun.

Some groups were more than just a random mix of people. Turner joined a car group, which he really enjoyed. The group members planned to have a barbeque and show off their cars to one another.

Other students found the groups to be less fulfilling. Foster said he thought that groups did not serve much of a purpose after time.

Besides joining groups, students could create their own. This gave them the opportunity to tailor the group to a specific interest, moderate the group and even elect officers. Groups could even be customized to be selective of their members.

In addition to making friends and joining groups, students could send messages either privately or publicly to other users. On the profile page, students had the ability to write on a user's "wall," which was a public message board. Users could also fill out a "message" form to send a private message to another student.

A fun feature with little significance was the ability to "poke" people. If students wanted to say hi, they could poke each other virtually by clicking on a link on a profile. That person then received a message saying that he or she had been poked.

While poking was fun for some students, probably the most appreciated part of the Facebook was the ability to find people at other universities.

"A lot of my friends from other schools were on it before Truman ever was, and that's how I found out about it, and then we all joined here," junior Courtney Smith said.


Searches could be done by looking at other universities that were involved in Facebook. Viewing profiles of students from other schools was not allowed unless people were "facebook friends." Within a university, however, user profiles were public access as long as a student had an e-mail address for that university.

A very popular search was the high school search. Students could search through any high school and even specify graduating classes. Harms said he thought this was the best part of Facebook.

"It gives me the ability to meet up with friends from high school that I have lost touch with," Harms said.

The Facebook certainly had an impact on the lives of University students and continued to be a significant part of social life at the University. Turner said he thought that Facebook was the wave of the future at the University.

While some students found Facebook to be a waste of time, the general impression was positive toward the new networking system.

"I enjoy it and I think it's a lot of fun," Beckler said. "I kind of have an addiction, but it's worth it because I get a kick out of it." 

Todd's Wall: just the highlights

Yay! I'm the first! Todd - Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries! Haha.
~Lauren

yo, it's really interesting to see what kind of responses I've been getting, lol! Todd it's all about backing it up and enjoying urself. Wash U is the shiznit... Hope things are going alright in college man! Nice to hear from u

WHAT?!?!?!? Vignesh would be sad if you didn't make him a facebook friend. :(Alright, I might be sad, but still. You've gotta have a little Town and Country pride.

haha, look at your pic with the juice box and suit! it's funny

Hey, so I WOULD update my picture if I had a digital camera. I have to mooch off others...maybe I'll get around to it...

Happy Birthday Todd! From your fave person in the entire world! :)
-Becky

Todd's Friends: 4 of 83



Chris Reams



Michael Dean



Elizabeth Hobbs



Anne Bradley

Spring is in the Air

—By Marissa LaRose—

Staff Writer

Giving up an hour of sleep as daylight-savings time rolled around did not necessarily mean that students were giving up the chance to enjoy the spring weather. As the campus blossomed and birds resumed their duty as back-up alarms in the morning, students also came alive with the spring spirit.

Blanket after blanket adorned the Quad as students transferred whatever work they could to the outdoors. From meeting with study groups to practicing musical instruments, it all seemed more exciting when moved outside. A few professors even took their classes outside to enjoy the weather.

"I really like doing homework on the Quad," freshman Ginger Daugherty said. "Even if classes stress me out, the warm weather makes me feel better."

Some people considered the nice weather to be more of a hindrance than a help when it came to schoolwork.

"It's more distracting to be outside doing my work, but it's an excuse to get outside," senior Christina Klusman said. "At this time of year especially, we're all swamped with school work and just tempted to keep putting it off because of the warmer weather."

Despite the conflicts the weather might have made regarding the completion and quality of studying, students took the time to plan activities for the warmer weather. Students organized picnics and barbeques at Thousand Hills State Park along with the familiar games of frisbee, catch and countless other outdoor pastimes.

Junior Mark England, senior Luke England and a few others went so far as to build a new toy, a potato launcher.

"We bought all the parts for the launcher in town and finished it in two nights," Mark England said.

Klusman, a friend of the Englands, said creating a launcher was typical of things Luke and Mark did.

"I went to high school with Luke and Mark, and they did things like this all the time. They would get together with a group of guys and just come up with something to do, so I guess it carried over from high school to college," Klusman said.

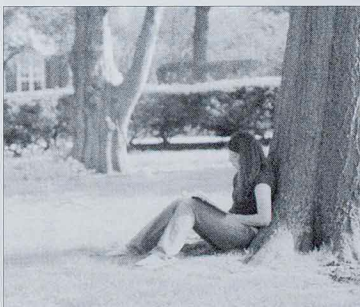
The group fired the launcher for the first time over a barbeque at Thousand Hills. At the very least, an afternoon in the sun was a worthwhile effort.

After a long period of chilly weather and overcast skies in Kirksville everyone appreciated sunny days. Kirksville again became alive with the sounds of students enjoying the spring. **un**



▲ Sophomores Brian Garrison and Emily Hockman play a game. Residence halls offered students several games and sports equipment to check out.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Freshman Laura Halfmann leans against a tree on the Quad. Nice weather also allowed faculty to move their classes outside.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Sophomore Aaron Appling eats his meal on a bench. The University offered several meal plan options that allowed students to take their food with them.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Freshman Heather Timmerman reads *Demolition Angel* by Robert Crais while lying in her hammock on the Quad. Timmerman and many others used their day off from school for the Student Research Conference to enjoy the beautiful weather.

photo by Danielle Borsch

People

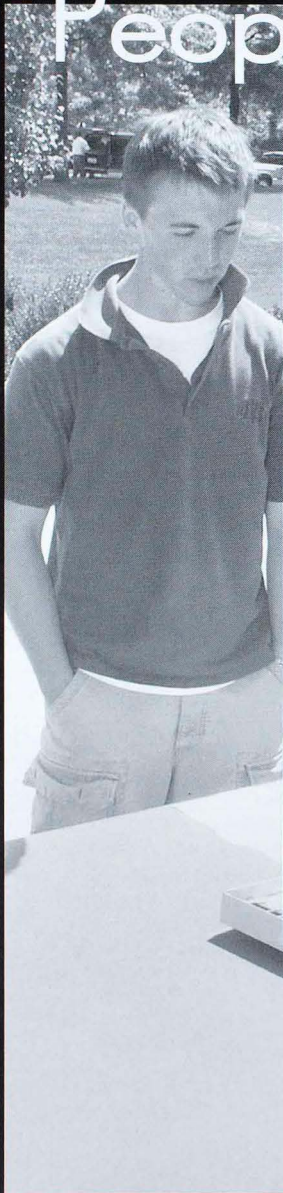


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People shared a great deal of camaraderie when they ran into each other on the University's campus. Even if two individuals were complete strangers, a hello and a smile was usually granted. The exchange may have occurred in laundry rooms. It may have occurred as individuals scurried across campus to get to class on time. It may have occurred on a warm day, as people chose to take advantage of the nice weather and congregate on the Quad. People also exchanged pleasantries as they crossed each other's paths in the Kirksville community. Many exchanges occurred, regardless of age, gender, race or major. It happened many times over and over, as this collective group of individuals often sought ways to find a commonality among their peers. From sharing views on political issues to viewing the newest movie together, people looked to increase their social happiness. On bleak, stressful days it may have been hard for individuals to find that friendly stranger, but on the University's intimate campus that was very unlikely.

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Freshmen on the move

Upperclassmen help carry possessions

—By Peggy Amor and Liz Fergus—

Staff Writers

Truman Week started off on a different foot in 2004. Seasoned students met freshmen and their families in the parking lot to help carry belongings. Families had previously hauled a room's worth of possessions up the stairs by themselves.

Kevin Bollinger, an area coordinator in the Office of Residential Living, had contacted several organizations in spring 2004 to ask for volunteers to help the freshmen move. More than 100 students volunteered to help.

"Each group was assigned a certain building and we worked at intervals with the Student Involvement Mentors and professional staff coordinating events," Bollinger said.

Bollinger said he would consider organizing move-in similarly in 2005-2006.

Junior Tyler McCall joined 30 other members of the Baptist Student Union at Centennial Hall. McCall said that he decided to help with the BSU to make the transition from high school to college easier for incoming freshmen.

"I remember all the trips up and down the stairs and how I was getting physically exhausted from that and mentally exhausted at the same time from trying to absorb the new

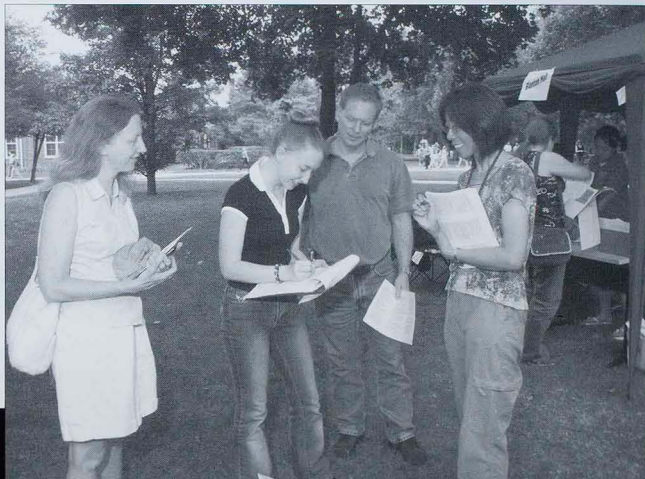
situation I was in," McCall said of his own freshman experience. "Helping students move in alleviate[d] at least part of that, and that's a big help, I know."

The new move-in system was created to make things easier on the freshmen and their families. The belongings were moved more quickly into the residence hall rooms so people could get out of the heat.

All of the volunteers met before move-in day to go over proper lifting technique, insurance liability issues and to meet their moving team. Teams consisted of four or five members who rotated with another team unloading cars and carrying belongings to the students' rooms. Each building was headed by two Student

Involvement Mentors who answered questions, provided water and snacks and kept things running smoothly.

Junior defensive end Tyler Paytas said the entire football team turned out to help the Blanton-Nason-Brewer freshmen move in.



"We helped relieve a lot of the stress from what [was] already a stressful day for incoming freshmen and their parents."

Junior Tyler Paytas

▲ A freshman Blanton Hall resident and her parents check in at the hall's registration tent. Students received the key to their room as well as other important information when they registered.

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"We wanted to reach out to the incoming freshmen as well as the entire school and let them know that we are willing to help whenever we can," Paytas said. "We have been focusing on creating a greater sense of community on campus."

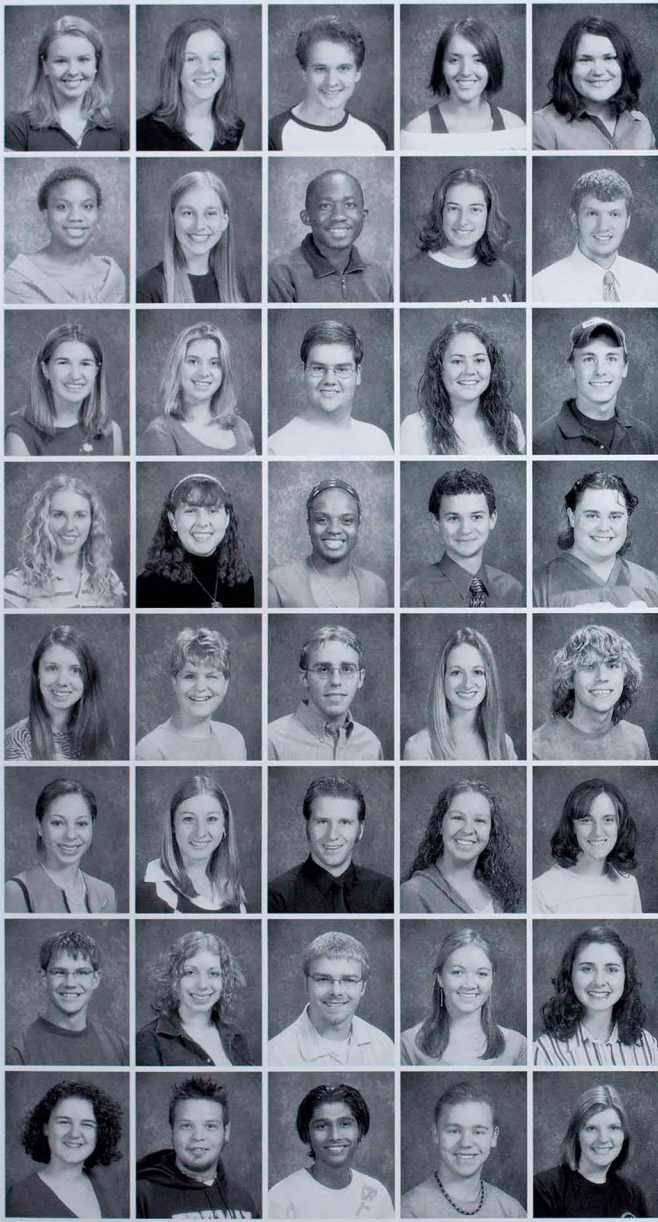
McCall said he would probably participate again if given the chance.

"It was a great way to serve the freshmen on their first day at Truman, and they definitely made their appreciation known," McCall said.

Other students also enjoyed helping the students make the transition to college.

"It was a very worthwhile experience," Paytas said. "We helped relieve a lot of the stress from what [was] already a stressful day for incoming freshmen and their parents. We got to meet some new people and develop a better sense of community on campus. Both the parents and students were very grateful for our help." **un**

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 Samantha Allinson.....Kirksville, Mo.
 Lucia Alonzo.....Kansas City, Mo.

Chanee Anderson.....St. Louis, Mo.
 Jennifer Armstrong.....Fenton, Mo.
 Nelson Assick.....Cameron
 Bethany Aurand.....O'Fallon, Mo.
 Brandon Bailey.....St. Charles, Mo.

Amanda Banner.....Springfield, Mo.
 Lindsey Barkho.....Fulton, Mo.
 Blake Barks.....Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 Elizabeth Barton.....Fenton, Mo.
 Joshua Beardslee.....Lee's Summit, Mo.

Michelle Begue.....Springfield, Ill.
 Caitlin Bergan.....Naperville, Ill.
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 Jessica Cole.....St. Charles, Mo.
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 Christopher Copley.....Plato, Mo.



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 Angela Crawford.....Olathe, Kan.
 Andrew Cross.....Crestwood, Mo.
 Matthew Crowe.....Lisbon, Iowa
 Christina Crull.....Bland, Mo.



Jennifer Cunningham.....Bridgeton, Mo.
 Sarah Cunningham.....Warrensburg, Mo.
 Nancy Dahlby.....Des Moines, Iowa
 Emily Dahmer.....St. Louis, Mo.
 Danielle Dale.....Liberty, Mo.



Kendra Davis.....Knox City, Mo.
 Laura Day.....Florissant, Mo.
 Latoya DeLoach.....Florissant, Mo.
 Jennifer Dempsey.....Chesterfield, Mo.
 Jennifer Dix.....Caseyville, Ill.



Nathanael Dollar.....Glen Carbon, Ill.
 Ardith Domingo.....Maryland Heights, Mo.
 Raquel Dozier.....Kirkwood, Mo.
 Jessica Duffield.....Kansas City, Mo.
 Stephanie Dunavant.....Chesterfield, Mo.



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 Kailey Ellis.....St. Joseph, Mo.
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 Lawrence Emembolu.....Nigeria



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Making a racket

Area tennis players benefit from service

— By Jenna Keeven —

Staff Writer

Broken racket strings were an expensive nuisance for tennis players. Those on the Truman State University varsity tennis team, however, were entitled to free racket stringing service by two fellow players.

Junior Tyler Wood and freshman Jennifer Salmon strung tennis rackets for the University team and also for the intramural tennis players, Kirksville High School tennis players and coaches, and even players in the community.

“Stringing rackets is really expensive, and since I was playing so often and breaking strings all the time, I thought it might be cheaper to just learn how to do it and get a stringer, and eventually it will pay itself off,” said Salmon, who had played tennis for a number of years.

Salmon purchased a racket stringer in 2002 for approximately \$1,000. She said the racket stringer had not yet paid itself off but had come close. She learned how to string rackets by taking a lesson from a coach who was a certified racket stringer at a tennis club.

Salmon said it was not a hard process to learn, but some things were important to know to keep from breaking the rackets. Wood said the racket stringing process was complicated and not easy to explain.

Salmon’s job on campus was to string every tennis racket she received during the school year, and in return she received \$100 per month.

Salmon sometimes strung up to seven tennis rackets every day during the fall. Each tennis racket took between 30 and 45 minutes to complete.

“It was over three hours of stringing a day, at times,” Salmon said.

When players broke a string, which happened frequently on the varsity team and especially with the men’s team, they were offered quick and reliable service from Salmon and Wood.

“The players can get quick stringing and not have to worry about getting somewhere and waiting a few days to get their rackets done,” Salmon said.

This service was convenient to the varsity tennis players because they played multiple times a week. The tennis players also received high-quality work.

“We provided them with fresh strings so they can play at the best of their ability,” Wood

said.

Wood also invested in a tennis racket stringer because he broke strings every time he played tennis.

“It just made sense economically,” Wood said.

Wood had strung tennis rackets for his scholarship job at the University since 2002. He received between five and eight tennis rackets to string each week during the tennis season.

Wood said the demand for stringing tennis rackets at the University was high during intramurals. Non-varsity tennis players had to be directed to Wood or Salmon for racket stringing through tennis coach Pete Kendall.

Having two teammates stringing tennis rackets saved a large amount of money for the tennis athletes.

“It’s nice to have free racket stringing,” said freshman tennis player Ben Coate, who took advantage of the tennis racket stringing service.

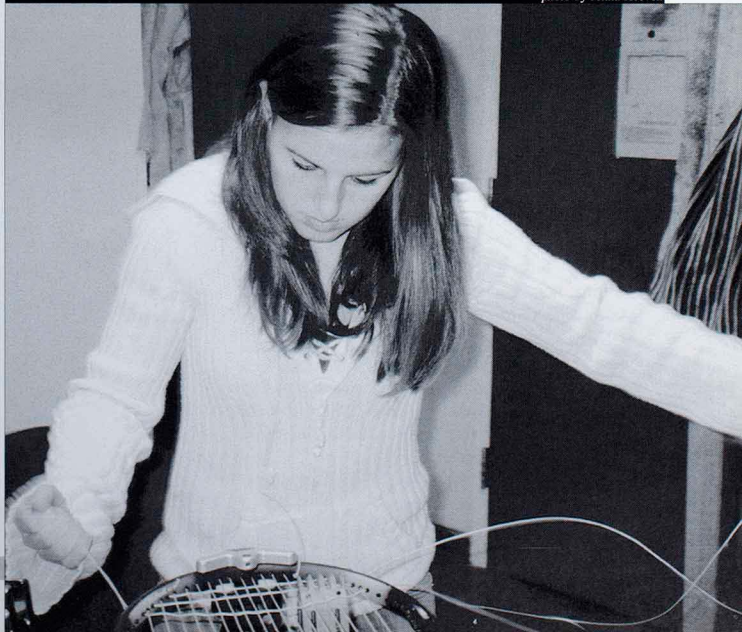
Salmon hoped she could get a job stringing rackets in the future, but Wood just enjoyed it as a recreational hobby.

“Stringing is a good way to earn some extra cash but not my idea of making a living,” Wood said.

Whether it was just a current hobby or a future job, both Salmon and Wood enjoyed helping area tennis players with high quality, inexpensive racket stringing. **un**

▼ Freshman Jennifer Salmon strings a tennis racket. With no tennis club or proshop in the area, there was a high demand for racket stringing in Kirksville.

photo by Jenna Keeven



Residential community

Student advisers keep residents involved

—By Angela Crawford—

Staff Writer

Students were aware of them, and many had participated in them. They were programs developed and put on by each residence hall's student advisers.

As a part of their job, SAs were required to put on at least four programs for their residents every semester. Advisers could work alone or work with other advisers to create programs in which their residents would be interested in participating.

"I create a community environment through programming and through interacting and spending time with my residents," said sophomore Mark Kirtland, Dobson Hall SA.

The programs varied greatly in content and purpose. Centennial Hall advisers hosted a dance party called Mixing With Your SAs, put together a blindness awareness program and organized Festival Centennial, which was a carnival-type celebration organized on Family Day. Kirtland helped with an alcohol-awareness program in Dobson Hall and organized a Charlie Brown pumpkin carving for Halloween. These examples were only a glimpse of the diverse programs SAs hosted each year.

Sophomore David Sielert, Centennial Hall SA, said that advisers always tried to make their programs fun for students.

"College students are busy enough; if they're going to go out of their way to come to the programs, you have to make it interesting," Sielert said. "It's something that more people should try to take advantage of; the programs are always free and always beneficial."

The advisers created their programs around six "core values," which consisted of community, personal development, life-long learning, diversity, service, and health and wellness.

Senior Kimberly Wishon, community coordinator in Dobson Hall, worked with the SAs as a resource for planning programs.

"Not everything you learn in college is learned in class," Wishon said. "[College] is about developing yourself as a person and learning who you are. Programs [can help a student] to build ties and to be a better person."


Sielert said that for him a huge turnout wasn't as important as knowing that the program benefited someone.

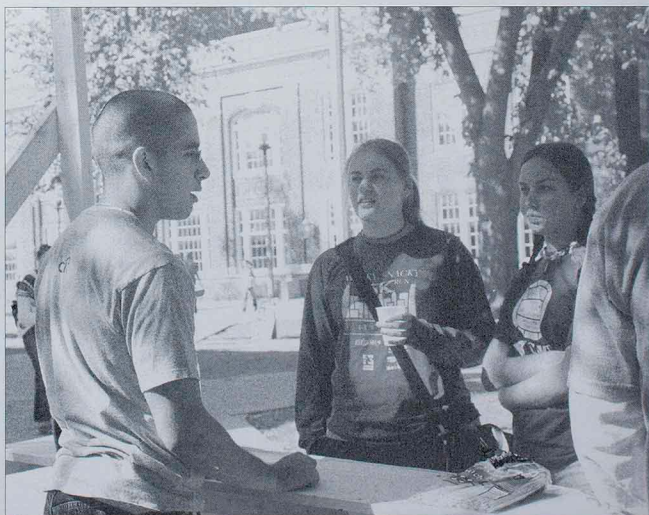
"Some programs are not as successful as others, but you understand that going into it and you try to provide residents with something they can get out of it," Sielert said. "Knowing that the people who do show had fun and were able to benefit from the program makes it successful."

SAs had a number of resources to tap for program ideas, including Web sites and successful programs done in the past. Kirtland and Sielert, however, agreed that the best resource was the residents.

"I ask the residents what they want to do and what their interests are, and I usually try to do a program that relates to that," Kirtland said.

SAs spent many hours of their time putting programs together and advertising around campus and in the residence halls to ensure a good turnout. Some advisers, however, said they would like to see more participation for the amount of work that went into planning a program.

"The programs are really fun," Wishon said. "If you know of programs in your hall, you should go. The SAs work really hard on them, and you can learn a lot. Learning isn't always with notes and a textbook. It's really important to continue to feed your mind." 



▲ Sophomores Jen Sane and Shannon Earhart chat with sophomore SA Kyle Torres after receiving lemonade. The lemonade stand was one of the programs hosted by University SAs throughout the year. "If the program touched someone or helped them make a new friend, then it was successful," senior Kimberly Wishon said.

photo by Monica Kwiatek



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 Matthew Gierse.....Webster Groves, Mo.
 Ashley Giles.....Windsor, Mo.
 Amanda Gladbach.....Mendon, Mo.

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 Paul Goodman.....Spragueville, Iowa
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FRESHMEN

Starting a revolution

Faculty, staff show off their moves at tourney

—By Amy Deis—

Staff Writer

With great concentration, coordination and a willingness to dance like fools, even the faculty and staff of Truman State University were able to enjoy a video game phenomenon.

Dance Dance Revolution, known to most students as DDR, was a video game fad that had spread across campus, invading rooms in the residence halls as well as the arcade in the Student Union Building. Students owned DDR machines, which consisted of a compact disc compatible with any X Box, Playstation 2 or personal computer, and a neon-colored dance pad. The pad displayed hot pink arrows pointing up, down, right and left in correspondence with the game on the monitor.

Players chose which speed they preferred—beginner, light, normal or heavy—and then chose one of 75 pop culture songs to dance to. After they finished dancing, participants were graded from A to E based on how well they had followed the arrows and completed the combination of steps.

"A lot of the residents have the pads and stuff," Centennial Hall director Mark Lowry said. "I see it all the time, and I hear it all the time."

Senior Niki Birdsill picked up on the game's popularity and realized it could be utilized to attract campus attention. Birdsill, who managed public relations for the University radio station, KTRM, wanted to promote the station by asking professors and staff to participate in a DDR tournament.

Most of the professors were skeptical of their coordination ability and feared they wouldn't do well.

"I generally lack eye-foot coordination and it seemed to be the key," said Matthew Killmeier, assistant professor of communication. "It seemed to be a gender thing. The women did much better."

Becky Becker, associate professor of theater, won the tournament although she was leery of her skills at first.

"After I started and beat the first person, I started to enjoy it," Becker said. "I could see myself getting addicted to it."

Becker's prize was a certificate that read, "In recognition of superior groove-thing, shakin' abilities," which she planned to frame and display in her office.

Birdsill charged students 50 cents to dance against one of their professors or staff members to raise money for the station.


Although the tournament focused on promoting the radio station, many students opted to watch instead of participate.

"I asked a couple of my students, 'Why didn't you challenge me?'" Becker said. "They said they were afraid of looking like an idiot and that I would beat them."

Junior John Weeks, however, put aside his fear and danced against his professor, Stacy Moots.

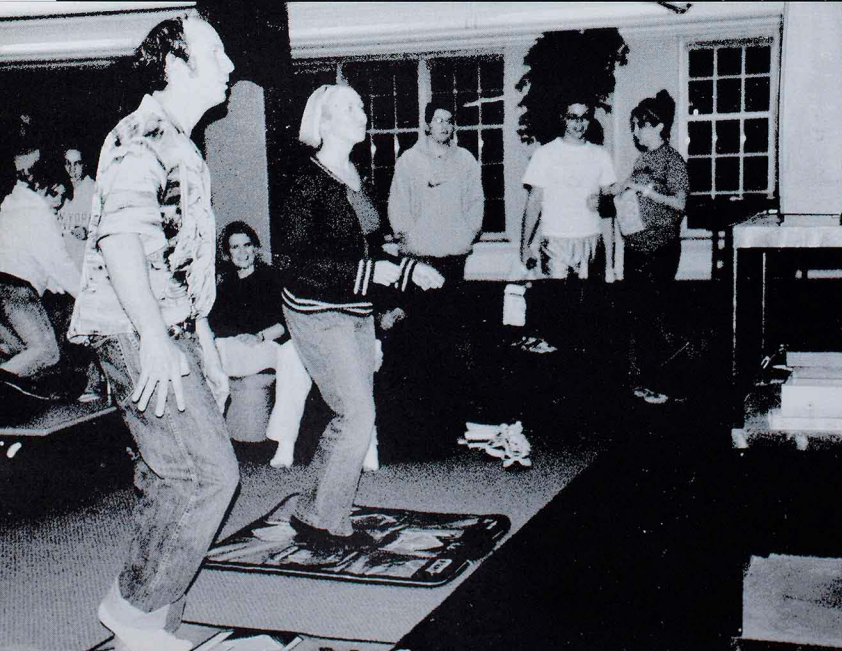
Weeks had never heard of DDR before going to the tournament.

"I was really excited to play. Then I saw all the arrows and realized I had to jump on all of them," Weeks said. "I'm definitely a beginner."

Although the participants were somewhat apprehensive at first, the DDR tournament was ultimately a success, bringing students and staff together to promote KTRM while dancing the evening away. 

Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English and Becky Becker, associate professor of theater, compete against each other at the Dance Dance Revolution tournament that took place in the Centennial Hall main lounge. "I was really afraid I was going to make a total idiot of myself," Becker said. "But I also thought, 'I'm a theater professor. I have to allow myself to look stupid sometimes.'"

photo by Andrea Wyant



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 Brian Kaelble.....St. Louis, Mo.
 David Kanning.....St. Charles, Mo.
 Hannah Kay.....Springfield, Ill.
 Jeffrey Keeling.....Kansas City, Mo.



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 Jessica Keller.....Kansas City, Mo.
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 Lauren Kienstra.....St. Louis, Mo.
 Stephanie Kimball.....Bloomington, Ill.
 Jordan Kimbrell.....Liberty, Mo.
 Chelsea Klaus.....Liberty, Mo.



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 Tracy Knierim.....St. Louis, Mo.
 Megan Knoche.....La Grange, Mo.
 Gerred Knopf.....Manchester, Mo.
 Michael Kohnen.....Florissant, Mo.



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 Jamie Krefl.....House Springs, Mo.
 Julie Kubiak.....Florissant, Mo.
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▲ University students can obtain absentee ballots sent from their home counties to their Kirksville addresses. Voting by mail allowed students to stay involved in their hometown politics. Ballots were filled out, sealed and sent back to the students' home counties to be counted.

photo illustration by Beth Spinney

Making votes from afar

Students choose to utilize absentee ballots

—By Paula Hodges—
Assistant Photography Editor

The 2000 general election greatly increased pressure for voter turnout and overall election participation at Truman State University in 2004. Many students cited the controversy of the 2000 election as reason to exercise their right to vote.

The presidential election took place Nov. 2, leaving a small window of opportunity for students preoccupied with new coursework to register and prepare to vote. A student voting by absentee ballot needed to think ahead. Absentee ballots had to be requested from students' home county clerk's offices before the request deadline. The completed ballot then had to be mailed back to the county clerk before election day.

The question of absentee became more complex than in previous years due in part to the misplaced ballot controversies and disenfranchised voter scenarios that surfaced throughout the 2000 presidential election. Some students refrained from voting absentee for fear that the ballot would not reach its destination. Senior Sarah Whelehon explained how studying abroad in Germany helped her decide how she would vote.

"I saw how hated our government and foreign policy was within the European Union," Whelehon said. "So I made a promise to myself to vote in November. I have never voted by absentee ballot before, and I'm sure that voting absentee is a perfectly reliable way to support your party, but I'm going

to have my address changed to my Kirksville residence so I can go and vote in person. I want to make absolute sure that my ballot goes to the right place."

Accessibility to the forms necessary to request an absentee ballot or to register for the first time grew increasingly simple with county clerk Web sites linked from Truview and with opportunities to sign up at stands scattered along the Quad. Obtaining absentee ballots was worth the extra effort for some non-Missouri students.

Senior Laura Ursprung said that she would reserve her right to vote as an Illinois resident while studying in Missouri.

"The outcome of the presidential election is important, and Illinois has more electoral votes in the Electoral College," Ursprung said. "I plan to vote absentee because my vote at home will have more weight than a vote would have in Missouri."

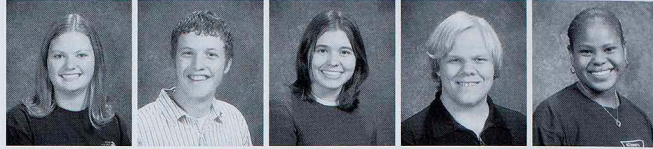
Senior Leslie Contarini chose to vote in Kirksville because she and other students were affected by local politics.

"My vote influences things like rental housing codes, city sales tax, and even snow removal," Contarini said. "A lot of students complain about Kirksville, but most of them don't realize the power they have to change the things they don't like about it."

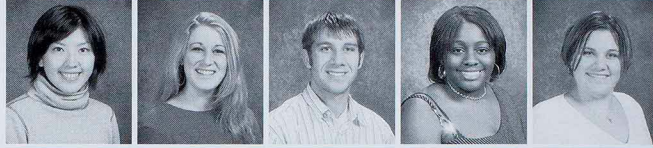
Students who voted in 2004 showed their political involvement regardless of the method they chose. **un**

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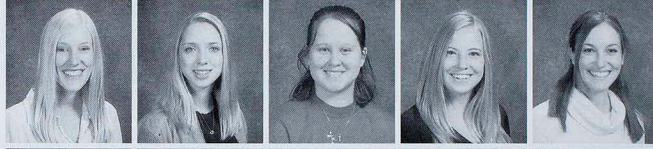
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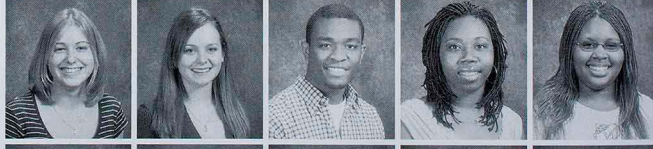
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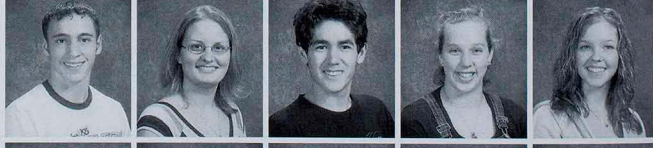
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Workload multiplied

Multi-majoring gives students more experience

—By Reena Karan

Features Editor

Life was hectic for many Truman State University students as they attempted to juggle school, work and extracurricular activities, all while trying to maintain a social life. While most students found this to be hard enough, some students took on the additional challenge of having multiple majors.

"I just wanted the broader interests and broader experiences offered by both majors," said junior Kelly Pierce, a biology and psychology major. "I enjoy both subjects, and I didn't want to choose between them, so I just decided to go for both."

Pierce found that her two majors overlapped at times.

"They do complement each other in a way," Pierce said. "It's not a perfect complement, but psychology does overlap biology and vice versa."

Senior John Bennet found that when it was time to choose a major, he just couldn't decide among all the options. He decided to major in three subjects.

"I originally couldn't decide what I wanted to major in," Bennet said. "I started with a biology major and a philosophy major, and then I added classics after taking some of the classes. I really enjoy them."

Bennet had to spend some extra time at the University to graduate with all of his majors and his two minors. He expected to graduate in May 2005, eight years after he originally started college. Bennet said he planned to attend graduate school and that his multiple majors would help him in the future.

"I plan on going to graduate school for a Philosophy of Science degree, so it actually worked out well, but it wasn't something I planned on," Bennet said. "With graduate school,

some programs are only looking for science or philosophy backgrounds, not both. But [multiple majors] definitely helps with job placement. If I don't go into philosophy, I could always teach high school biology."

Junior Linda Schulte, a French and communication major, agreed that multiple majors gave students an edge when it came to job placement.

"I'm interested in both [majors], and I thought it would help me get a career that combined both majors," Schulte said. "I think it makes you more marketable and helps you to find jobs later on."

Although the extra majors meant extra work, this did not stop students from pursuing multiple degrees. The extra hours of work also did not keep students from participating in extracurricular activities.

"I took an overload [of classes] my first five semesters then took a regular class load," Bennet said. "I was a member of Delta Chi, and I also worked starting my sophomore year, about 20 to 40 hours a week."

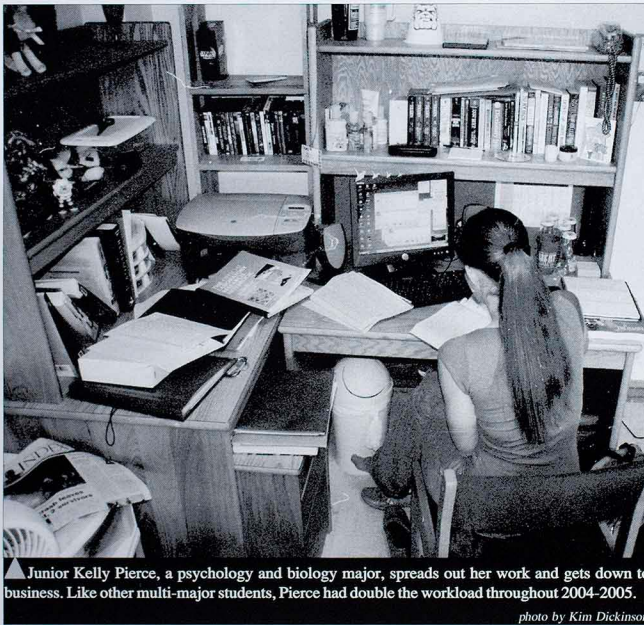
Pierce agreed that majoring in multiple subjects had

drawbacks.

"[It is] busier, but the semester hours overall are the same as you would have with one major, just with one more year," Pierce said. "I suppose the drawback is the extra year I have to spend here, but it's not a big enough drawback for me to not want to do it."

University students found that the benefits that came with having multiple majors far outweighed the costs. They eagerly met the challenge even if it meant giving up something they loved.

"Yeah, I didn't sleep much those first few years," Bennet said. **un**



▲ Junior Kelly Pierce, a psychology and biology major, spreads out her work and gets down to business. Like other multi-major students, Pierce had double the workload throughout 2004-2005. *photo by Kim Dickinson*

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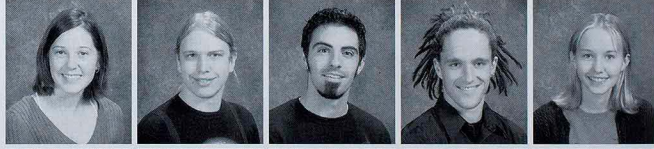
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Midwest investigation

Huping Ling uncovers cultural community

—By Amanda Summers—

Staff Writer

A great deal of knowledge comes from noticing our surroundings and finding patterns or exceptions to those patterns. This is what Huping Ling, associate professor of Asian history, did when she decided to explore Chinese Americans in the Midwest.

Ling joined the Truman State University staff in 1991. She then realized that Chinese American communities in the Midwest were underrepresented in Asian American studies.

Ling had written nearly 100 articles and numerous books about Asian Americans but had not thoroughly explored the differences between Midwestern Asian Americans and those living on the coasts.

“The Midwest has really been ignored,” Ling said. “There is very limited coverage on anything in the Midwest, not just the Chinese or Asian Americans, but other ethnic groups. I just wanted to promote the ethnic diversity in this area and particularly promote Asian American in the Midwest.”

Ling explained in her book, “Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community,” that until 1965 St. Louis had a Chinatown just like in New York and San Francisco. Busch Stadium was built near the area in 1966, however, causing Chinatown to be leveled. It never reclaimed its former glory.

Ling said in her book that this cultural, rather than economical, community had a psychological and cultural need to come together. Ling used this theory to provide an alternative interpretation to understand Asian Americans and other ethnic communities. To describe this theory she coined a new term: cultural community. Ling thought this term would change the way the Chinese American community was perceived.

Ling presented her book to University President Barbara Dixon and the rest of the academic community on Oct. 25, 2004, at a book signing in the foyer of the Truman Bookstore.

The Truman Bookstore was not always asked to host book signings even though University professors published a few books every year. Store manager Terry Woodring, however, was happy to organize the event.

“That’s why we are here,” Woodring said. “We’re just helping out the professors, you know, the Truman authors as well as any other type of books.”

Although the turnout was lower than expected, Ling was pleased with the number of professors, staff, students and friends who came to hear her speak and receive an autographed copy of her book.



▲ Huping Ling, associate professor of Asian history, goes through some papers in her office. Three copies of Ling’s book, “Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community,” were available in Pickler Memorial Library.

photo by Beth Spinney

One of Ling’s students, James Harrington, an Asian studies minor, believed that Ling’s literary work added to her knowledge as an educator.

“I believe that with the actual author teaching the class it provides a really good perspective,” Harrington said.

Ling also believed her studies aided her classroom performance.

“I feel that writing makes my teaching better,” Ling said. “I can incorporate research because I’m very familiar with recent research results so I can bring students the most up-to-date information.”

Ling’s peers agreed that her book would contribute significantly to the study of Asian Americans.

“‘Chinese St. Louis’ provides a much needed addition to the published literature about Chinese Americans,” said Franklin Ng, president of the Association of Asian American Studies, in a press release. “Ling has written a superb, nuanced book about the Chinese community that is not placed in the all-too-familiar locations of California or New York. She skillfully examines the Chinese in St. Louis with an awareness of urban history and Chinese American historiography. This is a wonderful book, rich with insight and sophistication, and Ling shows that she is a resourceful and careful historian.” **un**

Rockin' out to country

Genre has strong following on campus

—By Loretta Palmer
Assistant Manager

Truman State University students could be seen listening to music while making the long hike from Barnett Hall to Ophelia Parrish, while studying for tests and dancing at parties. Located in the Midwest, a traditionally “country” part of the United States, the University’s campus housed many country music enthusiasts.

Country music underwent changes in 2004-2005. Many traditional country artists teamed up with pop stars. Country music star Kenny Chesney recorded “When the Sun Goes Down” with rock musician Uncle Kracker, which topped both country and pop charts.

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senior Tony Albrecht

University students were still loyal fans.

“[Country music is] really happy and really fun or it could be really sad,” sophomore Stacey Strange said. “It’s great fun to sing to.”

Some people labeled country music listeners as “hicks.” This word traditionally held a negative connotation. Senior Tony Albrecht, however, believed that was the point.

“It is hick music, but the thing is that a lot of our country is made up of hicks. So it fits, it works,” Albrecht said. “You don’t have to be a hick to like country music; it’s hick in the broadest sense, and it’s not necessarily a bad thing to be that.”

Strange was not afraid to label herself a hick, but she said that the genre had indeed changed a lot since early country music.

“A lot of people will listen to country music and not even know it is country,” Strange said. “It’s not the country from the 80’s. It is a lot more upbeat, [it is] just really fun.”

Some people listened to country music for lack of other



▲ A sign outside the room of a country music fan shows support for Tim McGraw. “Country music maintains the story telling aspect of music more than other genres...” senior Tony Albrecht said.

photo illustration by Reena Karan

things to listen to. Albrecht chose to tune into country music because he didn’t like anything else that was on the radio.

Other students, like senior Anita Cavender, only listened to country music when they walked into a room where it was playing or when they listened to it with friends. Cavender preferred classical, folk and modern music, but she explained that music was just a choice.

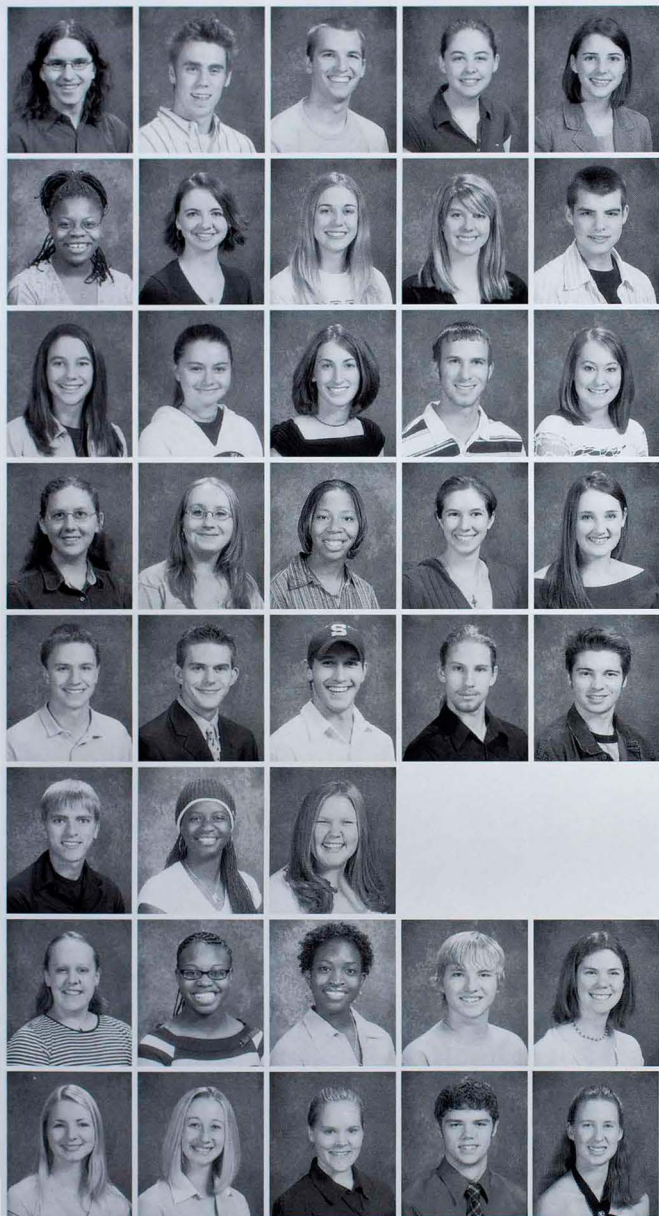
“I really don’t pass judgment on people that listen to country music,” Cavender said.

Matt O’Connor, director of intramural recreational sports, favored the early 1990s artists such as Brooks and Dunn, Alan Jackson, Vince Gill, Garth Brooks and Diamond Rio.

“I’ve been a fan of country music since I was in high school. I just like it because it’s good music to sing along to and understand, and I relate to the stuff that they sing about,” O’Connor said.

Strange shared the same point of view and also believed that country music helped deal with difficult issues.

“Country music in general hits more of a nerve,” Strange said. “Some [songs] have serious issues that they address in such a beautiful and unique way without being ‘in your face.’ [It is] easier to listen to. Sometimes it’s just too hard to confront those issues.” **un**



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Calling for trouble?

Students' cell phones send mixed signals

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

In the course of just a few semesters, Truman State University began to seem like an advertisement for cell phones. Students could be seen all over campus trying to get a good signal, calling home, or just calling their friends.

Most phones came with free long distance, a big attraction for students who lived more than a few hours from home.

"I've become dependent on my cell phone and use it just like a regular phone," sophomore Drew Spiegel said.

The use of cell phones was easy from most places on campus, with the exception of some buildings that interrupted reception. This easy access increased the cell phones' appeal.

Some professors, staff and students thought that cell phone use got out of hand when students started to bring phones to class and to the library.

The library received numerous complaints about cell phone use in what many viewed as a quiet study area.

"There are several problems with cell phones in the library," said Richard Coughlin, library director and chief information officer. "One is [the] great variety of ring tones on cell phones and if someone is standing in the atrium, you can hear that thing everywhere when it goes off. The other thing is people would be talking on the phone, and you could hear their

conversations all over the place. They would make no attempt to have a quiet conversation."

The library launched a quiet campaign in response to the complaints.

"Students have responded really nicely," Coughlin said.

Library staff members posted signs in the building. They also carried small cards to hand out as reminders to students who were being loud to be courteous of those studying.


"I feel that [the policy] is more respectful," Spiegel said.

Professors also had to deal with cell phones at what most deemed inappropriate times. Phones that rang during class were often distracting for both students and faculty.

"I don't have a stated policy [about phones in class]," Jean Mitchell, instructor of biology, said. "When one goes off in class, it obviously breaks my train of thought, anybody can see that. I've never felt it's necessary to say anything beyond that."

Students agreed that a policy was not necessary.

"If your cell phone does go off students usually react and turn it off as fast as they can," Spiegel said. "It's a big embarrassment to some people when cell phones go off, and a lot of it depends on how the teacher reacts."

Most people thought that the benefits of having cell phones on campus outweighed the problems caused by them. 



▲ Senior Carrie Brown takes a moment to chat on her cell phone outside McClain Hall. Pickler Memorial Library began a quiet campaign during the 2004-2005 school year to remind students that the library was a place for students to study in peace, without the distraction of phone conversations.

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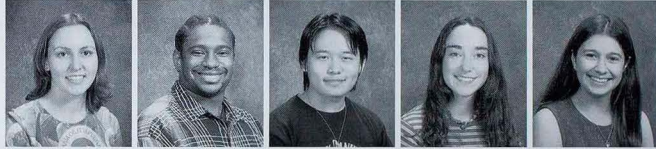
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King is queen to students

Resident reveals cherished memories

—By Beth Spinney—

Photography Editor

An avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, Emily King could be found watching every game each season, just like hundreds of Truman State University students.

"She gets so into it and yells at the players on TV, shaking her fist when she gets mad at them," junior Samantha Boudria said. "It's so funny!"

Emily Montague Frye King was not, however, a University student although she lived in the midst of campus activity and was a friend to many people at the University. She had lived at 111 E. Patterson Street since 1924.

University students visited with King daily to cook her meals and care for her. Graduate student Megan Magruder was one of the students who helped King.

"She's a frisky woman for her age. Some people think that after you get past a certain age, you lose your mind, but Emily is a classic case where you don't lose your mind," Magruder said. "I enjoy her stories about her growing up, about Grim-Smith Hospital and events around that, and her stories about all the animals she helped or had."

There was always time at King's home for celebration. Several students celebrated her 92nd birthday with her in 2004.

"It was fun. We barbecued in the backyard, had a big meal, and of course, we had a cake for her," Boudria said. "We had those number candles and last year we switched it so it said 29 instead of 92 since she acts more like 29 sometimes."

Some students who worked for King thought that she was like a surrogate grandmother. Students enjoyed assisting her and felt that it was not a real job.

"Emily has been like a grandmother to me," alumna Casie Riney said. "She is a wonderful woman with a very interesting past, a remarkable home, and I consider it an honor to have become so close to her. Anyone who knows her would say what a positive impact she has had in their life. She touches everyone's heart."

King's current residence was built directly across the street from the Grim-Smith Hospital. Her father was a partner in the hospital, and he was the reason the family first came to Kirksville. Mrs. King said for the first 10 years that her family lived in the house, the walls remained unpainted.

King met her husband, Boyd King in 1934. Boyd and three other men were hitchhiking from Macon back to Kirksville when her family car stopped and picked the boys up. Emily and Boyd married in 1938. Emily said that when they told people about how they met each other, her husband added that she was not allowed to pick up hitchhikers anymore, other than himself, of course.

The Thursday before Thanksgiving in 1972, a University site planner knocked on the Kings' door and said that the University wanted to take their house and property. The University only gave them until the following Tuesday to decide their answer.

"I told Boyd what he said, and [Boyd] said 'he can have the answer right now—NO!'", Emily said.

King and her husband were determined to keep their house, so they found a lawyer and fought the University.

"One day the phone rang, and I answered it and [our attorney] said, 'Well, I think we've got a pig caught under the gate,'" Emily said.

The Kings won their case on the technicality that the University did not follow protocol in answering the interrogatory provided by the

▼ Long-time Patterson Street resident Emily King blows out the candles for her 92nd birthday. Several University students celebrated King's birthday with her. Students visited with King regularly.

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Emily King and husband, Boyd, pose in front of their 1939 Ford Coach. Emily and Boyd met in 1934 and married in 1938. Behind the car is the Kings' residence, located on Patterson Street. The University tried to buy the Kings' house in the early 1970s, but Boyd adamantly refused.

photo submitted

Kings' attorney by the deadline.

King was determined to do everything she could to keep the University away from her property. She wanted to put her house in the national registry by filing paperwork with the National Historical Society. King's home contained interesting

pieces of furniture, carpets and artwork. In particular, the second floor sleeping porch contained a hand-loomed carpet made entirely of wool from articles of clothing that she had acquired. The dark navy blue was from sweat suits that the University's varsity basketball team had worn. Her husband, the basketball coach at the time, had given the sweat suits to her to use in the carpet.


"He said [the team] 'can't use those; they're too hot,'" King said. "Imagine wool sweat suits."

King also had cadet uniforms she had received from a friend whose nephew graduated from West Point. In addition to the sweat suits and uniforms, King used some of her own wool clothing to add other colors to the carpet.

King had been actively involved in the community throughout her life. Along with a committee, she was vigorously involved in establishing and heading up the Humane Society in Adair County. She was elected the treasurer and was in charge of fund-raising efforts. King and Humane Society president, Roberta Bigsby,

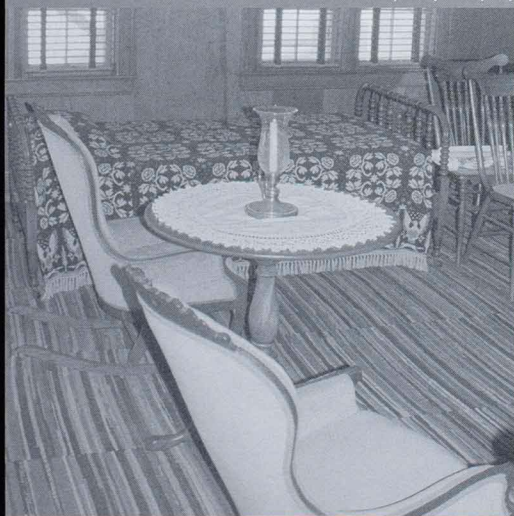
maintained the Humane Society with minimal help. Every day for 16 years, the two women cared for and cleaned the animals that the Humane Society took in.

"It didn't matter who was president and who was treasurer, we both did the same work," King said. "We never had any big animals that I remember, except a stray cow one time. We just kept him in the backyard. I really don't remember what happened to that one."

Except for the cow, few memories escaped Emily King. By 2004, her 92 years of vitality and grit proved that she, rather than her desired house, was the treasure at 111 E. Patterson Street. 

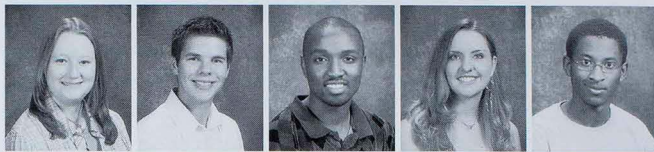
The second story sleeping porch of Emily King's house, shown here, contains a hand-loomed carpet made of wool. Sweat suits that the University basketball team once wore are included in the carpet.

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Price is right for students

Local businesses offer student discounts

— By Rebecca Knefelkamp —
Staff Writer

Junior Nick Francis wasn't sure if the Downtown Cinema 8 offered student discounts, but when going to see a movie at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year, he just happened to ask the box office salesperson for one.

"I was actually just joking around," Francis said. "I asked and got it."

Francis was pleased with the cinema employee's answer and was glad he took the initiative to ask for the student discount. Sunday through Thursday the theater offered \$5 shows after 8:30 p.m. to college students with a valid student ID. Francis said he was more likely to go to a movie at one of those times since he knew the reduced student ticket price existed.

Cinema manager Jim Fitzpatrick said it was hard to track how many college students actually used the discount. Fitzpatrick said the more popular the movie the more likely the students were to utilize the discount.

Fitzpatrick said he thought the discount might not have been common knowledge.

"There is a certain amount of college students who don't know we offer this," Fitzpatrick said.

The student rate was listed on the theater's Web site under ticketing but Fitzpatrick said that the best advertising might have been through word of mouth.

This form of communication might have been what made student discount nights popular at restaurants like King's Buffet and Aileron's.

Senior Joe Jones, server/manager at Aileron's, said a lot of college students took advantage of the 40 percent discount the restaurant offered on Sunday nights.

"You can tell it's pretty much all students in here on Sunday," Jones said.

Jones also said students would usually come in groups of four or more, and the occasional couple also dined in.

Groups of friends could also meet at King's Buffet on Sundays through Thursdays to get a student discount on the regularly priced \$6.57 buffet when they showed a valid student ID.

Senior Brad Neathery went with friends to King's multiple times during the fall 2004 semester. Neathery said the buffet was a good deal and that the restaurant was filled with college students on Sundays. The only people Neathery thought may

not have known about the deal were freshmen.

Tia Siegwarth, a server at Paglaigi's Pizza, said the majority of students probably didn't know about her employer's promotion on Sundays, where any meal came with a coupon book worth \$5. Siegwarth said Paglaigi's promotion may not have been widely known, but this could have been due to the fact that it was not advertised.

Other pizza places in Kirksville, like Domino's and Papa John's, did advertise their student discounts, and deliveries to the residence halls seemed to make up a substantial part of their business.

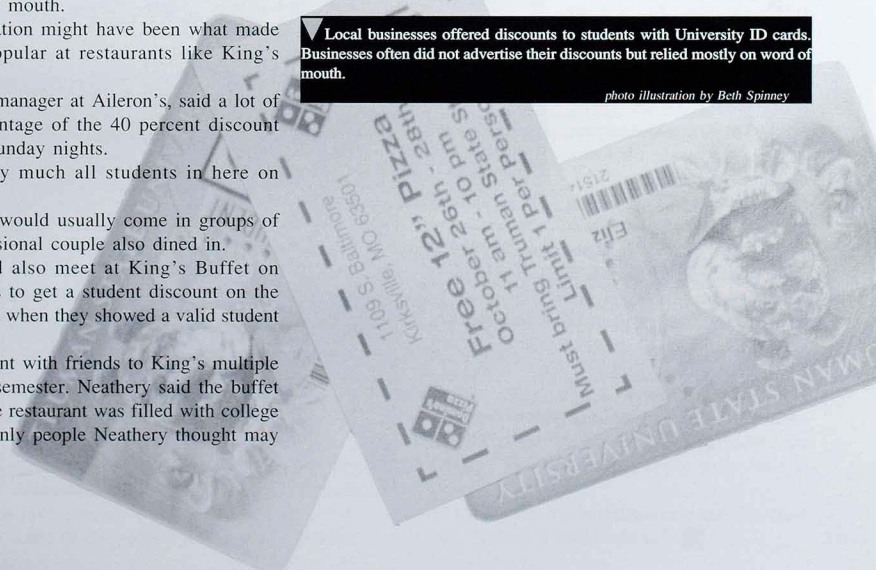
Washington St. Java Company's Julia Reed said her coffee house didn't offer any discounts specifically for college students, but students were the main users of the reloadable Java Card. For every \$25 placed on a Java Card, the shop added an extra 10 percent for free. Reed said the promotion was a way to reward loyal customers.

Rewarding loyalty might have been what local businesses were striving for by offering college students an occasional break. However, the businesses might have also offered reduced rates to college students because they were all vying for the Sunday night dinner business when residence hall cafeterias were closed.

Regardless of motivation, the student discounts existed for any student willing to take advantage of them. **un**

Local businesses offered discounts to students with University ID cards. Businesses often did not advertise their discounts but relied mostly on word of mouth.

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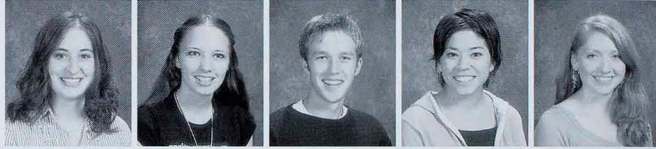
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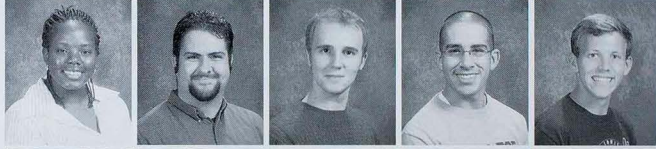
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Escape to reality

Die-hard fans flock to their television sets

— By Samantha Fidler and Reena Karan — *Staff Writers*

Cat fights and drunken confessions while getting 15 minutes of fame summed up the slew of reality TV shows that fought for airtime in American homes during 2004.

Students tuned out school and tuned in to reality TV at Truman State University.

Sophomore Jana Sigler confessed to watching reality TV shows with a group of friends. The shows gave her time to relax during the week.

“‘The Bachelor’ and ‘The Real World’ are fun to watch because the people are real, not acting,” Sigler said. “I would never want to go on a show like that [though].”

Although Sigler enjoyed watching the shows, she said the shows were becoming pathetic. Sigler often found herself yelling at the TV as she became displeased with the actions of the people involved. One show she said was too much was “The Littlest Groom,” a show that borrowed the plot of “The Bachelor” but instead featured a midget.

“They’re starting to become ridiculous, but we still watch them,” Sigler said.

Sophomore Liz Sandhu, like Sigler, watched the shows because of the people involved. She liked improvisational shows and thought reality TV fit that style.

“I think that it’s fun to watch things that are not scripted,” Sandhu said.

Sophomore Jared Pruessner said he watched “The Amazing Race” during the year to take a break and relax. He said the show was fun because people made fools of themselves and it was a competition. Pruessner became attached to the contestants and rooted for his favorites to win.

“You really can invest in some of the people, just like on

any other show,” Pruessner said.

The participants on the shows attracted most viewers. Sandhu was one viewer who enjoyed following the lives of her favorite reality TV personalities.

“You see that it’s real people investing themselves into [the show],” Sandhu said. She liked seeing how the show affected the people involved and how it shaped and changed them.

The opportunity for social interaction while viewing the shows also appealed to students. Followers of the genre would gather to watch the shows or even have parties when the season finales were aired. Students eagerly shared their thoughts on what had happened in the most recent episodes.


“I talk to friends afterwards and at work, or I go online to message boards,” Pruessner said.

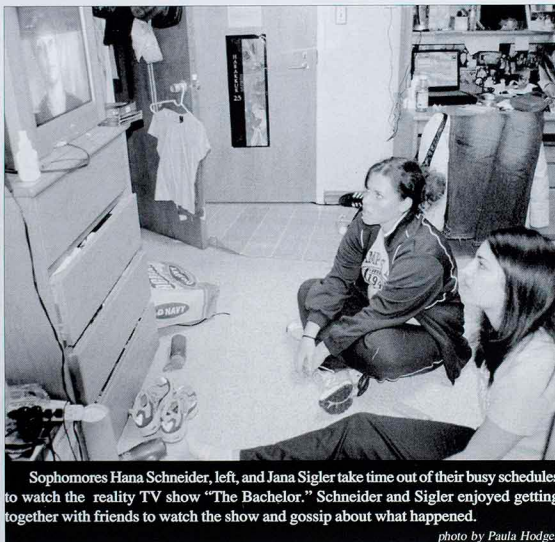
Most of Pruessner’s interaction came from the message boards since he had a difficult time finding people on campus who watched “The Amazing Race.” Pruessner said some message boards had literally pages of comments from people all around the world about the show.

“Sometimes it’s hard to find people as excited about your show; it’s fun to find other people who share your interest,” Pruessner said.

Sandhu also enjoyed the social interaction that came with watching reality TV shows. Sandhu and her friends gathered to watch the shows and then discuss what was happening and vote for which contestant they thought would win.

Senior Mandi Sagez said she watched the last episode of the first season of “Survivor” and got hooked. Even though she preferred not to watch television, she gave in to the hour-long show and said she could see herself spending more time devoted to “Survivor.” She planned to apply to be on the show.

“I think I could handle the outdoor situations and the other people,” Sagez said. “I think I could win it.” 



Sophomores Hana Schneider, left, and Jana Sigler take time out of their busy schedules to watch the reality TV show “The Bachelor.” Schneider and Sigler enjoyed getting together with friends to watch the show and gossip about what happened.

photo by Paula Hodges



▲ SFC David Beach, instructor of military science, encourages discussion in his class. Beach was called to Iraq in February 2003 and returned to the University in May 2004. Beach said that his wife had the hardest time adjusting to his return. "... I didn't come back psycho, and I think that kinda surprised her more," Beach said. *photo by Justin Easley*

Midwest to middle east

University professor completes tour of duty

—By Marissa LaRose—

Staff Writer

Numerous individuals literally sacrificed blood, sweat and tears for America during the war in Iraq. One of those brave individuals was a member of Truman State University's faculty. In February 2003, Sergeant First Class David Beach was shipped to Baghdad.

Beach was sent from his comfortable lifestyle to an entirely different world with only one week's notice. Beach was not sure what to feel when he had only seven days to say goodbye to his family and friends.

"There's a whole range of emotions that you go through from just feeling like you've been punched in the stomach and want to throw up in severe depression to getting over it and [knowing you must] go on with it and eventually it will end," Beach said.

Leaving was not easy although both Beach and his wife had gone through counseling to prepare for his departure. With no other choice, Beach attempted to smooth the transition.

"Go on with your life like normal because that's what you're going to have to do when I'm gone," Beach instructed his wife and children.

One week's notice did not allow much time for reactions on the University's campus. Despite having barely enough time to say he would not be there anymore, Beach was given a going-away party. Beach felt that his colleagues and students made him out to be some sort of hero though he did not volunteer for the position.

Senior Sarah Hemby, a student in Beach's Ranger

Challenge, said the party was emotional.

"His wife was there, and it was very emotional ... we were all crying," Hemby said.

Beach worked diligently to support the efforts of the United States while his family and others went on with their lives. He worked with several different units including an engineering unit that built living support areas for troops. Beach was later stationed in the Baghdad airport, where he helped to prepare the wall around the airport. He spent a few months running a pre-Non-Commissioned Officer school for sergeants.

Beach was sent back home more than a year later in May 2004.

Senior Jeff Flemming, Ranger Challenge student, kept in contact with Beach while he was in Iraq.

"The only thing different about him when he got back was his hair," Flemming said. "He shaved his head completely while he was over there."

Although Beach did not have much of a problem readjusting to his old lifestyle, he had to make some changes. His oldest daughter had moved out of the house, and he was now shorter than his son.

"The war definitely changed him, I can't really describe it," Hemby said. "He has always loved life, and he still appreciates everyone. Everyone can learn a lesson from him ... He really values everything."

Beach's attitude toward his experience helped him look past the small problems in life.

"After what I've been through the last year, what in the world is going to happen here that is going to bother me?" Beach said. **un**

Serve country and university

Teaching as both a profession and a duty

—By Emily Gebhardt—

Sports Editor

The Truman State University military science division employed professors with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

The qualifications for becoming a faculty member of the military science division were stringent in that an individual must have either been on active duty, recently retired from active duty or in the reserves. Additionally, a prospective faculty member must have attained a certain rank within the Army and the education that being a professor required. These professors actually had two jobs their military position and their civilian teaching position which happened to overlap. Army Reserves members trained one weekend a month, while the two active duty faculty members served through their University job. Lieutenant Colonel Kent Curtsinger was one such active officer who decided to try for an ROTC assignment.

"I could have retired instead of come here," Curtsinger said. "I really wanted to do ROTC. I wanted at least one more assignment."

The past experiences of these professors were different; not even their ROTC experiences were similar. Some had dreamed of entering the military while others were led to join ROTC after taking a required military science class in college. Most staff members had been on active duty during their Army involvement, serving at various locations throughout the world such as Saudi Arabia, Korea and Germany. Joining the military science division at the University was a way to continue their involvement by teaching its future and still belonging to the Army Reserves.

"I decided I wanted to transition off of active duty because my wife and I were wanting to have a kid," Major Douglas Reinsch said. "This seemed like the perfect place for us."

Several professors were originally from Missouri and joining the University was a natural move to be near their families. Such was the case with Captain Douglas Ryle.

"[I am a] Ryle as in Ryle Hall," Ryle said. "There has been a Ryle here [at Truman] for over seventy years now."

As for other staff members such as Curtsinger, who was originally from Fancy Farm, Ky., coming to the University was away from home but a good place to work.

"I like [Truman] a lot," Curtsinger said. "Several schools were open, but this sounded like one I would enjoy ... I like the community, I like the atmosphere, I just like the way people are around here."

Army Reserve and active duty officers could be called up to serve the military, this was highly unlikely for active duty officers. In the event that an ROTC professor was called up, a temporary instructor would fill the position until they were able to come back.

Since the faculty members had Army experience, they were able to teach students using personal experiences.

"Another thing that is important is, like I said, being

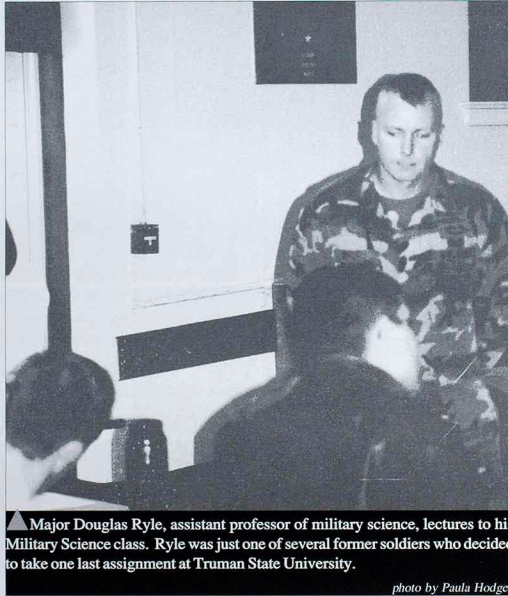
able to come back and share what I've gained and learned with the students," Ryle said.

This sharing of experiences led the division to become more than an ordinary; it became part of the Army family.

Many professors still heard from former students, receiving e-mails that proved their teaching skills made a difference.

"I've got a couple e-mails from graduates....[that] say what you taught me is helping me to survive over here [in Iraq]," Reinsch said. "It's not about doing well in life, it's about surviving."

Such messages made the teaching experience more worthwhile, providing the professors with a chance to make a difference in the lives of their students and to give back to a program that had given so much to their own lives. **un**



▲ Major Douglas Ryle, assistant professor of military science, lectures to his Military Science class. Ryle was just one of several former soldiers who decided to take one last assignment at Truman State University.

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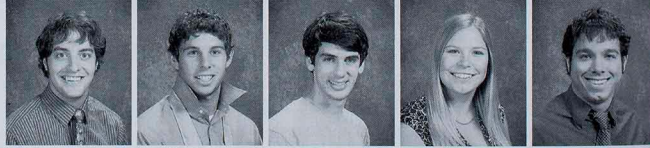
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▲ Freshman Jennifer Lamb and sophomores Amanda Hoylman, Kate Carlson, Casey Bartlett, and Stephanie Wiltelhauer practice the guitar during a lesson. The group met once a week for an hour-long lesson given by their peers senior Joel Conrad and junior Nick Beydler.

photo by Erin Hickman

Striking the right chord

University students receive lessons from peers

—By Erin Hickman—

People Editor

The sound of guitars greeted those who walked through Centennial Hall's main lounge on Wednesday nights in fall 2004. The music might or might not have been pleasant, but the players were proud of their accomplishments.

The lounge was the location for weekly guitar lessons led by senior Joel Conrad and junior Nick Beydler, who took over the lessons in the program's second year.

Each of the instructors brought different musical backgrounds with them. Conrad started playing the guitar before he was in eighth grade.

"My parents were big into bluegrass music," Conrad said. "I'd grown up with guitar and banjo noise reverberating through my house."

Beydler had been playing since his junior year in high school. He said that he started playing because he thought it would be fun to learn. Beydler had not taken any lessons.

"Being self-taught gives you an interesting insight into learning," Beydler said. "You know what works and what doesn't."

The lessons brought people together for various reasons. Developing his teaching skills was one of the reasons Conrad said he wanted to be involved with the lessons. Beydler decided to teach guitar lessons because he thought it would

be an interesting way to meet people in the residence hall.

"It's nice because now I know a freshman," Beydler said.

The students receiving the lessons decided to play for different reasons as well. Sophomore Casey Bartlett said she had played brass instruments prior to taking guitar lessons and wanted to learn to play something different. She thought the guitar was a more social instrument.

"The guitar is something that you can play in a social setting," Bartlett said. "No one wants to sit around and listen to me play the trumpet."

Sophomore Kate Carlson agreed that the lessons provided a great opportunity to meet people in the building.

"I'm a [student adviser] and several of my residents are taking the lessons too," Carlson said. "It is great to be able to learn with them."

What Bartlett liked most about the guitar lessons was the relaxed nature and the peer instructors.

"It's more fun to learn from someone your own age because they know what you want to play," Bartlett said.

Beydler hoped the students learned to make their own music, which he said was the purpose of teaching them. Conrad wanted the students to have fun while learning.

"There's beauty every step of the way in learning how to play the guitar," Conrad said. "And it seems like it's so easy to miss that beauty." **un**

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Unusual guns take aim

Students find new uses for everyday items

—By Amy Deis—

Staff Writer

Sophomore Matt Froeschner stuffed a mini marshmallow into the end of his marshmallow gun, aimed at his unsuspecting roommate and blew. The marshmallow nailed sophomore Garland Johnson square on the back and Froeschner roared with laughter over his “score.”

On a typical stroll down the north side of Centennial Hall’s second floor, one might have seen remnants of marshmallows or several young men dodging up and down the halls, shooting marshmallows through PVC pipes.

The idea for shooting marshmallows came from Froeschner’s girlfriend, Kristie Baur, when she saw a man at her church selling marshmallow guns and demonstrating how to shoot at people.

Froeschner bought enough supplies in 2003 to sell the handmade marshmallow guns for a small profit of \$3. Buying the PVC pipes from a local hardware store, Froeschner cut the pipes into different lengths and pieced them together with connectors. He did not glue the pieces together, allowing for numerous types of shooters to be created from one gun by adding different pipes.

“Most people buy two,” Froeschner said. “Pretty much you just have to get a good flow of air, and you can put them together in any combination you want.”

For a different game variation, Froeschner planned to construct more marshmallow guns from larger PVC pipes.

“I really want to make a bigger one because [there] are those massive marshmallows,” he said. “They would hurt more, especially if you get enough breath in the weapon.”

Froeschner, Johnson, sophomore Ben Whiteman and several other

students from their floor played with the guns whenever homework or other extracurricular activities didn’t occupy their time.

“Sometimes we’ll get together and say, ‘Hey, let’s go get this person,’ and the game goes on from there,” Johnson said.

Froeschner also agreed this game plan worked best, even though it was hard to retaliate because the guns were not easy to reload.

“We like setting up ambushes,” Froeschner said. “You have one person shoot, and then the other person backs you up as you’re running away.”

Whiteman said sometimes the games evolved into an all-day war.

Those involved usually ended up playing in the hallways of Centennial Hall because of the sporadic nature of their games.

Whiteman, also an avid marshmallow shooter, explained the relaxed nature of their games.

“If we were really that concerned about setting up rules officially, we could,” he said.

The only ground rules were not to hit bystanders and to be considerate of the cleaning crew by picking up the marshmallows after a game ended.

“[The marshmallows] are easy to pick up,” Whiteman said. “Because they’re white, they stand out against the carpet.”

Froeschner also found another medium to play with PVC pipes other than shooting marshmallows. Using an idea from a girl on his floor, he duct-taped padding to PVC pipes to make swords. Froeschner and about a dozen used these PVC pipe swords for

more play fights almost every Thursday.

“[It] actually gets you a lot of exercise,” Froeschner said. “Everybody is sweaty at the end of the hour.”

As long as marshmallow guns and pieces of PVC pipe were around life for students on Centennial Hall’s second floor would not cease to be entertaining. **un**

Sophomores Ben Whiteman and Matt Froeschner prepare to load their guns with marshmallows. Froeschner made the guns out of PVC piping. The guns came in a variety of sizes. *photo by Loretta Palmer*



Staying in the 'ville

School work takes on a different meaning

—By Samantha Fidler—

Contributing Writer

Even after the cap and gown were put into the closet, some graduates couldn't get enough of Truman State University.

University graduates occasionally chose to seek employment opportunities on campus. Micah McKay, special visit coordinator and admission counselor, said his position sounded like a great job.

"I thought that this would be a good opportunity for me to give a little bit back to what Truman has given to me," McKay said.

2004 graduate Sara Ann Crocker, secretary to the dean of student affairs, said she wanted to work at the University for several reasons.

"Well I graduated from here and I'm going to be here for a few more years because my husband is going to KCOM and I mean what a better place to work than from where you graduated," Crocker said. "I know the system."

Crocker said she saw the University from a different perspective. She said she loved working with the staff and faculty, and it was a great chance to learn more about the University.

For Matt Marble, international admissions coordinator, going to school at the University was a great experience. His college experience influenced him in deciding to look for a job on campus after graduation.

"A lot of people want to get out of Kirksville as fast as they can but for me it was an enjoyable experience," Marble said. "I was looking to better myself and find a good job. The opportunity arose here and I just took it."

The hiring process for the three differed greatly. McKay said he filled out an application and had one interview. He started his position in August 2004.

Crocker said she filled out the application, had an interview and also talked to all the staff in the office. She was able to get a feel for the atmosphere before she started working just a few weeks after graduation.

Marble's hiring experience was very different from the hiring process of many other University positions. He had an interview with five people.

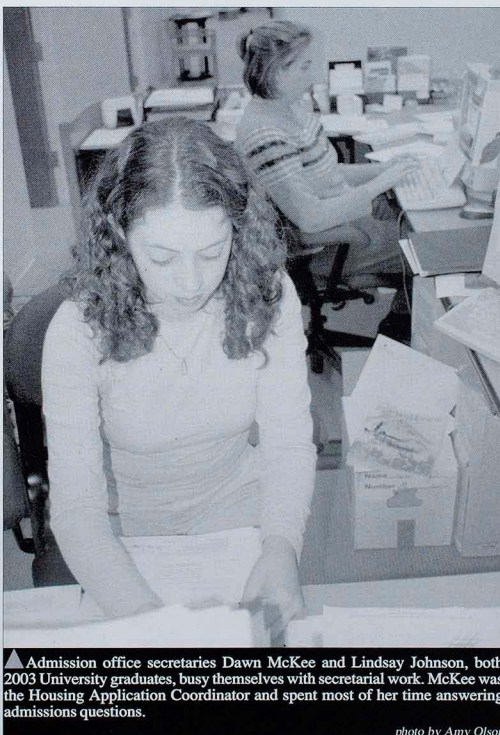
"This interview for this position was a little more difficult than most because I interviewed with Melanee Crist, the international student advisor, and also interviewed with three international students," Marble said. "That was very interesting to [see] their perspective and what they were looking for from someone in this position. I also interviewed with the person who previously held my position."

Working for the University had its perks. Crocker said she liked the chance to get to know the staff and faculty better. McKay liked being able to check out movies from the library for two weeks instead of three days. Marble enjoyed working with the international students.

Crocker, McKay and Marble all recommended working for the University regardless of

what a student's future career plans were.

"I don't think people should overlook jobs here at Truman just because it's in Kirksville and there's no mall," Marble said. "It's about people, and I think that there are good people on campus, good people in the community. I mean that's what you want out of a job." **un**



▲ Admission office secretaries Dawn McKee and Lindsay Johnson, both 2003 University graduates, busy themselves with secretarial work. McKee was the Housing Application Coordinator and spent most of her time answering admissions questions.

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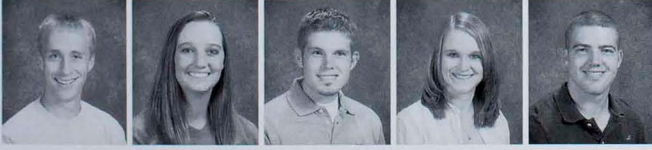
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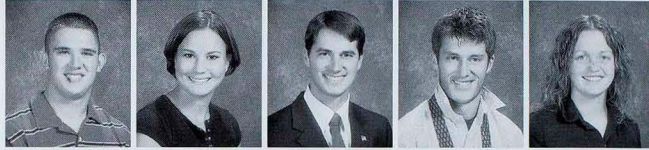
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 Ryan Lewis.....Chesterfield, Mo.
 Paul Link.....Prairie Village, Kan.
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 Ashley Norman.....Bridgeton, Mo.
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Building a central focus

Students, faculty come together to meditate

— By Melissa Allen —

Editor in Chief

They sat quietly in a dimly lighted living room as the sweet aroma of incense permeated the air. These students and faculty members participated in a form of Buddhist meditation as they concentrated only on breathing in and out.

Marc Rice, professor of music, had practiced Buddhism for five years.

"Several years ago I began reading about Buddhism and taking an interest in it," Rice said. "Then I kind of had a revelation one day when I was out walking my dog in the forest. I began thinking about the nature of happiness, and I understood that the true forms of happiness are the connections that we have to each other."

Sophomore Dan Johnson practiced the religion as well. Johnson had been Buddhist since the middle of high school.

"[Buddhism] really makes sense

to me...If you have different beliefs, you can choose which ones are right and which ones feel right," Johnson said.

Both Rice and Johnson were members of the Dharma Group, a Buddhist community in Kirksville that met on Sunday nights. Rice decided to form this group in 2003 after attending Show Me Dharma sessions in Columbia.

"After I began attending some of their sessions, I got a feel for the importance of community and I got a feel as to how to do a directed meditation session," Rice said. "Then I decided

to start my own group last year because I think that community is one of the most important things about Buddhism."

Freshman Jeff Keeling liked to attend Dharma Group meetings.

"It's a cool community," Keeling said. "I like what Dr. Rice has to say about everything and it's just a really good atmosphere to be in, even if it's just once a week."

Although he was not Buddhist, Keeling enjoyed being able to get away from his four-person room in Dobson Hall and spend time in quiet meditation.

"You have a chance to reflect on yourself," Keeling said.

Rice, Johnson and Keeling practiced Vipassana meditation. Vipassana was the most traditional form of Buddhism, where people emphasized development of their inner selves.

"You sit for about 15 minutes and watch your breathing, then what will happen naturally is that your mind will begin to drift, and that's the good

point," Rice said.

Rice hoped to expand the Dharma Group, and he invited everyone, Buddhist or not, in the University and Kirksville community to join the group in their weekly meditation.

"We live in this world today where there's so much tension and anger, there's such division," Rice said. "And for the person that feels just overwhelmed with fear, with anger, with division, this is a place for 30 minutes where you can sit quietly and put all of this into perspective." **un**



▲ Freshman Jeff Keeling, Tom Stewart, assistant professor of English, and junior Ben Tylka participate in a Dharma Group discussion. The four noble truths were important in forming an understanding of Buddhism and the Buddha's teaching.

photo by Melissa Allen

Forming election attitudes

University students make political choices

— By Rebecca Knefelkamp —

Staff Writer

Depending on the person asked, Nov. 2, 2004, might have held momentous importance, or it might have been just another Tuesday. While some counted the days leading up to the presidential election, others only noticed the increase in negative political advertisements.

Randy Hagerty, professor of political science, said he could see election-year excitement in his students, but he acknowledged that students in the political science major were naturally more aware of and involved in politics. Contrastingly, Hagerty said the majority of University students were apolitical almost to the point of being apathetic.

"The truth hurts," Hagerty said. "Most students would want to get involved with a party on Friday night rather than a political party."

University students and some campus organizations tried to put some of the fun back into politics. Rock the Vote reached out to other students in what some viewed as a hipper approach to engaging people in politics.

Rock the Vote visited willing campus organizations to get students registered to vote. Junior Sarah Saheb, president of Rock the Vote, said her group visited a wide range of groups such as the Nursing Students Association, Greek organizations and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

"You still see those students who are like 'no I'm not gonna vote,'" Saheb said. "But we try to challenge them."

Senior Evan Montgomery, chairman of the College Democrats, said he thought there were a lot of students who were either too busy or thought they were too busy to get involved politically.

Montgomery attributed this to the coursework demanded of University students. But even taking into consideration time constraints, Montgomery said he thought there was no excuse for political apathy.

"If you don't take a side you're a moron, and I don't want to think that about people my age, especially people who got into this school," Montgomery said.

Junior Stephen Blake did take a side and said he planned to vote for John Kerry. Blake said that he and his friends engaged in daily political discussions. He felt that the 2004 election was more important than any other election he had experienced.

Blake said he planned on watching the presidential debates on TV and he would be watching the news on election night to see who emerged victorious.

"If my candidate wins, I'll be happy," Blake said. "I mean I won't throw a party or anything, but I'll be relieved I



▲ Students stand in line to vote in the Student Union Building. Some waited for as long as two hours to cast their ballots in the election.

photo by Paula Hodges

suppose."

University students, in general, seemed to agree more upon current pressing issues, not political ideology. The war in Iraq, the priority of education funding in Missouri and the economy, specifically the future job market for college graduates, were all named as issues of high concern.

While Hagerty thought the work of groups such as Rock the Vote was commendable, he said it did not solve the problem that most students were uninformed and only slightly interested in government.

"The vast majority of students only pay attention to the top races, probably the president, maybe the governor," Hagerty said. "When you get to lower levels, they unfortunately may not care who the candidates are."

Junior Emily Hillerman said she realized most students were at least interested in the presidential race. She did not like the democratic system in general, though.

"Basically I think the democratic system fails because it chooses the lesser of two evils," Hillerman said.

Labeling herself politically passive, Hillerman said she planned to study all election night instead of being glued to the TV.

Fifty percent of University students who registered to vote at the precinct in the Student Union Building came out to vote on election day. The voter turnout at the University demonstrated a clear split between involved and passive students. **un**



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Spreading the message

Evangelists share beliefs with campus

— By Chris Reiter —

Staff Writer

Brother Jed Smock clutched his Bible as he confidently stared into the crowd of angry students beginning to gather around him. Brazenly, he sat next to a sign which proclaimed that all blasphemers, masturbators, homosexuals and feminists, among others, were destined for hell. Then, with his favorite opening guaranteed to spark debate, Smock stood up and began to preach.

"Be not deceived: drunkards shall not inherit the Kingdom of God," Smock said. "And it is commonly reported that there are drunkards on campus — especially the fraternity boys...be not deceived: neither the effeminate nor homosexuals shall inherit the Kingdom of God. And I even understand there are sissies and queers on this campus."

And so began another day of campus evangelism. Smock was just one of many preachers who visited Truman State University to preach their beliefs to students.

"Today, many college students have no more morals than cockroaches," Smock said.

Those who passed by Smock soon found themselves glued to his performance, eager to challenge the man who had invaded their campus.

Senior Allison Campbell was confused about why feminist beliefs would condemn her soul to hell, as Smock had said.

"What is it about wanting equal rights and opportunities that would send my soul to hell?" Campbell said.

Smock preached about women, including his belief that they were responsible for their inability to have children.

"Many hysterectomies may be a consequence of women illicitly flaunting their private parts instead of using them for their primary design of conception," Smock said. "Since many use birth control, and others are murdering their own babies,

God is making them disgracefully barren."

Women were not the only focus of Smock's preaching.

"Homosexuals hate God, hate their parents and hate one another," Smock said. "If they had love in their hearts they would not commit such wicked acts."

Sophomore Jennifer Miller wished Smock would take his preaching elsewhere.

"I have a class with a window right above him and it's distracting to have all that commotion going on below you," Miller said.

Not all religious groups reached out to the University in such a controversial manner. Rather than participate in such a confrontational approach to make their presence known, members of the Catholic Newman Center preferred to interact with the community and one another.

"We participate in Homecoming events like skits and parades in the previous years and we take part in Dog Days and other campus events," senior Newman member Jeremy Henson said.


Students appeared to be more responsive to this form of interaction as opposed to Smock's confrontational approach, but Smock defended his form of evangelism.

"[We] must wake up to the fact that we are engaged in spiritual warfare," Smock said. "Be a soldier; take the offensive. Destroy the works of the devil."

While Smock took to the offensive, his broad generalizations about college life left most students feeling offended rather than enlightened.

"Of course I find it offensive for someone to tell me that Jesus no longer loves me because I left the stove unattended," Campbell said.

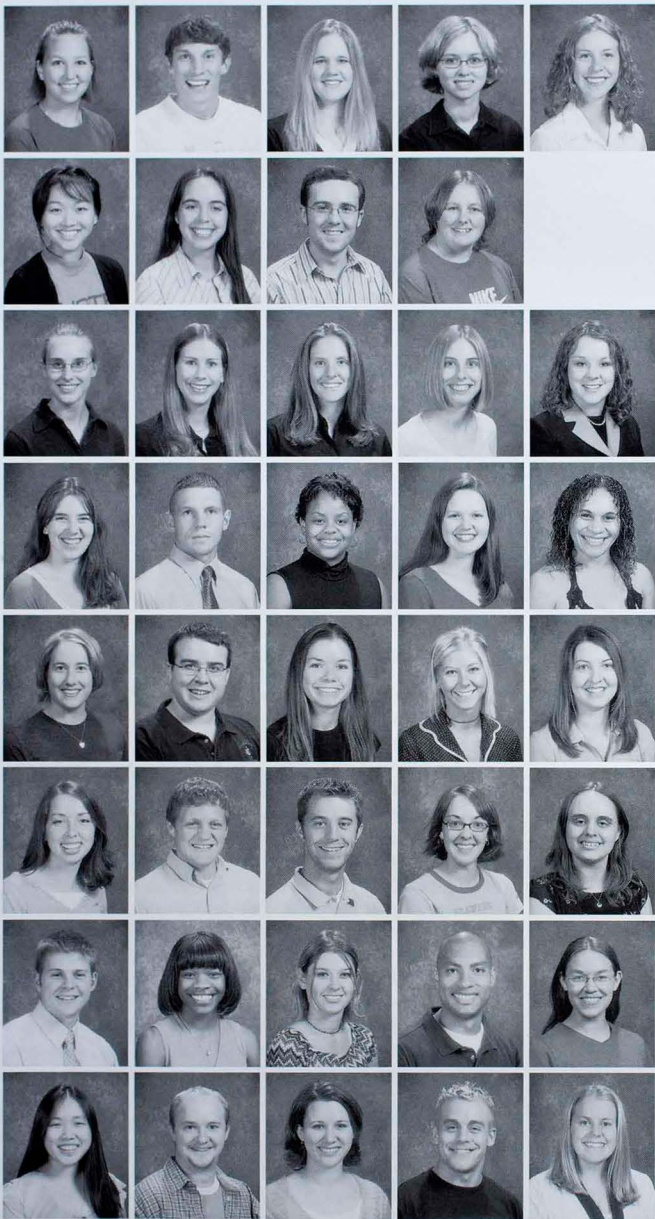
Others chose to ignore Smock.

"Yeah, he makes me angry," junior Matthew Keim said. "But I don't let him get to me. I just keep on walking by." 

▼ Department of Public Safety officer Chad Whitton tells Baker Hughes to move his preaching toward the Student Union Building and away from McClain Hall. Evangelists had to remain on the Mall near the SUB to keep from disturbing classes in progress.

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 Kimberly Wilson.....Ashland, Mo.
 Mary Wims.....Knoxville, Iowa

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▲ Volunteers from around the globe help to build houses for families in Rosarito, Mexico. Sophomore Dan Pozzo attended this mission trip for seven summers. Pozzo took hundreds of pictures while on his mission trips and put the pictures together on a DVD. "[Mission trips] are awesome," Pozzo said. "I really look forward to it every year."

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Support through missions

University students give aid around the world

—By Loretta Palmer—

Assistant Manager

While Truman State University offered students a chance to gain knowledge in 10 different academic division areas, some students thought that experiencing the world through mission trips was just as, or perhaps more, valuable.

Sophomore Andrea Brown said that realizing how Americans live in a bubble was a life-changing event.

"[It is an] incredible opportunity to love on people that are living in oppressive worlds and to be able to share a different kind of love than what they've experienced," Brown said.

Many University students shared Brown's need to see and understand the world in an up-close and personal way.

Junior Juli Lommel went to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on a medical mission trip for two weeks in June 2004, where she helped set up clinics in schools and community centers. The medicine that Lommel helped administer usually was basic drugs that provided relief for the common cold, fever or pain. Lommel also prayed with the patients in Spanish.

"It was really cool to see so much hope and happiness,"

Lommel said. "We went to a church service, and you knew these people were very poor, but they were so excited and just so joyful."

Seeing that excitement and joyfulness had prompted sophomore Dan Pozzo to help build houses for the previous seven summers in Mexico. Every summer, Pozzo came back to the United States with a refreshed attitude.

"It has just shown and reminded me how to be truly happy," Pozzo said. "The kids there have next to nothing, and they are so much happier than anyone I know and they still give, without any thought of reward."

Pozzo said one of the most impacting moments was when the father of the family came over and spoke of the time he crossed the border into America. After earning some money, the man had decided to return to Mexico.

"He said that the more money that he made, the more he spent, so he came back. [Money] just isn't what they value. They value family more," Pozzo said.

Pozzo spent his days pouring concrete, building the house and interacting with the Mexican residents. Pozzo believed



▲ Junior Juli Lommel prays with a patient in Honduras. "One of the coolest moments was when a woman came up to me after we were done seeing people and she asked me to pray with her," Lommel said.

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the mission trip was worthwhile despite the work required.

"I need to be reminded that I need to depend each day on Christ and not on what materials I own or what people I know," Pozzo said.

Junior Nick Francis left school for a week and half during fall 2004 to attend a mission trip in Panama. Francis worked in the pharmacy department where he made sure the nurse filled out the order form correctly and helped the Spanish patients understand what the medicine was and what it was for. He said the people were very gracious for the help.

"Pretty much the whole community surrounded us in a line down the road, and they were waving us goodbye and yelling thank you for what we had done," Francis said. "It was really heartfelt; you could see how much our service meant to those people. They saw that we really cared about them."

Francis said the mission trip benefited both the workers and those receiving the help.

"It really opens your eyes, if nothing else, to another culture and how well we have it in the US," Francis said. "More often than not, you gather insight into just how good we've got it."

Many of these students went on mission trips regularly. Junior Jon Skinner, however, felt called to a life of mission work when he traveled to Montréal, Quebec, for two months in summer 2004.

"[I am] possibly going back to Montréal next summer," Skinner said. "[And] eventually [go] to Africa for anywhere from a couple months to a few years."

Skinner enthusiastically summarized the point of the trips.

"The trips are good because you get a whole new perspective on life and you just open up your mind to things that are beyond you," Skinner said. "You realize that there is so much more out there." ur



▲ Junior Juli Lommel applies gauze to a child in Honduras. Lommel and other University students went on a medical mission trip from June 7-21, 2004.

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▲ Junior Jon Skinner looks out on the city of Montreal. Skinner and senior Rusty Warner went on a summer-long mission trip before the start of the 2004-2005 school year.

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Halleh Ghodrati.....Florissant, Mo.
 Samantha Gilbert.....Knob Noster, Mo.
 Anne Goedecker.....Ballwin, Mo.
 Ellen Goedecker.....Ballwin, Mo.
 Amber Gordillo.....Decatur, Ill.



Renee Gordon.....Florissant, Mo.
 Kamala Gurung.....Nepal
 Srimaya Gurung.....Nepal
 Michelle Hagen.....Omaha, Neb.
 Fred Halvachs.....Frisco, Texas



Jill Hamilton.....Macon, Mo.
 Mairi Hansen.....Manchester, N.H.
 Ashley Hanson.....Marengo, Ill.
 Nicholas Harbison.....St. Peters, Mo.
 Timothy Hargrove.....St. Joseph, Mo.



Hats off to hard workers

Outstanding staff members are recognized

— By Peggy Amor —

Managing Editor

Over 400 people worked behind the scenes every day at Truman State University to make the students' experiences fuller, smoother and more pleasant. These individuals made

up the staff, members of the University community who worked at the University but did not have a directly academic role. They worked as admissions counselors, division secretaries and building staff.

The human resources department created the Hats Off Award to recognize those staff members who did extra work for the University beyond the duties required of them.

"It's not about recognizing excellence in the course of your daily responsibilities, but going above and beyond the things listed in your job description," said A.

Kay Anderson, interim registrar and August 2004 Hats Off Award winner.

Winners were chosen from nomination forms turned in throughout the month. University staff members were nominated for various 'above and beyond' activities.

Arletta Nelson, math and computer science division secretary, received the award in August 2004.

"I just try to be helpful and attend to everyone's needs and help pick up the extras," Nelson said.

Anderson received her award for her work in organizing the Staff Council, a task she took on in addition to her duties as registrar.

"Staff Council actually fit into my evenings and weekends," Anderson said.

Anderson also said that she didn't mind doing extra work for the University.

"Every day you come to work and there are certain priorities and things that absolutely have to get done, and sometimes that means you stay later to get things done or you come in on the weekends to get things done, and I think that's an important part of what you do," Anderson said.

Shandra Morning, human resources secretary, was in charge of reading nominations and taking care of the paperwork for the award.


"I think [the award] is good because it lets people know that if they do do something above their job description that they get recognized for it and will hopefully things like that," Morning said.

encourage them to continue to do

The staff recognition committee took the information from Morning and went to visit each winner at work.

"They go to their office and they all wear little hats and take off their hats to the person," Morning said.

Staff members appreciated the recognition they received for their extra effort.

"[The visit] was very gratifying," Nelson said. 



▲ Math and computer science division secretary Arletta Nelson looks over some papers in her office. Nelson was honored by the human resources department in August 2004 for her efforts to make the division office a better place.

photo by Amy Olson

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Audra Harrold.....Gladstone, Mo.
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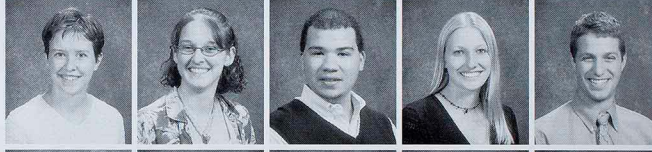
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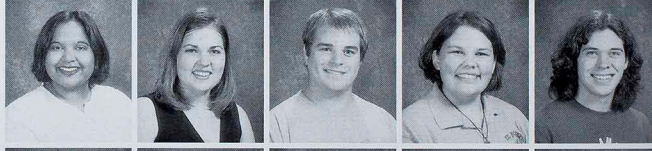
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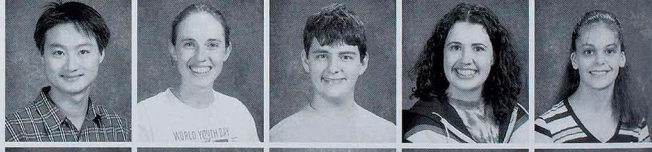
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 Matthew Kell.....Canton, Mo.
 Joanna Kemp.....St. Charles, Mo.
 Matthew Kettmann.....Chesterfield, Mo.



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 Mary Klein.....Kirkwood, Mo.
 Daniel Kling.....Kirksville, Mo.
 Ann Knolhoff.....Centralia, Ill.
 Bethany Kroeger.....Shellsburg, Iowa



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 Mridula Kulkarni.....India
 Nyika Kupara.....Harare, Zimbabwe
 Monica Kwiatek.....Arlington Heights, Ill.
 Theresa Larson.....Springfield, Ill.



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 Robert Lindstrom.....Sedalia, Mo.
 Christopher Lowery.....Romeoville, Ill.
 Shirley Luong.....Ballwin, Mo.
 Sarah Macey.....Williamsville, Mo.



One month, 50,000 words

Writers take part in novel writing month

—By Allison Schlobohm—

Contributing Writer

While most kids her age were eating Dunkaroos or watching Power Rangers, freshman Sadye Scott-Hainchek was writing. Scott-Hainchek had been writing since fourth grade, so when a friend in high school told her about the National Novel Writing Month competition, affectionately called NaNoWriMo, she was immediately interested.

NaNoWriMo was an annual competition that challenged participants to write a novel of at least 50,000 words in the month of November. Participants could start at 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 1 and had to have their novels completed by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30.

The process revolving around NaNoWriMo, which began in 1999, was done online; once participants registered, they could participate in forums, update their word counts and search for other writers in their area.

November 2004 was Scott-Hainchek's third year participating in NaNoWriMo. Her novel for 2004's competition was "The Freak Show Searches for Love" and was a sequel to her novel from 2003. Although Scott-Hainchek loved writing, she did not plan to pursue writing as a career.

"I basically write to get it out," Scott-Hainchek said. "I would like people to think it's good, but I am doing it to get the stories out of my head and onto paper."

Scott-Hainchek's advice to new novelists in the NaNoWriMo competition was to plan everything out, make an outline, and not stress out about writing 1,667 words a day.

That advice might have been helpful to senior Megan Gibbard, who was a first-time participant in 2004. Gibbard had been writing since she was young and had been the recipient of many awards but had a hard time getting inspired to start writing her novel. Gibbard

showed no signs of giving up, however, and thought she had about an 80 percent chance of finishing.

"Even though it's hard for me to get into the writing process I usually like the results," Gibbard said.

Freshman Adam Kalmbach seemed to have no problem getting started on his novel for the contest; on Nov. 5, 2004, he had already written over 8,000 words. Kalmbach decided to give the competition a try after seeing NaNoWriMo mentioned on a Web site for a musician that he liked.

After unsuccessfully performing a dry run on a novel during the summer, Kalmbach created a detailed outline for NaNoWriMo that he hoped would be more effective. Kalmbach was very enthusiastic about the process and even convinced five other people to participate.

Freshman Kate Lawrence registered to participate in 2004's NaNoWriMo because of a recommendation from Scott-

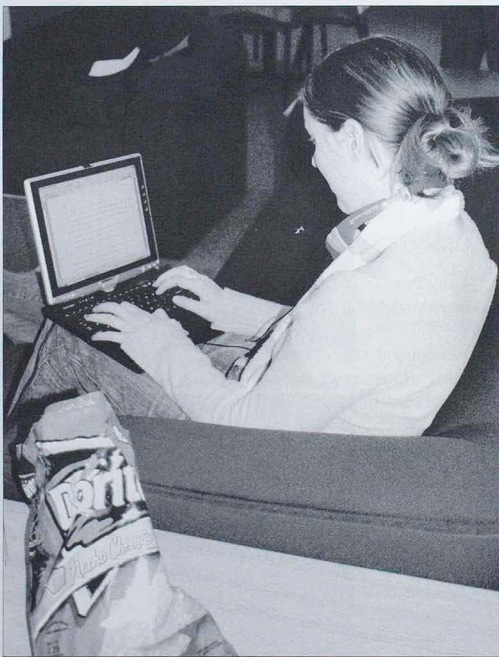
Hainchek. Lawrence had always written but never found the motivation to finish something. She hoped that NaNoWriMo would provide that motivation.

"I want to make myself finish something so I will do it more in the future," Lawrence said.

Freshman Eric Scott, who planned to make his future out of writing, also hoped that NaNoWriMo was the key to making him finish a piece of writing. He had started a novel once before but did not finish it.

"[NaNoWriMo] gives you that deadline to keep you writing everyday," Scott said.

Students who entered NaNoWriMo had different goals for the future, but they all had one short-term goal in common: to write 175 pages by the end of November and to have a good time doing it. **un**



▲ Freshman Kate Lawrence works on her novel in a Dobson Hall lounge. Lawrence spent a couple of sleepless nights working and finished the novel right before the deadline on Nov. 30, 2004.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

Feel the rhythm

Drumline continues to fire up the crowd

—By Monica Kwiatek—

Organizations Editor

The ground feels like it is shaking. Hearts beat faster. The thundering noises get louder. Truman State University's drumline has come onto the football field.

For as long as the Gamblers Marching Band had excited crowds at the University, the drumline had marched along as well. Although the drumline made up only about a third of the band in 2004, it made up for a lack in numbers with its ability to fire up the crowd.

The drumline played with the rest of the marching band at every home football game and at the Homecoming pep rally and parade. Twenty of the 30 drumline members marched with the band. The 10 percussionists that did not parade, the front ensemble, had instruments that were too heavy or difficult to carry. The musicians traveled to perform at exhibitions in addition to playing at campus events. The Gamblers performed in front of a few thousand high school students at the greater St. Louis competition.

Sophomore drumline member Megan Arnes said she enjoyed playing for the large crowds, and the band became so close throughout the season that she had a good time every time she played with the group.

Michael Bump, director of percussion studies and professor of music, said the entire marching band rehearsed three times a week, and members of drumline met as a whole ensemble two hours a week. Each individual section met for an additional hour each week.

Sophomore drumline member Kyle Penniston said that spending so much time together was worthwhile for many reasons.

"It's pretty much like a family," Penniston said. "During marching season we almost live together. [Practicing] teaches discipline, how to really focus on something for a period of time."

The marching band was a fall activity, revolving around Homecoming and football games. Students had to learn the musical pieces quickly to be ready for the fall events. Although drumline members found memorizing and integrating music and movements difficult, the musicians appreciated the outcomes of being pushed to do better.

"It's pretty intense," Arnes said. "You have to be really focused all the time and always keep your ears open. It's a lot of time, it's a big sacrifice but it's definitely worth it."

Bump said that drumline was demanding, which occasionally made it difficult for new members to join.

"The requirements into the line are competitive," Bump said. "We open the auditions to anybody. We ultimately,



▲ The University drumline marches at a football game during the 2004 season. Snare drum players competed in Nashville, Tenn., in 2004 using a song one of the band members had written.

photo submitted

hopefully, find a spot for everybody."

Bump said that having non-music majors was not rare, although many of those who joined drumline were music majors.

"There's actually a pretty good mix of both majors and non-majors," Bump said. "Their interests and abilities are somewhat equal. They just want to carry on the activity from their high school days and they're definitely welcome in that area."

Arnes and Penniston were double majors, majoring in music performance in addition to another major. Both students planned to incorporate percussion into their future.

"I will probably teach drumlines on the side," Arnes said. Penniston planned to pursue a career in music education.

"Eventually I want to get an education degree and teach band," Penniston said. "I definitely want to stay in the marching scene, even if it's only going and watching."

Both of their plans were similar to that of Bump's past. "I was in both drumline and marching band for my undergraduate years," Bump said. "Like the students here, the passion carries them out of the University drumline experience."

Bump said that drumline had developed its own personality, both at the University and across the nation. That personality seemed to include dedication, focus and passion strong enough to make music and pass the experience to others. **un**

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 Kofi Marfoh.....Ghana
 Trevor Marlow.....Columbia, Mo.



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 Myra Martin.....Louisiana, Mo.
 Salena Mathurin.....Fort Campbell, Ky.
 Maggie Mayhan.....Holts Summit, Mo.
 Ken Mayo.....St. Charles, Ill.



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 Alexis McGeahy.....Fort Riley, Kan.
 Jennifer McGinnis.....Chicago, Ill.
 Kelly McGrath.....Belle, Mo.
 Eliza McKay.....Webster Groves, Mo.



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 Evan Merrill.....Jefferson City, Mo.
 Sara Meulendyke.....Leawood, Kan.
 Andrew Meyer.....Fort Collins, Colo.



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 Sandra Montgomery.....St. Louis, Mo.



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 Grant Mulkey.....Warrensburg, Mo.
 Shane Mullen.....Maryville, Mo.
 Mary Nakai.....Webster Groves, Mo.



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 Ronald Nelson.....Kansas City, Mo.
 Melissa Nicol.....Monmouth, Ill.
 Elizabeth Niewoehner.....Ballwin, Mo.

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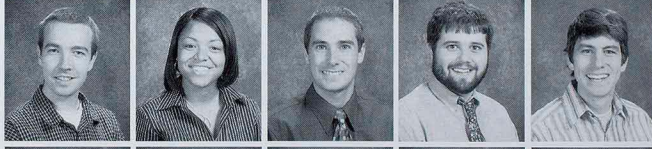
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Man's new best friend

Students keep strange company

—By Kelly Kasparie—

Staff Writer

Some students at Truman State University had “company” in their homes and residence hall rooms during 2004-2005, but this was not ordinary company.

Senior Rachel Martin said she did a lot of research before her “company” arrived.

“I’ve done the research online, but it’s just not a very familiar pet,” Martin said. “It’s mostly zoos and exotic animal places that have them.”

Martin worked in summer 2004 as an assistant director of a science and animal camp. The camp allowed children to interact with animals of all kinds, including llamas, donkeys and exotic animals like her coatimundi. Martin brought a coatimundi back to her home in Kirksville in October 2004.

“They are supposed to be very monkey-like in that they can undo any knobs, handles and latches,” Martin said. “They are big climbers.”

The coatimundi was not the only animal Martin and her four roommates owned. They also had a rabbit, a fish, a hamster and a baby sugar glider.

“We’re not actually allowed to have animals in our building,” Martin said. “So that kind of scratches the dog, cat thing so we kind of get around it with small caged animals, which is not legal, but fun.”

Martin said the coatimundi required a lot of time and patience. She and her roommates had to teach it how to climb again after it had been de-clawed, train it to use the litter box, familiarize it with people, feed it and clean its cage.

Junior Jonathan Green’s home seemed like a jungle at night when his five sugar gliders were jumping around on the walls. Sugar gliders are marsupials similar in size to flying squirrels.

“They’re a pet that you don’t find in the United States,” Green said. “They’re from the Australia/New Zealand area. So they are something that people don’t see.”

Green said the sugar gliders were not too hard to care for. “They’re nocturnal, so they are asleep when I am awake and when I am asleep they are awake,” Green said.

Freshman Christine Novak’s pet also required little care. Novak’s friends gave her a hermit crab for Christmas as a joke. One of Novak’s friends showed her nephew the crab, which he kept referring to as a cricket. The name stuck, and from then on Novak called the crab Cricket.

“It’s really low maintenance so it doesn’t require much work, so if you don’t have time for it, it’s really not that big of a deal,” Novak said.



▲ Senior Rachel Martin entertains her coatimundi, which is a raccoon-like carnivore. Martin and junior Jonathan Green found their affinity for strange pets during summer 2004 at a science and animal camp.

photo by Ashley Hanson

Novak gave her crab food and water, but one morning she found a disturbing surprise.

“I thought it died because it shed its outer shell,” Novak said. “I thought it had crawled out of its shell and shriveled up and died, until I saw it moving around again the next day.”

Novak found that she really liked having her pet around after getting used to Cricket’s habits and lifestyle. Novak decided to bring Cricket when she came back to school.

“The dorms are just kind of all the same and it’s more personal [with Cricket at the University],” Novak said.

Students who wanted to have pets in the residence halls had to be careful. The University Residential Living Handbook had a rule about what types of pets were allowed. This rule read, “Residents may have fish or small amphibians in the residential halls if they are nonpoisonous and are contained in a tank no larger than 30 gallons.”

Although their pets did not always meet housing guidelines, many students were willing to bend the rules for the company of their unique friends. **un**

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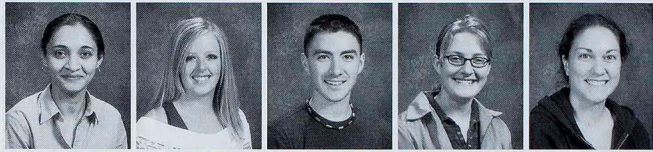
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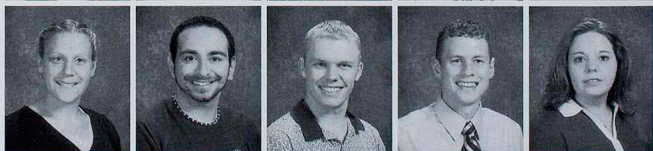
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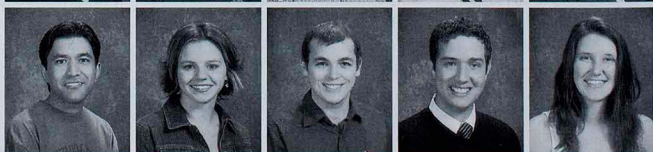
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"Live Strong" supporters

Bright yellow wristbands serve as reminders

— By Evangeline McMullen — *Assistant Copy Editor*

One color could be seen consistently on Truman State University students throughout the 2004-2005 academic year: yellow. Thanks to a nationwide campaign by Nike and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, people nationwide and at the University could be found wearing yellow bracelets that read "Live Strong."

The partnership's goal was to raise \$5 million for cancer programs sponsored by the Lance Armstrong Foundation through the sale of the distinctive bracelets. The bands were priced at \$1 each, and many nationwide department stores stocked them, as did the official LAF Web site. The response to the campaign was overwhelming, and many University students wore the yellow accessory to show their support.

Senior Halleh Ghodrati bought her bracelet online at LAF's Web site. The bracelets were sold in increments of 10, 100 and 1000, so Ghodrati bought 10 of them and gave the rest to friends.

"It's a small contribution, but it makes you feel that you contributed to something positive," Ghodrati said.

Ghodrati found out about the bracelets through her interest in Lance Armstrong himself. Armstrong came back from testicular cancer that metastasized to his lungs and brain to win the Tour de France six consecutive times.

"I'm a really big Lance Armstrong fan...plus it's for a good cause too," Ghodrati said. "I was surprised when they became so popular. I don't know how so many people found out about them; I only knew because I'm a fan of Lance, but I went to the store and they were sold out."

Junior Phil Campbell also sported the yellow band. He bought his from a Famous Barr in St. Louis after seeing someone else wearing one. The bracelet was a daily reminder to Campbell of how best to live.

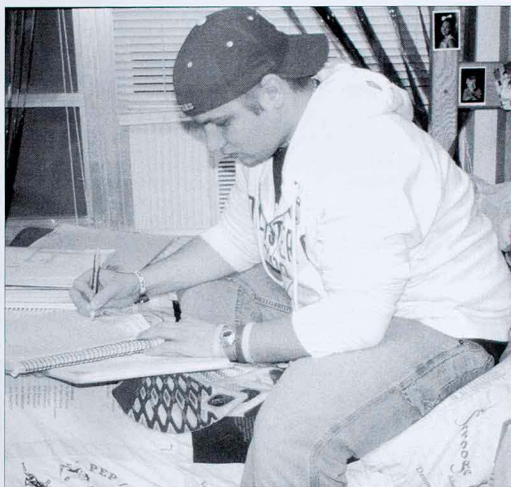
"I thought 'Live Strong' was a good mantra," Campbell said. "It's a reminder that I'm capable, I can do things...I can live my life strong and help other people."

A friend gave junior Megan Mudd her Live Strong band. "It just symbolizes that there's so much support out there and they're still trying to find a cure," Mudd said. "With a fund-raiser this big they raise so much money that they've got to be able to find a cure; I think it was a really good idea."

Mudd said she noticed that the bracelets' meaning might have become lost in the midst of the huge advertising campaign.

"It seems like a lot of people have them but don't know what they're for," Mudd said. "But I really wanted to pay a dollar to cancer research because it's important to find a cure."

Campbell said he didn't mind if the bracelets took on a



▲ Junior Phil Campbell shows his support by wearing a Live Strong bracelet. Phi Epsilon Kappa made their own bracelets because the Live Strong bracelets were so popular. They were sold in purple and black to help increase school spirit.

photo by Jen Schubert

more fashionable connotation.

"I'm okay with that...I wear a lot of accessories because it's a way to be unique," Campbell explained. "If [the bracelet] actually represents the person then you'll see that, if it doesn't, you'll see that too; you'll see it through their actions."

Senior Alisha Raby said she also hoped people would remember the truth behind the eye-catching bands.

"I would just hope that people would only buy them to help the American Cancer Society and they would want to help with cancer research," Raby said. "Fashion icons don't last forever but cancer will always be there."

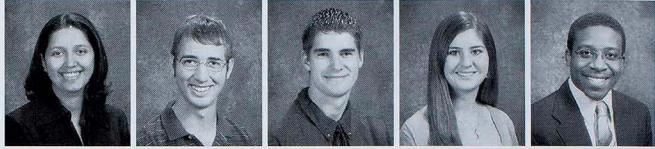
Raby received her bracelet through her sorority, Tau Lambda Sigma. TLS's main philanthropy was the American Cancer Society, so one of the sisters bought the bands for other members of the sorority.

"I think that it's a good symbol for people to realize that cancer more and more is not just a death sentence," Raby said. "To me, when someone sees another person wearing [the bracelet] it will maybe give them some type of hope if they know someone in their life who has cancer, or if they ever have to go through that sometime in their future life."

The bracelets, although small, were a powerful proclamation to "Live Strong," and a bright band was almost certain to be spotted in every class. **un**

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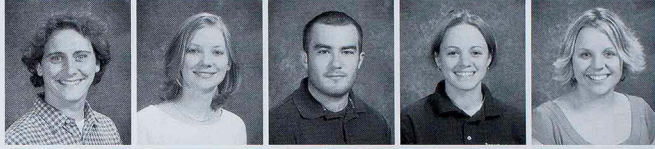
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 Karyl Winkler.....High Ridge, Mo.
 Amanda Wood.....La Plata, Mo.



Scott Woods.....O'Fallon, Mo.
 Elaine Wright.....Springfield, Ill.
 Alaina Wyatt.....Macon, Mo.
 Damyán Yankov.....Bulgaria
 Kimberly Young.....Novinger, Mo.



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 Eric Yurkovich.....Shawnee, Kan.
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Walking the line

Rock climbing comes down to earth

—By Melissa Allen—

Editor in Chief

The trees on the Quad were decorated in a unique way in 2004. Webbing tied between two trees provided hours of entertainment and exercise for those participating in the little-known activity of slack lining.

Freshman Sam Pounders tied her slack line four to five feet off the ground between two trees on the Quad.

“You walk on this stuff called webbing connected between two trees with a series of rope knots and carabiners,” Pounders said. “It forms a friction system to tighten the webbing.”

Pounders picked up slack lining around the time she was introduced to rock climbing.

“[It was] something I picked up from some friends of mine when we were camping and rock climbing over the summer,” Pounders said. “It’s something to do while others were climbing.”

Although most climbers knew about it, few others were familiar with it.

“It’s one of those things where if you don’t climb, you don’t know about it,” freshman John Weaver said. “Most people have no idea what it is.”

Senior Ryan Douglas received his slack line kit from his girlfriend, sophomore Meghan Boering. He liked to string his line between two trees in front of Ryle Hall.

“We used to do [slack lining] outside of Ryle and people in the cafeteria would be able to look out the windows and see what we were doing,” Douglas said. “We would see people staring out the windows watching. Some people would ask if they could try it.”

Weaver said he got the same response from most people passing by.

“It’s one of those things where people see it and are intrigued and weirded out because it’s something they’ve never seen or experienced before,” Weaver said.

Students were curious about the slack lines whether or not they understood what was going on.

“People refer to it as tightrope walking, and it’s like, ‘No it’s different,’” Weaver said. “I pretty much say the same thing over and over again so I kind of wanted to make up a business card to explain what I was doing.”

Pounders, Weaver and Douglas all enjoyed slack lining and did not find it any more dangerous than other sports.

“I don’t really think about the danger of it,” Pounders said. “I guess when you get to the larger scale high lines or slack lines, that’s when it gets dangerous.”


Weaver said accidents were more likely to happen when people were doing tricks.

“Usually the big injuries I’ve heard of are people trying to do a trick and they’ll slip and fall and land on their shoulder, land on their back,” Weaver said. “You get the wind knocked out of you a lot.”

Douglas planned to keep using his slack line for years to come, despite the potential dangers.

“I know I’ll take it with me to graduate school next fall and I’ll try to convince the people in the lab I’m in to do it with me,” Douglas said.

Pounders also encouraged others to test their balance.

“It’s never a bad idea to ask if you can try one,” Pounders said. “I’m always willing to let someone use my line.” 





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▼ Freshman Sam Pounders practices her slack lining skills on the Quad. Rock climbers use slack lining for strength training and to practice balance.
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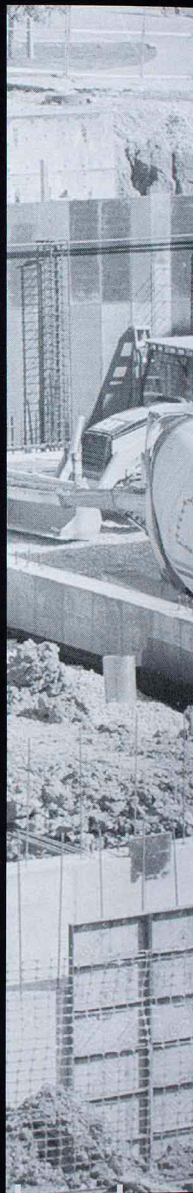
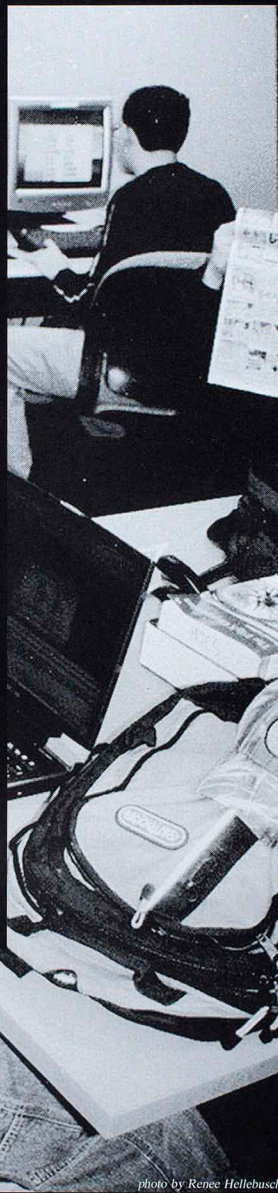


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The University was once called the “Harvard of the Midwest,” but whispers soon spread that Harvard was instead the “Truman of the East”. Intense course loads, dynamic discussions, plentiful exit exams and extensive amounts of research became quite familiar to students. Not only were students taking classes because they had to, they were taking class because they wanted to. The University was more than willing to meet the needs of ambitious students who wanted to learn. Many opportunities were presented to students in order to fill their educational appetite. New classes were created, lectures were held, and theories were taught. Students expanded their knowledge through study, research, discussion and presentation, among many other implements of learning. These combined aspects formed an education that was seen by many as prestigious. It was an education that could not be replicated by outsiders. The high-quality education University students received was unmatched by other schools in the Midwest. It was in many ways unparalleled.

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Crater on campus

—By Leigh Chaves

Contributing Writer

Returning Truman State University students were welcomed back to an unexpected sight: a huge hole taking up a large part of campus beside Magruder Hall. Stuntings began referring to the hole as the “crater.”

The crater was Phase-Three, the last phase of the project that would complete the renovation of Magruder Hall. The renovation consisted of a three-year project that had been planned since the middle 1990s. Science division head Scott Ellis said that the old building was too small and the facilities were getting old.

“There wasn’t enough space for all that was going on in biology and chemistry, it was very crowded in here,” Ellis said.

The new part of the building was to include new labs and classrooms, two large lecture rooms with theatre-style seats, a computer classroom, a cyber café and eventually a campus resource multimedia room/planetarium. Another difference was the amount of glass used in the building.

“We’ve designed in a lot of glass so it’s like we’re putting science on display, which I think is very important for science,” Ellis said.

Ellis said another reason for the expansion was because the physics and agriculture departments were getting crowded in Barnett Hall. The departments were to move to Magruder Hall upon completion of the project.

Senior Ashley Burden said she looked forward to the space and equipment in the new building, and she thought the new labs and facilities would help prepare students for graduate school.

“The new building will have more space and we’ll have more room for equipment at our hands rather than having to walk all around the building,” Burden said. “An environment with better equipment makes the learning process easier.”

Junior Gina Stierwalt said she thought the new building would be nice, but as a communications major, she didn’t think she would use it much, although the new wing

benefited the whole campus.

“Convenience and old habits will probably keep me out of there,” Stierwalt said.

Meanwhile, students and faculty had to deal with the disadvantages of having a massive hole in the middle of campus. A detour forced students to walk around the construction, and some classes were relocated because of it. Burden was living nearby at the time of the demolition.

“[The building demolition] went pretty quickly,” Burden said. “The greenhouse took the longest because they tore it down in pieces.”

Burden said the classes she had in the already renovated part of Magruder Hall were not very good acoustically.

“The one downfall is that you can’t hear lectures very well,” Burden said. “My professor uses a microphone to teach.”

Ellis said there were a few minor problems having to do with the blueprints and the concrete floor, but the major concern was the sound capability.

“We’re running two-thirds of all the mechanics on one system, so we’re trying to get the noise level from that airflow under control,” Ellis said. “That’s our major concern right now.”


Magruder Hall would be a whole new place when Phase Three ended.

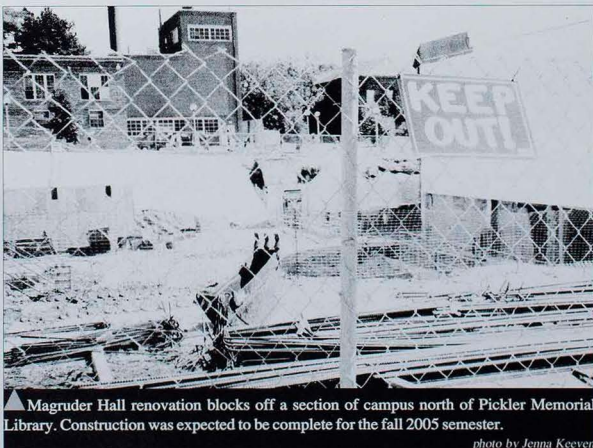
At the end of spring 2005 when Magruder Hall was nearly completed, Burden said the new building was going to look good.

“[Magruder Hall] will be really nice for students to use

next year,” Burden said. “I wish I was going to be here next year to use it.”

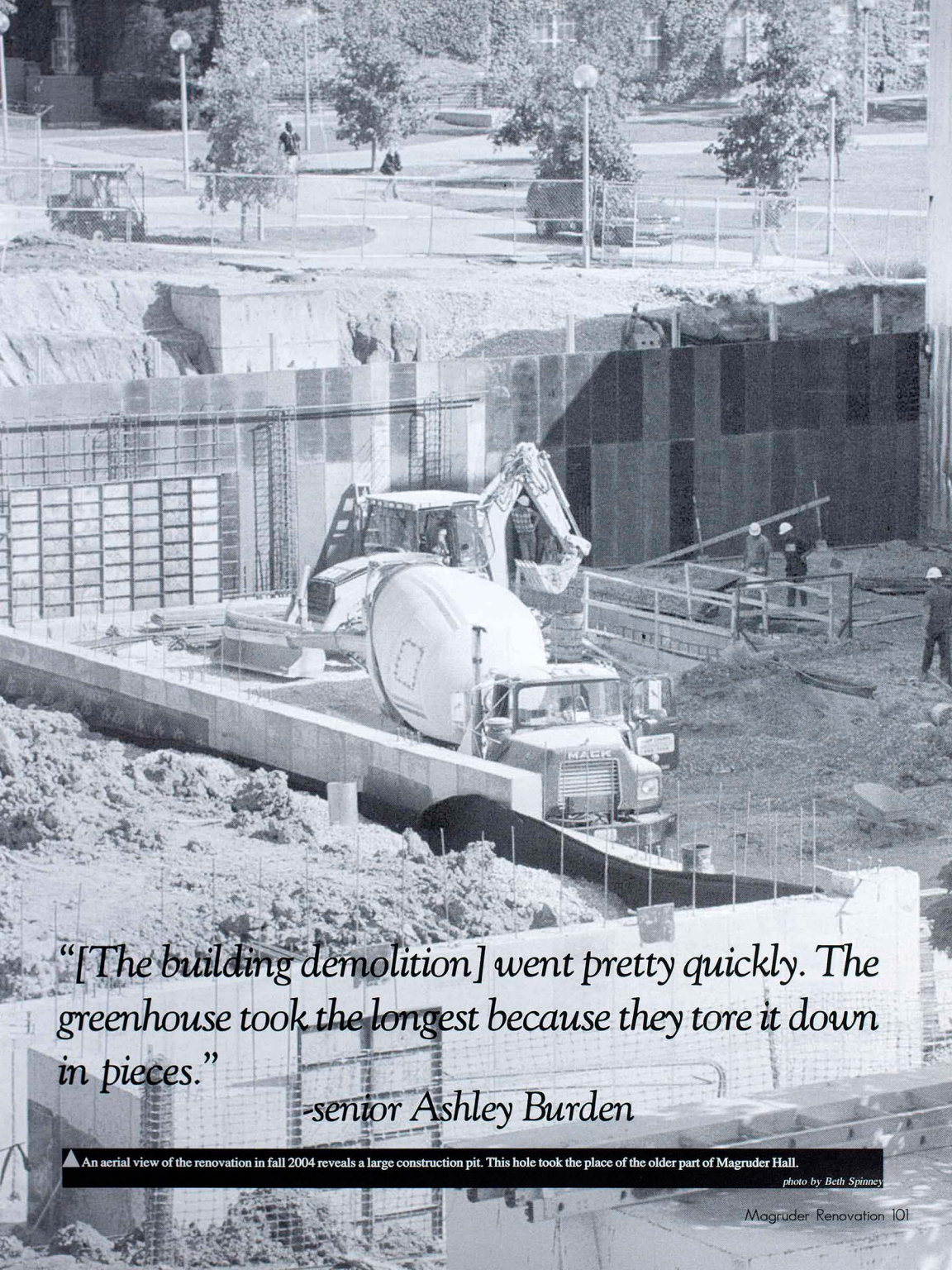
Ellis was also excited about the completion of Magruder Hall construction.

“This will be the first time in twenty years that all four science disciplines will be able to interact with each other in the same building,” Ellis said. 



▲ Magruder Hall renovation blocks off a section of campus north of Pickler Memorial Library. Construction was expected to be complete for the fall 2005 semester.

photo by Jenna Keeven



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-senior Ashley Burden

▲ An aerial view of the renovation in fall 2004 reveals a large construction pit. This hole took the place of the older part of Magruder Hall.

photo by Beth Spinney

Living up to the code

—By Angela Crawford—
Staff Writer

More than 50 students attended the Higher Learning Commission accreditation forum Jan. 31, 2005.

The HLC team conducting the student forum was made up of eight professors and administrators from the North Central Association, which covers 19 states in its accreditations. Forums for faculty and staff also took place while the commission was at Truman State University.

Questions posed to students in attendance at the forum ranged from why students had chosen to attend the University to how service learning translates into social responsibility.

Senior Michael Pierson, Interfraternity Council president and Student Senate speaker, observed the accreditation process.

"I was hoping to get out of [the student forum] the satisfaction of knowing the evaluators were getting student opinion in the analysis of the University," Pierson

said. "I thought there was good conversation about a wide variety of issues, and I thought the forum highlighted some issues that I personally saw facing the University."

Pierson said he thought the student views represented at the forum were somewhat limited because a wide base of students was not in attendance to express other perspectives of the Student Association.

A large part of the discussion at the forum revolved around the issue of diversity.

"I think we can always do more on the case of diversity, but we must be realistic about the environment surrounding this university," Pierson said.

Pierson said he thought overall that the University did a good job of including students, but the accreditation team missed some student concerns in its preliminary report.

"I think the accreditation commission failed to look at the aspect that this university places such emphasis on grades rather than intellectual discussion," Pierson said. "More emphasis should be placed on further involvement with extra-curricular activities and further involvement outside the sphere of the classroom."

Senior Laura Keck, Student Senate president, got to sit on the self-study steering committee.

"They asked me my opinion, and I was a liaison between [the committee and] the students," Keck

said.

Keck also said she thought the self-study committee did a good job involving students and encouraging student input. She added, however, that students could have been even more of an influence.

"I wish more students would have known about the process," Keck said. "I felt like nobody really knew anything about it until this fall."

Keck said she was excited to see so many students in attendance at the student forum but also would have liked to see a more diverse group.

"Students that don't really know what's going on [in the University] weren't represented," Keck said.

Because of the limited student representation at the forum, Keck said she thought some issues the students in attendance discussed were unrepresentative of the whole student perspective.

"The commission went up to random students on campus and talked to them, and I think that helped [provide a better representation]," Keck said.

The last day of its

visit, the commission gave a preliminary report to several members of the faculty and administration, and Keck had the opportunity to be present at that meeting as well.

"I don't think some of their findings will affect students, but I think their recommendation that Student Affairs and Academic Affairs work closer together will affect students," Keck said.

Karen Smith, associate professor of psychology, was one of the faculty members who took a lead role in the preparation of the University's self-study report that was submitted to the commission. She was the chairwoman of the committee that worked on the criterion of "Engagement and Service," and she helped take over the position of interim coordinator of the project after the original coordinator left because of medical complications.

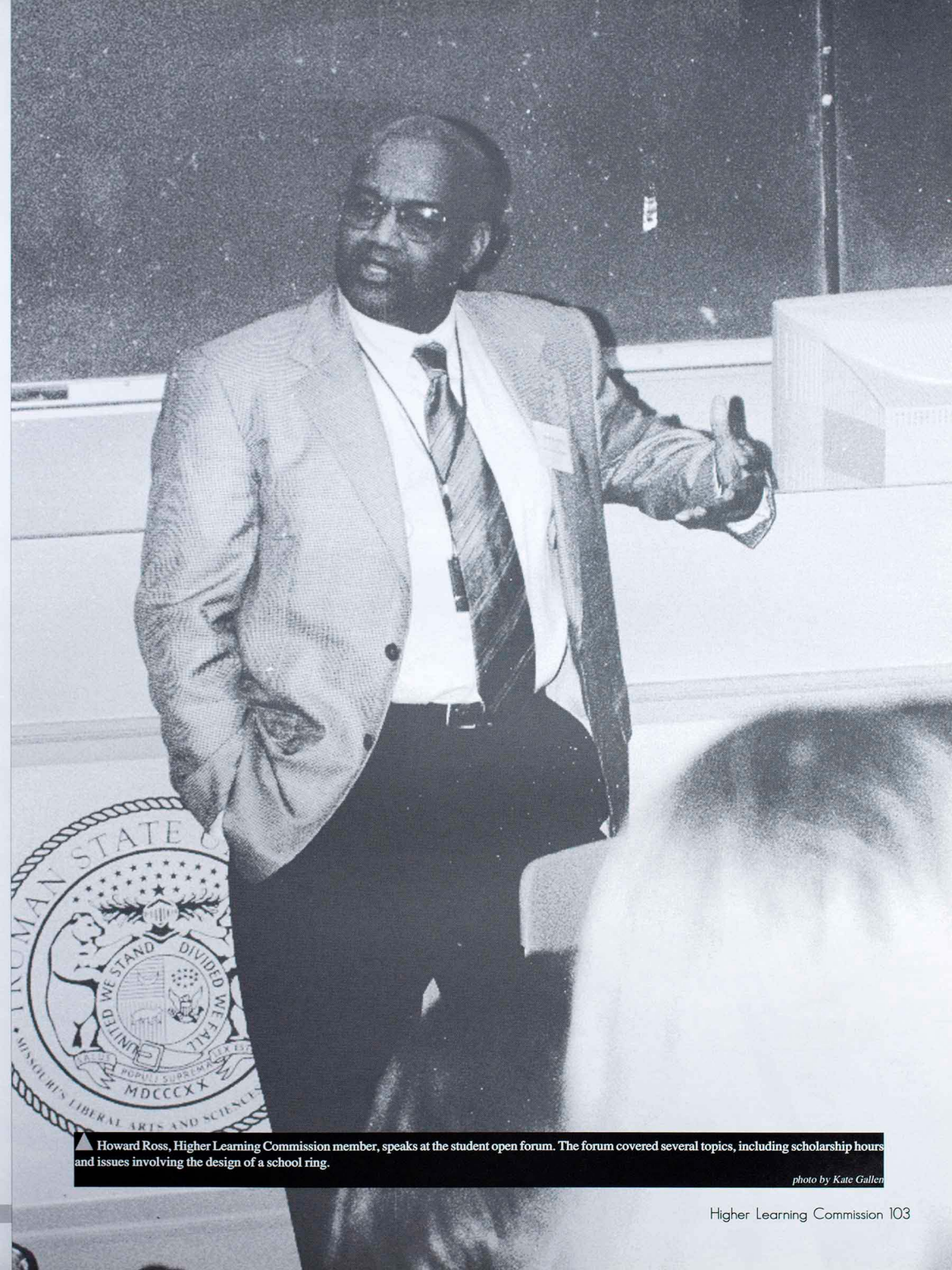
Smith cited several reasons students should care about the accreditation process.

"Students can't receive low-level financial aid unless we're accredited," Smith said. "Also, this process folds into our planning process. Those things that the [accreditation] team are most concerned about tend to get the most planning and budgeting for the next 10-year cycle, so it's important to have that student voice."

Smith said she was very thankful for the student input in the self-study and accreditation process and she thought that that input was reflected in the reports. **un**

"I wish more students would have known about the process."

-senior Laura Keck



▲ Howard Ross, Higher Learning Commission member, speaks at the student open forum. The forum covered several topics, including scholarship hours and issues involving the design of a school ring.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Seniors Clarke Cooper and Matt Funaiolo use the specially designated computer science computers in the Violette Hall math and computer science lab, affectionately called the Nertery. The Nertery also contained one Linux Box for special projects.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

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—By Monica Kwiatek—
Organizations Editor

High above the Violette Hall classrooms, hidden in a corner of the second floor, the nerderery buzzed as computer science and math “nerds” chattered and tapped away at computers designated for their use. Most students did not realize it was there, but it was unlike any other place on campus to the math and computer science majors who used it.

Although the term “nerd” often has a negative connotation, the students who worked in the computer lab had taken the term and embraced it. The phrase came from the 1995 movie, “Tommy Boy,” starring Chris Farley and David Spade.

“[David Spade’s] boss asks him to crunch some numbers about something, and [Spade] said he was going to retire to the nerderery with his calculator, and he’d have something by this afternoon,” said Clarke Cooper, a senior computer science major. “It’s kind of poking fun at who we are because we spend a lot of time in [the nerderery], and we can be nerds.”

The mathematics and computer science division ran the lab in Violette Hall room 2001. Computers in this lab were designated for use by students in those disciplines. Of the ten computers in the lab, six computers were for computer science students, three were math computers, and one computer ran on the Linux computer system. The computers in the lab were designed to contain all the programs a math or computer science student might have needed.

“Professors will let you know, ‘You have this assignment due, and if you don’t have the software, the software’s on the computers in the lab,’” Cooper said.

Cooper said the programs available exclusively in the lab included Mathematica and Matlab for math students and Rational Rose for computer science majors.

Although the nerderery was designated as a computer lab, math and computer science students found it served more than just that purpose.

“Aside from being the place where most of the C.S. work actually gets done,” said senior Jason Hart, computer science major. “It’s also a nice place to meet people.”

Because so many upperclassmen used the nerderery, Hart said he recommended that underclassmen take advantage of the opportunity to get help at the nerderery.

“For the underclassmen, it’s an invaluable resource that they rarely take advantage of,” Hart said. “There are always seniors up there that really know what [the underclassmen] need to do to pass their classes. There’s always someone there that would be willing and usually able to help with just about anything.”

Amy Hoeksema, junior math major and computer science minor, agreed with Hart and said she had gone to the nerderery before for help.

“A lot of [computer science] people are in there, and I know if I have a question, they can help me,” Hoeksema said.

The nerderery, however, was not just a place to go for help from other math and computer science students.

“A lot of the tutors for the various classes, especially the foundations courses, do their tutoring hours in here,” Cooper said.

In addition to being a meeting place for the tutors, students took advantage of the math and computer science lab to meet for projects.

“It’s designated as an academic place,” Tyler McCall, junior computer science major, said. “But lots of people just say, ‘Meet me at the nerderery’ before they go somewhere else.”

Cooper agreed with McCall and added that often students will work together on group projects in the lab.

“[The lab is usually full] immediately before and after large classes that require group work,” Cooper said. “We have a software engineering course. The entire course is modeled around a group project that we do all semester. Everybody’s always up here right before and after that class.”

In addition to serving numerous academic purposes, the nerderery also functioned as a social place.

“Being [computer science] and math majors, all the courses are right here in Violette,” Cooper said. “In between classes a lot of us come up [to the nerderery] to do our homework, or work on projects or just come up here to hang out. Sometimes you know where to find people. If they’re not in their room, you can find them here because some of us spend enough time here that it’s just kind of a given.”

Whatever the reason that students retired to the nerderery, be it academic or social, many computer science and math students could agree with Hart when he said, “It’s the place to be.” **un**



▲ Freshman Jessica Durham demonstrates a third position, a ballet stance, as part of her speech, "Dancing Ballet: The Basic Steps and Techniques." Durham took fourth place in the competition.

photo by Ashley Hanson

Speak loud

and clear

—By Mandi Sagez—

Staff Writer

Giving a speech often meant breaking out in nervous sweats, an increased heart rate and the fluttering of butterflies in a person's stomach. A few students, however, felt they had the necessary skills to give a speech worth acclamation. April 26, 2005, these students were given the chance to prove themselves.

Truman State University's communication faculty, Debate and Forensics Team, and Division of Language and Literature sponsored the 2005 Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest. Monroe taught at the University from 1960 to 1990 and was awarded "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" in 1990. The Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest had paid tribute to Monroe annually since 1991.

Michelle Kleine, professor of communication, headed the event and described why the contest was named after Monroe.

"[Monroe] is a past faculty member in communication, and this contest was erected in an effort to honor his memory," Kleine said.

The contest consisted of a series of students giving speeches on topics of their choice. Topics for the 2005 contest ranged from ballet to risks for heart disease to dodgeball to dieting. Students were all enrolled in the public speaking course.

"These were all current COMM 170 students, but to my knowledge it's open to anybody who's been a COMM 170 student in the past," Kleine said.

Students competing in the contest had a chance to win monetary prizes. Sixth through fourth place received \$25. Third place received \$50. Second received \$75, and first, \$100. The Debate and Forensics Team donated the cash prizes.

The student speakers chose topics that interested them. Freshman Jennifer Brenneman spoke about Tae Kwon Do because she loved doing it, both taking the classes and taking the tests. Brenneman said it was her favorite thing to do at the University.

Karon Speckman, associate professor of communication, Steven Stepanek and Steven Chappell, assistant professors of communication, judged the competition. Chappell said students were judged on the five criteria of an informative speech, including organization, content and style of delivery.

The winner, Jennifer Brenneman, became the next person in the Canon of Great Orators from the contest.

"There was an immediate consensus on the best speaker of the night," Chappell said.



▲ Freshman Lauren White competes in the Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest. In her speech, White compared the American diet to the French diet.

photo by Ashley Hanson

The contest was an option given to the students currently taking the public speaking course. Brenneman decided to test her skills.

"My teacher mentioned that they do it every year and that not very many people had signed up, so I thought I'd give it a try," Brenneman said.

While the students giving the speeches appeared calm and collected, the pressure for a perfect performance was high.

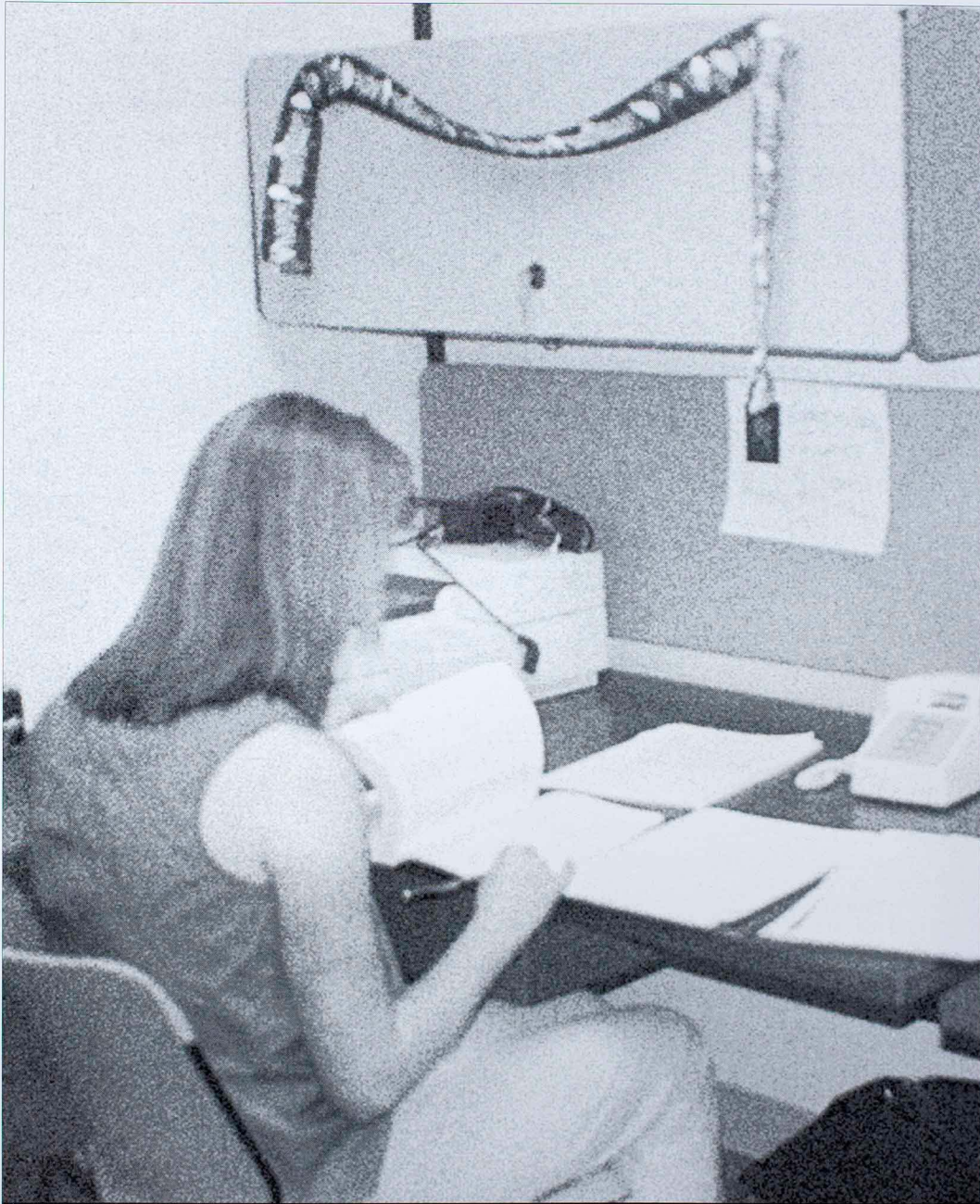
"Oh, I was so nervous," Brenneman said. "Right before it was my turn to speak I could feel my heart pounding and actually see my shirt moving out with my heart. It was nerve-racking."

Overall the evening was filled with talented student speakers and interesting speech topics.

"We had a great showing tonight as far as the audience is concerned, so I was real pleased with the turnout," Kleine said. "We had great performances by all the speakers, and it was just a really nice evening."

Students involved in the competition seemed to enjoy the contest and were pleased with the results.

"Everybody did really great," Brenneman said. "It was so much fun. I met a lot of people, and everybody was really nice. It was a good time; I'd definitely do it again." **un**



▲ Graduate student Lisa Helgenberg studies for her CPA exam. The University received the second highest pass rate for the CPA exam in the nation in 2004.

photo by Danielle Borsch

climbing up

the ladder

—By Prajwal Sharma—

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Prospective accounting students closely followed the reports, checked Web sites and talked to their professors. They visited the campus, went through the recruitment packages and were convinced of the excellent rankings. They decided to choose Truman State University, and they were happy they did.

Graduate student Thomas Barnowski said his high school English teacher introduced him to the world of Truman State University.

"She told me how good the accounting program at the University was," he said. "I decided to give it a shot, and I liked it."

For many others, the choice had more to do with the reputation of the University as a whole than that of the accounting program.

Junior Binod Pandey said he had heard a lot about the University in Nepal.

"Everyone knows of Truman because it is very easy to get a visa if we are admitted here," he said. "It is only after they come here that they realize how good the accounting program is."

Pandey said he already was pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting in Nepal. His friend encouraged him to come to the University because of the instability of the political system in Nepal.

"My friend knew how good the accounting program here was," he said. "I knew it was going to take me longer to graduate if I came here, but I thought I would really like it."

Pandey said he does not regret his decision at all. "The classes and tests are hard," he said. "But I try to be happy because I know how much I am learning from the accounting professors every day. Look at our CPA results — It is even better than all Ivy-League colleges."

The University's Master of Accountancy students ranked second in the nation for the percentage of students passing all four parts of the 2003 Certified Public Accountant Exam on the first attempt, according to the National Association of State

Boards of Accountancy release. The University placed fourth in 2002 and had consistently been in the top 10 for the previous 10 years.

Kris Kueker, a graduate teaching and research assistant, said his decision to come to the University stemmed from a combination of the excellent CPA results and the very low cost of education.

"A lot of our teachers were shocked that we passed probably about ten colleges on our road trip up here, and we all ended choosing Truman," he said.

Kueker said he did some research on the University and realized that it had stood fourth in the nation on the CPA exams that year.

"I thought, 'What a fantastic little diamond in the rock that most people don't hear about,'" Kueker said.

Pandey said that what he learned back home did not compare to what he was learning at the University.

"The professors work so hard that it makes you guilty not to work hard with them," Pandey said.

Barnowski said that graduating from the University with an accounting degree


would be a definite advantage that students from other schools would not have.

"Employers love Truman students," he said. "They say, 'You ask the right questions, know how to do your job, work hard and pick up new things.' It helps to be a Truman student."

Keith Harrison, associate professor of accounting, said students in the program were excellent and rightfully deserved the success they achieved on CPA exams.

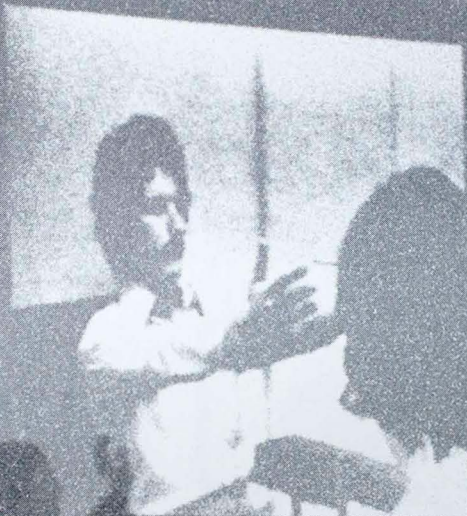
"Our students work hard," he said. "We are very proud of the results."

Kueker said he thinks the improvement in CPA exam performances will help boost the University's reputation. The rankings mean a lot, he said.

"Being second in the nation on the CPA exams is something that is definitely important to us and something we should all be definitely proud of," Kueker said. 



Blaming parents



▲ James Fox shows a slide about common conceptions about serial killers. His presentation explained how serial killers are profiled and disproved some of the common myths about them. In addition to being known as the Dean of Death, Fox held the position of Dean of the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University in Boston.

photo by Grace Mattic

serial killers

—By Katy Klein—

Staff Writer

The Dean of Death, known to most as James Fox, paid a visit to Truman State University April 26, 2005. Fox gladly accepted the name given to him by “USA Today” for profiling serial killers but admitted to a full Baldwin Hall Auditorium that his wife despised the nickname.

“It’s probably because I call her the Duchess of Death,” he said. “I call our son the Duke of Death.”

Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the national criminal justice fraternity, sponsored Fox to present “Killing for Pleasure: Serial Killers Among Us.”

Fox explained that serial killers enjoy killing their victims. Fox’s presentation addressed strategies for avoiding serial killers and myths about serial killers. Fox pointed out that contrary to popular myth, most serial killers had families and a job.

“They are extraordinarily ordinary,” Fox said.

Other myths included that serial killers are crazy, that they keep to themselves, that they are products of bad childhoods, that they want to get caught and that animal cruelty is a sign of serial killing. Fox used specific examples to prove that all of these were myths.

He told the story of a young girl who, when she was little, enjoyed taking cling wrap and covering the top of her fish bowl. She would wait and then watch in amazement as the dead fish floated to the top because there was not enough oxygen in the water. Fox then asked the audience what that little girl became when she grew up. She became a nurse, not a serial killer, and at the time lived next door to Fox.

Freshman Lauren Stein found the lecture to be informative, especially when Fox disproved the myths.

“I held a lot of those myths,” Stein said.

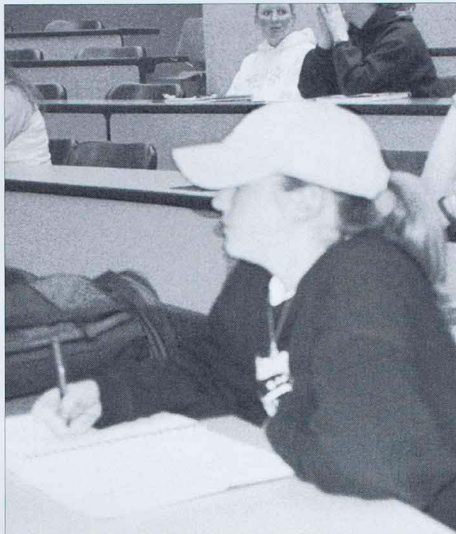
Similarly, junior Jamie Simon was most surprised to learn that serial killers are not loners. The fact that 25 percent of serial killers kill in pairs really made her think, as did the many other new ideas that Fox covered.

Fox busted the myth that serial killers are loners by giving numerous examples of partner serial killers. The most well-known pair is the D.C. snipers, Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, who killed because of their special bond, Fox said.

“Most people get the power they desire through other outlets,” Fox said about the majority of society.

He gave the example of the professor who loves giving bad grades. This professor thrives on assigning students grades, especially failing ones. Although this trait is not desired by students, it is an acceptable outlet.

Fox pointed out that, as a society, we are fascinated with serial killing. We have motion pictures and what Fox calls “murderabilia.” This included serial killer



▲ Senior Mindy Bryant listens to a class lecture in the serial killers and psychopaths class. Due to its enormous popularity, the class typically consisted mainly of seniors.

photo by Ashley Hanson

action toys, graphic comic books and other trinkets.

“We don’t feel personally threatened, therefore, we can be entertained by it,” Fox said.

Students who had a fascination with serial killing could take Sal Costa’s serial killer class. Junior Stephanie Matthias, who took class in the spring 2004, described it as entertaining, intriguing and disturbing. The class was centered on lecture, but it also included a lot of movie watching and article reading, Matthias said. The class covered a wide range of serial killers.

Junior Laura Kannady also took the class. Kannady found the class eye-opening and fascinating. She especially liked learning about the serial killers’ family lives and personalities.

“We don’t see serial killers as humans,” Kannady said.

Fox also touched on the importance of the knowledge about serial killers. In his closing remarks, he warned that no one can spot serial killers in advance. But he assured the audience that it was not an epidemic. Serial killers kill 100 to 200 people in the United States a year, whereas head-on collisions with deer kill 450 people each year.

“I’m not saying Bambi is more dangerous than Bundy,” Fox said jokingly. **un**

on campus

*"Your critical skills are definitely put to the test."
- Senior Aaron Baker*



▲ Senior Jessica Ford gives a presentation on American nature writers for her English senior seminar course. The English division was one of eight divisions which used the GRE as an exit exam.

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—By Monica Kwiatek—

Organizations Editor

The final year for undergraduates at Truman State University was very different than previous years. The final year was, as it should be, a preparation for the future. However, each division seemed to have its own idea as to how to prepare their students.

Students majoring in chemistry were required to attend a one credit hour senior seminar course, which focused on fulfilling university requirements.

“We review for the senior exam,” Russell Baughman, professor of chemistry said. “We have them put resumes and portfolios together. We also have two or three speakers come in.”

Senior Julie Bates’ math senior seminar course also focused on the exit exam and the creation of the required university portfolio.

“We did a few problems to prepare for the exam,” Bates said. “[The professors] make sure that you have jumped through all the hoops you need to graduate.”

Some senior seminars simply focused on fulfilling graduation requirements, but others were more intensive.

Paul E. Parker, professor of political science, was a part of a two-professor team that taught the political science senior seminar in 2005. The three credit hour course focused on writing and presenting a final paper rather than the University requirements.

“We don’t spend significant time developing the portfolio,” Parker said. “It’s not a central part [of the course].”

Although the portfolio and the exit exam were not the focus of the course, they were both included in the participation part of a students grade.

The organization of the political science seminar was similar to that of the four-hour English senior seminar course. Instead of spending time on the portfolio and exit exam, students focused on the development of a paper and a presentation.

“Your critical skills are definitely put to the test,” senior Aaron Baker said. “There’s a three-day conference in which all of the students in the seminar

present their studies.”

As a double major in English and theatre, Baker also took the theatre senior seminar course and a directing course, which acted as a capstone.

“[In the theatre senior seminar] we learn how to do specialized actor resumes,” Baker said. “One of the big projects we have to do is interview someone who is working in the theatre world and see what it’s like.”

Baker said that although the directing course was technically not a capstone, it acted as one because it is an overview of all the theatre courses.

Art majors earning their Bachelor of Fine Arts also had a senior seminar course and a separate capstone course.

Senior Annie O’Donnell said she thought the art senior seminar course prepared her for graduation while the capstone served as preparation for a career.

“The capstone is in your respective studio,” O’Donnell said. “You put together either a portfolio or a final show for [visual communications majors]. Our portfolio is pretty much an example of everything you’ve done.”

Although most senior courses involved a lecture and portfolio discussion, those studying music took a different path. All music majors had to take the exit exam and put together a portfolio, however, they did so on their own or with the help of their adviser.

Jacqueline Collett, professor of music, said that music majors pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration put together a 45 to 60 minute performance and wrote an extensive paper.

“You are to do a fairly comprehensive study of the composers, the poetry, the characterization of each piece,” Collett said. “Generally for senior recitals you’ll do between 12 and 16 songs. If they’re all different composers you have 16 or so composer bios you have to do and you have to analyze and translate poetry from any number of languages.”

Regardless of the major, all students took an exit exam, put together a portfolio, and showed what they learned during their years at the University. **U**

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Getting a truer view

—By Katy Klein—
Staff Writer

TruView became a term that lingered on the lips of Truman State University students when classes started in fall 2004. The change from Pipeline to TruView sparked conversation among members of the University community.

"The idea behind TruView is to give the students a secure portal into Truman, into all their records and activities," ITS executive director Tim Warren said. "Pipeline used to crash all the time."

TruView, the new "Web-portal" was the talk of the University when it replaced Pipeline. The change in the University's network program from Pipeline to TruView was not difficult, and Warren said that the feedback from University students and faculty was positive.

Most students were pleased with the new system, but a few encountered problems when registering for classes on TruView.

Junior Kristen Hollinger didn't have a problem with TruView until she tried to register.

"I couldn't sign on for half an hour," Hollinger said.

Another concern with the shift was that students' e-mail from Pipeline was not forwarded to their TruView accounts. Although students could still access their Pipeline account for about one to two months into the semester, the change still created an inconvenience for students.

"I wish our mail had automatically been forwarded," Hollinger said. "Just for a while I was checking both."

Although the change initially caused a few setbacks, students and faculty came to enjoy the new features offered by TruView. The most noticeable change was that when students logged on to TruView, their e-mail account was on the front page, allowing them to see easily if they had received new messages.

TruView brought with it three additional major features.

Each function in Pipeline required a separate password. Students found it difficult to remember

multiple passwords, let alone remember which password belonged to which Web site. TruView required only one password to access all of its features.

Another benefit of the new system was that students were able to customize their own version of TruView. By simply clicking on the "content/layout" link in the upper left-hand corner of the "My View" screen, students were given endless options in customizing their personal layout. Students could rearrange the placement of different features, or channels. They could also personalize the calendar and even add new tabs across the top of the page for easy access to other Web sites or important information.

TruView also made communication among members of the same organization easier with the "group" function. In the top right corner, along with the e-mail and logout icons, was an icon for this function. A search window opened where students could search to join a group or locate an organization they belonged to. Some groups were restricted to members only, but many of the groups were open to anyone who was interested. The categories of groups were diverse and included general, political, academic and intramural groups. The group accounts were similar to Blackboard, where members could post information about meetings and events to keep other members informed.

Several organizations on campus took advantage of TruView's group feature. Sophomore Dawn Runge, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, said that she used the group feature and email functions the most.

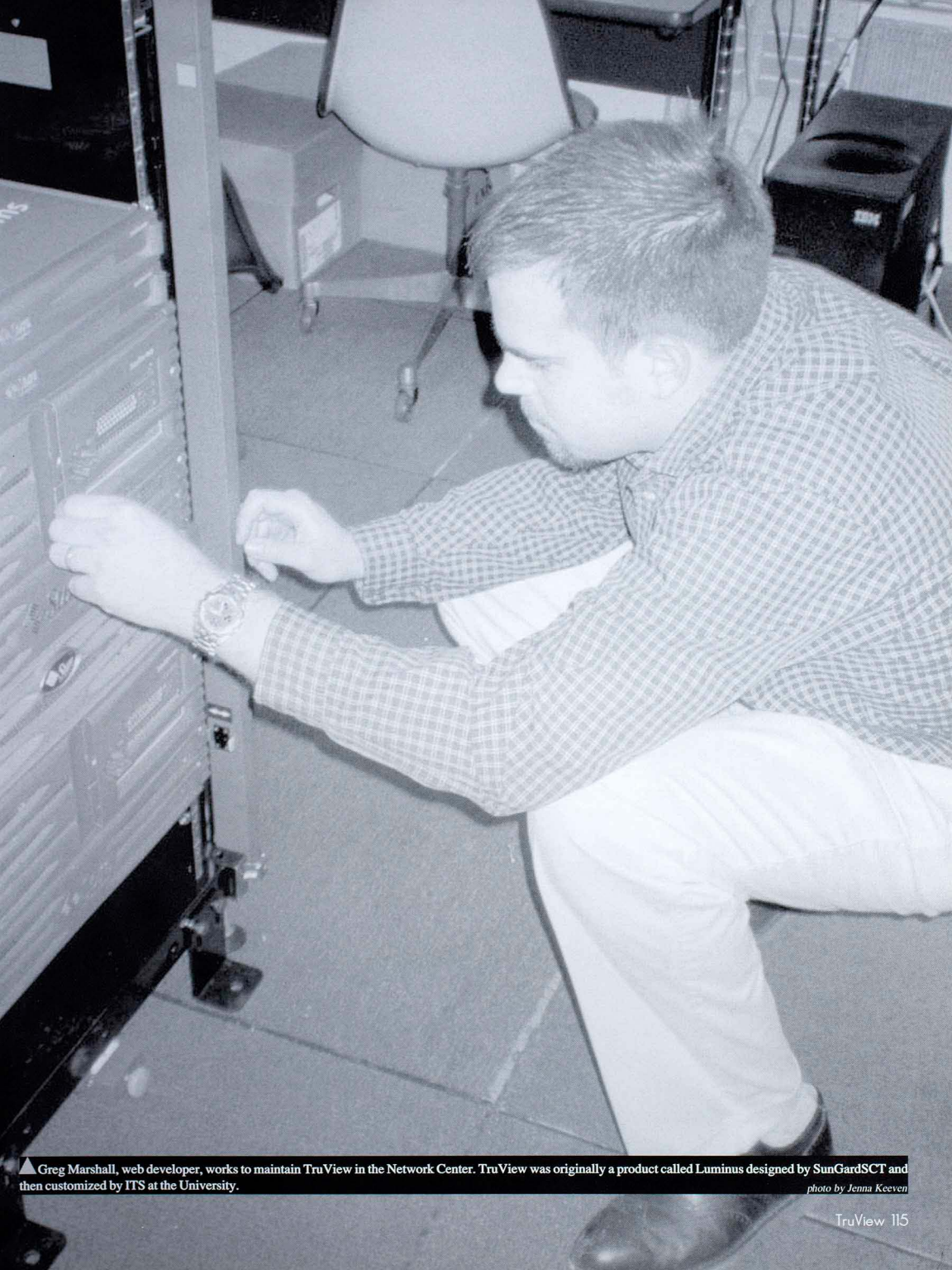
Students had good things to say about the new system's many new features once they grew accustomed to it.

"I like that you don't have to sign on to Banner Web," Hollinger said. "That's nice."

As with most changes, TruView took some time for students to get used to. It ultimately became a useful tool for busy University students who wanted to access a vast amount of information in a short amount of time. **in**

some tru facts

- ◆ University students could gain access to the TruView Web site at truview.truman.edu
- ◆ The MyView Web page showed everything from campus events to news headlines to local weather
- ◆ According to the ITS Web site, "TruView will provide better integration with Banner, more stability, more customization, and many other features."



▲ Greg Marshall, web developer, works to maintain TruView in the Network Center. TruView was originally a product called Luminus designed by SunGardSCT and then customized by ITS at the University.

photo by Jenna Keaven

*"You gain a lot about another culture, appreciation for what we have."
- senior Jennifer McDonnell*



▲ Seniors Jennifer McDonnell and Candice Murdock perform the Tinkling Dance that they learned during lunch at a restaurant. Tinkling was the national dance of the Philippines and an imitation of the tinkling bird.

photo by Jenna Keeven

babies on

the beach

—By Jenna Keeven—

Staff Writer

From helping with childbirth to assisting those with leprosy, seven nursing students gained a wealth of knowledge in the Philippines during summer 2004.

The Truman State University nursing program offered a chance for students who had completed their junior year to go abroad with Kit and Stephen Hadwiger, professors of nursing, to learn about other cultures while engaging in nursing activities.

The professors tried to prepare the students as much as possible before leaving.

One class in particular, Maternal/Neo Natal Nursing, prepared students for stages of labor, how to handle a newborn and other birthing procedures.

Kit, who was originally from the Philippines, informed the students about such topics as safety issues and commonly eaten foods and even taught them some of the Filipino language. She also prepared a cultural dinner so that she and Stephen could discuss food etiquette.

"When you go to a buffet you eat whatever you take because they will charge you extra if you leave any leftovers on your plate," Stephen said.

The students worked in labor and delivery at Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital in Manila during their first week in the Philippines. They helped doctors and nurses deliver babies and cared for newborn infants in the nursery. Senior Jennifer McDonnell's favorite educational experience was labor and delivery. McDonnell said that the mothers were appreciative of the students' help.

"It was a fun, happy atmosphere," McDonnell said.

The next week and a half was spent in Ilo Ilo, Kit's native island. The students were partnered with West Visayas State University, and each student's partner assisted them with translation and taught them about the culture. The students worked in a hospital where they assisted in a postpartum ward, pediatrics, outpatient clinics and prenatal clinics, as well as medical, surgical and intensive care units.

Students had interesting experiences in the hospital and also tasted new food items. The students' partners persuaded them to eat balot, a duck egg boiled right before it hatches.

"It just tasted like a boiled egg, but just had a funny texture," senior Candice Murdock said.

The students also visited a community and were assigned a family to speak with. Students learned the differences between their lives and the lives of those they were visiting.

"One thing that surprised me was they had a wood



▲ Senior Cheri Smith speaks at the Transcultural Experience in the Philippines forum. To prepare for the trip, each student made a presentation in spring 2004 on a disease common in the Philippines but not in the United States. photo by Jenna Keeven

stove in a bamboo house, so it just kind of made me kind of scared," Murdock said.

The students brought shampoo, washrags, toothbrushes and other items to donate to the families, which did not have very much. Murdock also brought a bag of suckers to share with the children. The suckers were the first ones the children had seen.

"They didn't really know what to do with them," Murdock said.

Students spent the last three days on the island of Baracay where they vacationed and relaxed. Some earned a scuba diving license, while others received \$5 massages on the beach.

"It was the most beautiful place I've ever seen in my entire life. White sand beaches that were white, water that was clear for just feet and feet, picture perfect," McDonnell said.

The experience was valuable for all involved.

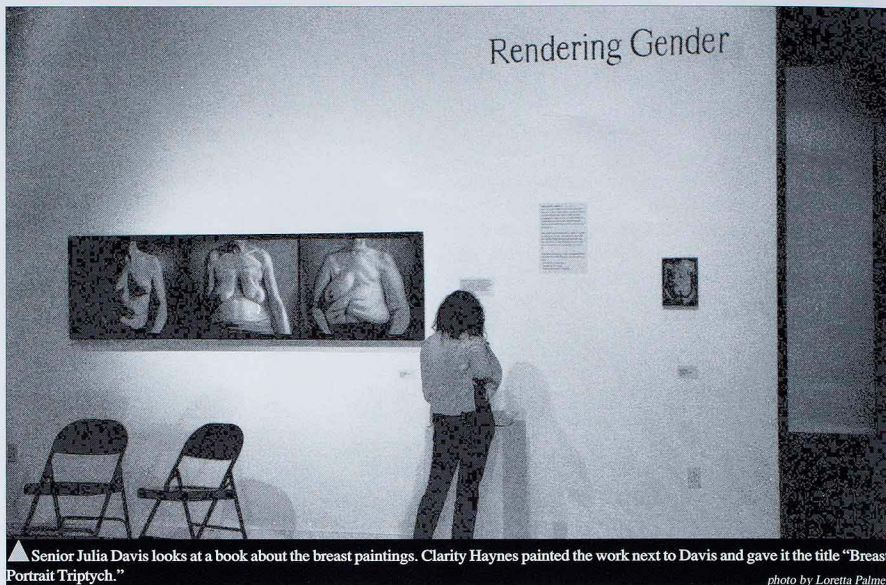
"You gain a lot about another culture, appreciation for what we have," McDonnell said. "You see how much we waste here and see how well they utilize everything they have."

As a result of the trip, McDonnell changed the way she worked in an effort to be less wasteful. Kit saw changes like this in the students' behaviors once they completed the trip.

"They have matured, they have become more opened," Kit said, "They've learned a lot of cultural aspects."

The students received five credit hours for their hard work. However, the students felt they were rewarded in a much larger way, as the experience impacted their lives forever. **un**

display On gender



▲ Senior Julia Davis looks at a book about the breast paintings. Clarity Haynes painted the work next to Davis and gave it the title "Breast Portrait Triptych." *photo by Loretta Palmer*

—By Reena Karan—

Features Editor

Issues examining gender and the roles of men and women in society were often discussed in Truman State University classes. This thought-provoking topic found a new home on campus at the University Art Gallery.

The Art Gallery put forth an exhibit during the 2005-2006 school year showcasing the artwork of 16 artists, both male and female, from around the United States. The artwork varied in mediums, with several photographs, fibers pieces, paintings and sculptures submitted. All of the works were accompanied by the respective artist's statement and resume which gave the viewers a behind-the-scenes look into the production of the pieces. The statements all varied in content. Some artists wrote about their own experiences with stereotypes, while other artists chose to write about how their artwork rendered gender.

The art exhibit underlined discussions that were

often held at the Art Gallery by University classes discussing gender. The exhibit had a similar mission to the University's women's and gender studies program.

"[The exhibit] is about a lot of social issues, not just that the artist deals with, but people in general," senior Lindsey Allen said.

The exhibit raised concerns pertaining to masculinity and femininity, and it also asked the question of whether or not artwork itself could be gendered. The pieces were primarily political in nature. However, they were also very playful, making fun of gender stereotypes in an effort to capture the viewer's attention.

One of the performance pieces at the exhibit consisted of a woman who sat quietly sewing the hem of a white dress while listening to music on her

headphones. Anyone could join the woman in sewing part of the hem and listen to the woman's headphones.

"I really liked the performance piece," senior

"The pieces by Clarity Haynes are extremely well done, well rendered, not only in the way they are painted but in the way they [present] the topic."

- senior Lindsey Allen

Kimberly Sessoms said. "It was kind of sublime, simple but powerful."

Allen said her favorite pieces at the exhibit were the works done by Clarity Haynes. Haynes's most distinctive piece was her "Breast Portrait Triptych." Three women posed for this piece, which included three paintings of women's breasts. The first two portraits were of a young woman and an old woman, respectively. The third portrait, perhaps the one that stood out the most, was of a woman who had undergone a mastectomy.

"The pieces by Clarity Haynes are extremely well done, well rendered, not only in the way they are painted but in the way they [present] the topic," Allen said. "She did a lot of work on how women view their breasts and their bodies..."

Haynes said in her artist statement that she liked to create triptychs out of the portraits she painted so that there is both a dialogue between them and a sense of community. Haynes asked a woman to record her feelings after she painted the woman's portrait. Those written thoughts were put together by Haynes in what she titled "The Breast Books." Visitors to the exhibit could peruse one of these books.

Senior Kim Ferrell said she thought the exhibit was amazing. She thought it did a good job of representing women artists and

"I really liked the performance piece. It was kind of sublime, simple but powerful."

- senior Kimberly Sessoms

women in general.

"[The exhibit was] definitely a feminist perspective," Ferrell said. "Art is already sexist in nature, but this was sexist from a woman's perspective. I thought it was really amazing."


While Ferrell felt the exhibit mainly focused on a woman's perspective, sophomore Jeff Scott thought the exhibit was more representative of both sexes.

"It presented different gender roles typical of men and women," Scott said. "I think they did a good job [of rendering gender]."

Scott felt that while the exhibit did have a political aspect to it, students could still enjoy the works presented even if they did not feel strongly about the issues.

"Art does not necessarily have to make a statement," Scott said. "I really liked the exhibit. You don't need to make a statement to show good art."

Whether they were there to contemplate the questions the exhibit presented or to just enjoy the artwork, students of all academic majors and interests entered the gallery during the month the exhibit was held. The Art Gallery recored a record attendance as a result of this exhibit.

"It was a really interesting show that many people took advantage of, and I'm glad they did," Sessoms said. "I hope they gained a new perspective and begin to think differently about the gender stereotypes that occur in society." 



▲ Artwork entitled "Be a Man" by Angela Piehl is on display at the Art Gallery. Visitors also had the opportunity to watch performance pieces.

photo by Loretta Palmer



▲ Audience members join in a discussion about gender and youth. Group discussions, performance pieces and films enriched the month-long exhibit.

photo by Loretta Palmer



▲ Cole Woodcox, assistant professor of English, shares his views with visitors during a group discussion. Woodcox worked closely with Art Gallery director Aaron Fine on the Rendering Gender exhibit.

photo by Loretta Palmer

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— By Laura Wollard —

Staff Writer

“To reward a student who gives back to the University and community through scholarship, service and student involvement.” That was the mission of the Student Senate Scholarship, a leadership scholarship that was awarded once annually to two deserving Truman State University students.

Senate sent forms to professors allowing them to nominate students for the award. The nominated students then received a letter informing them of the nomination and giving them the option to apply for the award. Once the student filled out the application, the scholarship committee chose a handful of nominees to interview. Six students were chosen in 2004. Senate interviewed these students and informed them of the decision a few days later.

The two students who received the scholarships for 2004 were seniors Marcia Kotteman and Cassandra Phillips. Kotteman was nominated by Karen Smith, professor of psychology, and David Gillette, professor of economics.

“I was very surprised and honored when I learned I was nominated,” Kotteman said. “It’s really cool that two faculty members thought I should receive this award.”

Smith worked with Kotteman after the senior was appointed to the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Self-Study subcommittee, which Smith chaired. The purpose of the committee was to examine how the University served the greater community.

“Marcia knew a great deal about volunteer activities, internships, Greek life, etc., mainly because she is involved in so much,” Smith said.

“She did a lot of service for the committee by collecting information.”

Smith also said that she was just impressed with Kotteman in general.

“She is very cheerful, optimistic, kind and conscientious,” Smith said. “I was very impressed with her committee work. She is very thoughtful and considers each situation fully.”

Howard Worcester, recycling and surplus coordinator, nominated Phillips for the Senate scholarship. When the program first began, it was difficult getting students to volunteer. Phillips became one of the few to do so and continued to support the program.

“She’s been very faithful,” Worcester said. “She’s been coming every week for the past three years, rain or shine, snow or sleet.”

Worcester said he nominated Phillips because of her faithfulness to recycling and her dedication to the cause. Worcester said that while others may “talk a big talk,” Phillips put her words into action.

“She is the example of a student caring about

the environment,” Worcester said. “Every time I needed someone for extra help she was here.”

Worcester said that when he got the nomination form, Phillips was the name that came to mind.

“I had never heard about the scholarship, but I was honored to be nominated,” Phillips said. “I was much more excited, though, when I received the five hundred dollars.”

Senior Maria Scanga, student senate member, said that the scholarship resembled an award since students had to be nominated to receive it.

“We have so many people on this campus who do so much,” Scanga said. “We want to recognize them and encourage their behavior.” **un**

“[Cassandra Phillips] has been coming every week for the past three years, rain or shine, snow or sleet.”

- Howard Worcester, recycling and surplus coordinator



▲ Seniors Emily Hall and Grant Mulkey, Student Senate members, look on as Cassandra Phillips and Marcia Kotteman receive their awards. The faculty members that nominated Kotteman and Phillips attended the ceremony.

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Organizations



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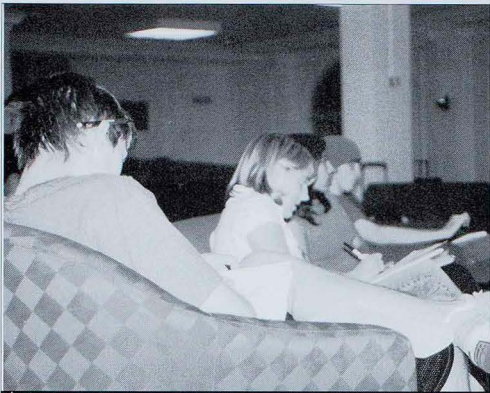
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Unanimity and effort were needed for many of Truman State University's organizations to accomplish their goals. The goal for some was to create engaging events that were worthy of student participation. Others wanted to support a great cause and held campaigns to create awareness and raise funds. Some wanted to give their organization more substance by increasing membership. Whatever the case, organizations on campus could hardly be ignored. Whether old, new or works-in progress, their presence allowed students to form bonds over common ideals, seek help with future aspirations, or let their personalities shine through. These organizations were diverse in nature, with their foundations formed from many disciplines and interests. A student could join a service organization and also be a member of other groups that gave prominence to their Napoleon Dynamite-like personalities. Whatever the reason for joining an organization, one thing was clear – University organizations provided students a rare chance to show off their uniqueness.

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▲ Students fill out surveys after watching a presidential debate in the Ryle Hall main lounge. The Society of Professional Journalists, the Forensics Union and Rock the Vote sponsored DebateWatch 2004.

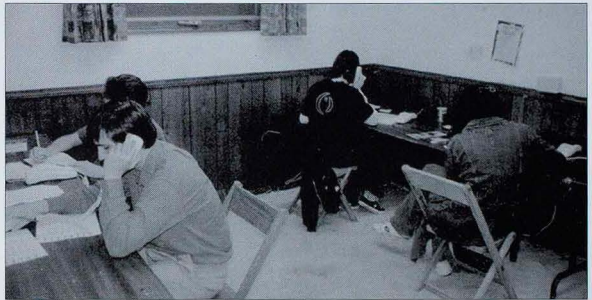
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▲ Sophomore Josh Fenton watches the election discussion at a Freethinkers meeting. Freethinkers held four discussions in an election series before the election and one discussion post-election.

photo by Jenna Keever

“The number one reason people didn’t vote in the 2000 election was not feeling educated enough about the election.”
-junior Michael Pierson



▲ Senior Evan Montgomery makes phone calls at the Adair County Democratic Headquarters with other College Democrats. Members met in the headquarters every weekday night from October to Election Day in 2004.

photo by Emily Gebhardt



▲ Members of the band Hazard To Ya Booty wait on stage to perform at DemROCKracy. The election reminder event, hosted by Rock the Vote, showcased four bands and was free to the public.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Students gather around the TV to watch a presidential debate in the Student Union Building. From September to October 2004, there were three presidential debates.

photo by Beth Spinney

the politics of it all

2004 presidential election spurs excitement for numerous campus organizations

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

The issues on the minds of Truman State University students during the 2004 presidential election were as varied as the organizations that chose to involve themselves in the pre-Nov. 2 preparations.

The Environmental Campus Organization was front and center about the environment, while Rock the Vote was out to inform students about education, the economy and the environment. The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance brought reproductive rights to the floor, and College Republicans sought to share information about their candidates on all issues.

To students outside the organizations, it might have seemed that Rock the Vote, which evolved into the Bite the Ballot Coalition, was the driving force of all the attention brought upon the election. Rock the Vote organized a number of big events to get students registered to vote. One of these events brought many of the organizations together and was called the Day of Action. Different organizations set up registration tables at every site available on campus, while others lead discussions on the Quad about why they were voting. Twelve organizations helped with the Day of Action.

Rock the Vote was a non-partisan organization, which caused several groups to break away and spread their party

or organization's message. The only space not occupied by a Rock the Vote table was reserved for the College Republicans. They chose to take their own path.

"We had our own voter registration system we chose to stick with," said senior Brian Baker, chair of college Republicans. "I'm not opposed to what Rock the Vote is doing; our plans and theirs didn't quite mesh."

The College Republicans registered about 300 voters. Added to the 1,500 voters signed up through Rock the Vote, campus organizations signed up nearly a third of the total campus population to vote.

Organizations turned their attention to educating students about the issues they felt most strongly about after the deadline for voter registration passed in mid-October.

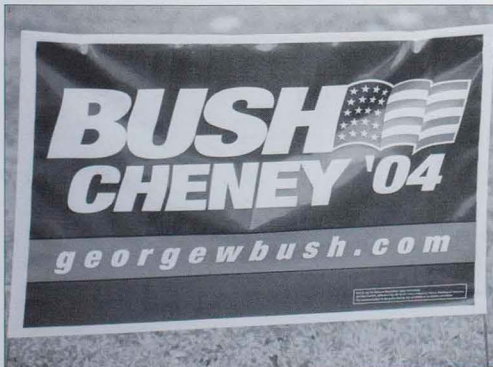
"The number one reason people didn't vote in the 2000 election was not feeling educated enough about the election," said junior Michael Pierson, Rock the Vote political coordinator.

Other organizations agreed and hosted a number of activities to raise awareness, doing everything from posting signs to holding a band fest.

"We felt that education was the best way that we could impact the election," senior Cassandra Phillips, Eco president, said.

ECO held several movie nights and made T-shirts to raise

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▲ A Bush/Cheney sign adorns the lawn of a Republican supporter. In Adair County 55.8% of the voting public voted for President Bush and Vice-President Cheney.

photo by Paula Hodges



▲ ECO members, senior Cassandra Phillips and sophomore Cheryl Wong, wait for buyers at the ECO table. In addition to selling shirts, ECO handed out pamphlets about the environment to passersby.

photo by Monica Kwiatick

awareness about their issues. The information was printed on shirts bought at the Salvation Army.

"Even though we were making things I didn't feel like we were contributing to consumerism," Phillips said.

ECO stressed the importance of keeping the administration in check. Issues like the Clean Air Act, the Healthy Forest Act and tax cuts for big businesses and industries were what kept the students in this organization working hard to get their message out.

FMLA held several events to make its issues public. Members brought a performance group from the University of Missouri-Columbia to give a presentation on the effects of domestic violence. The performance was accompanied by a portion of the Clothesline Project, a collection of shirts with the personal stories of local abuse victims written on them.

FMLA also chalked the University sidewalks with statistics about the state of reproductive rights in the United States.

"I guess trying to shock people into voting," senior Renee Carey, FMLA chair, said.

Organizations had to come up with creative ways to get students' attention on a campus that was covered with fliers for other exciting events. Rock the Vote held a band fest called DemROCKracy with bands from around the state of Missouri. These bands had a voting message to go with their music.

Every organization came to the education process with different goals and issues in mind.

"The reason we are so concerned with this election is that a lot of issues that are very near and dear to us are at

stake here," Carey said. "...We feel that a lot of our rights are being threatened and that if we don't mobilize people so that they know exactly what's at stake that there is a possibility that we could lose these rights very quickly."

College Republicans worked to inform their members and other interested students but felt that the most important thing was getting people to the polls.

"We really feel that this is a base election, that there are so few in the middle that whoever wins is going to be whoever turns out their side the best," Baker said. "We know that we are not going to change very many minds on the other side, so our task is to get the ones on our side

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weeks going door-to-door visiting Kirksville residents on behalf of the GOP.

Other organizations were not as vocal but were still active in the education of students about topics related to the election. The Freethinkers Society held an election series of discussions based on important issues.

Several classes worked together to sponsor Debate Watches, which provided students with an opportunity to watch the debates with other students and have an organized discussion about them immediately following.

"The Index," along with the Vote '04 Convergent Media Team worked to cover the elections both locally and nationally from the perspective of college students. The paper ran stories weekly about the election and conducted a campus-wide survey of student opinion before the election. The Media Team tracked the races throughout the semester and went to celebration sites of several major candidates in state and local elections to do live coverage.

"...a lot of issues that are very near and dear to us are at stake here" - senior Renee Carey



▲ Senior Brian Baker discusses upcoming events at a College Republicans meeting. College Republicans prepared for the election in various ways including a debate against the College Democrats.

photo by Renee Hellebusch



▲ Freshman Lisette Metz Grulke tells students why she is going to vote on Nov 2. Students did not have to sign up to participate in Day of Action, and they were free to walk up to the podium to speak.

photo by Laura Blakey

Many students that had been involved in promoting the election on campus felt that it was worth the effort even before Election Day rolled around.

"I'll be able to sleep well because I did my part and did all I could to help candidates and causes I believe in," Baker said.

Students stayed involved throughout Election Day. Rock the Vote spent Nov. 2 passing out voter guides, while College Republicans stood at busy intersections with signs promoting their candidates. FMLA focused on those individuals who voted at off-campus locations.

"We're working with College Democrats to provide rides to polling places," Carey said. "So if someone doesn't have a way to get to a polling place then we can provide them with a ride free of charge"

KTRM got involved on Election Day as well, setting up speakers and a microphone outside the Student Union Building to give students a chance to voice their opinions about voting and the election in general.

In the end, organizations judged how well they had done


by who won the election. When the final votes were counted, both Adair County and the nation had cast the most votes for the incumbent George W. Bush.

"It's always nice to get involved in the political process. It's a lot more fun when you win and it pays off in that kind of way," Baker said. "We're feeling very confident, very grateful, and very excited about the future."

ECO took a less enthusiastic approach to the continuation of the Bush administration.

"We hope that at least Bush knows that 49% of the population doesn't like what he's doing, and hopefully that will keep him in line," said Philips.

For members of Rock the Vote, the best way to see how well they had done with their goal of turning out more voters was to look at the polls that were open inside the SUB. All persons registered to vote there were University students.

"It was approximately 50 percent of the registered voters that voted," said Pierson. "That's up from 30 percent in the last election." 



▲ After a long election season, University students get the opportunity to vote. More than 1,000 students punched their ballots in the Student Union Building in November 2004.

photo by Paula Hodges

sigma kappa twists things up

— By Amy Deis

Staff Writer

Since raising money for the Alzheimer's Association was an important part of their organization's philanthropy, the sisters of Sigma Kappa decided in 2004 to revive a once popular tradition that had been dormant for a decade.

During the 2003-2004 school year, junior Marcie Kottemann and her sorority brought back Twisting for Alzheimer's, a fund-raiser that was popular in the early 90s. The event involved paying an entrance fee to compete in a tournament devoted to the popular game Twister. Kottemann wanted to restore the unique moneymaker because everyone could enjoy it.

"We like to say that we've re-established it," Kottemann said.

The Sigma Kappa foundation's chairman, junior Katie Lang, tried to keep the fund-raiser alive by hosting it again in fall 2004.

"Marcie had my position last year, and she started trying to revive it," Lang said. "This year, I'm trying to continue it."

The girls charged a \$4 entrance fee for any team of two that wanted to compete. Sigma Kappa members used the Twister boards Kottemann had made the previous year from white sheets, foam and spray paint. Kottemann altered the colors from traditional Twister boards to lavender and maroon – Sigma Kappa colors – as well as the traditional yellow and green.

With one two-person team on each of the four boards, a team was eliminated if an elbow or knee touched the ground. Once one member of a team went down, that person's team was eliminated. The winning team advanced to the next round. The last surviving couple in the single-elimination tournament won.

Umpires, such as junior Sarah Shelton, kept close watch to make sure all Twister participants played fairly.

"I had to make sure that there was no illegal twisting," Shelton said.

Sigma Kappa members sent out fliers to all Greek organizations and invited anyone Greek or non-Greek to attend the event. Even though only about 30 people showed up, mostly girls within the sorority, the Sigma Kappas had faith that the tradition would continue.

"I haven't quite figured out how to get boys to come," Lang said. "Hopefully as time progresses, it'll get bigger and bigger because it's still in infancy right now."

The winners of the tournament, Kottemann and her partner, freshman Casey Heath, won 15 percent of the event's proceeds to donate to the charity or philanthropy of their choice.

By the end of the night, the girls had collected over \$50, which was combined with their other Alzheimer's fund-raising events, such as the annual Memory Walk, "Forget-Me-Not" Fridays and car washes, and went to support the Alzheimer's Association and fund research grants.

"Since 1984, [our foundation] has raised over \$1 million for the Alzheimer's Association," Lang said.


Shelton added that it was the members' dedication to the Alzheimer's cause that prompted such an achievement.

"Our foundations chair [Katie Lang] always puts in a lot of time and effort to raise money for it," Shelton said.

The women of Sigma Kappa enjoyed working for their cause.

"I plan on going into the health field, and I really liked that [Sigma Kappa's] philanthropy was so health focused," Shelton said. "They [do] so much to raise money for a lot of people."

For some women, this achievement meant more than just raising the money. For Kottemann, it was more personal.

"My grandpa was diagnosed with Alzheimer's right after I became a member," Kottemann said. 



organizations play twister to fund alzheimer research



▲ Freshman Casey Heath, juniors Katie Faul and Marcie Kottemann and senior Briana O'Sullivan begin their Twister game. Five other organizations were represented in the fund-raiser.

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Advertising and Public Relations professional



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African Student Association cultural



FRONT ROW: Mangwi Ntumngia, Oseyi Ikenobe, Ame Esangbedo, Diane Igoche, Ann A-Wovil. SECOND ROW: Rufaro Zinyemba, Gilbert Tetteh, Biplaw Rai, Kevin Mungai, Tiffany Caesar, Adetokunbo Aderibigbe, Nyika Kupara. BACK ROW: Zeresenay Wolday, Melvin Omodon, Dawit Tewelde, Chidulule Obiadi, Chukwudozie Nwozo, David Bonner, Thierry Yungenge.

Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry



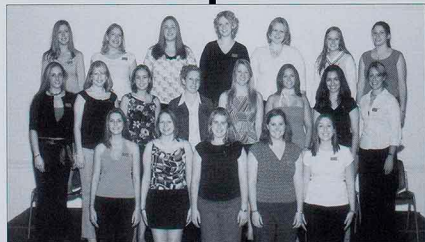
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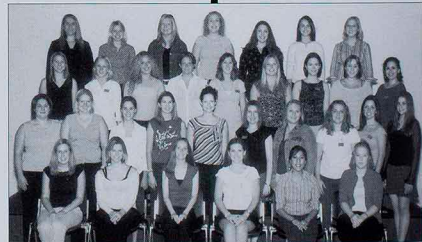
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Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Sara Miller, Heather Pattison, Leslie Bayless, Alexandra Kiefe, Tanya Horvath. SECOND ROW: Emily Finnegan, Megan Thomas, Marjorie Hoffman, Abigail Peters, Michelle Zieres, Diana Dames, Naomi Birman, Ellen Hart. BACK ROW: Kellie O'Neal, Mackenzie Smith, Melanie Cole, Maria Spilker, Michelle Pike, Leah Picker, Melissa Lusby.

Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Sara Bobbitt, Angela Piper, Krista Anthonopoulos, Monica Cowing, Renessa Foronda, Katy Parker. SECOND ROW: Jasmine Nedvin, Emily Ogier, Katherine Stanley, Amanda Banner, Abby Wolcott, Sara Bradley, Lauren Bolland, Sarah Clark, Kelly Voigtman, Theresa Putnam. THIRD ROW: Erica Rhomberg, Sarah Lemp, Ashley Krone, Lacey Grego, Liz Mortensen, Katie Bross, Melissa Seifert, Christine Makowski, Melinda Reddick. BACK ROW: Callie Comegys, Liz Huster, Christine Bursch, Lindsay Schulte, Kim Thiesfeld, Brooke Sorrell, Jaime Lummis.

Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural



FRONT ROW: Erik McGuire, Matthew Sebastian, Justin Meneely, Adam Eichelberger, Steve Webb, Tristan Lovenduski, Tyson Helder.

Alpha Kappa Alpha social/service sorority



FRONT ROW: Tammy Tolliver, Nina Ellis-Hervey, Siobhan Stone, Ava Epps.

Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Kevin Lee, Paul Boyd, Daniel O'Connor, Ryan Parks. SECOND ROW: Rory Judd, Noah Hill, Brent Rauch, BJ Monson, Scott Stephens, Greg Schonberger, Stefan Richarz. THIRD ROW: Chris Bass, Jacob Scheer, Cory Riechers, Matt Jellison, Chris Cooper, Samuel Waltemath, Joe Henke, Spencer Smith. BACK ROW: Adam Dockery, Morgan Silvey, Eric Minturn, Toby Frisch, Danny Naumann, John Mundloch, Dan Mooney.

Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity



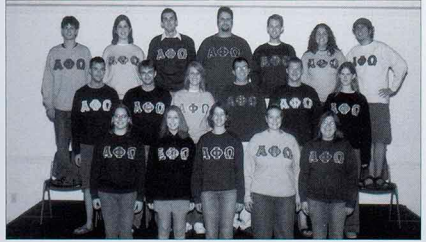
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Alpha Phi Alpha social/service fraternity

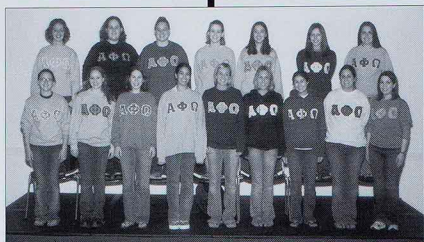


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Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity



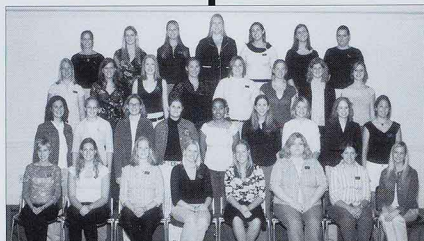
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Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity

FRONT ROW: Michelle Riley, Idean Judah, Jill Scognamiglio, Monica Crupe, Kristen Scheller, Ashley Freund, Mary Hamera, Anna Dearthmont, Elizabeth Robinson. BACK ROW: Jessica Tipp, Eliza McKay, Kandi Kopp, Kristina Sis, Jennifer Huang, Julie Bahr, Kristi Teal.

Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority

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Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority

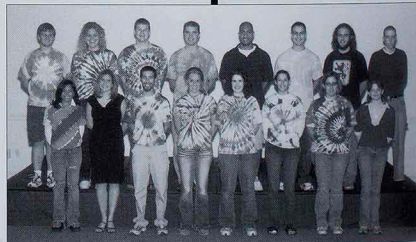
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Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority

FRONT ROW: Rachel Gehner, Kate Kavanaugh, Ruthie Russell, Elena Sabin, Colleen Fitzhenry, Amy Endicott. SECOND ROW: Katy Griner, Jessica Fishing, Jenny Steinhoff, Maggie Schmitz, Sheila Conneely, Kathleen Redmon. THIRD ROW: Samantha Boudria, Nicole Black, Kristin Hohmeier, Carolyn Sidles, Erica Flanagan, Angela Epplin, Marissa Meneely, Christine Bursch, Laura Tomlinson. BACK ROW: Stacey Lenberg, Sarah Olinger, Sarah Wood, Stacy Faerber, Stephanie Provance, Christy VanderStel, Rachael Lynch, Angela Moody.

Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority

FRONT ROW: Thu Nguyen, Marin Swesey, Samantha Kane, Clarissa Kaehlert, Laura Gundy. SECOND ROW: Molly Ryder, Emily Hall, Kim Dickinson, Theresa Rott, Michelle Byington, Abbie Smith, Amanda Wood. THIRD ROW: Kelsey Underwood, Kristen Jones, Kawtar El Alaoui, Bethany Kroeger, Margaret Klobe, Kayla Thompson, Elizabeth Plog. BACK ROW: Amie Miller, Elizabeth Poelker, Carrie Miller, Natalie Barczykowski, Andrea Bax, Elizabeth Jackson, Sheila Bauer, Amanda Berry.

American Chemical Society chemistry

FRONT ROW: Gewel De Los Santos, Jennifer McGinnis, Jeremy West, Angela Soemo, Ann Knolhoff, Sabrina Wells, Jessica Menke, Melissa Thorstad. BACK ROW: Oliver Penrose, Danielle Stacy, Nicholas Harbison, Andrew Linsenbardt, Andrew Chambers, Fred Halvachs, Christopher Halsey, Nina McCrate.

American Marketing Association business



FRONT ROW: Naoki Iijima, Ben Hicks, Geoff Brengle, Maria Mateichina. SECOND ROW: Lindsay Pittenger, Joe Colletti, Paul Link, Lars Pottgiesser, Anne Schlueter, Ellen Hart, Liz Bachmann. BACK ROW: Bethany Nichols, Amanda Romine, Ryan Bobb, Matt Lovell, Jordanne Foster, David McCuniff, Brad Dohack, Natalie Gorski, Natalie Hilfiker.

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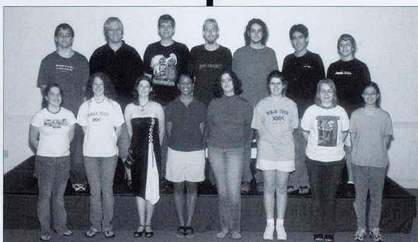
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Amnesty International special interest



FRONT ROW: Betty McLane-Iles, Jennifer Gray, Jeanette Jackson, Elizabeth Hobbs, Maryssa Metheny. BACK ROW: Austin Johnson, Niranjan Bartaula, Ian Florida, Nate Butchli, John Becker, Julie Schaper.

Anime Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Holly Lyons, Jackie Jones, Kristy Musick, Candace Graham, Hillary Rummel, Kira Buckingham, Sarah Heerboth, Joanne Harder. BACK ROW: Dale Pahls, Brian Murray, Jason Pelletier, Keith Bertelsen, Arthur Harrill, Dylan Rothermel, Joshua Mallory.

Art Club fine arts



FRONT ROW: Sasha Ellis, Aaron Fine, Kimberly Sessoms, Jana Hirtz. BACK ROW: Ashley Kilgore, Cecilia Anita Pierre, Joe Moccia, Lisa Payne, Elizabeth Ebers.

Association of Black Collegians special interest



FRONT ROW: Danielle Leveston, Carissa Holloway, Patience Rhodes, Deanna Love, Chizoba Ifeorah, Karyn Stewart. SECOND ROW: Zenia Johnson, Chane Anderson, Kia Washington, LaShonda Mackey, Kelly Haley, LaTanya Mackey. BACK ROW: Brandy Holmes, Chante Jackson, Eric Frazier, Shayna Williams, Myisha Moffett, Auriel Monroe, Ryan Hickman.

Bacchus and Gamma special interest



FRONT ROW: Frances Keapp, Christina Muschany, Lindsay McReynolds, Maggie Wolcott, Becky Chambers. BACK ROW: Shannan Schoening, Isaac Cowart, Andy Crossett, Dawit Tewolde, Abby Wolcott, Sarah Stroesser.

Beta Beta Beta biology



FRONT ROW: Idean Judah, Laura Prewitt, Lisa Grantham. SECOND ROW: Kathryn Jackson, Becky Stanley, Kristin Wulff, Laura Ceriotti, Kristen Otten, Angela Brinker, Mackenzie Taylor. THIRD ROW: Kelly Arcipowski, Robin Chamberlin, Matthew Hermanson, Emily Johnson, Christine Jansow, Michelle Hernandez, Zhian Kamvar, Lindsay Lambert. BACK ROW: Justine Maedeker, Chris Conatser, Richard Claiborne, John Allen, Paul Rotert, Ashley Lough, Mary Green.

Beta Gamma Sigma business/accounting honorary



FRONT ROW: Stephen Allen, Debbi Cartwright, Steve Schnurbusch.

Beta Omega Beta special interest



FRONT ROW: Cynthia Cobb, Katie Rose, Tessa Bernhardt, Molly Pfeiffer. BACK ROW: Brett Young, Kristen Haley, Lizz Rackley, Sarah Whelehan, Emily Maulin.

Beta Theta Pi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Ross Reule, Kevin Frazer, Marc Tower, Eric Yurkovich. SECOND ROW: Paul Rotert, Jordan McAdams, Adam Hoskins, Robert Shroust, Adam Kabins. THIRD ROW: Tyler Patterson, Sam Prescott, Dustin Williams, Kenny Keefer, Ross Houston, Jack Rodemann. BACK ROW: Brian Garrison, Joseph Bredehoft, John Atwell, David Piskulic, Brad Birkel, Eric Hutchins, Graeme Allen.

Beta Theta Pi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Scott Wachter, Steve Hankins, Lawrence Stitt, Clayton Sanger, Chris Teson, Greg Seymour, Tim Hage. SECOND ROW: Kevin Hansen, Kevin Dyke, Jordan McGaughey, Dane Guempel, Jared Bieser, Jacob Winfield, Daniel Dubois, Matt Lusk. BACK ROW: Christopher Robinson, Travis Reynders, Zach Smyth, Bobby Schembre, Brandt Bell, Corey Elledge, Justin Cardwell.

Blue Key honorary service



FRONT ROW: Jeff Romine, Eric Yurkovich, Phil Campbell, Shuvo Saha, Tim Ricker, Aalap Mehta. SECOND ROW: Sam Grabill, Ryan Tichenor, Shalin Sharma, Austin George, Richard Caballero, Brady Copeman, Isaac Cowart, Nathan Gonner, Lukin Murphy. THIRD ROW: Devin McCart, Blake Stevens, Tommy Norman, Andy Brouwer, Adam Weingartner, Ben Brouse, Rory Judd, Kyle Johnson. BACK ROW: Corey Schaecher, Kevin Price, Nathan Cleaver, Morgan Silvey, David Piskulic, Comador Ferguson, Brenton Freeman.

Bulldog Party political



FRONT ROW: Rachael Suddarth, Alison Spinden, Cory Kessler, Stephanie Dunavant, Stephanie Amick, Laura Keck, Shaunte Strong. BACK ROW: Diane Gollaher, Angela Crawford, Brandon Large, Ebubekuchwu Nwazota, Adam Trusty, Stephanie Nigus.

Bullets Rugby special interest



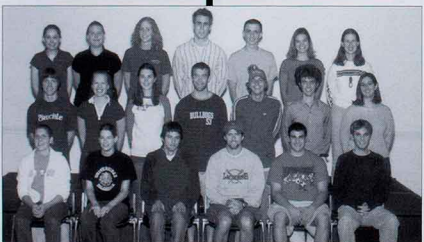
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Bulls Rugby special interest



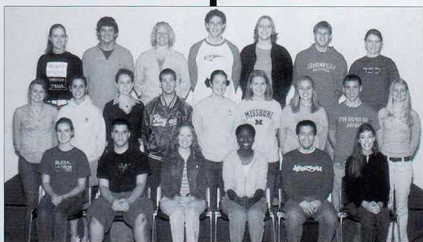
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Campus Christian Fellowship religious



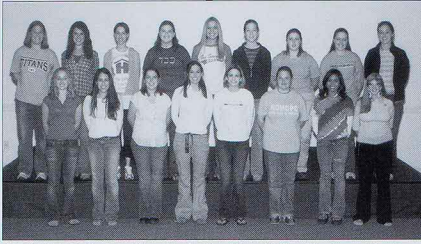
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Campus Christian Fellowship religious



FRONT ROW: Shannon Kelly-Salo, Sean Lowery, Rachel Holper, Anu Orebiyi, Luis Meggo, Kerry Binkley. SECOND ROW: Natalie Schmitt, Melissa Osko, Barbara Greenland, Reed Dent, Ashley Schaelner, Molly Gibbons, Katie Wertz, Tom Roma, Sara Babler. BACK ROW: Katie Horack, Chase Carlisle, Elyse Rucktenbrod, Matt Heimann, Gail Kulczewski, Todd Kulage, Lisa Hanson.

Campus Christian Fellowship religious



FRONT ROW: Carianna Twaddle, Melissa Sloan, Hillary Bleckman, Elise Page, Amy Koopman, Alicia Clark, Gewel De Los Santos, Niki Cox. BACK ROW: Joanne Cadwallader, Joelle May, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Sorensen, Katherine Keeven, Sarah Quick, Courtney Morgan, Emily Lucas, LeAnn Shirley.

Cantoria fine arts



FRONT ROW: Heather Nelson, Kristin Varwig, Dr. Mark Jennings, Kelsie Morgan, Renee Gordon. SECOND ROW: Rachel King, Renee Carey, Stephanie Goodwin, Meghan Callahan, Beth Lasley. THIRD ROW: Kristin McKemy, Harry Cecil, John Weeks, Nicholas Moore, Donivan Foster, Brian Sevits, Tamra Wood. BACK ROW: Jennifer Duvall, Andrew Hardee, Jared Nichols, John Yarnell, Doug Worley, Christopher Gillette, Jacqueline Sieber.

Cantoria fine arts



FRONT ROW: Jamie Graham, Alysia Hall, Kathleen Redmon, Michelle Foard, Kendra Lee, Jessica Schmidt, Joelle May. SECOND ROW: Andrea Courtney, Lindsey Cross, Samantha Wallace, Jason Qualls, Jennifer Drake, Katherine Keeven, Heather Timmerman. BACK ROW: Scott Skinner, Craig Matzes, Evan Merrell, Aaron Ely, Miguel Garriga, Leslie Sikes, William Ryzek.

Cardinal Key honorary service



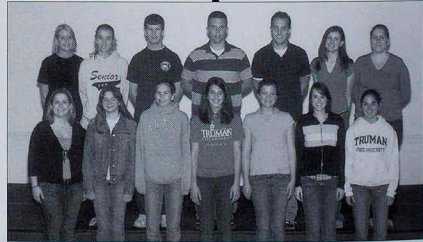
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Catholic Newman Center religious



FRONT ROW: Lauren Ayers, Stephanie Sullivan, Erin Donohue, Sara Meulendyke, Kathleen McGovern, Bettie Leszczynski. SECOND ROW: Mary Hamera, Jean Bilger, Allison Wenger, Julie Anderson, Robert Becker, Joe Donahay, Jessica Tipp. BACK ROW: Christopher Maher, Jeremy Henson, Alan Venneman, Ken Mayo, Corey Witte, Stephen Huss, Neal Meyer, Jessica Hoelzer.

Circle K International service



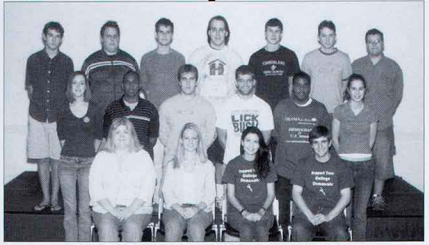
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Coalition of African American Women cultural



FRONT ROW: Keisha Hatcher, Karyn Stewart, Pshyrah Madge, Starr Skinner, Amber Byrd. SECOND ROW: Carla Tillman, LaShonda Mackey, Heather Porter, Antigone Haritos, Nakesia Hardy, Erica Key, Keisha Murray, LaTanya Mackey. BACK ROW: Joslyn Richardson, Christina Richee, LaTrisha Gunn, Brittany Neely, Shalonda Davis, Robin Skinner, Shayna Williams, Patience Rhodes, Myisha Moffett.

College Democrats political



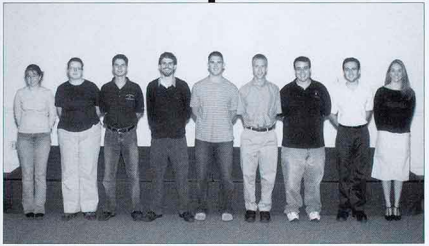
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College Democrats political



FRONT ROW: Michelle Byington, Kristi Baur, Sarah Garber, Julia Gallagher, Jennifer Dine. SECOND ROW: Colleen O'Brien, Ellen O'Leary, Yorba Johnson, Alyssa Warrick, Amanda Moore, Amanda Peacock. BACK ROW: Christina Nerini, Marisa Butler, Cassie Pope, Sarah Sholar, David Ackiss, Laura Casey, Jennie Adolf, Megan Lange.

College Republicans political



FRONT ROW: Emily Kiddoo, Rachel Mohler, Will Tollerton, John Weeks, Scott Lesinski, Robert Kelchen, Brian Baker, Ashley Young, Angela Crawford.

Communication Disorders Association professional



FRONT ROW: Amanda Moore, Mary Hamera, Amy Kempfield, Lauren Mueller. SECOND ROW: Megan Sherrill, Rachel Stuedel, Jennifer Aubuchon, Laura DeKalb, Sarah Speck, Rachel Scheperle, Emily Lucas. BACK ROW: Hilary Turner, Jaime Lummis, Barbara Greenland, Staci Imes, Julie Elder, Kayla Webb, Elizabeth Douglas.

Computer Gaming Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Cynthia Cobb, Greg Wang, Bill Nace, Doug Anderson, Brian Kaelble, Aaron Clark, Josh Kelly, Christian Koebel. SECOND ROW: Marc Rau, Lang Huck, Brian Flieg, Keith Glenn, Michael Arrendale, Ryan Wahrenbrock, George Wolford, Jason DuPont. BACK ROW: Scott Wolcott, Stephen Duepner, Max Eisenbraun, Jon Baker, Shea Joseph, John Allen, Ryan Woods, Kevin Guilfooy.

Delta Sigma Pi business



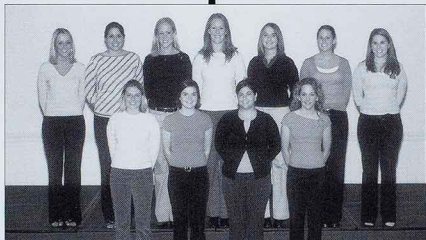
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Delta Tau Alpha agricultural



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Delta Zeta social sorority



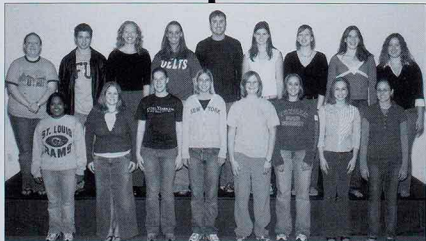
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Dobson Hall Senate residential living



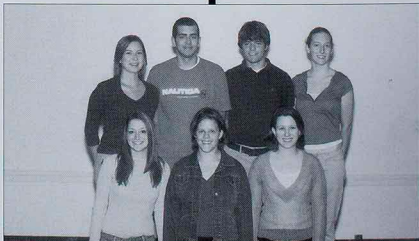
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Echo yearbook



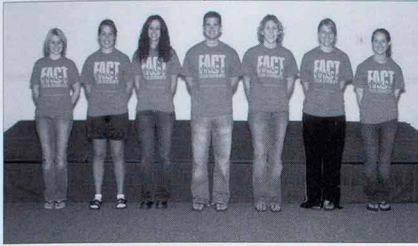
FRONT ROW: Reena Karan, Jennifer Schubert, Beth Spinney, Melissa Allen, Paula Hodges, Erin Hickman, Evie McMullen, Monica Kwiatek. BACK ROW: Jessica Lowe, John Wolf, Loretta Palmer, Katie Kelly, Johnny Vines, Jenna Keeven, Emily Gebhardt, Peggy Amor, Danielle Borsch.

Eta Sigma Gamma health science



FRONT ROW: Samantha Boudria, Jessica Morgan, Sarah Cooper. BACK ROW: Sarah Shelton, Peter Guirguis, Bryan Campbell, Emily Forsyth.

First-year Activities Coordinating Team special interest



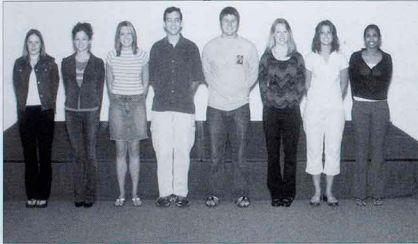
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Freethinkers special interest



FRONT ROW: Christy Schlosser, Violet Poole, Suzy Combs, Katie Monson, Erin Atlakson. BACK ROW: John-Paul Allen, Jessica Pautler, Will Hodgson, Ken Susman, Robert Moore, Josh Fenton.

Funds Allotment Council special interest



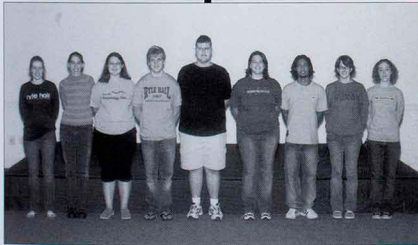
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Habitat for Humanity service



FRONT ROW: Whitney Smith, Alyson Lutz, Elizabeth Douglas, Melissa Thorstad, Linda Schulte. BACK ROW: Stephanie Kimball, Amy Shipp, Sara Kate Anderson, Peter Howe, Kevin Brown, Trey Robinson, Randi Reed.

Herpetology Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Carrie Mills, Justine Maedeker, Katie Neville, Jeff Luttrell, Jeff Morgan, Mary Green, Jyoti Bartaula, Kelly Daniel, Erin Hoover.

High Street dance



FRONT ROW: Ashlynn Omer, Allison Doores, Elizabeth Austin, Leah Kunard, Kelsey Monsaert, Hollie Helton. BACK ROW: Lindsay Ponce, Sarah Pleiness, Erin Kolley, Kristin Nolan, Jillian Knuerr, Tiffany Nelson.

Hispanic American Leadership Organization cultural



FRONT ROW: Vanessa Hernandez, Nohemi Alvarez, Tamaka Mann, Sofia Kerbawy, Tiffany Caesar, Mariam Savabi, Andres Delgado. BACK ROW: David Bonner, Zach Zamora, Kenny Kim, Rafael Andrade, Elisea Avalos, Mario Ortega.

Homecoming Committee special interest



FRONT ROW: Catherine Happ, Dawn Runge, Katie Allen. BACK ROW: Manuj Bhandari, Jamie Martin, Eric Schafermeyer, Sarah Stroesser.

Horseman's Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Tanya Nelson, Rachel Stuedel, Rebecca Pace, Kelly Moore, Amy Hauser. SECOND ROW: Maddison Syberg, Emily Costello, Kathryn Smith, Danielle Sallee, Tamara Vinci, Amanda Gladbach. BACK ROW: Rachel DeWilde, Anna Walters, Anna Mattern, Sara Pendzick, Brandon Hall, Elyse Ruckenbrod, Laura Kresl, Kelly Limberg.

Illusion dance



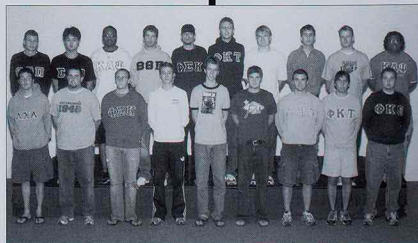
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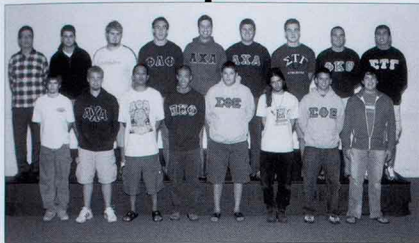
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FRONT ROW: Zach Boucher, Chirstopher Kehlenbrink, Biplav Rai, Steven Chau, Andrew Bowling, Zhian Kamvar, Allen Bowling, Brian Schmidt. BACK ROW: Sal Costa, Dave Lusk, Kevin Hennessey, Matthew Sonn, Nathan Underhill, Colin O'Brien, Mark Kerkhoff, Chris Spencer, Daniel Zamora.

International Club cultural



FRONT ROW: Jyoti Bastola, Wei Xie, Srimaya Gurung, Rajani Hyoju, Kamala Gurung, Vanessa Hernandez, Shino Saito, Becky Vice, Truc Nguyen, Chelsea Hokanson. BACK ROW: Kimberly Sessoms, Petar Mihaylov, Daniela Manikatova, Jared Erwin, Lawrence Emembolu, Krasi Yanbolob, Aubrey Evans, Makoto Hotta, Claire Berman.

Iron Dogs special interest



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Swartz, Melissa Doosing, Amanda Wilson, Kelly Galster, Chris Elledge, Ryan Stewart, Kelsey McFarland, Aaron Armstrong, Jennifer Aubuchon, Audrey Armstrong. BACK ROW: Jenelle Korneman, Nicholas Moore, Zac Cooper, Zach Schluender, Matt Heimann, Jared Nichols, Richard Caballero, John McGuire, Chris Moore.

Kappa Alpha Psi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Eugene Walton, Walker Kovel, Brandon Gordon, Shaun Fox, James Perry, Jerard Levenson.

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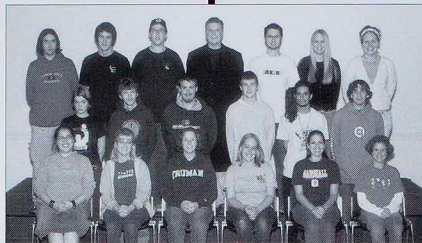


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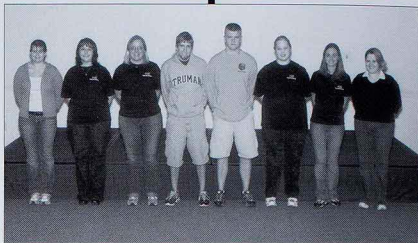
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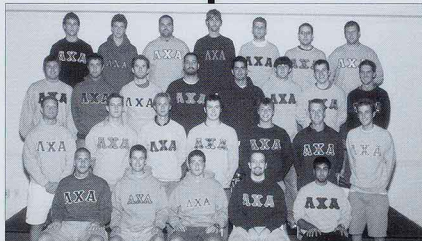
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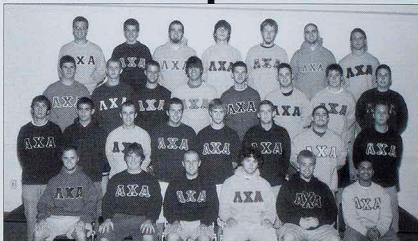
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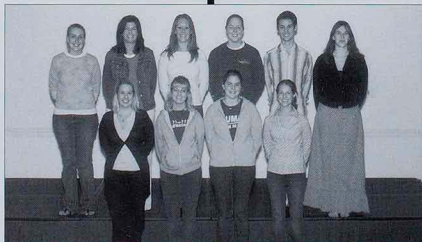
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Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity

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Lambda Pi Eta communications honorary

FRONT ROW: Christine Schlosser, Laurie Hahn, Katherine May, Maggie Wolcott. BACK ROW: Kim Zamastil, Keri Bodensteiner, Kim French, Michaela Osborn, Trevor Marlow, Peggy Amor.

Lutheran Student Fellowship religious

FRONT ROW: Mandi Skaggs, Beth Falkner, Clarissa Kaehlert, Rachel Luetkenhaus, Nicole Epema, Jennifer Keeven. SECOND ROW: Melanie Dunn, Rachel Schepeler, David Kanning, Maryellen Harman, Christina Schepeler, Angela Brinker, Lauren Schlute, Kristin Prange. THIRD ROW: Kurt Brockman, Ben Hingst, John Eddy, Blakeley Meyer, Theodore Carnahan, Nathan Haak, Kyle Harms, Joel Haak. BACK ROW: Mandy Seifert, Natalie Gorski, Jon Schneider, Chris Pivrotto, Jon Rowe, Amanda Jo Russell, Carla Minter.

Men's Volleyball special interest



FRONT ROW: William Gillespie, Mike Reuther, Brian Magnan, Douglas Eudy, Daniel Tucker, Paul Slater, Matthew Tooley. BACK ROW: David Howell, Kevin Frey, Alan Bergfeld, Brandon Bennett, Casey Hollensteiner, Steve Sicking, Ryan McLaury.

Minor Detail acapella ensemble



FRONT ROW: Hana Schneider, Alysia Hall, Jana Sigler, Kathleen McGovern, Melissa Stroder. BACK ROW: Molly Hastings, Erica Mercer, Kristin Samuelson, Jennifer Duvall, Rachael Wareheim, Liz Maness.

Missouri Hall Senate residential living



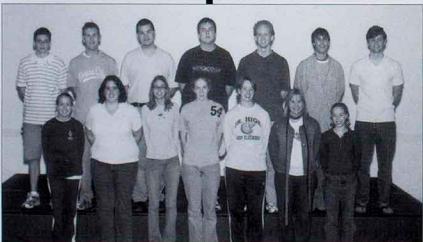
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FRONT ROW: Frances Dusseault, Zach Jackson, Cameron Moore, Jon Lawinger, Andres Delgado, Zach Boucher, Emily Randall.

Mock Trial Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Shelley Coffman, Erin Gissel, Megan Pfister, Amy Rowden, Kelly Wikstrom, Mary Rybak, Meg Concannon. BACK ROW: Bradley Brown, Michael Connelly, David Johnson, Bryan Gelecki, Kevin Chase, Chris Sumski, Andrew Roderick.

National Education Association education



FRONT ROW: Jennifer Edwardson, Sarah Shanaberger, Kara Burns, Kathrine Mandrick, Jenny Peters. SECOND ROW: Sara Galla, Jessica Fishering, Jennie Siron, Jennifer Cunningham, Katie Shannon, Rachel Hart, Robin Chamberlin. BACK ROW: Jennifer Lee, Amanda Perschall, Kim French, Jessica Winders, Amy Schroer, Erica Campbell, Mary Bick, Katie Burrows.

National Pan-Hellenic Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Salena Mathurin, Nikki Helmer, Biplaw Rai, Amber Byrd.
BACK ROW: Benjamin Stewart, Ato Anderson, Shaun Fox, Brandon Gordon, Donovan Foster.

National Residence Hall Honorary Ra's residential living



FRONT ROW: Phil Campbell, Jen Roberts, Andy Uecker, Sarah Preisinger, Twink Pham, Elizabeth Raine. BACK ROW: Drew Spiegel, Kai Gansner, Mark Lowry, Ebuchekwu Nwazota, Michael Jones, Eric Cawthon, Nick Harbison.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars honorary



FRONT ROW: Theresa Putnam, Cathy Clark, Karl Guenther, Angela Gober, Danielle Hartle, Lee James, Sara Bender, Cheryl Wong, Salena Mathurin. SECOND ROW: Kristine Batson, Laura Euriit, Kara Burns, Rachel Scheperle, Kimberly Wilson, Taryn Spoon, Patricia Garrett, Amy Olson, Theresa Rott, Laurie Hahn, Sansanee L. Suwaratana. THIRD ROW: Ashley Wagoner, Melanie Dunn, Mary Rybak, Christopher Maher, David Bonner, Lacey Sloan, Matt Safley, Olumuyiwa Sowunmi, Erin Clark, Joshua Kelly, Melody Turner, Ryan Hickman. BACK ROW: Melissa Weber, Karla Dobs, Sabrina Sandeen, Scott Lesinski, Jaime O'Sullivan, Kayce Swigelson, Bethany Nichols.

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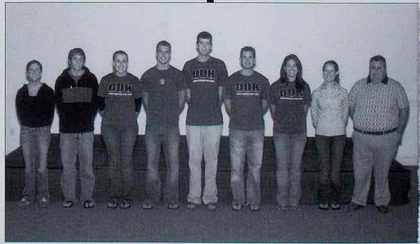
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Nursing Students Association nursing



FRONT ROW: Carissa Allen, Cassandra Scott, Rebecca McClanahan, Kim Young, Jaime O'Sullivan, Janel Townsend. SECOND ROW: Karyl Winkler, Iryna Sydorenko, Monica Piane, Christine Sigmund, Melisa Purof, Melody Turner, Salena Mathurin, Kelly Gannon. BACK ROW: Twink Pham, Katie Johnson, Molly Mudd, Anna Schulte, Alice Lasco, Suzanne Dusek, Kelly Bauer, Ama Owusu.

Omicron Delta Kappa honorary



FRONT ROW: Meghan Doherty, Ross Reule, Kim Zamastil, Antonio DeMarco, Kevin Frazer, Eric Yurkovich, Sarah Stroesser, Maggie Wolcott, Dr. David Hoffman.

Outdoor Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Kenneth Carter, Kristel Powell, Christopher Halsey, Joy Chisholm.
BACK ROW: Devin Tressler, Daniel Johnson, David Shane, Michael Biedenstein, Julia Struble.

Panhellenic Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Tanya Horvath, Tamaka Mann, Stephanie Amick, Leslie Beasley, Kelly Kasparie. BACK ROW: Abby Bledsoe, Jessie Fee, Alicia Schroeder, Sandy Montgomery, Amanda Howe, Ellie Goedeker.

Pershing Society pershing scholars



FRONT ROW: Hannah Langhoff, Patricia Burton, Sara Archer, Michelle Byington, Jason Simpson, Melanie Dunn. SECOND ROW: Lisette Metz Grukke, Eliza McKay, Hannah Kay, David Kiblinger, Brooke Frericks, Devin Tressler. BACK ROW: Jessie Gasch, Devin Dorosh, John Sturgeon, Ross Coleman, Daniel Glossenger, Robert Kelchen, Elizabeth Bobzien.

Phi Beta Lambda business



FRONT ROW: Cathy Poyner, Rachel DeWilde, Theresa Hopfinger, Sarah Cole. SECOND ROW: Naoki Iijima, Katie Bross, Heidi Blackburn, Alaina Murray, Kristine Batson, Jessica Tipp. BACK ROW: Josh Phinney, Bryan Jones, Kyle Gifford, Rebecca Dodd, Todd Young.

Phi Beta Sigma social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Donovan Foster, Ato Anderson, Steven Green.

Phi Epsilon Kappa health and exercise science



FRONT ROW: Jessica Laber, Ryan Hickman, Laura Henderson, Imran Hossain, Alaina Wyatt, Kim Dickinson, Kate Stuhlman. BACK ROW: Ashley Moore, Brynn Weimer, Charlie Miu, Paul Hamilton, Diana Betsworth, Keith Trivitt, Abby Soulers, Ryan Stewart.

principles of yoga



▲ Sophomore Kade Schemahorn poses in the boat posture during a Yoga Week session. The boat posture strengthened the abdomen, hip flexor and spine and aided in stress relief and digestion.

photo by Jon Wolf

— By Laura Wollard —

Contributing Writer

The Art of Living Foundation was a non-governmental, environmentally based organization established in 1982. In fact, it was the largest in the world. Fortunately for the residents of Kirksville, Truman State University had its own branch of the foundation called the Art of Living Club. This organization offered courses in meditation, breathing, yoga and group workshops and also participated in community service. One of the biggest events the group hosted was Yoga Week.

Held from Sept. 23-27, Yoga Week was an intensive week-long yoga tutorial under the instruction of Lloyd Pflueger, associate professor of religion. Pflueger had trained with yoga guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in Bangalore, India, for two years, learning yoga and deep breathing techniques.

Anyone in the Kirksville area was welcome to participate in Yoga Week, as long as they could attend all of the sessions. A large variety of people participated, from a A.T. Still University (formerly KCOM) professor and her daughter to local students and other community residents.

The first day of Yoga Week was dedicated to getting acquainted with the other participants and getting to know

Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Matt Colombo, Dan Wideman, Jim Coverstone, Andrew Pickering, Andrew Morgan. SECOND ROW: Ryan Conway, Rick Roeseimer, William Drazen, Drew Walters, Devin McCart, Kels Lovgreen-Johnson. BACK ROW: Corey Schaecher, Warren Peebles, Michael Nobel, Steve Aldridge, Kipp Siebel, Chris Carrico, Adam Weingartner.

Phi Kappa Theta social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Morgan Bullock, Kurt Reuther, Michael Kohnen, Sam Pope, Greg Malnassy, Andrew Croker, Benjamin Witt, Andrew Linhares. SECOND ROW: Zac Branson, Kenton Moorhead, Nick Cady, Matt Gallas, Matt Huhmann, Ben Wright, Kyle Grinstead, Nick Born. BACK ROW: Tom Lawless, Josh Rubin, Neil Bales, Mike Doorack, Will Jones, Tory Dupuy, Eric Turin.

art of living club invites students to participate in a week of yoga activities

everyone better.

"It's a good chance to make the week a more personal experience," senior Kristen Haley said.

Pflueger also talked to the students about the philosophy aspect of the week and taught a few basic yoga poses, as well as one deep breathing technique.

Over the course of the week, Pflueger added more breathing techniques and taught more yoga positions. The class continued to share its experiences and grow closer.

On the last day, the class practiced all that it had learned throughout the week. Participants talked with one another about how the class had gone and enjoyed a pot luck dinner where the class played games.

Members of the Art of Living Club felt the week was very worthwhile, as it was excellent for stress relief and for gaining a sense of peace. Furthermore, members felt it was a great opportunity to meet new people with a similar interest in yoga.

"It is really positive and welcoming for students to come into," senior Stephanie Malin said. "For some people it's spiritual and for others it is more secular."

One member of the club especially enjoyed Yoga Week. "I've taken it before and it's always kind of a reinforcement," Haley said. "But this time it was especially good because the group of people that took it just got really

close over the week. Some of them already knew each other, but we had a lot of fun this time.

"It is wonderful to see people's faces after they do [Sudarshan Kriya]. They are shining." -Lloyd Pflueger, professor of religion

Talking and laughing, people got really into it."

Malin agreed with Haley that students got a chance to become very close with one another, and she felt this was a positive aspect of the week.

Pflueger's favorite part of the week was teaching the main breathing exercise called Sudarshan Kriya, which is very powerful and is said to ease depression and restore energy.

"It is wonderful to see people's faces after they do [Sudarshan Kriya]," Pflueger said. "They are shining." **un**

Phi Lambda Phi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Greg Smith, Ed Walker, Michael Pierson, Travis Geringer, Matt Veit, Steve Mortimer. BACK ROW: Trent Anderson, Matthew Sonn, Blake Barks, Tony Bretz, Jake Sonn, Adam Mueller.

Phi Mu Alpha music



FRONT ROW: Justin McAninch, Christopher Conatser, William Keys, Wesley Campbell, Barry Watson, Christopher Pieper. SECOND ROW: Matt Wilber, Tony Tomlinson, Brent Moran, Brad Fritz, Aaron Smith, Jeremy Brinning, Chris Roush, Jose Zayas-Caban. BACK ROW: Mitchell Toebben, Jed Bain, Christopher Lowery, Theron Perkowski, Erik Olsen, Nick Nichols, Brian McEuen.

volunteers serve the milan community

students visit
local town to learn
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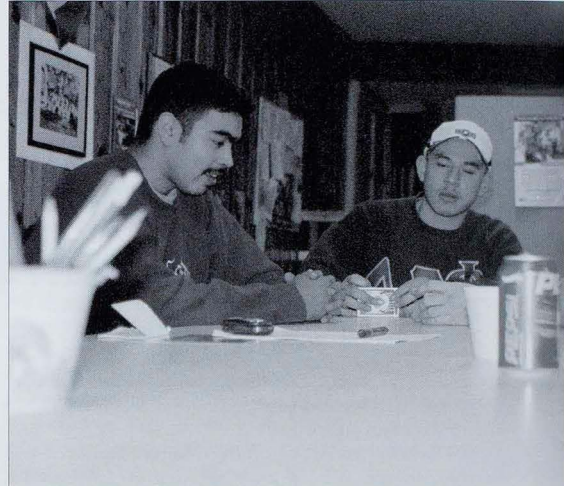
— By Loretta Palmer —

Assistant Manager

Imagine not being able to understand anything that a professor said because they spoke a foreign language. This situation might be frustrating and discouraging, eventually forcing a person to drop the class.

This was an everyday occurrence for about 600 Hispanic residents of Milan, Mo., a town 30 miles west of Kirksville. The frustration extended far beyond the classroom, though.

Milan had seen an explosion in its Hispanic population since Premium Standard Farms, a large farm corporation, moved into the small town of 4,000 people. The corporation



▲ Milan High School students Alejandro and Ricardo Flores play gin rummy with University students, sophomore David Howell and senior Cyndi Speidel. Playing gin rummy helped the Spanish speakers learn English numbers.

photo by Jessica Lowe

Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity



FRONT ROW: Casey Runge, Erin Smith, Audra Harrold, Amber Gordillo, Justine Finney, Sarah Kertz, Abbie Hesse. SECOND ROW: Scott Woods, Liz Fergus, Natalie Trent, Lindsay Schulte, Justin Smith, Jenna Houston, Sara Hayden, Ashlee Brown, Pawan Manocha. THIRD ROW: Robert Lindstrom, Jennifer Crawford, Jeff Scott, Brian Woll, Brian Garrison, Keith Christensen, Chris Marino, Laura Runge. BACK ROW: Bill Overson, Tyler Patterson, Alan Reiningger, Mark McKelvey, Jared Pruessner, Josh Kemper, Brad Kyser.

Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity



FRONT ROW: Julie Watson, Amanda Becker, Asia Mitchell, Mairi Hansen. SECOND ROW: Paige Aberasturi, Kat Field, Elizabeth Plog, Hannah Schreiber, David Rothermich, Mandy Seifert. THIRD ROW: Katie Freeman, Amanda Moore, Elizabeth Carrington, Laura Reeber, Kate Sutter, Rachel Martin, Kelly Galster, Holly Stephens. BACK ROW: Hannah Cummings, Heather Bemis, Anna Ulhrich, Amy Wessel, Sara Hertzke, Joel Andersen, Rhea Hartman.

recruited employees mostly from Mexico, but also from California, Texas, Guatemala and El Salvador. The workers and their families faced the challenge of learning a new language and adapting to an entirely new culture when they arrived in Milan. This process was extremely difficult and sometimes discouraging.

Senior Jonathan Terry became aware of this situation while visiting Milan with Truman State University nursing majors.

"I was looking for an opportunity...to practice my Spanish with native speakers and if you look around Truman's campus it's just not the place for that," Terry said. "I heard about this opportunity and I went out there and realized all the need and opportunity for Truman students."

Motivated by the economic, political and educational situations he witnessed in Milan, Terry approached Valentina Mensa, the founder and director of the Milan Latino Center, which provided classes and other services

to the Milan Hispanic population. Terry then spearheaded a group called the Milan Volunteers.

"[Terry] is the one who started...even when I wasn't asking [for help]," Mensa said. "He told me he could form this group and I am very happy with them and very thankful that they have a group like that to help the Milan community."

Terry and the 20-30 volunteers alternately traveled to Milan in groups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the 2004-2005 academic year. Tuesday and Thursday were ESL (English as a Second Language) classes with high school students and adults, and Wednesdays were dedicated to elementary students. The older students practiced their English by engaging in conversation or doing language worksheets with the Milan Volunteers. Other activities were occasionally introduced, such as teaching vocabulary needed when going to the store or doctor's office.

Members were reminded not to look down on the Hispanic population while providing services to the Milan community.

"We don't want to say that the Latinos are disabled, poor, or disadvantaged because that establishes a power difference," faculty adviser Stephen Hadwiger said. "I emphasize [to the students that] we are gaining as much as we are giving so it is more of a mutual process."

Additionally, the group hoped to provide better justice for the Hispanic community, which was often treated unfairly on things like insurance and rent payment because of the language barrier.

The skills gained by the Hispanic population in Milan were extremely valuable for their survival in the new culture. However, the experiences that the Milan Volunteers gained from their work in the community were just as valuable.

"Every time I go there I feel more energetic, like I'm actually doing something to help people, like I actually have a purpose," senior vice president Mairi Hansen said. "They've helped me learn a lot about their culture and I've gained so many friendships through going there." **un**



Pi Eta Sigma fine arts



FRONT ROW: Ashley Wagoner, Nicole Black, Amanda Knox, Ryan Hickman. SECOND ROW: Kelli Mullarkey, Emily Hillerman, Austin Brown, Anna Halim, Maggie Sullivan, Megan Lange. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Milford, Abby Souders, Melvin Omodon, Paul Blessing, David Bonner, Greg Wang, Rachel Schepeler.

Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Tim Brandt, Eric Wooten, Nathan Whelan, Matt Welker, Andrew Greiner, Dan Brinkmann, Clement Warr, Mark Welsh. BACK ROW: Eric Ferguson, Robert Bruce, Chris Plender, Leon Shih, Bryan Hinriehs, Jonathan Hecht, Gabe Feldman, Jake Westhoff.

experiencing asian culture

— By Katie Curry — *Contributing Writer*

new organization brings chinese and american lifestyles together

A frequent criticism of Truman State University was that its location in rural Missouri resulted in a lack of a multicultural atmosphere familiar to other universities.

"There's not enough of a mixture of cultures here," junior Steven Chau said.

Students weren't the only ones who felt this way.

"I've lived in this area for a long time," said Julie Minn, professor of Chinese. "And I get the feeling that students aren't exposed enough to international affairs."

The Society for Sino-American Studies (SSAS) was founded to rectify the situation by providing a place on campus for students who had a desire to be exposed to a multicultural perspective. Minn served as adviser to the society.

"The society was founded by several students who had the same feeling as I did," Minn said. "They were all students that had studied Chinese and studied abroad and felt that there was not enough exposure to Asian culture on campus."

Minn said the purpose of the SSAS was to gather those students who had an interest in China and the relationship between China and America.

"I think the group is a great way to get information out about China, to those who maybe don't appreciate it in the same way that I or members of the group do," said senior Shirley Luong, public relations chair for the society.

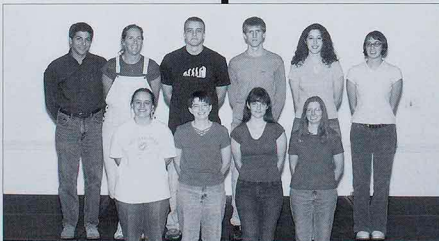
Minn said that although the prefix 'Sino' does mean 'relating to China or Chinese affairs,' the society was not entirely focused on China. Minn said it also aimed



▲ Senior Kenneth Kim, visiting student Chris Lee, and junior Kyungwoo Kim enjoy the food at King's Buffet as part of a celebration of the Chinese New Year. The Chinese New Year is a 15-day celebration that starts on the first full moon of the year.

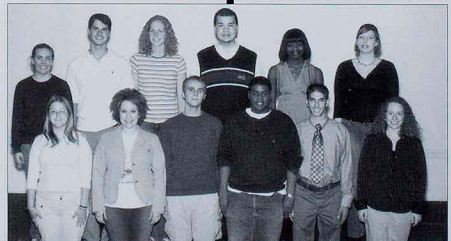
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Plants special interest



FRONT ROW: Angela Brinker, Mackenzie Taylor, Becky Stanley, Rebecca Saff. BACK ROW: Jeffrey M. Osborn, Lisa Hooper, Andy Schwendemann, Ryan Douglas, Kelly McGrath, Kristen Haley.

Pre-Law Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Michelle Byington, Lesley Nichols, Alexander Todd, David Bonner, Eric Wooten, Elizabeth Plog. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Carrington, Ryan Lewis, Courtney Moran, David Johnson, Anderea Calvin, Emily Gebhardt.

to explore topics involving all of Asia.

Minn said the group had no particular stipulations about who could join. The society was open to all, regardless of background or level of knowledge about China.

"A lot of times students will say 'Oh, I don't speak Chinese,' but it's not necessary at all to be able to speak in Chinese or study China," Minn said. "The society is for whoever is interested in topics about China."

The society had several events and activities for interested students. Students were encouraged to attend the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) conference. The annual conference was in Tokyo in 2005.

"Students from all over the world go to this conference," Luong said. "We discuss east-Asian issues, research papers, and speakers."

The society hoped to set up a two-week summer-abroad program to China. Minn started the program at the end of the fall 2004 semester when she took a student to China.

"I'm continuing discussions with two universities there, possibly more, about setting up a program," Minn said. "Hopefully, we can have the program ready at the start of [the summer of 2006]."

The group also organized a dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year at King's Buffet in Kirksville.

"We had about 30 people, including some of the Chinese residents in town and a lot of people who were just

interested in dining with us," Luong said.

Minn agreed that the dinner was a hit.

"The dinner was pretty successful, and we had a lot of fun," Minn said. "We tried to participate in some of the customs fitting for the celebration, which the students learned in my Chinese culture class."

The society had been working on building a foundation on campus. Chau, the society's president, had been attempting to raise funds to pay for more of these events.

One of the society's more memorable fund-raisers took place the week before Valentine's Day, in which members sold flower bouquets to students.

"We did a little survey of neighboring universities, and we found out that we are the only society of this kind"
- Julie Minn, professor of Chinese

"It went really well," Luong said. "We were anticipating having a lot of left-over stock, but we sold out before Valentine's Day. We actually had to turn people down."

The financial and organizational security was important, but Chau noted how this could be difficult.

"We are all trying to do something new," Chau said. "You have to have some sort of goal to reach, or you could just end up sitting there and doing nothing."

Still, this new, distinctive society had much going for it.

"We did a little survey of neighboring universities, and we found out that we are the only society of this kind," Minn said. "These universities had some sort of organization, but usually they were aimed at helping Asian students from abroad adjust to the university. That's why I think we are pretty unique." un

Pre-Veterinary Club professional



FRONT ROW: Alana Walker, Lesley Sheridan, Mary Green, Jessie Fee. SECOND ROW: Susan Els, Sheila Rustemeyer, Robin Sommer, Lacey Spurgeon, Tanya Nelson, Jennie Sandler. BACK ROW: Erin Kane, Catherine Zivnuska, Gerred Knopf, Megan Folkerts, Lauren Huber, Loni Wedemeier, Tamara Vinci.

Prim Roses special interest



FRONT ROW: Elena Williams, Sarah Muth, Janelle Brinkley, Stefanie Schroeder, Theresa Reek, Lois Unger. SECOND ROW: Kindra Rickman, Rene Pepmiller, Molly Pull, Monica Crupe, Erin Poettker, Amethyst Kemp, Shawna Jackson. THIRD ROW: Jessica Pfile, Melissa Peper, Cammy Mold, Christina Collison, Nicole Burk, Molly Wenberg, Sarah Downey, Angela Farabee. BACK ROW: Erin Calkr, Devon Lacy, Lacey Prater, Sara Pendzick, Tracy Bauer, Courtney Wallace, Lillian Cochran.

axe brings color to campus

— By Reena Karan —

Features Editor



▲ Senior Mike Halvachs adds dye to his T-shirt. The tie-dyeing process involved soaking an item in sodium carbonate fixer, wringing it out, wrapping it in rubber bands, adding dye, wrapping it in paper towels, letting it sit for 24 hours and finally rinsing it with mild dish soap.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

Certain students could be found around the Truman State University campus wearing brightly colored T-shirts that attracted the attention of others. These shirts were tie-dyed at Alpha Chi Sigma's tie-dye events held throughout the year.

"It's just an opportunity for people to come out and tie-dye a shirt," said senior Amy Williams, AXE president. "It also serves as a fund-raiser for Alpha Chi Sigma. [The money] just goes into our general account and then we use that money for social events, service events, meetings, food and that type of stuff."

AXE provided students with T-shirts to tie-dye for a fee of \$10. A \$5 fee was charged if people brought in their own shirts. Some students decided to bring unique items to dye.

"People can also tie-dye underwear or socks or whatever they want," Williams said. "We've even had people tie-dye big articles, too. One time someone dyed sheets."

While the tie-dyeing event served as a fund-raiser for the organization, it also allowed AXE members to get to know one another better.

"It's really some team building stuff for us. It's just a nice way for us to all get together and hang out and do something," senior Rachel Travers said. "I think it's a good

Prism gay/lesbian/bisexual/straight alliance



FRONT ROW: Phoenix Falkenrath, Greta Noack, Tony Lam, Chelsea Brophy, Kevin Phelps, Joshua Mallory, Courtney Wallace, Laura Kopff. BACK ROW: Sara Eaton, Julie Steffens, Oliver Penrose, Matthew Siemer, Daron VanWyk, Nicholas Harbison, Greg Wisn, Chris Conatser, Theresa Larson.

Residence Hall Association residential living



FRONT ROW: Lisa Miller, Shea Cleveland, Daniel Kling, Cheryl Johnston, Kathy Schaberg. SECOND ROW: Tracy Knierim, Jamie Matthews, Dorothy Matta, Alexandra Johnson, Elizabeth Raine. THIRD ROW: Michael Mazdra, Abby Howell, Ashley Livermore, Jenny Steinhoff, Kristin Michael, Phil Campbell. BACK ROW: Amy Bridges, John Mounsey, Max Eisenbraun, Jeffrey Morgan, Richard Goering, Bryan Jones, Roger Meissen.

chemistry fraternity hosts tie-dye events to raise money and to promote social interaction

way for people to get to know members, that's mostly how we do our recruiting. Most of the people who join AXE join because they know someone who's in it and they've made friends and they are familiar with us. It's more of a way to get to know us than anything."

Freshmen were given the chance to get to know AXE members at the tie-dye event held during Truman Week in August 2004.

However, for some reason unbeknownst to AXE members, the shirts did not turn out well.

Junior Matt Marks said AXE members thought the problem might have been caused by the detergent used to wash the shirts. The detergent used was a regular laundry detergent, and Marks said they might have been better off using a mild detergent such as Dawn dish soap. Those freshmen who had paid to get their shirts dyed were given a second chance. Freshman Kyle Richter decided to redo his T-shirt.

"They messed up the first time, so we got to do it again for free," Richter said. "[Tie-dyeing] is not very interactive. It is if you don't know what to do, but if you know what's

going on, you can just do it by yourself."

Williams said depending on how well the event was publicized and when the event was held, it could be pretty successful.

"We've had like entire Girl Scout troops come in and so we are really busy," Williams said. "It's really popular with faculty and their children. They can be extremely popular."

Popular or not, AXE members enjoyed working with the tie-dyeing participants, no matter if they

"People can also tie-dye underwear or socks or whatever they want. We've even had people tie-dye big articles, too. One time someone dyed sheets." - senior Amy Williams

were potential AXE members or other people from the University or Kirksville community.

"We've got some freshmen in here and it helps us to get to know the freshmen a lot and for them to make some connections with upperclassmen so they don't feel so isolated in their classes," Travers said. "We really like doing it with the schools and younger kids, that's a lot of fun."

Whether providing entertainment for many or fostering friendship for members, one thing was certain: the AXE tie-dye event added color to the lives of those who participated. **un**

Role Playing Games Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Kara Budde, Joshua Mallory, Jenn Thomas, Elaina Ulrich, Brian Kaelble, Erin Hubbard, Amy Coskey, Adam Pogatshnik. BACK ROW: Eric Scott, Ben Somers, Matthew Kell, Ben Whiteman, Lang Huck, Harry Althoff, Katherine Schneider.

Rotaract Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Kristen Carson, Angela Gober, Matt Hanley, Brynn Weimer, Lauren Durand, Mary Beth Nakai. BACK ROW: Amy Wagner, Kari Skillman, Rizwaan Khambata, Eric Cawthon, Karl Guenther, Courtney Bonney, Ashley Livermore, Alexandra Johnson.

ad and pr club spreads the word

organization focuses
on the importance of
advertising and
public relations

One of the most important and difficult tasks associated with hosting events, making announcements or offering special discounts was spreading the word. In 2004-2005, however, the Advertising and PR Organization at Truman State University was there to help.

The organization gave University students interested in advertising and public relations an opportunity to pursue these interests while at the same time helping many businesses, organizations and individuals with advertising and promotion. The group worked with clients around the University campus and throughout the Kirksville community.

The Ad and PR Organization had 10 paying members in 2004-2005. The group had undergone several changes since being founded in 2000.

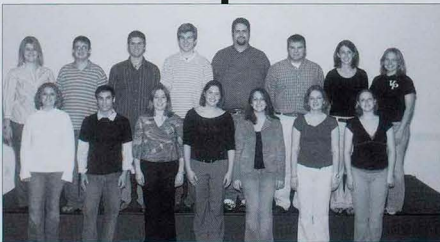
"It's kinda been formed into a mini advertising and public relations firm over the past year," said senior Trevor Marlow, Ad and PR Organization president. "Basically we have different clients, different organizations, who come to us and have us do various promotional projects for them."

The Ad and PR Organization stayed busy with organizations on campus, but much of its clientele came from off campus. One of the group's advertising and promotion projects involved a building in the Kirksville community.

"There's this building off of [Highway] 63 that was vacant and the city planners just wanted to give it away for free," said senior Alan Venneman, Ad and PR Organization treasurer. "The other side of that is that whoever takes that building has to be here for ten years and provide jobs for the community, so we designed posters which helped sponsor that."

Marlow and Venneman agreed that their work in the community was rewarding, but another important aspect of their involvement in the Ad and PR Organization was

Ryle Hall Senate residential living



FRONT ROW: Kate Finnegan, Mike Mazdra, Mindy Harris, Brittany Harris, Tracy Knierim, Jane Reiling, Missy Williamson. BACK ROW: Rachel Goldammer, Brandon Foster, Dustin Kueker, Chris Seals, Greg Thompson, Danny Jarvis, Laura Westensee, Heather Henke.

Shotokan Karate Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Kristine Batson, Dean Yzon, Justin McAninch.

the hands-on experience they gained through various projects.

"It's a good experience all around," Marlow said. "The hands-on opportunities and just getting your feet wet are things that will really help you in the real world."

Diane Johnson, assistant professor of communication, served as co-adviser of the Ad and PR Organization alongside Steve Stepanek, assistant professor of communication.

Johnson believed that members also benefited because the organization was an affiliate of the International Association of Business Communicators, which, according to the IABC Web site, was a network of more than 13,000 business communication professionals in over 60 countries.

"Through IABC, our members can begin to network with professionals in the field, and that gives them access to internships and jobs that they might not otherwise have," Johnson said.

Members of the Ad and PR Organization believed that their involvement would ultimately prove to be invaluable in their future careers.

"I don't know if I'm gonna go into public relations per se," Venneman said. "But the things I'm learning, how to network with people, how to work with other organizations, have been beneficial so far, and I think it will help me later in life." **un**



▲ University alumna Sarah St. John represents Olathe News at the Communication Talk Tables internship dinner hosted by the Advertising and PR Club. The dinner served as an opportunity for students to network and learn about internships from alumni who had found careers in advertising, public relations, journalism or marketing.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

Showgirls dance



FRONT ROW: Linsey Karwoski, Katherine Moschner, Jessica Smith, Megan Mills. SECOND ROW: Amie Wilcoxon, LaToya DeLoach, Kathleen Vanderhoof, Samantha Allinson, Kelly Schreck. BACK ROW: Rachel Haberstroh, Melissa Maloney, Kristin Hohmeier, Tara Osseck.

Sigma Alpha agricultural society



FRONT ROW: Theresa Larson, Staci Lewis, Catherine Zivnuska, Valerie Hentges, Robbie Rader, Aislyn Wright, Jennifer Hoffmann. SECOND ROW: Hillary Schowe, Sheila Rustemeyer, Kristen Gross, Jennifer Lane, Kelly Hanley. BACK ROW: Kelly Moore, Rebecca Pace, Kalin McClure, Lynn Searcy, Brittany Bailey, Robin Sommer.

puppies for sale

—By Reena Karan—

Features Editor

ATO's "puppy-a-thon" makes students' tails wag

One cold, rainy week in winter the men of social fraternity Alpha Tau Omega learned an important lesson: Nothing captures people's attention like cute puppies.

From Feb. 23 to Feb. 25, 2005, ATO organized its first ever Puppy-A-Thon. The event was a fund-raiser for the fraternity to support its philanthropy.

"Well, what this is is that every semester we do a fund-raiser," freshman Mark Hardy, ATO member, said. "Last semester we did a cool-a-thon, where we just sat out here on the Quad and did fun stuff to raise money. But our president's dog just had puppies so we decided that it would be good...See, we always do our charities for Victim Support Services, which is a local place, and we decided to find homes for the puppies while also raising money for Victim Support Services."

Hardy said the event had more than one benefit. "Not only are people getting money because the puppies are cute, and they want to take them home," Hardy said. "But we're finding good homes for them in the process."

While many of the University's fraternities decided to raise money for larger charities, the ATO members thought it was best to stick to something close to home.

"[We chose our charity] because most of the fraternities around here do large national-type charities, and we like giving back to the community more," Hardy said. "So we choose the local place, and our motto – it's also a fun motto, we like to joke around about a lot of stuff – our motto is 'cool guys



▲ Freshmen Libby Wilson and Kate Skevington cuddle with one of the puppies on the Quad. Skevington "rented" one of the puppies for an hour. Her \$5 contributed to the \$879 that ATO donated to Victim Support Services. *photo by Amy Olson*

Sigma Alpha Iota music



FRONT ROW: Kimberly Sessoms, Lisa Rubenthaler, Renee Gordon, Olivia Walter, Kim Thiesfeld, Colleen Farquhar, Kimberly Noble, Heidi Struss. SECOND ROW: Shino Saito, Alison Dahl, Jessica Schmidt, Jessica Morgan, Jennifer Jones, Cheryl Beckley, Amanda West, Meghan Callahan. THIRD ROW: Dana Motte, Erin Lear, Laura Blakely, Sarah Billing, Mary Bick, Katherine Goodwin, Beth Lasley, Amanda Ulrich. BACK ROW: Jennifer Drake, Shannon Damery, Kathryn Brown, Jasmine Logan, Laura Ross, Cassie Fox, Laura Mundle, Althea Stack.

Sigma Chi Delta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Jessie Dean, Jill Kasparie, Alana Nodell, Amie Schlereth, Kelly Kasparie. SECOND ROW: Tricia Marstall, Alexandra Luedke, Ashley Wolfe, Jennifer Gray, Sasha Aldrich, Andrea Cosgrove, Michelle Gill. THIRD ROW: Valerie Robinson, Laura Wollard, Jade Lee, Allison Doores, Frances Knapp, Jamie Larson, Amanda West, Mallory Buchner. BACK ROW: Sasha Rassi, Kerri Esmar, Meghan Schutt, Lauren Weber, Kate Sanders, Lauren Knoble, Morgan Fowler, Leah Guthrie.

don't beat chicks'. It's a good way of getting people to raise money because then they feel guilty about it if they don't. But also local charities, we feel, are always a better way to go because it makes Kirksville like us more, and they always need all the money they can get there."

The puppies came from the ATO president's black lab mix, which gave birth to a multiple-puppy litter. The puppies themselves were mixed breeds.

The event took place on the Quad, but because it was a cold time of year, the men of ATO set up space heaters to ensure that the puppies were always warm.

To raise money for its charity, ATO "rented" out the puppies. For \$5 an hour, anyone could

rent a puppy and take it wherever they pleased. As long as the puppy was unharmed and returned safely, the ATO members were happy. ATO did not charge anyone for holding and playing with the puppies on the Quad, however.

Senior Michelle Meinkoth took the opportunity to play with the puppies. She said that she thought the Puppy-A-Thon was a great idea.

"It's really sweet, and it's really cute," Meinkoth said. "It's probably the best way to raise money, and you can't say no to these cute faces."

The puppies provided something that many students needed – stress relief.

"I think it's a great idea," junior Matt Kemp said. "College students are always so busy and stressed out. This

is a good stress release. Besides, puppies are so cute. They are like babies, everyone likes a baby until they piddle in your lap."

At the end of the event, ATO organized a silent auction and sold the puppies to the highest bidders. Interested individuals put money down each day the members were on the Quad. By the end of the week, all the puppies had received bids. ATO announced the top bidders at noon Friday, Feb. 25.

"A lot of people have shown some interest [in the silent auction]," Hardy said. "But in the end, I think it will just

be people who can really give them a good home. It's really hard to find people on campus who

can actually take in a dog and care for them."

When Meinkoth heard that ATO was auctioning off the puppies, she grew wistful. She was one of the many students who would have liked to get a puppy, but because of housing concerns, she was not able to bid on one.

"I wish I could," Meinkoth said. "I am closing on a house, I'm buying a house that won't be closed until the end of March, and then I can get a puppy. Otherwise I would."

Meinkoth was not the only student who would have liked to bid on a puppy. Kemp said if he thought it would have worked out, he would have tried to get one as well.

Even if all students could not take a puppy home, they still appreciated ATO's effort to spread happiness around campus. un

"It's probably the best way to raise money and you can't say no to these cute faces."
-senior Michelle Meinkoth

Sigma Gamma Rho social sorority



FRONT ROW: Salena Mathurin, Nikki Helmer, Amber Byrd.

Sigma Kappa social sorority



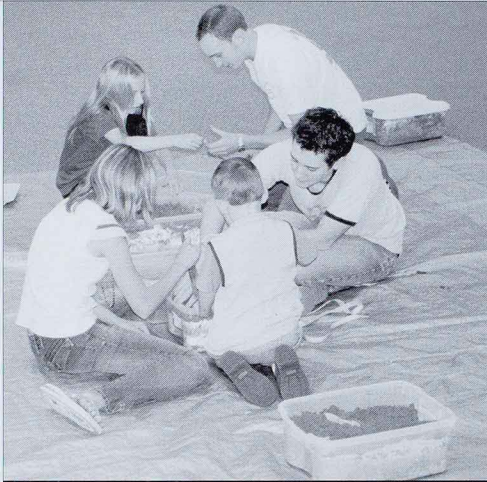
FRONT ROW: Christy Morgan, Liz Overstreet, Jennifer Welch, Barbara Allerdisen. SECOND ROW: Desiree Atwater, Marcie Kottemann, Katie Burrows, Valerie Harting, Katie Lang, Katie Pederson, Cathy Caruthers. THIRD ROW: Amy Jones, Briana O'Sullivan, Laura Stanulis, Michelle Raymond, Laura Carroll, Stephanie Warren, Kristine Loomis, Lindsay Koski. BACK ROW: Amanda Davidson, Sarah Charnes, Laura Gantner, Anne Goedeker, Liz Klocke, Abby Kinscherf, Valerie Dwyer.

unearthing archaeology

—By Jen Schubert—

Staff Writer

study of human life and cultures is explored in archaeology month



▲ (Clockwise from back) Freshman Brian Cella, senior Nathan Wales, and Kirksville residents Logan Miller, Erica Miller and Emily Pollard do mock excavations at the archaeology open house. Plastic “artifacts” were buried in the sand and visitors were invited to carefully find the toys using trowels and mark their findings with masking tape.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

Most people have been to museums and galleries and seen artifacts that date back to several centuries before our time. Yet, few think about how these items are obtained or about the archaeologists who obtain them. However, the state of Missouri and Truman State University both set aside time to shed light on this little known subject.

September was Missouri Archaeology Month, and the University Anthropology Club participated by hosting its third annual archaeology symposium and second annual archaeology open house. The Anthropology Club spent weeks promoting and planning for the symposium and the open house activities.

The symposium consisted of students and faculty giving presentations related to the field of archaeology. Presenters discussed what they learned and what tasks they had to complete at a field school they had attended during the summer of 2004. This gave students interested in field study an idea of what they would be participating in. The symposium was geared toward educating students, faculty and the community about current research being conducted at the University and about the fieldwork experiences of archaeologists.

The open house was an event held to give information about what archaeologists do and to also generate interest in archaeology.

Anthropology Club members prepared for at least three weeks. They spent several weekends discussing, constructing activity exhibits and painting at the home of Amber Johnson, assistant professor of anthropology and sponsor of Anthropology Club.

Activities hosted during the month of September

Sigma Kappa social sorority



FRONT ROW: Story Sollars, Jennifer Hopper, Pascael Barclay, Ellie Goedecker, Sandy Montgomery, Ashley Newman. SECOND ROW: Samantha Sanchez, Megan Knoche, Kristen Schmer, Kristin Harvey, Kay Fancher, Nancy Dahlby, Erin Brooks. THIRD ROW: Anne Victorio, Courtney Floro, Jenny Dix, Kristen Johnson, Casey Heath, Mandy Sparks, Sarah Shelton, Amy Ladenberger. BACK ROW: Tara O'mahoney, Kalyń Marek, Erin Davlin, Justyne Foster, Tracey Vick, Erin Pagel, Jessica Jacobi.

Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity



FRONT ROW: David Shaw, Brian Hauck, Scott Farquhar, Brendan Whalen, AJ Barton. BACK ROW: Nicholas Zarkadis, Nicholas Cepicky, Danielle Sullivan, Alex Dack, Michael Self.

included a miniature archaeological dig for children, life-sized replicas of portions of archaeology sites from Michigan and the Kalahari Desert, exhibits and artifact collections.

"Many people have no idea what anthropology is," senior Jacob Freeman said. "They think we are the Ant Club. And many people have an Indiana Jones stereotype of archaeologists. So these events were geared towards educating people."

Students and members of the Kirksville community gained knowledge and understanding about archaeology. However, the Anthropology Club members also benefited through sponsoring Archaeology Month activities.

"It was rewarding to see our effort appreciated by our peers and to have taught others something that they did not know before," sophomore Ashley Wagoner said.

Along with the gratification of a job well done, some

members gained even more.

"I think that the club gained focus and had time to bond with one another," Johnson said. "They had a project to start immediately and this gave new members the opportunity to get to know the veteran members."

Hosting Archaeology Month also provided club members with life-long skills that would help them in future careers.

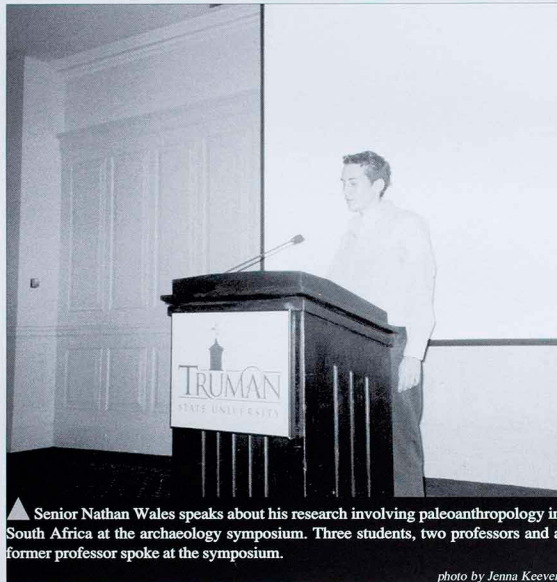
"Club members also gained teaching and public speaking experience, not to mention experience planning, organizing and skills needed to coordinate with people," Freeman said.

Anthropology Club members agreed that the intentions of Archaeology Month activities were achieved.

"Anytime that you can get a roomful of people

to voluntarily come to an academic based event on a Thursday night in the middle of the semester is great,"

Freeman said. **un**



▲ Senior Nathan Wales speaks about his research involving paleoanthropology in South Africa at the archaeology symposium. Three students, two professors and a former professor spoke at the symposium.

photo by Jenna Keeven

Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority



FRONTROW: Becky Clark, Nicki Brown, Amanda Senn, Melissa Yokeley, Bethany Wallendorf, Megan Works, Casey Hunstein, Sara Detweiler. SECOND ROW: Casey Hoffmann, Kimber Beckler, Camille Caldwell, Jessi Corwin, Christen Belcher, Lisa Dodge, Marta Samojluk, Molly Hastings, Stellina Aubuchon, Emily Sellner, Sarah Kohler, Missy Gahr. THIRD ROW: Naomi Davis, Kailee Niemann, Heidi Schwab, Brianna Smith, Kristen Bash, Nicole Myers, Alli Nartker, Dannielle Emmendorfer, Lindsey Erdmann, Lindsay Hunstein, Chrystl Drewerler. BACK ROW: Molly Fowler, Amanda Shea, Cassidy Leonard, Sally Dockendorff, Jackie White, Lindsey Niermeyer, Elizabeth Kerlick, Ashley Carter, Julie Buzard.

Society for Sino-American Studies special interest



FRONT ROW: Ying Ming Shi, Steven Chau, Shyn Chyn Julie Minn, Wang Greg, Shirley Luong. BACK ROW: Marshall Edwards, Tim Tu, Ross Rearick, Matthew Lineberry, Aaron Yates.

beautiful as a rose

organization provides relaxing massages to students during mid-term week

— By Katie Kelly —

Advertising Manager

Truman State University students could not enjoy the services of a spa on campus every day. However, the Society of the Prim Roses presented them with this opportunity for a low price during the fall 2004 semester, and proceeds supported a good cause.

The Prim Roses held a spa night in October 2004 to raise money for their philanthropy and to give students a break from the stress of midterms. Held in the SUB Activities Room, spa night was open to all University students and faculty.

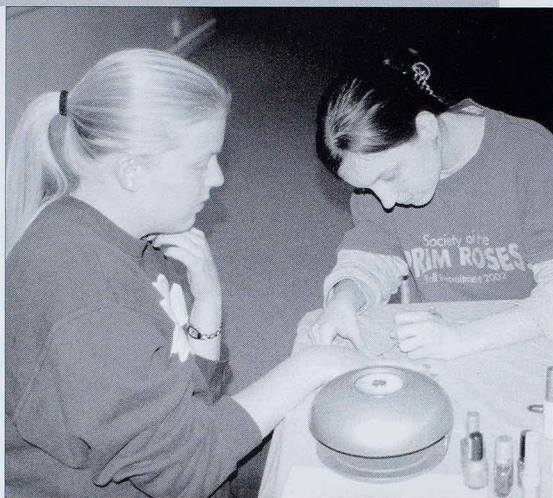
“Spa night was a fund-raiser for us; it’s something we like to do around midterms to de-stress people,” junior Lacey Prater, Prim Rose member, said.

This was the second spa night hosted by the Prim Roses. The first occurred during the 2003-2004 school year. The group planned to continue this event for future years.

Junior Angela Farabee, Prim Rose member, said that in addition to fund-raising, the spa night was a good way for Prim Roses to get their name out on campus.

The Prim Roses thought that providing this service was better than just collecting money in an ordinary way. An admission of \$5 was required to participate for one person or \$8 for two people. The money went toward the organization’s philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse Missouri, as well as funding for the Prim Roses and their activities.

Unfortunately, the turnout for the spa was not very large. An election debate and a St. Louis Cardinals baseball playoff game on TV gathered



▲ Junior Lacey Prater waits as junior Stephanie Schroeder paints Prater’s nails. About 20 students attended the Prim Roses’ spa night. Sophomore Sarah Muth, event organizer attributed the low attendance to poor weather and TV events.

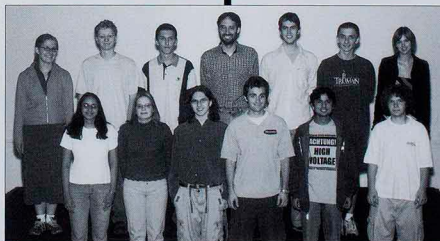
photo by Amy Olson

Society of Dance Arts dance



FRONT ROW: Allison McCue, Chelsey Cole, Elizabeth Austin, Jaime O’Sullivan. BACK ROW: Krista Garcia, Loretta Palmer, Marshall Edwards, Erin Kolley, Peggy Amor.

Society of Physics Students physics



FRONT ROW: Sucheta Jawalkar, Violet Poole, Thomas Vonderharr, Adam Bezinovich, Nirjal Sapkota, J.D. Lloyd. BACK ROW: Sarah Smith, Christopher Cook, Marek Haruza, Taner Edis, Chad Weaver, David Shane, Courtney Bonney.

much of the attention of University students. Prater said that the Prim Rose members turned the night into a sisterhood event instead, painting each other's nails and just having fun with one another.

Among the participants who went to the SUB to get pampered was junior Steven Chau. Chau was the only male to attend the event.

"We had one guy come," said sophomore member Sarah Muth, the event's organizer. "He was a friend of just about all of us."

Chau had a facemask, scrub, hand massage and also had his fingernails done in multiple colors. He said he felt the event was worthy of participation.

"I have a lot of friends in Prim Roses and it is going to a good cause," Chau said. "If my organization was doing something like that, I would expect people to attend."

Prim Rose members posted fliers on bulletin boards and chalked campus sidewalks before the spa night to advertise for the event.

Hiring professionals for such an event would have been too costly and would have taken from the proceeds for the philanthropy, so the Prim Rose members ran the spa themselves. The spa was conducted in stations with people rotating from one service to the next. The Prim Rose members administered the services once participants had paid admission. The participants put on facemasks and then

relaxed and read magazines while their masks dried. They received hand massages and scrubs and had their fingernails painted after wiping off the masks. The members thought that providing the services themselves was a fun way to get involved.

Farabee, who helped Muth organize the event, said it was helpful that certain people had already known how to paint nails because they had performed the services at past events, such as formal dances. She said that looking on the Internet and using personal experiences

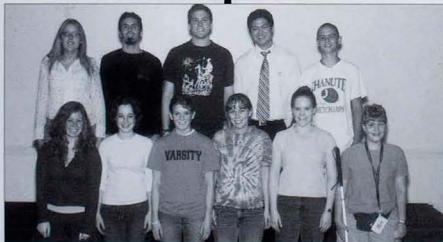
"Spa night was a fund-raiser for us; it's something we like to do around midterms to de-stress people" - junior Lacey Prater

was a good way to judge what services should be provided for the guests.

About 15 Prim Rose members participated in providing services at the spa night. Everyone involved had a wonderful time with one exception. Chau said the only disappointing thing for him was that he did not receive a full back rub.

Even though the support from University students and the Kirksville community was not as large as the Prim Roses would have liked, the group had a great time and was able to raise money for a good philanthropy. The Prim Roses hoped that in years to come, the spa night would attract more people and become a larger source of fund-raising for Prevent Child Abuse Missouri, while at the same time giving University students some much needed relaxation during the stress of midterms. **un**

Spanish Club spanish



FRONT ROW: Brittany Cummings, Teresa Kerbawy, Hillarey Stone, Abigail Burns, Kristine Batson, Brandi Bloss. BACK ROW: Amanda Boyle, Dylan Steinmetz, John Burns, Leon Shih, Ben Coate.

Student Activities Board special interest



FRONT ROW: Bonnie Treichel, Meghan Doherty, Lauren Bolland, Naomi Davis, Martha Claeys, Ashley Movoid, Sarah Lemp, Courtney Rakers. SECOND ROW: Matt Smith, Dawn Juon, Chrissy Colpoys, Kim Zamastil, Ashley Walker, Kristen McManis, Ashley Butler, Rebecca Martin, Laura Burjeck. THIRD ROW: Robin Taylor, Andrea Davis, Christopher McKinney, Alisha Dalsted, Robert Lindstrom, Akash Bhalla, Chris LeBeau, Mathew Robertson, Danielle Tolson, Dawn Runge. BACK ROW: Andy Brouwer, Paul Blessing, Rachael Spavone, Tyler Patterson, Ross Houston, Ian Vickers, Andrew Spiegel.

making sweet melodies together

mostly live composers
society pieces together
music for valentine's
day

—By Evangeline McMullen—
Assistant Copy Editor

For years, the Mostly Live Composers Society had been one of the most exclusive groups on Truman State University's campus. However, it opened itself up in 2004 to anyone with an interest in composing music.

The group was known as the master class for music composition majors before its rebirth as a Truman State University student organization. That changed when members decided to become part of the Society of Composers, Inc. To become a student chapter of SCI, the group had to be open to all students, not just those majoring in music.

"It's changed a lot over the years as new people come in, but it always retains that sort of quirkiness," senior Adam Hardin said. "Composers are interesting that way, they usually have a lot of eccentricities."

The group prided itself on its unfailing sense of humor and laid-back attitude. Each weekly meeting was a haven of relaxation for students.

"It's what I look forward to all week," said senior Colleen Farquhar, Mostly Live secretary. "We just get together and have a lot of fun, and we share music with each other."

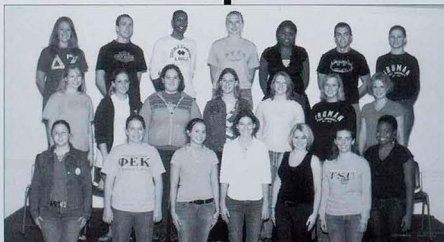
Even the organization's name reflected the jokes that were traded among members during the group's weekly meetings.

Sophomore Brendan Loula said the name was a play on the Dead Poets' Society and was adapted to suit the group's function. The tagline also provided laughs when members referred to themselves on paper.

"We refer to ourselves as The Mostly Live-ers," Hardin said. "So when it's spelled out it looks like The Mostly Livers."

Mostly Live organized a unique fund-raiser for Valentine's Day in February 2005 that was a far cry from the traditional bake sale. The idea drew on the members'

Student Ambassadors university tour guides



FRONT ROW: Michelle Byington, Kate Stuhlman, Jamie Bloomfield, Andrea Brown, Erin Brooks, Elizabeth Carrington, Tiffany Caesar. SECOND ROW: Megan Thomas, Emily Finnegan, Eliza McKay, Beth Spinney, Lindsay Kempker, Jaime Lummis, Amy Olson. BACK ROW: Kim French, Shaun Moynihan, Michael Jones, Valerie Hentges, Ame Esangbedo, Josh Fenton, Laura Whitted.

Student Council for Exceptional Children special interest



FRONT ROW: Karla Jordan, Shannon Masterson, Rachel Kinzie, Cassie Morrow. BACK ROW: Sharon Peebles, Rachel Martin, Jason Murray, Jamie Luedtke, Julie Wynn.

talent for composing and served as both a publicity tool and a money earner.

For Valentine's Day the group advertised its services to individuals looking to present their sweethearts with an especially personalized gift: a customized musical piece. The customer provided the lyrics and/or style and paid Mostly Live \$10 to compose accompanying music. The group performed the pieces, recorded them onto CDs and gave the CDs to the customers.

"It was challenging," Hardin said. "We didn't have any idea what to expect. The idea for it came up, I think, three weeks or so before we decided to actually do it, so we didn't have a lot of time for preparation ... it was a challenge, but it was a lot of fun."

Some group members got more than they expected when they received the lyrics.

"One piece that I did was in French, which was a challenge for me because I don't speak French," said senior Carol Perry, Mostly Live president. "So I had to get some help from my friends."

Mostly Live "sold" 19 pieces, netting itself \$190. Members were satisfied with the earnings because the event was their very first fund-raiser. Group members expected to organize the event again.

Whether or not the Valentine's Day fundraiser was destined to become an annual event, one thing was certain: Mostly Live members would continue to spread word of their group and notes of their music throughout the University, opening ears and minds along the way. **un**



▲ Sophomore Brent Moran arranges a song using Finale 2002. Senior Carol Perry said it was typical for both Mostly Live Composers Society members as well as music students to use the program several times a week.

photo by Kate Gallen

Student Senate student government



FRONT ROW: Renessa Foronda, Laura Keck, Grant Mulkey, Chelsea Schinnour, Sara James. SECOND ROW: Twink Pham, Elizabeth Douglas, Angela Crawford, Mindy Maness, Stephanie Dunavant. BACK ROW: David Bonner, Emma Williams, Brandon Large, Sam Hodge, Emily Hall.

Students Together Educating Peers fine arts



FRONT ROW: Emily Lucas, Stacy Ortmann, Katy Parker. BACK ROW: Emily Randall, Jill Randall, Nick Harbison, Joe Hamilton.

dodgeball wars erupt across campus

habitat for human-
ity raises money
through dodgeball
tournament

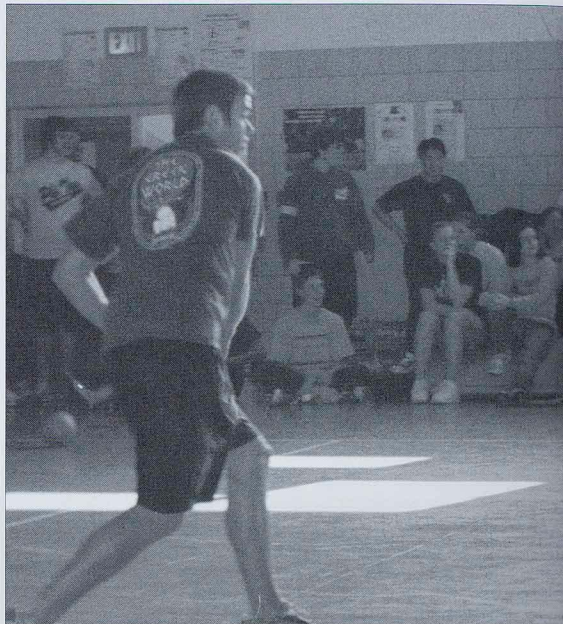
—By Angela Crawford—

Staff Writer

Freshman Franklin Cline did not hesitate to boast about his team's performance in the Habitat for Humanity dodgeball tournament, despite its losses.

"We wanted to show [the other teams] who's boss on the dodgeball court," Cline said.

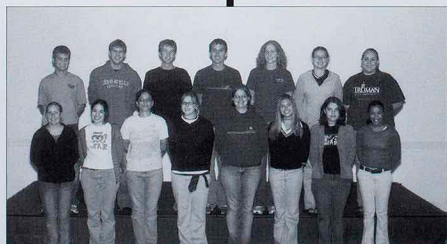
Fourteen teams participated in the tournament. Some



▲ Beta Theta Pi member, senior John Whipple, attacks an opposing team. Beta Theta Pi placed third in the dodgeball tournament.

photo by Laura Blakey

Students to Assist Recruitment special interest



FRONT ROW: Amanda Knox, Ginger Daugherty, Megan Robinson, Lisette Metz Grulke, Christine Haring, Tara Osseck, Sara Eaton, LaToya DeLoach. BACK ROW: Kyle Richter, Todd Kulage, John Sturgeon, Eric Stephens, Courtney Moran, Becki Gell, Audrey Kerr.

Tae Kwon Do Competition Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Truc Nguyen, Kat Sadanowicz, Ani Na Thalang, Alycia Cornelius, Lauren Phillips, Elizabeth Hoppis, Carla Minter, Rebecca Betts. BACK ROW: Jennifer Semiak, Josh Barnickol, Grant Mulkey, Danny Motta, Blake Barks, Robert Dickerson, Abbie Smith.

teams were from campus organizations, and other teams were made up of students who signed up independently and formed teams.

Cline participated with six other teammates from social fraternity Alpha Tau Omega to help raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Freshman Mark Hardy was one of Cline's teammates in the tournament.



"We try to do stuff like that to help out," Hardy said. "We usually lose, but we like to help out."

Junior Sara Lynn Sterling was a member of Habitat for Humanity's fundraising committee and led the way in planning the tournament.

"We were throwing around ideas that were fun and also fundraising," Sterling said. "This year, after the movie ["Dodgeball"] came out, we got a lot more response."

Sterling said that participation in the tournament doubled from that in 2003-

2004.

"We're planning on doing it every year, if not every semester," Sterling said. "People in Habitat love it. It's an easy fund-raiser."

Sterling, who played with both Habitat for Humanity and Women's Club Soccer, said that watching the final was one of her favorite parts of the tournament.

"The boys get so competitive, and the losing team wanted a rematch," Sterling said.

The men of ATO lost their first game of the tournament but came back in their second game with a somewhat surprising win.

"Our strategy for the second game was to have three of us stand in the back against the wall smoking and not catching any balls," Cline said.

The team's strategy proved to be effective. At one point in the game, ATO had two remaining players when a ball was thrown that Hardy was sure would leave him as ATO's lone competitor. Luck was on ATO's side, however, and Hardy did not have to stand alone.

"[Freshman] Harry [Burson] caught the ball between his knees, and we won our first thing ever," Hardy said. "We lost our third game [to Habitat for Humanity], but I'd say it was a good run."

Both Hardy and Cline said they were looking forward to the 2004-2005 tournament.

"We will spend a lot more time training for next year," Cline said. "We are looking into different ways to cheat at dodgeball to beat Habitat for Humanity at their own game, literally and figuratively."

Team Awesome from social fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon won the tournament.

"It was just fun," sophomore Ryan Pias said. "Most of the people were not very athletic, so it was very easy."

The tournament raised around \$190 in proceeds for Habitat for Humanity. **un**

Tau Lambda Sigma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Jennifer Walker, Julie Schaper, Amy Coskey, Kalen Ponche, Amy Olson, Kim Ferrell, Alisha Raby. SECOND ROW: Nakesia Hardy, Katie Martin, Kelly Wikstrom, Colleen Cleaveland, Melissa Allen, Michelle Walsh. BACK ROW: Laura Whitted, Beth Spinney, Jackie White, Stacey Unnerstall, Ashley Hanson, Emily Gebhardt, Antigone Haritos.

Tau Lambda Sigma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Sarah Anderson, Sarah Cooper, Shannon Grantham, Stefanie Luzader, Sarah Hinch. SECOND ROW: Tracey James, Mary Rybak, Jennifer Anderson, Jessica Miller, Tarrah Moore, Laura Prewitt. BACK ROW: Rebecca Hadley, Melissa Nicol, Lesley Nichols, Brooke Baumann, Anna Meyer.

symphony of strings



▲ Freshman Christina Scheperte, junior Sarah Billing, senior Kate Brown and freshman Lindsay Blick perform Metallica's "The Unforgiven" during the Casual Evening of Strings concert. Other performances featured classic pieces by Bach, Barber and Hovhaness.

photo by Evie McMullen

— By Amy Deis —

Staff Writer

Sigma Alpha Iota, the international women's music fraternity at Truman State University, dedicated time to promoting music education in 2004. The fraternity pursued this goal by organizing an event for Kirksville children to become more involved in music through stringed instruments.

"The goal of SAI is to spread the awareness of music and our love of music to everyone," junior Kate Brown said. "[SAI is] an opportunity to help with that."

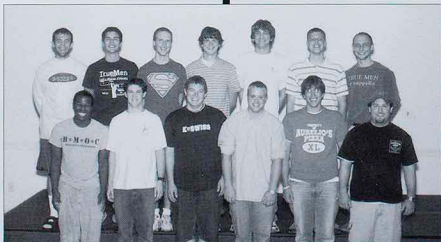
Brown and senior Sarah Billing volunteered with the after-school music program at Ray Miller Elementary School. Members of SAI explained that since no string program existed within 90 miles of Kirksville, the program provided a way for children to become involved with music.

Both Brown and Billing had taught lessons at the elementary school as well as the University, but they found that lessons alone did not motivate the children to want to play.

"It's really hard to get kids to realize what they can do on the violin," said Billing, who played both the violin and viola. "They see themselves and then see the college kids. They don't see any kids who really devote themselves fully to string instruments."

Billing, Brown and other SAI members organized

True Men a cappella ensemble



FRONT ROW: Joshua Webster, Scott Skimmer, Jeremy Brinning, Andrew Hardee, Chris Thurman, Chad Lograsso. BACK ROW: Matthew Fieleke, Jared Nichols, Caleb Pautz, Graeme Allen, Nathan Haak, Nick Cloud, Doug Worley.

Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir religious music group



FRONT ROW: Danisha Leigh, Michael Malone, Jennifer Drake, Harry Cecil, Benjamin Stewart, Tiffany Caesar, Karyn Stewart, Danielle Leveston. SECOND ROW: Nicol Arrington and child, Deanna Johnson, Keisha Murray, Brandy Holmes, Brian Santos, Corie Bednar, Melody Von Engeln, Myisha Moffett, Diane Gollaber, Tiffani Rice, Shaunte Strong, Adetokunbo Aderibigbe, Earlene Bolton, Karisa Lawson. BACK ROW: Donivan Foster, Erica Key, Noelle Peterson, Adam Trusty, Michael Jones, Jerome Redding, Ian Vickers, Shalonda Davis, Talicia Jones, Steven Green.

sigma alpha iota hosts festival for young musicians to stimulate interest in string music

Stringfest, an event dedicated to increasing Kirksville children's interest in string music. SAI invited 10 children from Webster University Community School in St. Louis, Mo., for a weekend of performing and attending workshops. They performed for the children at both Ray Miller and Kirksville Primary schools.

"Saturday they joined our students for workshops,"

Billings said. "Some of the [Kirksville] kids got to play in the orchestra for the first time because we had enough students to be able to have all four string sections."

Forrest Beck, a fifth-grader at Ray Miller, enjoyed participating in Stringfest for the second time.

"It's a lot of fun when you get to orchestral stuff," said Beck, who had played the violin since she was four. "I like performances because you really get to share your experiences and stuff with all the other people just by playing a song."

Music professors and University students involved in the music department taught the workshops, which included Fiddling I and II, Intro to the Viola, Intro to the Cello and

Music Lore.

Beck attended a composition workshop where three University students explained the elements of music composition.

"They taught us about word painting and making up your own music and playing it on the piano," Beck said.

Stringfest concluded with a

"We wanted these kids to have a fun and inspiring day to refocus them and see that with help they can do almost anything."

- senior Sarah Billings

performance by all the children involved.

Billings and Brown knew the success of Stringfest would not have been as great if they had to rely on SAI alone.

"If SAI had to do it on our own, we couldn't because we need support from professors and grad students," Billings said. "It's nice to know that we have a community that is willing to help out with the community at large."

SAI hoped to continue Stringfest annually because the event had influenced many children.

"That was our emphasis behind the whole thing," Billings said. "We wanted these kids to have a fun and inspiring day to refocus them and see that with help they can do almost anything." **un**

University Swingers General Group dance



FRONT ROW: Steph Howard, Sarah Speck, Chelsea Brown, Sara Galla, Kristy Musick. BACK ROW: Megan Robison, Lucia Alonzo, Kayce Swigelson, Aaron Clark, Dale Pahls, Krystle Bertoncin, Stephanie Kimball.

University Swingers Performance Team dance



FRONT ROW: Kelly Kasparie, Julie Bates, Starr Meek, Jill Kasparie. BACK ROW: Nick Barrett, Seth Gamble, Kai Gansner, Mark McKelvey, Eric Jerde, Matt Kemp, Emily Forsyth.

african culture captivates

sights and sounds of
africa unites students
under one roof

—By Prajwal Sharma—

Contributing Writer

African students at Truman State University had plans. They wanted everyone to know of the rich culture and heritage they had, so they decided to organize Sights and Sounds of Africa. The event gave them a platform to showcase their talents and helped University students and staff as well as Kirksville residents better appreciate the African culture.

Sights and Sounds of Africa, which was organized by the African Students' Association, took place Feb. 27, 2005, in the SUB Activities Room. The association invited all University students and Kirksville residents and also provided free ethnic African cuisine.

Performances ranged from poetry readings and slide shows to dances and skits. Besides the African students at the University, several Americans also participated in the skit and the fashion show. Senior April Owens was one such student.

Owens said she had always been attracted to the international atmosphere at the University, and participating in Sights and Sounds of Africa was something she had wanted to do.

"I love the African students here," she said. "They are so warm and friendly and are so forthcoming. I really enjoyed being a part of such a cultural experience."

Owens participated in the fashion show and a one-act play.

"It was really cool – wearing ethnic African costumes and stuff," she said. "I had a blast, and the play was hilarious. We all bonded so well during the rehearsals."

Owens said she hoped to be a part of many such experiences.

"You learn so much about other countries – it's like all



▲ Senior Diane Igoche sets up traditional African food with senior Oseyi Ikuenobe. Thirteen different meals from across Africa were set up for attendees to sample.

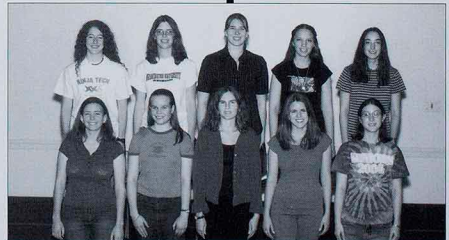
photo by Grace Mattie

Wesley Foundation religious



FRONT ROW: Melissa Nicol, Eric Schmidt, Amy Olson.

Windfall literary magazine



FRONT ROW: Michelle Alford, Camille Phillips, Maggie Mayhan, Leigh Albright, Sadye Scott-Haincek. BACK ROW: Jackie Jones, Emmy Thomson, Peggy Amor, Christina Stroetker, Amanda Hackney.

your high school geography lessons come alive," she said.

Senior Ame Esngbedo said the African Students' Association had worked hard to promote the event as best it could but was not really prepared for the high number of students who showed up.

"The number of people that showed up is just a m a z i n g , " Esngbedo said. "We're surprised at the numbers."

Sights and Sounds of Africa took place in the SUB Down Under in 2002, but the venue was changed in 2005 because of the increasing number of people who showed up for the event each year.

Sisters Marlys and Heidi Chambers, from the University of Missouri-Columbia, were among the many people who attended Sights and Sounds for the first time in 2005.

Marlys Chambers, a senior journalism major at UMC, said she liked the very diverse nature of the event.

"Tonight gave me a distinct taste of what life in the diverse continent of Africa is like," she said. "The performers did an amazing job, and my journey [from Columbia] was well worth it."

Heidi Chambers, a senior political science major at UMC,

said she enjoyed the speech by Dr. Robert Vinson from Washington University in St. Louis, who was the keynote speaker at the event.

"His question on whether Africa was connected to America by an umbilical cord was thought-provoking," she said.

The event concluded with Sylvia Macauley, an assistant professor of history and African Students' Association adviser, who recognized members of the organization with outstanding academic achievements.

"All these students show that they are the complete package," Macauley said. "They work hard at extra-curricular events as well as their studies."

Junior Katie Webster said she

had always wanted to go to Africa.

"I came to experience the Sights and Sounds of Africa, and this is going to make me want to visit more," Webster said.

Webster said she was leaving much more knowledgeable about Africa.

"I feel I now have a better understanding of other cultures," Webster said. **un**



▲ From left to right, freshman Mark Hylton, freshman Lawrence Emembolu, sophomore Philip Gosu and junior Omeiza Olumoye perform a series of traditional African dances at the Sights and Sounds of Africa event. Gosu said the dances were from all over Africa but the majority were western African. *photo by Grace Mattie*

bring out the geeks

armed with costumes and consoles, geek week hits campus

— By Kerry Binkley — *Contributing Writer*

A man wearing an asbestos mask, goggles and pipe cleaner antennae carried a ray gun and greeted unsuspecting passersby in the Student Union Building Feb. 25, 2005.

The geeks were out in full force.

"Mostly we draw a lot of stares, but that's really the idea," said sophomore Harry Althoff, president of the Role Playing Games Club.

Althoff said the stares and questions allowed him to talk about Geek Week to Truman State University students who were unaware of what it was. Geek Week ran from Feb. 25 to March 6, 2005, and its goal was to bring together a variety of clubs to celebrate geekiness.

Althoff said he defined geeks as people who had unusual pastimes or hobbies, or people who participated in normal activities to a strange degree.

"Nerds focus their attention on something that could possibly have some use to society or themselves like schooling or computers," Althoff said. "However, geeks tend to focus on things that have no use whatsoever like role playing or Anime."

The week included activities that represented the essence of "geekiness," such as geeky dress day, a Magic: The Gathering tournament, a console gaming night, superhero live action role-play and a dinner and sci-fi movie night.

The RPG Club, Computer Gaming Association and the Anime Club sponsored the Geek Week activities.

Geek Week was first celebrated in fall 2004, and students continued the tradition for one week every semester.

Freshman Eric Scott began the week dressed as a low-budget knight in a suit of tin-foil armor.

"I get lots of weird looks and points, but that's half the fun," Scott said. "I actually wear a weird costume every Thursday for our meetings and go to dinner like that. I enjoy the reactions."

Scott said one of the best-attended events was the console gaming night sponsored by the CGA. He said the CGA took over the main lounge in Ryle Hall with more than 20 TVs and game systems. Anyone could walk up to an unoccupied system to play a game, and some systems were up to 25 years old.

Freshman Erin Hubbard said she became actively involved with the RPG Club in fall 2004 and participated in her first live-action role play (LARP) during Geek Week 2005. LARP involved a full-immersion game and improvisational theatre without



▲ Kirksville resident? Jeffrey Morton and sophomore Dakota Stearns man the table during the "Dress Your Geekiest" day. Morgan was dressed like an orc while Stearns chose not to dress as a character.

photo submitted



▲ Sophomore Ian Florida and freshman Nathanael Dollar play Risk during board game night. Members of RPG Club played games ranging from Scrabble to the rare Robo Rally.

photo by Kate Gallen

an audience. Participants came dressed as superheroes, and a storyteller provided various scenarios and rules. Superheroes in this LARP attempted to save people during a bank robbery and a massive super glue spill. Hubbard said she dressed in a red skirt, a black shirt and glasses with red lenses to take on the character of Optica, a superhero who can shoot beams out of her eyes.

"I flew through the window and took out some bad guys," Hubbard said. "It was really fun."

Hubbard said each participant had a paper listing his or her super powers and numbers to represent the character's amount of endurance. She said the amount of endurance of a superhero went down each time a player used a super power.

Kirksville residents and visiting high school students also joined in Geek Week festivities, Hubbard said. The clubs may not have increased their memberships during the week, but they made themselves known.

Whether by cards or by costume, loyal geeks declared loud and clear that imagination was still very much alive in University life. **un**



▲ Sophomores Matt Froeschner and Colin Coffman pretend to fight during "Dress Your Geekiest" day. Froeschner was dressed as Rock Lee from the TV show "Naruto" while Coffman was dressed as Dan from "Street Fighter".

photo by Renee Hellebusch

behind the scenes at the red carpet

—By Erin Kolley—

Staff Writer

Twelve campus organizations came together for an evening of glitz, glamour and drama at the 2005 Lakeside Revue. The annual competition took place March 4, 2005, in Baldwin Auditorium. It was one of the spring events put on by the Student Activities Board productions committee.

Lakeside was a skit competition in which organizations worked together to create a skit while incorporating a theme. The 2005 theme, “Experience the Red Carpet,” incorporated Hollywood-inspired skits and celebrity look-alikes that included several Napoleon Dynamites as well as Paris Hilton and her chihuahua, Tinkerbell.

A lot of time and effort went into creating a success out of the light-hearted show.

“It’s a lot of work when we do it,” said sophomore Kristine Kamper, a member of the Newman Center Council. “First, we have to come up with a skit really quick, so we sit down and go over skit ideas. Working with the two other groups I did was a lot of fun.”

There was not a limit to the number of participants in Lakeside Revue. A random drawing paired interested organizations up with each other. Senior Chris McKinney, Lakeside chairman and a member of SAB, oversaw the drawing.

SAB made some changes to the annual show in hopes that it would make the event more interesting and appealing. In the years leading up to 2005, attendance at Lakeside had dwindled.

“Because people weren’t as interested, we kind of want to give it a fresh face, a new look,” McKinney said. “This year I added music, thinking it would be more like lip sync and just wanted to really try to jazz it up. I think, for the most part, that helped it and made it a little more interesting.”

A meeting was held a month before the competition for all of the organizations interested in taking part. Each organization was given an information packet that explained the rules, budget and point-scoring system of the competition, in addition to a list of dates and deadlines.

Each skit group involved in Lakeside turned in an estimated budget that was reviewed by McKinney. The skit groups were given \$50-\$75 to put toward set materials, costumes and prop purchases.

Each organization was given three weeks to pull everything together.

“Our team practiced [in] random places – in Baldwin Hall, classrooms, wherever we could,” said senior Angela Farabee, a member of the Prim Roses.


A dress rehearsal was held in Baldwin Auditorium for the groups to run through the entire show, complete with costumes and dialogue. Guest performers were also invited to the dress rehearsal to run through their performances.

The actual performance was also held in Baldwin Auditorium. The show came together nicely with few problems.

“The judges were amazing,” McKinney said. “SAB was wonderful in decorating and getting stuff together, and Baldwin [auditorium staff] was wonderful to work with.”

Each skit group earned points for originality, plot, technical merit, stage presence, costuming, choreography and entertainment value. At the 2005 event, prizes were awarded in the categories of best actor, best actress, best choreography and best overall skit. Among the winners were junior Justin Smith for his portrayal of Paris Hilton, and Phi Sigma Pi, Mock Trial, and the Newman Center, who won best overall skit.

After the announcement of the winners, each event was awarded a trophy. More important to most of the groups, however, was the overall experience of taking part in the show.

“I had a blast doing it,” Kamper said. “We had such a good group. We all worked together really well.” 



hard work and dedication pay off for organizations involved in annual lakeside revue



▲ Junior Justin Smith “works it” as Paris Hilton during the Lakeside competition. Cross-dressing was popular with the judges, as they awarded Smith with the best actress award and freshman Samantha Allinson, dressed as Napoleon Dynamite, received the best actor award.

photo submitted

planting the seeds



▲ Omicron Delta Kappa members, seniors Kevin Frazer and Jack Rodemann and junior Maggie Wolcott look at gardens on campus. The members looked at campus gardens in order to get ideas for the garden they were creating for former University president, Jack Magruder.

photo by Amy Olson

—By Erin Hickman—

People Editor

Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership honor society at Truman State University, showed its leadership talent in 2004-2005 with its service as liaison between students and administration and also with a variety of unique service activities.

ODK accepted new members every semester through an application process. Students who were juniors by credit hours and had previous group leadership experience were eligible to apply. ODK also looked at each applicant's organizational involvement and community service. The organization attracted people from different areas of campus, and the reasons for joining the organization varied among students.

"A lot of people I knew were in it, and they encouraged me to apply, and I thought it would be a really good organization to be involved in because it's all about leadership," senior Sarah Stroesser said.

Organization members benefited from working with other members who happened to be leaders in different organizations.

"Pretty much everyone that is in the organization has, like, some significant leadership roles at other places on campus," senior Eric Yurkovich said.

ODK was involved with different activities on campus, such as distributing homemade cookies to the University division offices during the Christmas season.

One of the main purposes of ODK was to serve as a go-between for University administration and students. Members from the organization met with the University president on a regular basis to discuss campus issues at roundtable events.

"We get those ideas from other students and then take them to [President Dixon] and explain to her things that are going on on campus," Stroesser said.

At roundtable events, ODK discussed with Dixon issues that she was concerned about and issues that the students had.

"Our next one is going to be on alcohol awareness on campus, just those types of things that are good for the student body," junior Tim Ricker said.

Another roundtable session included discussion about getting clocks placed in classrooms.

The roundtable events benefited both the students and the administration.

"I think it's a good way for [President Dixon] to get to know students on a personal level and really hear first-hand what we think of our experience here and what we think can be improved and what things are going well," Yurkovich said.

Former University president, Jack Magruder, was an honorary member of ODK, and University president, Barbara Dixon, was the official ODK sponsor. Magruder had also served as the organization's sponsor during his time as University president.

"[Magruder] was pretty instrumental in getting our organization off the ground at Truman," said senior Kevin Frazer, ODK member.

The organization decided in 2004-2005 to create a garden in honor of Magruder. The plan was to transplant irises and daylilies from various places on campus to the garden. Walter Ryle, another former University president,

omicron delta kappa improves campus life for students and administration

had worked with irises and created several unique breeds. Of those, he created a "city of Kirksville" iris and another variety that he named after his wife. These irises could be found all across campus at one time. They were dying out, however, because of lack of appropriate care.


"There are only a few kinds of these plants left on campus, and we're trying to save them," Frazer said.

The garden took on a presidential theme by using the irises Ryle had created and dedicating the garden to Magruder. ODK chose an existing flowerbed on the Quad to reshape and reworked it to make room for the new garden.

Donations from other campus organizations and some

funding by ODK itself funded the garden project for Magruder.

"[Magruder] was really good about meeting with us and willing to do whatever we needed on campus and we were pretty responsive to things that he asked of us and [the garden is] just a way to thank him for all that he has done for the organization," Frazer said.

Through various leadership and service activities, such as delivering cookies to division offices, attending roundtable meetings and planting a garden, ODK members showed their appreciation for the University and its leaders and planted the seeds necessary for the University's continued success. 



▲ University president, Barbara Dixon, meets with Omicron Delta Kappa members, juniors Tim Ricker and Heidi Struss and ODK advisor, David Hoffman. ODK typically met with Dixon two to three times each semester.

photo by Beth Spinney

celebration of values



▲ Sophomore Kate Johnson does a praise dance at the Kwanzaa celebration. The dance represented the faith principal *imani*.

photo by Jenna Keeven

coalition of african-american women unite campus for kwanzaa celebration

— By Jenna Keeven —

Staff Writer

Members of the Coalition of African-American Women organized a Kwanzaa presentation on Dec. 5, 2004, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge at Truman State University. The members' intention was to promote diversity and bring attention to the existence of a cultural holiday.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community and culture. It was created to introduce and reinforce the seven basic principles of African culture: umoja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujamaa (cooperative economics), kuumba (creativity), ujima (collective work and responsibility), nia (purpose) and imani (faith). Kwanzaa begins on Dec. 26 and lasts seven days. Each principle represents one day of Kwanzaa.

The presentation began with a rendition of the Black National Anthem and then moved on to the history of Kwanzaa.

Senior Karyn Stewart spoke about the Kwanzaa greeting, which was spoken in

Swahili. The greeting reflected the African-Americans' commitment to the African culture. Stewart asked the audience, "Habari gani?", which means "What's the news?" in Swahili. The audience then responded with the principle for that day. On the first day, for instance, the audience responded with "Umoja."

Various members of the Coalition then talked about each principle's meaning and lit a candle on a kinara, an object similar to a Menorah. After each explanation, individuals showcased talents that pertained to specific principles. The talents were performed by a variety of people from various organizations. Acts included a clarinet soloist, a poet and dancers.

Senior Nicol' Arrington shared a story to represent the principle nia. She brought her child, Nia Arrington, and told the story of how she became pregnant during her junior year of college. Arrington said she knew the baby had a purpose and wanted to name it something special. She decided on Nia, the principle of purpose in Kwanzaa, because it suited her perfectly.

The various displays of talent were appreciated by the audience.

"I thought it was wonderful," senior Auriel Monroe said.

After speakers discussed all seven principles, the Coalition invited keynote speaker Sylvia Macauley, assistant professor of history, to speak. Macauley spoke on unity and how to find unity among the various organizations on a college campus. For junior Carla Tillman, Macauley was one of the highlights of the event.

"She basically just talked about how we need to unify in the African-American community and stop the division because of things such as class and skin color because it's really not that serious," Tillman said. "We need to focus on things that affect us directly, instead of hurting each other back because of our own differences."

The presentation ended with a feast. Chicken, turkey, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, and sweet potatoes lined the long tables.

"Everything you could think of, it was great," junior Starr

"It's not a religious holiday and it's not an African holiday, but an African-American holiday" - junior Starr Skinner

Skinner said.

Although the amount of food was one reason to attend, the event's purpose was to educate others about Kwanzaa so that more people could come together and celebrate the holiday.

"[The purpose was] to unite the African-American organizations on campus – inviting everyone to participate in doing the talents, everyone to cook – and to see how we can come together as a community, even though we're on a big college campus and celebrate an event such as Kwanzaa," Tillman said.

The Coalition also wanted to refute any misconceptions about Kwanzaa.

"It's not a religious holiday, and it's not an African holiday, but an African-American holiday," Skinner said. "Any race or anyone can celebrate it."

In addition, Kwanzaa was not a replacement of Christmas, as some claimed.

"Most people think Kwanzaa is based on religion, but it's really not," Tillman said. "You can celebrate both." un

a few good apples

mac users group reaches out to macintosh enthusiasts

— By Jeff Scott —

Staff Writer

For computer users who had ever questioned an Apple product, a group was finally formed at Truman State University that could provide the answers. The Mac Users Group was created in the spring semester of 2004. The group was founded by junior Ashley Young and faculty advisers Chad Mohler, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, and Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics.

Young first became interested in Macintosh computers during high school when he worked as a LAN technician for his school. He had owned one ever since. Young said the idea for the Mac Users Group arose in fall 2003 when he and Mohler noticed how often they each brought their iBooks to class. The two decided there should be an organization for Macintosh users since they were such a minority to Windows users.

Individuals who had an interest in forming the group decided to hold an event in fall 2003, which was an exchange of Apple products. This event was so successful that those involved decided to band together and officially become a chartered organization.

The group was created in January 2004. Although there were over seventy names on the e-mail list, the meetings usually consisted of 15 to 20 people.

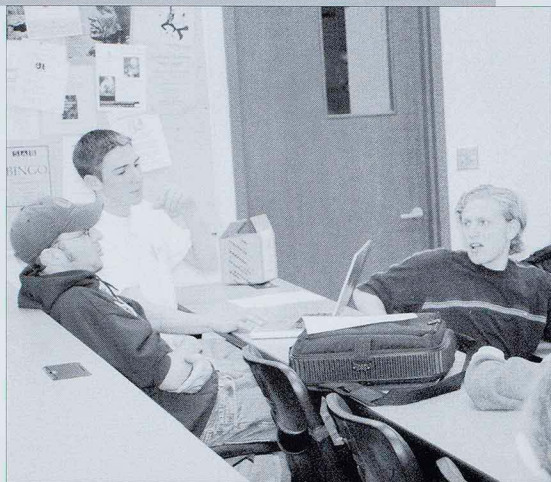
Members of the Mac Users Group included people of all different levels of computer knowledge. Young described one individual who came to the first meeting with her computer still in its unopened box. The group helped her set it up and taught her how to use it.

"The Mac Users Group isn't just for people that own Macs ... it's for people that are enthusiastic about all Apple products," Young said. "We help anybody."

Membership was not limited to University students, faculty and staff. The Mac Users Group encouraged and often had regular attendance from Kirksville residents unaffiliated with the University. The members ranged in age, and one community resident even brought his two daughters to almost every meeting.

"We contacted people in the community who we thought would be interested," said Brian Schmittgens, vice president of the Mac Users Group.

During each meeting, members of the Mac Users Group answered any questions people had and presented a new Apple-related topic.



▲ Juniors Brian Schmittgens, Comador Ferguson and Adam Gold discuss topics brought up during a Mac Users Group meeting. In addition to discussing and presenting new programs during meetings, the group also used the time to swap items such as speakers and iPod skins.

photo by Paula Hodges

untangling Mac Users Group

Information Technology Services estimated that there were 200-250 University-owned Macintosh computers on campus in 2005

Three percent of the responding students reported in an Information Technology Services survey that they owned a Macintosh computer

Apple won the Reader's Choice Award in 2004 for the brand with the biggest global impact

The first Apple computer was created in 1976 by Steven Wozniak and Steven Jobs

"We try to create ideas [for demonstrations] on what people would be generally interested in," said Adam Gold, Mac Users Group secretary.

Gold, who had been using Apple computers since 1990, presented his new Apple G5 computer at one of the meetings. He disassembled it to show its inner workings and to demonstrate its features and capabilities.

Other presentations given at the meetings showed those in attendance how to add light saber effects to their pictures and video, access their Macintosh computers from anywhere on the University network, and how to use Apple GarageBand, an audio editing program. The presentations also included fun and interesting software, tips and tricks for the University network, iPods and more.

For students who were too busy to regularly attend meetings, a mailing list was created on the group's Web site. Students could receive updates and information via e-mail by signing up at <http://mug.truman.edu>.

There was another aspect to the Mac Users Group besides learning about Apple products. The organization also provided a good social atmosphere for its members.

"I met some of my really good friends through [the Mac Users Group]," Schmittgens said. "It's a bunch of people sitting around and talking about stuff we use every day."

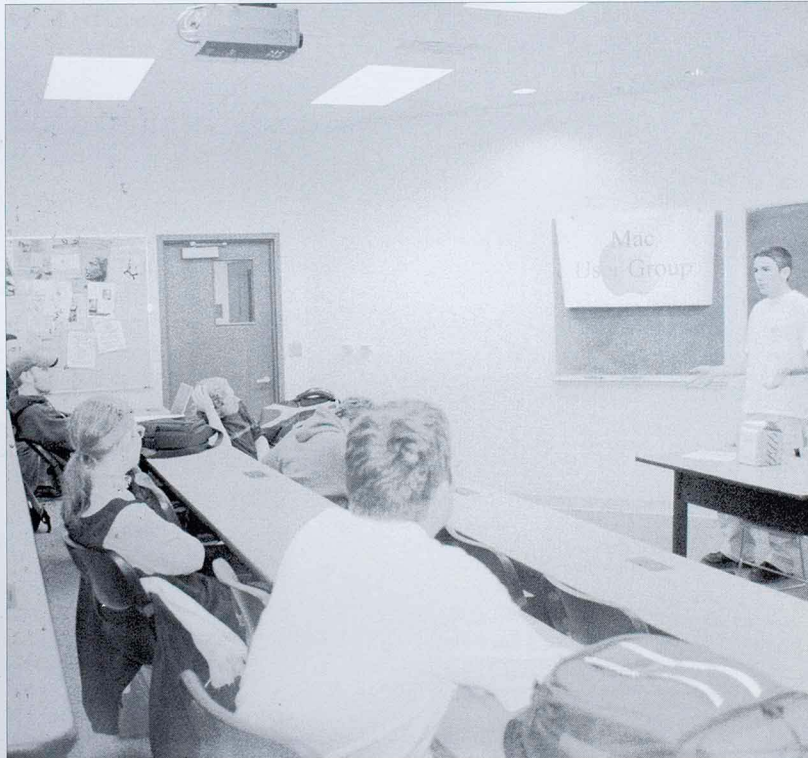
Schmittgens had been using his Macintosh computer every day since he switched from the Windows operating system upon entering college.

The Mac Users Group had plans for future events. Since many majors required the use of Macs for creating and editing media, plans were made to have various professors demonstrate programs often used in their classes. The organization, which had been officially recognized by Apple Inc., had also arranged for an

Apple representative to come and give presentations in upcoming semesters.

In addition, Schmittgens made plans and changes for demonstrations held during the normal meetings. He said that there would be presentations on any new software or equipment that Apple released, but he also planned on recycling some of the older presentations.

Young, Schmittgens and Gold were all satisfied overall with the progress of the Mac Users Group over the two semesters of its existence, and they were excited about the future prospects of the group. Even though it was newly formed, the Mac Users Group had already educated many individuals on the use of Apple technology and planned to continue doing so in the future. **un**



▲ Junior Comador Ferguson presents the new iPod photo to members of the Mac Users Group at a meeting. During the meeting, members also discussed a new software program called Earthbrowser as well as emulators, which were pieces of software that allowed programs made for one machine to work on another.

photo by Paula Hodges

bringing back some football pride

“When the rest of the school is lacking school spirit, they’re there to encourage everyone on” - *senior linebacker Ben Wilson*

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— By Jenna Keeven —

Staff Writer

Encouraging school spirit drove the members of Purple Pride when it came to the Truman State University’s football team.

Purple Pride was a school spirit organization for the football team, and anyone with school spirit was welcome to join. One of the group’s priorities was to encourage people to attend the games to fill up the stands.

“We’re just part of the fans. We just want to make sure there’s more purple in the stand,” senior Karen Bohack, co-president, said. “If people around you are cheering, you’re more likely to cheer with them.”

An hour before a football game, members of Purple Pride could be found setting up for their tailgate party. They transported chairs and tables to a spot just outside the stadium entrance, where they barbequed hotdogs and hamburgers. The football players’ parents also participated in the tailgating festivities and ate lunch with Purple Pride.

Purple Pride members could easily be spotted during the football game, sporting their royal purple shirts with a giant paw print on the back. They stood in the middle section of the bleachers, participating with the cheerleaders’ yells. Other members were spotted on the field with a football to

give to the referees when a field goal was kicked.

Before every home football game, Purple

Pride members chalked the sidewalks in order to publicize the game. They also decorated the locker room with streamers, balloons and signs and handed out candy to the football players to motivate them before game time. The football team appreciated all the hard work Purple Pride put in.

“That’s phenomenal [in reference to Purple Pride’s work],” freshman linebacker Daryl Sappington said. “We truly appreciate them sticking with us through the hard times.”

Senior linebacker Ben Wilson was also appreciative.

“It’s great that they help support us,” Wilson said. “When the rest of the school is lacking school spirit, they’re there to encourage everyone on.”

Head football coach Shannon Currier agreed that Purple Pride helped build school spirit.

“It’s a great organization,” Currier said. “They create a lot of school spirit. It’s a good all around atmosphere.”

Purple Pride members not only focused on school spirit but also helped with recruitment. They gave tours around campus to football recruits and talked with the families about the University and the football team. They also held

one office hour per week in the football office to communicate with the coaches and make decorations.

The funds to make decorations came through various fund-raisers, which took place during the off-season. Purple Pride had hosted football date auctions in the past, which yielded a large portion of the funds, as did the occasional car washes.

Members of Purple Pride attended one away game every season to support the team on the road. Senior Katie Chierek, co-president of Purple Pride, said the away games were always a highlight. They rented a hotel room, went out to dinner, and then attended the game the following day.

"It's a fun organization," Bohack said. "It's good to be involved on campus, and if you can be in a fun organization, why not?" **un**

untangling Purple Pride

Purple Pride had about 30 members in 2004

Purple Pride members gave about 80 tours to prospective football players in 2004

During the 2004-2005 football season Purple Pride distributed 200 ice pops to University football players and the coaches

Purple Pride handed out 55 pounds of candy during the 2004-2005 football season as well as a great deal of sunflower seeds and cheese crackers



▲ Senior Elaine Wright and freshman Jessica Morris tailgate outside Stokes Stadium as they wait for the football game to begin. Purple Pride members attended every home football game and one away game during the 2004 season.

photo by Jenna Keever

an admirable venture

—By Allison Schlobohm—

Staff Writer

The Rural Public Health nursing class annually organized a World AIDS Day candlelight vigil on Truman State University's campus to commemorate those who had lost their lives, family members or friends to AIDS. Other organizations became involved, and the vigil turned into an entire week of events in 2004 to honor AIDS/HIV victims and those who cared about them.

Throughout the week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, students could attend 12 events sponsored by different University organizations. Events included an open mic night, movies and visiting speakers. The AIDS/HIV Fair in the SUB Activities Room gave each organization the opportunity to present information and to share its purpose for becoming involved in AIDS/HIV Week 2004.

The main sponsors were African Students Association (ASA) and Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood. Senior Mangwi Ntumgia was a member of both ASA and Vox. She said that although the events did not garner as much student participation as was hoped, she was pleased with the turnout.

Becoming a coordinator for the fair seemed to happen almost naturally for Ntumgia. When she expressed interest in AIDS/HIV Week, the role of coordinator fell into her lap. Ntumgia hoped that AIDS/HIV Week would continue to grow and become a larger event on campus and would expand into further endeavors.

"My hope is for Truman to have an AIDS center one day," Ntumgia said.

Ntumgia said that she hoped an organization would be formed that would focus on spreading information about AIDS/HIV year-round and would involve the community. She said the goal was to have people thinking about AIDS/HIV more than just once a year.


"It's an everyday thing," Ntumgia said.

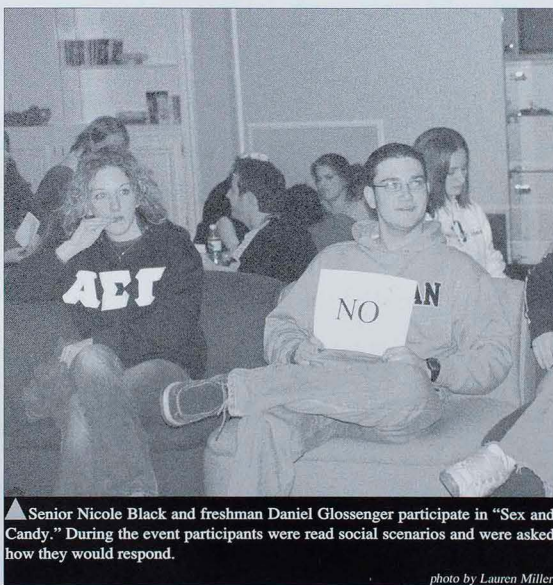
Some students felt as Ntumgia did and resolved to help out. Senior Megan Azar of the Rural Public Health nursing class said that although her class required her participation during the week, she took it further than the requirements.

"We're interested in helping promote awareness of AIDS and the prevention of AIDS especially," Azar said.

The Nursing Student Association not only supported AIDS awareness during AIDS/HIV week but also sponsored AIDS testing each year.

The Namaste Nepal Club was also present at the AIDS/HIV Fair. Senior Biplaw Rai said that his organization was involved because he wanted to make people on campus aware that even a small country such as Nepal had a problem with AIDS.

"Nepal is currently a concentrated epidemic," Rai said. The term "concentrated epidemic" was used when referring to a nation that had a rapidly increasing population of AIDS/HIV victims. Many countries in Africa also were considered to be concentrated epidemics. With so many countries needing help, it was clear that the AIDS/HIV Week was necessary. 



▲ Senior Nicole Black and freshman Daniel Glossenger participate in "Sex and Candy." During the event participants were read social scenarios and were asked how they would respond.

photo by Lauren Miller

organizations come together to honor world aids day



▲ Freshman Daniel Glossenger and sophomore Katy Parker discuss the Students Together Educating Peers program with senior Mangwi Ntumngia at the Activities Fair. STEP did a program during the week on sexual communication.

photo by Kim Dickinson

lead through service

— By Lisa C. Miller —

Contributing Writer

With an emphasis on international and community service, as well as professional and leadership development, the Rotaract Club of Truman State University helped its members become responsible citizens for life.

“One of the important things about college is to prepare yourself for life after college,” senior Kari Skillman, Rotaract president, said. “We help people to improve as citizens and not just as students.”

The idea to start a Rotaract chapter at the University was presented to Skillman in 2003. She thought the organization was unique, and having worked as a liaison to the Rotary Club in her high school, she was willing to give Rotaract a try.

“We haven’t had [an organization] that focuses more on the professional development and leadership development side of service,” Skillman said.

Jeff Romine, professor of business and accounting and president of the local Kirksville Rotary Club, originally presented the idea to Skillman.

“It was my dream and vision shared with several others that the Rotary Club would start a Rotaract chapter here on campus,” Romine said.

Four people began meeting to talk about starting a Rotaract Club in the fall 2003 semester. The idea took hold and the organization began accepting new members the following semester. The organization had 25 active members in 2004.

There were only a few requirements to become a member of Rotaract. First, the potential member had to be a University student between the age of 18 and 30. Also, they had to have a willingness to serve, develop professionally and grow as an individual. If they met the requirements, the student was accepted.

“It seems fun, and since I’m a business major, I thought it’d be a good way to build my skills,” freshman Alex Johnson said.

Sophomore Ashley Livermore joined for a different reason.

“I joined because it’s a good way to get more

service in, and I’m all about service,” Livermore said. “And it’s a good way to get to know people.”

Rotaract Club emphasized service. For example, Bridges was an international service project that involved Rotaract Clubs around the world. It paired U.S. high school students with high school students in other countries. The purpose of this project was to build connections with students around the world. Rotaract Club also participated in “Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat,” a community service project that involved members trick-or-treating for canned food items.

As part of Rotaract Club’s emphasis on professional and leadership development, the local chapter put on programs to help members become more familiar with the work environment. These programs involved résumé writing, mock interviews and managing personal finances after college. Learning skills that would help her in the future was one of Livermore’s favorite parts of Rotaract.

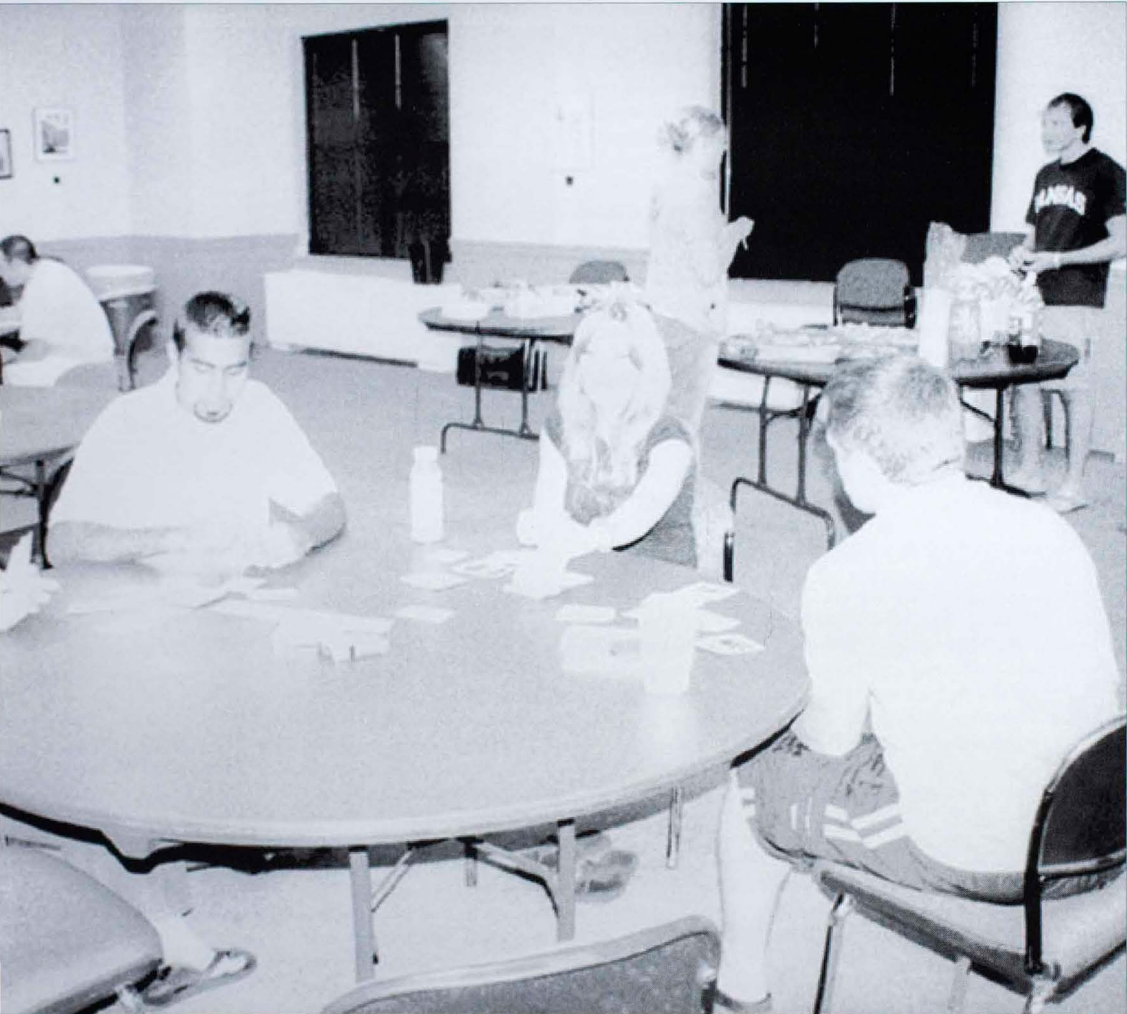
Besides the surface benefits of the program, members profited in other ways. Making new contacts on campus and in the community was the most important thing Skillman said she had gained from Rotaract.

Livermore agreed that meeting new people was a benefit. The connections that members made through Rotaract would help them later by providing networks the members could utilize. Rotaract also gave its members a philosophy on which to build a life.

“Rotaract gives its members a commitment to a life of involvement in your community and a life of involvement in the world,” Romine said.



rotaract members work together to learn, grow and become involved in the community



▲ Seniors Kari Skillman, Rizwaan Khambata, and juniors Kristen Carson and Corey Owens play gin rummy at Rotaract's game night. The game night was one of Rotaract's 2004 recruitment events. The other events involved decorating flower pots and a presentation by Jeff Romine, president of the Kirksville Rotary Club. Photo by Ashley

building a community

—By Breann Hazlett and Reena Karan—
Staff Writers

What does one get when combining two enthusiastic students, one worthy cause and a bout of rain? At Truman State University, the result was Community on the Quad, a charitable fund-raiser that was actually held in Pershing Building, thanks to unexpected weather.

Juniors Brad Edwards and Sarah Preisinger developed the project to meet a requirement for their Contemporary Correctional Treatment Methods class, justice systems professor Lynn VanDolah said.

Edwards, philanthropy chair of social fraternity Delta Chi, was ambitious to improve the fraternity's charitable support. Preisinger wanted to support CASA, an organization dedicated to helping foster children through the legal system. The two students decided to work together, and what they came up with was a charity event to raise money for the children's advocacy program.

The basis of the project came from a Seattle judge who was concerned that mistreated or neglected children were not receiving satisfactory outcomes in their court cases because of insufficient background information. The judge came up with the idea to have trained community volunteers act as a voice for these children in court.

"[It uses] volunteers to look after the best interests of the child," said Preisinger, the University's CASA president.

These volunteers, called special advocates, worked in the children's best interests, making sure judges had all essential evidence in a case before they made decisions regarding the children's welfare. This involved gathering information, through interviews, with people associated with the children.

The initiative began in Seattle, but other judges adopted the idea when they saw its success. Soon, it evolved into a national organization, CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocate, according to CASA's national Web site. CASA's expansion was encouraged when Congress passed the Victims of Child Abuse Act in 1990. The program earned further recognition when The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a division of the United States Department of Justice, named CASA an "Exemplary National Program in Juvenile Delinquency Prevention" in 1991.

More than 900 CASA programs participated nationally



▲ Sophomore Adam Yanick and freshman Angela Carter of the band Dance Commanders, prepare to play at Community on the Quad. The band was only able to play a couple songs before being rained out.

photo by Amy Olson

in 2004 and involved more than 70,000 volunteer advocates. These volunteers helped nearly 1,200 children who were victims of abuse and neglect, but CASA still had over 1,000 children on a waiting list for advocates. The magnitude of the organization and the need for more volunteers reinforced Preisinger's desire to have the University become a part of it.

While Preisinger worked to get the University involved in CASA, Edwards did some organization of his own.

"I talked with the Delta Chi chapter at Mizzou and realized that, in comparison, our philanthropy was lacking," Edwards said. "Greeks, especially fraternities, don't really do enough philanthropy-wise."

The wheels started spinning, and Edwards soon found a worthy cause in CASA. Community on the Quad emerged shortly thereafter.

"I wanted something to let the students have a good time while supporting a good cause," Edwards said.

The event was well planned, but not all elements could

delta chi hosts benefit to support special advocates

be controlled. Rain put a damper on the Oct. 1, 2004, fund-raiser and resulted in a postponement and a change of venue.

The fund-raiser was rescheduled for Nov. 7 in Pershing Small Gym. Attractions included a raffle with \$750 worth of prizes, made possible by donations from Kirksville businesses, and a free concert by the local band Dance Commanders. About 50 people attended the event. Preisinger and Edwards had hoped for a better turnout. Edwards said that the small number of participants was because of a lack of publicity, advertisement and horrible weather.

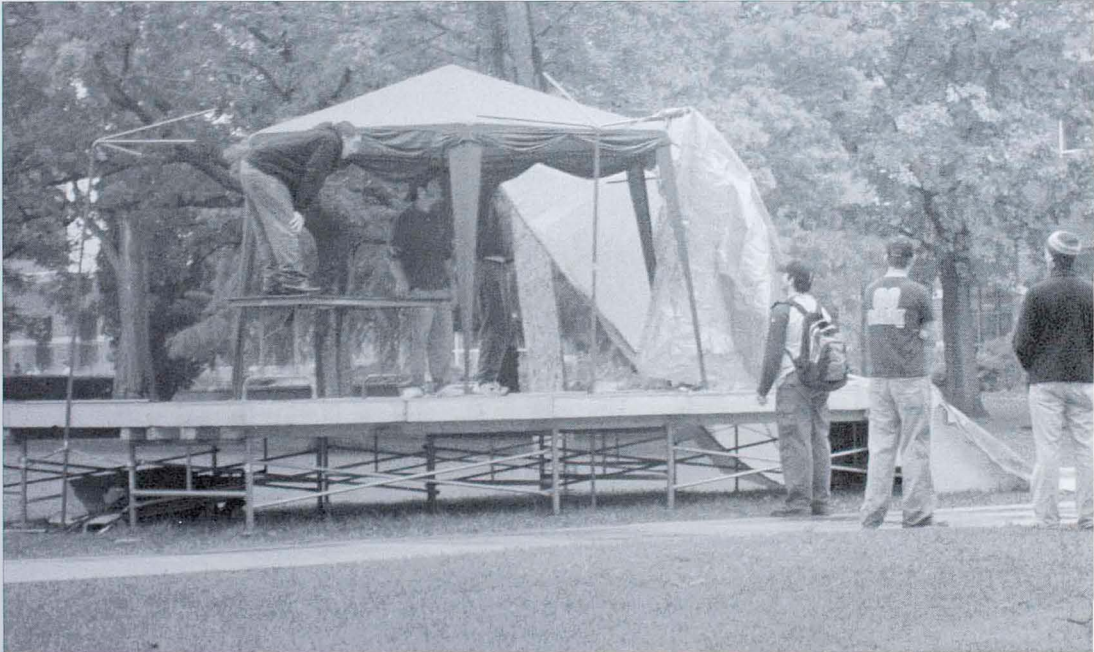
"Next year, we hope to make this a Family Day activity

to get more PR and interest all around," Edwards said.

Edwards said he thought events such as Community on the Quad helped to improve the Greek image on campus and overall relations with other organizations. It also helped Delta Chi achieve its goal of entertaining people while kicking off a great philanthropic cause.

Through donations and raffle tickets the event raised \$150, which would go toward funding the first year of CASA at the University. Although the event did not go as well as the organizers would have liked, they felt some good ultimately came from it.

"We ran into some bad weather, but it turned out great," Preisinger said. **un**



▲ Members of Delta Chi set up for Community on the Quad. Delta Chi spent an hour and a half setting up for the event, which was cancelled after about 30 minutes due to rain.

photo by Amy Olson

student advisers unite

university holds first midwest conference for student advisers and residence assistants

—By Emily Gebhardt—

Sports Editor

From Oct. 29 to Oct.31, 2004, Truman State University organized and successfully hosted its very first student Adviser/Resident Assistant Heartland Conference.

The University's department of residential living primarily developed the conference for student advisers/resident assistants from Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska, although students from schools as far as Wisconsin came to participate. The conference focused on providing the opportunity for professional and personal growth through a framework of values.

"[The goal is] to educate student advisers/resident assistants of different ways they can work with their residents, grow as individuals and leaders, to have fun, network and get to know others," said junior Phil Campbell, entertainment chairman.

The conference was important to the University because it was the first residential living conference that had taken place there. The University decided to go ahead and organize its own conference when it lost a bid to host the Midwest Affiliates of College and University Residential Halls (MACURH) Conference.

"We had a lot of the groundwork laid [to hold a conference], and we asked [ourselves], 'Can we do anything with all the work we have done?'" said senior Richard Goering, conference co-chairperson.

After laying the groundwork and developing the conference, the University decided it would host for two years. This would enable it to construct a firm foundation for the conference that other universities could build on. After those two years, the role of host of the Heartland Conference would be up for bids.

A unique aspect of the University's conference was that it took place in the fall and not the spring, which was the traditional time for a conference. The University did this intentionally so the attending student advisers/resident assistants could return to their own universities and have an entire year, rather than one semester, to use the skills they gained at the conference.

To educate and train the conference participants, different sessions and programs were conducted on how participants could utilize diverse programs in their residence halls. The programming centered around four themes relevant to on-campus living: diversity, community, life-long learning/personal growth and wellness.

"All the programs were there to enrich us at what



▲ Junior Jim Love from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse practices shaking hands with junior Amanda Hall from Columbia College. The "How You Shake It Matters" program offered information on different kinds of handshakes for different situations and also gave advice for remembering names.

photo by Amy Olson

untangling heartland sa/ra conference

The 20 programs offered at the 2004 Heartland Conference focused on four elements: diversity, community, personal growth and wellness

Participants from other universities stayed at the Days Inn, where registration and breakfasts took place

The conference staff was made up of University student advisers and community coordinators who were in charge of all elements of the conference, including organizing registration, programming, entertainment and finance

we do," said sophomore student adviser Kyle Torres.

The sessions helped participants learn how to help their residents with important issues such as death and dying, mental illness, mediation and incorporating handicapped students into the residence hall environment. Other sessions covered less intense issues that were important nonetheless, such as using service events to bring a residence hall community together and helpful ways for student advisers/resident assistants to remember their residents' names.

"One big issue I have is remembering names," Torres said. "I learned games and strategies to help me with that."

The conference demonstrated how service could bring a community together by sponsoring a fund-raising challenge for those in attendance, with the money going toward breast cancer research.

"I initially chose that [charity] because the conference was going to take place at the end of October, and I thought it would be fitting ... since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month," said junior Kathy Schaberg, philanthropy chairperson.


To acquaint the conference participants with one another, social activities were organized that included a haunted house, graffiti dance party, swap shop and a showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." A variety show featuring the Truman Society of Dance Arts, Ben Church, High Street Dancers and University Swingers also took place. Conference participants were also given the opportunity to play with puppies provided by the Kirksville Humane Society.

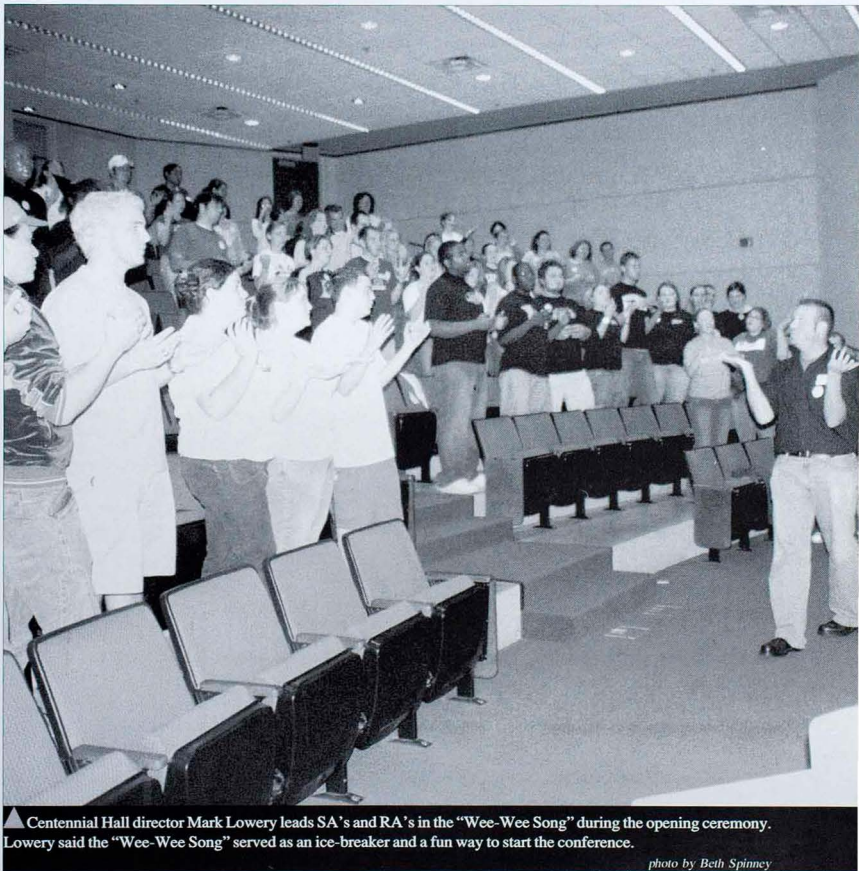
About 95 people from nine different universities attended the conference. Many of the attending

universities showed an interest in returning to the conference the following year.

"I think they got a chance to see about perspectives on how other schools run their residential living department," said junior Sarah Preisinger, registration committee chairwoman. "I think they also got some ideas on programming for building community and how to relate to their residents."

The conference left a deep impression on the University student advisers who attended, inspiring them to begin thinking about the 2005 conference.

"It was very well planned, and I am looking forward to next year's [conference]," Torres said. "I even hope to help plan it." 



▲ Centennial Hall director Mark Lowery leads SA's and RA's in the "Wee-Wee Song" during the opening ceremony. Lowery said the "Wee-Wee Song" served as an ice-breaker and a fun way to start the conference.

photo by Beth Spinney

heading to the streets

campus
organizations
adopt streets
across
kirksville



—By Jessica Bennett—

Contributing Writer

Every so often Colleen Fitzhenry and her friends picked up garbage along Normal Street. They handled things such as fast food containers and alcoholic beverage bottles; they even removed a tampon once. This was hardly a hobby for the girls.

Fitzhenry was the service committee co-chair for service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma. Several times each semester she and other ASG members went to clean their adopted road. Although Normal was not a busy street, it was dirty, Fitzhenry said.

Alpha Sigma Gamma was one of several Truman State University organizations that volunteered to clean a local street and thus make a difference in their adopted community.

"It feels good to know that we are helping the environment and making Kirksville a little bit cleaner," said sophomore Alana Walker, public relations chairwoman of the Pre-Veterinary Club.

Marcia Kotteman, vice president of membership for social sorority Sigma Kappa, offered an alternative.

"It's probably not something that they notice we do, but something they would notice if we didn't do," Kotteman



▲ Members of Alpha Sigma Gamma clean Florence Street during one of their many clean-up days. The Kirksville Department of Public Works reported that of the 23 campus organizations that had adopted streets in Kirksville, more than half did not meet the department's activity guidelines for adopting a street, as a result they were recognized as inactive.

photo by Laura Blakey

said.

Members of the organizations were quick to extol the positive aspects of a chore that seemed both dangerous and disgusting.

"It's something that gives you immediate satisfaction," Fitzhenry said.

Kotteman said that some Sigma Kappa members were skeptical about cleaning up Highway 63 outside of Kirksville because they feared the work would be gross, but they ended up having a good time.

The organizations visited their assigned roads several times a semester to pick up the litter. The city of Kirksville provided the volunteers with bright orange vests and yellow trashbags.

Traffic posed a degree of danger, but many of the adopted streets were not very busy. Lewis Street, which was adopted by the Pre-Veterinary Club, was one such location. The Sigma Kappas, however, dealt with a two-mile stretch of highway. To alert traffic of their presence, the city gave signs to the organization to put up along the

side of the highway. The bright vests and trash bags also helped to ensure their safety.

While most of the street cleaners ultimately had fun interacting with their friends and helping their community, the task itself could be dismal. Walker said that the worst time to go out to clean a street was after a rain shower, which would leave the trash saturated and soggy.

Certain items found on the roads could also make the service less than enjoyable at times. ASG members picked up canine feces at one point, Fitzhenry said. Kotteman had found frogs and snakes, but the worst incident was the discovery of a cell phone case, she said.

"We unzipped it, and it was this massive cell phone," Kotteman said. "It was wet, and there were just like wormy things inside the case. We screamed a little bit, I think."

The work may have been unappealing at times, but the University's organizations were not afraid to tackle the Kirksville streets. Armed with orange vests and yellow trashbags, they volunteered to make the community cleaner and ultimately a more enjoyable place to live. **un**

pickin' up job skills

— By Kim Dickinson —

Staff Writer

When members of Delta Sigma Pi, Beta Alpha Psi and Alpha Kappa Psi sat down during the spring 2004 semester to plan Career Week for the following semester, they could not have imagined how successful it would be.

Career Week was designed to help students learn more about the professional world. A major goal for the sponsoring organizations was to host this week not only for members of their organizations but also for students of all majors and interests. Most Truman State University students had to go through the process of finding a job, and Career Week was an opportunity for them to become better prepared to obtain one.

"I was very excited by the number of students who came to the events who were not members of our organizations," senior Stacey Berger, Delta Sigma Pi president, said. "Additionally, several students boasted majors other than business, including nursing, communications and political science. This was very satisfying for us since one of our main goals was to demonstrate that this type of information and professionalism can benefit anyone looking for a job, not just those with business or accounting majors."

Each of the three organizations was responsible for organizing a specific event for Career Week. Delta Sigma Pi organized the fashion show on Monday and brought in speaker Tim Augustine on Thursday. Beta Alpha Psi put together the panel discussion on Tuesday, and Alpha Kappa Psi coordinated the etiquette dinner that took place on Wednesday.

The fashion show was not actually a show, but rather a presentation by Jamie Greer, an alumna of the University and of Delta Sigma Pi. As a recruiter for Famous Barr, Greer used her career experience to share knowledge with current students.

Greer provided students with advice on what is generally acceptable in terms of clothing, including tips about styles of shirts, different ways to tie ties and appropriate colors to wear.



▲ Jamie Greer, manager of college recruiting for Famous Barr department stores, discusses appropriate interview attire. Greer recommended that men wear suits made of 100% wool and women to wear suits made of polyester. She said both men and women should wear dark colors in most situations.

photo by Kim Dickinson

The panel discussion included University president Barbara Dixon, as well as University staff members, community members and University alumni. The panelists fielded questions from students and spoke about their respective careers.

The etiquette dinner was conducted by Lesa Ketterlinas, Career Center director. The dinner was a three-hour seminar focusing on a wide variety of business etiquette. Ketterlinas discussed the proper way to give and receive business cards, how to interact and present oneself at a cocktail party and the etiquette of eating a business dinner.

Tim Augustine, author of the book "How Hard Are You Knocking?", spoke about the job search process, types of interviews and questions to expect in each. He also talked about how to pay attention to details that make a big impression.

The week went well, with around 275 students attending

career week offers students tips for getting and keeping jobs

the four events. The success was shown not only in the numbers but also in the feedback from both students who attended the events and those who were involved in the sponsoring organizations.

"I attended the speaker Tim Augustine's 'How Hard are you Knocking?' presentation in preparation for a medical school interview," senior biology major Katie Freeman said. "The majority of the people in attendance were business majors, but as a pre-professional student I found it very helpful. Because my needs were different, I got to speak to Tim Augustine after his presentation and

get specific pointers."

Senior Ronald Nelson, vice president of professional activities for Delta Sigma Pi, agreed that Career Week was very helpful to many students.

"I feel that it was a success," Nelson said. "I feel that overall on campus there is a misconception that things by the Career Center or career oriented are only for business majors. But we need to let people know that anyone can get useful information from these activities."

Due to the success of the events, plans were in the works to make Career Week an annual occurrence. **un**



▲ Senior Cammy Mold and junior Amanda Young watch as Lesa Ketterlinas, director of the Career Center, teaches them how to properly drink their punch at the etiquette dinner. Ketterlinas also taught students that napkins should always remain in their laps. When one gets up from the table the napkin should be placed on the chair, never on the table.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

all about numbers



▲ Kirksville residents, Drew Phillips, Samantha Sweet and Richard Allen participate in the relay test. The Great Plains Math League helped to sponsor the math contest to determine state champions from Missouri, Iowa and Kansas.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

kappa mu epsilon holds annual math expo for regional high school students

—By Marissa LaRose—

Staff Writer

On Nov. 13, 2004, the Truman State University mathematics honor society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, organized its annual Math Expo. The expo was a service event for the chapter and a chance to shine for regional high school students. The competition took place in Violette Hall and had more than 60 participants.

KME hosted the event as a Great Plains Math League state qualifying meet for the second consecutive year. The league provided KME with the actual tests as well as detailed administration and grading instructions.

The competition consisted of four elements: a target round, a sprint round, a team test and a relay round.

The target round was an individual event consisting of eight questions to complete in 40 minutes. The sprint round was an individual hour-long test that consisted of 30 multiple-choice questions. The team test was a 10-question, 20-minute test in which a team of students from various grade levels worked together. The relay round consisted of groups of three, and each student worked independently on their section of the group's question. Students were eligible for each event, regardless of their age.

The competition enabled high school students from Missouri, Kansas and Iowa to showcase their talents and also helped to promote interest in mathematics.

"I think it's part of Kappa Mu Epsilon's mission to get people excited about mathematics and show them its utility," said Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics and KME's faculty adviser.

The 2004 expo saw an increase in participation, which Miller attributed to a similar increase in KME's membership. Miller said the increase in membership resulted in a greater attempt to bring more students to the expo, an effort which was successful.

In addition to the thrill of competition, participants were

able to win medals for first, second and third place and also had the chance to qualify for state competition. Students were able to have an educational but enjoyable day away from their normal classes, and as a bonus, some teachers offered extra credit for participating.

"In high school I thought I was too cool to do math competitions or [participate on the] math team, but I probably would have enjoyed it," said senior Kathleen Field, KME president.

The competition also served as a recruitment tool for the University because it allowed high school students to become familiar with the campus while putting their math skills to the test.

The expo was as valuable an experience for organizers as it was for participants. The event was a service project

for KME, so members were responsible for organizing the event and taking care of things such as invitations and admission fees.

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
-Jason Miller, Kappa Mu Epsilon adviser

"It's a kind of leadership experience that you don't get in many places as an undergraduate," Miller said.

Senior Sarah Quick thought that helping to organize the expo would help her in her future career.

"For me going into math education, this is something my students will probably go to, or something like this, so having the experience of seeing how it runs is beneficial," senior Sarah Quick, KME treasurer said. "The interaction with kids is a lot of fun, and we get to see the next math generation."

KME's attitude regarding the 2004 expo was positive.

"I think the event went very well," Miller said. "Each year it's a little different with new students that do slightly different things, and Kappa Mu Epsilon does slightly different things when we organize it. I definitely saw more energy this year. [There was a] very competitive spirit that I haven't seen in the past, which was exciting because you don't get to see students being very competitive about mathematics very often." 

walk in someone else's shoes

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—By Monica Kwiatek—

Organizations Editor

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed the lives of Americans all over the nation. Many of the people affected were able to return to their normal lives by 2004. Muslim Americans, however, were still experiencing the devastating blows of 9/11 each day.

The Muslim Student Association at Truman State University hosted Islamic Awareness Week as a way to bring this experience to those who were willing to listen. The week's events varied greatly and included a performance by an Arab-American comedian, a documentary about Islam and a presentation by MSA members about Muslims in U.S. prisons.

Islamic Awareness Week events kicked off in a lighthearted way with a performance by the Arab-American comedian, Ray Hanania. His show, "Everybody Loves Abdullah," was his way of expressing the troubles Arabs had after 9/11.

Senior Ruqayya Muhammad said that using a comedian to discuss these issues was a good way to bring attention to problems that can be difficult to talk about.

"He spoke on controversial issues, but in a comedic way," Muhammad said.

"It helped make it less uncomfortable. He tries to present issues that usually make [people] uncomfortable but do it in a relaxed environment."

Although Hanania was an Orthodox Christian and not a Muslim, graduate student Daniel Coate said that this did not affect the decision to bring the comedian to the University.

"Arab Americans and Muslims share a lot of cultural similarities," Coate said. "They are in close relation geographically and share a lot of historical context. We wanted to show the similarities between us."

One of the goals of Islamic Awareness Week was to show the similarity of Islam to other cultures. It also served as an educational tool, senior Imran Hossain, MSA president said.

"It lets [people] know who we are and what Islam is about," Hossain said. "After 9/11 [people] have this misconception of Islam. We just try to convince people, we are the same as you and we are a peaceful religion."

Coate said people have a false impression about Muslims and often equate them to terrorists because of the media.

"We found that people don't know much about Islam," Coate said. "We're trying to present ourselves as the way we really are and not like the media does, the negative image. We wanted to counter that image."

In order to do this, MSA members showed the documentary "Islam: A Closer Look." MSA chose this film as an introduction to Islam for those who may have been

unfamiliar with the basics of the religion.

Muhammad said that when speaking to people after the documentary she thought the showing was appreciated.

"They got a better understanding of what the religion was," Muhammad said. "How women are treated, it talked about the Five Pillars of Islam and gave a lot of insight into the Koran and how people live in the world."

While the documentary offered a basic understanding of the mechanics of Islam, a presentation led by Coate after the documentary introduced attendees to the human issues for Muslims living in the United States.

The presentation, "Islam Behind Bars," explored situations Muslims faced while being held in prisons. Coate had been exchanging letters with Muslim inmates for some time. In the letters, the inmates described the problems they faced on a daily basis, and they also shared personal experiences. Coate began the presentation by discussing the problems that Muslims faced in prison before he shared the letters. Muhammad said the food served in the prisons was a problem for Muslim inmates because Islam places restrictions on what kind of foods followers can eat.

"[People] take those things for granted," Muhammad said. "Prisoners have a hard time."

MSA hoped that people would become more aware of the issues Muslims faced every day. They also had the simple goal of raising awareness about Muslims on the University campus.

"Even though we are a small community, we are here," Hossain said. **un**

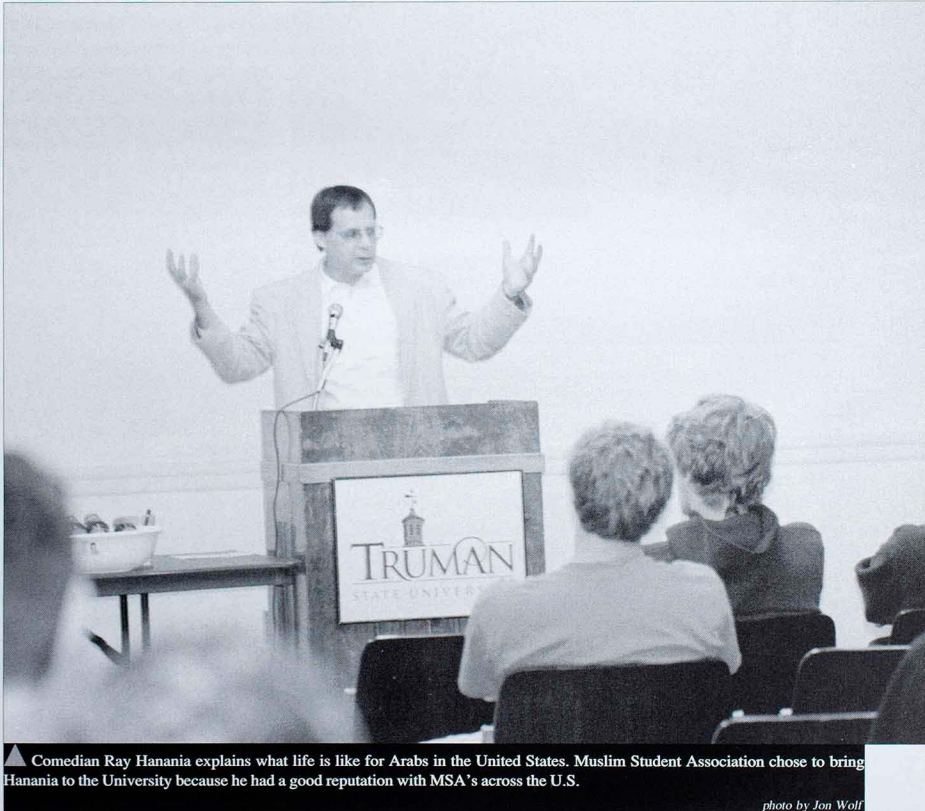
untangling islamic awareness week 2004

The University's MSA held its first Islamic Awareness Week in spring 2002

Ray Hanania, a comedian who performed to kick off the week's events, was a journalist and a writer before he started his stand-up career

According to the documentary "Islam: A Closer Look," 85% of Muslims are not Arabs

At the presentation, MSA members read letters from six Muslim inmates



▲ Comedian Ray Hanania explains what life is like for Arabs in the United States. Muslim Student Association chose to bring Hanania to the University because he had a good reputation with MSA's across the U.S.

photo by Jon Wolf

serving womanhood



▲ Junior Najla Furqan and sophomore Deanna Love dance at the Zeta Phi Beta masquerade ball during Finer Womanhood Week. The founding Zeta Phi Beta chapter began celebrating Finer Womanhood Week in 1923 during the last week of February.

photo by Beth Spinney

— By Beth Spinney —

Photography Editor

Service, scholarship, and sisterly love were the founding principles for most National Panhellenic Council sorority organizations. Zeta Phi Beta, however, additionally included finer womanhood as a founding principle. Traditionally, the principle of finer womanhood was celebrated during the last full week of February and the entire month of March. Each year the members of Zeta Phi Beta sponsored three service events and two social events during Finer Womanhood Week.

“We are dressing up professionally and acting how we think how finer womanhood should represent,” sophomore Dominique Morgan said.

During the week of finer womanhood, events like “Think Before You Ink,” “Dinner Etiquette” and a masquerade ball were organized for the members of the sorority to reach out to their peers.

As a service and social organization that was founded in 1920 and one that had only been a campus organization

since 1994, Zeta Phi Beta had been a black sorority. One of the sorority’s goals was to reach out to students on campus and to the community.

“We always have a fund-raiser and try to give back to the community, and we always try to include everyone, not just the black community, but other communities as well,” Morgan said.

Even with a membership of only five individuals and officer positions spread thinly, the members managed to raise money toward major philanthropies such as the March of Dimes and the Salvation Army. One member even went beyond the membership duties of the organization and participated in the Race for the Cure in St. Louis. The purpose of the Race for the Cure was to serve as a fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event also served as a way to bring awareness of the disease and educated the public about early detection.

As a cancer survivor herself, Ibatuemoli volunteered each year.

“Every year I try to go to the Race for the Cure,” Ibatuemoli said. “It’s going to be my third year this year. I do that in the name of Zeta Phi Beta. And before that, in the name of myself because I had ovarian cancer when I was, like, thirteen. I feel like it is a good cause.”

“Think Before You Ink” was an event sponsored to inform students that they needed to prepare before choosing to get a body piercing or tattoo. Sophomore Deanna Love extensively researched the topic of tattooing and piercing before presenting at the lecture. Participants received temporary tattoos and more prizes for answering questions correctly at the end of the presentation. Specific topics covered during the event included after-care, different types of infections and tattoo-removal processes. The event was geared to be fun and interactive for all participants.

“Body decoration is becoming one of the leading forms of retail,” Love said. “We feel that you need to know what you are getting yourself into, all the risks and benefits that come along with inking and piercing.”

Zeta Phi Beta also promoted a dinner-etiquette event in the Student Union Building.

“They had table manners this week in the Spanish Room in the SUB,” sophomore David Bonner said. “[I learned]

zeta phi beta celebrate and educate during finer womanhood week

not to throw a biscuit, good table manners, different kinds of forks and spoons that you are supposed to eat [with] when you dine in a nice dining room and stuff like that.”

The masquerade ball was the culminating event of the week. The ball was to be held at a central location so that all students would be able to participate.

“We are going to have refreshments,” Morgan said. “And of course there is going to be dancing, music and partying, so it should be a lot of fun.”

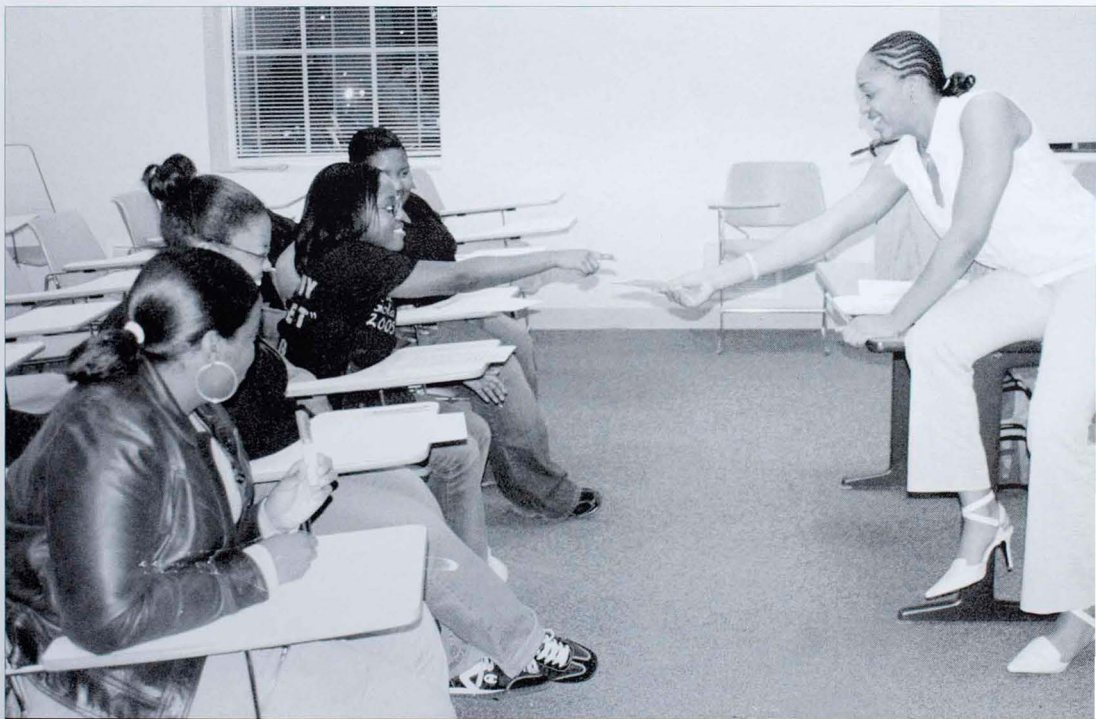
A table was set up to enable participants to create a mask to wear during the dance event. A raffle was organized to

take place during the ball, and some of the prizes included a DVD player, DVDs and stuffed animals.

“We have been selling raffle tickets all this week, and there will be different assortment of prizes that people could win throughout the ball,” junior Carissa Holloway said.

The masquerade ball seemed to be a success as students of all races and backgrounds mingled with one other. Students participated in the event for different reasons.

“I just read the posters everywhere, and my friends were coming along, so I said, ‘Hey, why not?’” freshman Maha Ahmed said. **un**



▲ Sophomore Deanna Love hands a temporary tattoo to freshman Zenia Johnson. The tattoos served as a reward for answering trivia questions correctly during Zeta Phi Beta’s “Think Before You Ink” event.

photo by Beth Spinney

slithering to success

—By Jessica Bennet—

Contributing Writer

Reptiles were unwelcome in many places, but members of the Truman State Herpetology Club shared a common interest in the ‘creepy crawlers.’

Sophomore Erin Hoover said that Pork Chop the iguana turned out to be a crowd favorite at the Herpetology Club’s open house. Various snakes and other reptiles, however, also got their chance to shine.

All the activities within the Truman State University Herpetology Club were centered around the study of reptiles and amphibians. The club, however, also organized special events like the open house.

Interested people showed up to the event to learn about reptiles and amphibians, and, if they were brave enough, even hold and touch some of the animals.

The reptiles and amphibians the Herpetology Club studied came from the University herpetology lab located in Magruder Hall. The lab housed over 100 creatures and 60 different species including snakes, frogs, salamanders, turtles and iguanas. The animals came from donations made by owners who could no longer care for their pets. Senior Mary Green, president of the club, said some even came from the St. Louis Zoo.

The majority of students around campus did not know

what the term “herpetology” meant.

“A lot of people think we’re an STD,” Green said.

The word “herpetology” is Latin and roughly translates into “the study of things that creep or crawl,” Green said. Her love of reptiles and amphibians led her to create the club. The club boasted 12 eclectic members because majors greatly varied, but all members were brought together by

their mutual interest and love of things scaly and green.

Freshman Peter McEvoy said that meetings consisted of scavenger hunts, jeopardy trivia games and even trips to the zoo. The club had even organized turtle races.

“It didn’t go so well,” Hoover said, “They kind of got distracted.”

The Herpetology Club was young in 2005. After two years, club members were still trying to spread the word on reptiles and lizards.

Green had a specific goal in mind. She wanted to expand everyone’s current knowledge of reptiles and amphibians and help them develop a true appreciation of the animals’ biological importance.

Green acknowledged that some reptiles are misunderstood, and many people in society dislike them. Green and the other club members wanted to change these misconceptions.

“We’re taking something that is alive and part of our natural environment and trying to help [people] understand,” Green said. **un**



▲ Junior Arthur Harrill takes a look at an iguana at the Herpetology Club open house. The animals in the lab were often taken to schools in the area to be used in shows to educate the students.

photo by Amy Olson

herpetology club crawls into list of clubs, attracting those with a love for reptiles



▲ A member of the Herpetology Club shows off a ball python at the spring open house. The python belonged to Carla Pepmiller, who was boarding the snake in the herpetology lab.

photo by Amy Olson

showcasing alpha phi alpha

a week of services and a step show highlights various aspects of alpha phi alpha

— By Katie Curry and Melissa Allen — *Staff Writers*

Often, Greek organizations at Truman State University were viewed as similar entities with little variety. Several fraternities and sororities worked to disprove this conception during the week of April 10 - 15, 2005, when they participated in social and service fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha's cultural event, APA Showcase Week.

Senior Ben Stewart, APA vice president and chairman of the Showcase, said the Showcase was an opportunity for a diverse group of organizations to participate in a cultural event. It also served as a fund-raiser for those different organizations.

"The main goal behind [Showcase Week] was to get organizations that aren't represented on this campus up here and allow people to see different organizations than what are represented here," Stewart said. "Also, it [gave] us the opportunity to promote some diversity ... and let the student population see something that they usually would never see."

Stewart said he felt the Showcase was a great opportunity for students to not only have a good time but to experience something new and exciting from Greek organizations as well.

The week's events included free car maintenance, a movie night, bowling, sexual awareness seminars, free AIDS testing and a Women's Appreciation Day. A car wash was also scheduled but was canceled due to rain.

"Basically, every member in our fraternity set up a room somewhere, and any women who came in were instantly pampered," Stewart said in reference to Women's Appreciation Day.

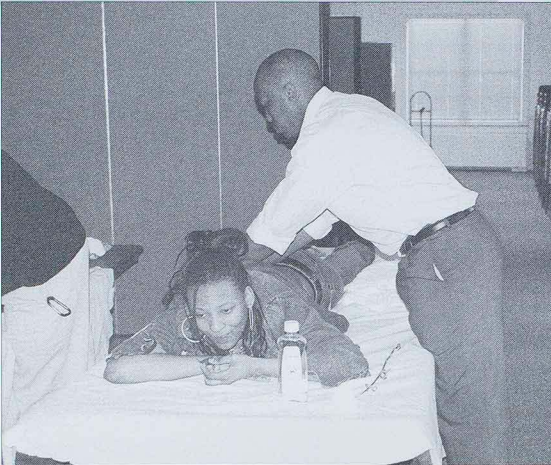
These events led up to the weekend, which contained the main event, a step show and formal dance competition. The step show was a competition in which fraternities and sororities from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri Western State College and Lincoln University, in addition to APA, came and performed eclectic and energetic dances.

"[The step show] was kind of like 'Stomp', except without the cans," Stewart said. "It was really a kind of elaborate performance."

Senior Harry Cecil, APA president, was impressed by the Kappa Alpha Psi routine from UMC.

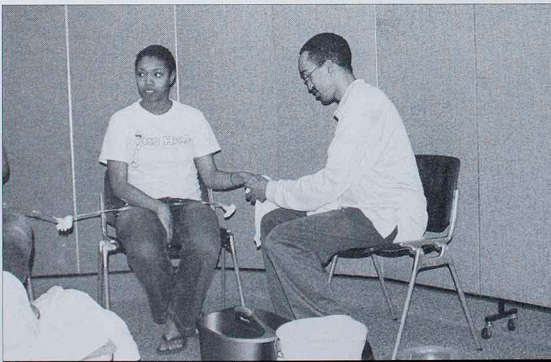
"Kappa Alpha Psi from Mizzou did some stuff that you've never seen before," Cecil said. "It was more than just stepping. They kept the crowd interested."

While Stewart said the step show was the event in



▲ Sophomore Mu Kupara massages freshman Erica Key during the Women's Appreciation Day event. Key received an invitation to the event and decided to go to show her support and appreciation for Alpha Phi Alpha.

photo by Ashley Hanson



▲ Sophomore Danielle Tolson receives a hand rub from sophomore Cory Barnes. In addition to providing hand and back rubs, members of Alpha Phi Alpha also provided the women with a table of sweets, and serenaded and danced with the women to show their appreciation.

photo by Ashley Hanson

which he had the best time participating, he felt that some of the more serious events were more important for the general student body.

"The biggest and most important event to me [was] the free AIDS testing," Stewart said. "That was one that we tried to push really, really hard, because amongst the minority community AIDS and HIV is one of the fastest growing killers."

The Showcase was normally funded by the Funds Allotment Council, but in 2004, Alpha Phi Alpha did not receive any funding from FAC and was forced to raise its own funds. They did so through selling various items around campus, such as Krispy Kreme donuts and scratch cards.

"I think the biggest fund-raiser we did was actually take our step team and go around the state and perform in different step competitions," Stewart said. "We won the competition in [Mo. Western] and won \$1000, which really helped us out."

Stewart said that even though they had the money, there were still many obstacles to overcome in planning Showcase Week.

"Along with that you just have to plan for a venue, staging and judges," Stewart said.

The step show took place in Pershing Arena and was judged by a panel of officials comprised of both faculty and students who either had previous experience judging the Showcase step show or other Homecoming events.

Kappa Alpha Psi won the step show and the Showstoppers from Lincoln won the dance competition.

Stewart said he felt the best thing about the event was the crowd support and support from other schools for the Showcase.


"There was an exceptional amount of people in the audience that don't even go to this school and took the time out from their schools to come up to Truman State University in little old

Kirksville," Stewart said. "They just really showed Alpha Phi Alpha a lot of support, and we really appreciate it."

Stewart said he had a really good time at the event and that it would be something he would remember fondly as one of his last events on campus before graduating. He had high hopes for the event's future.

"We basically just want to make people aware of the things we promote on campus and give them something important out of it," Stewart said. "I can only see it getting bigger and better."

Sophomore Mahder Tewolde was happy with the turnout for the 2005 Showcase and looked optimistically toward the 2006 Showcase.

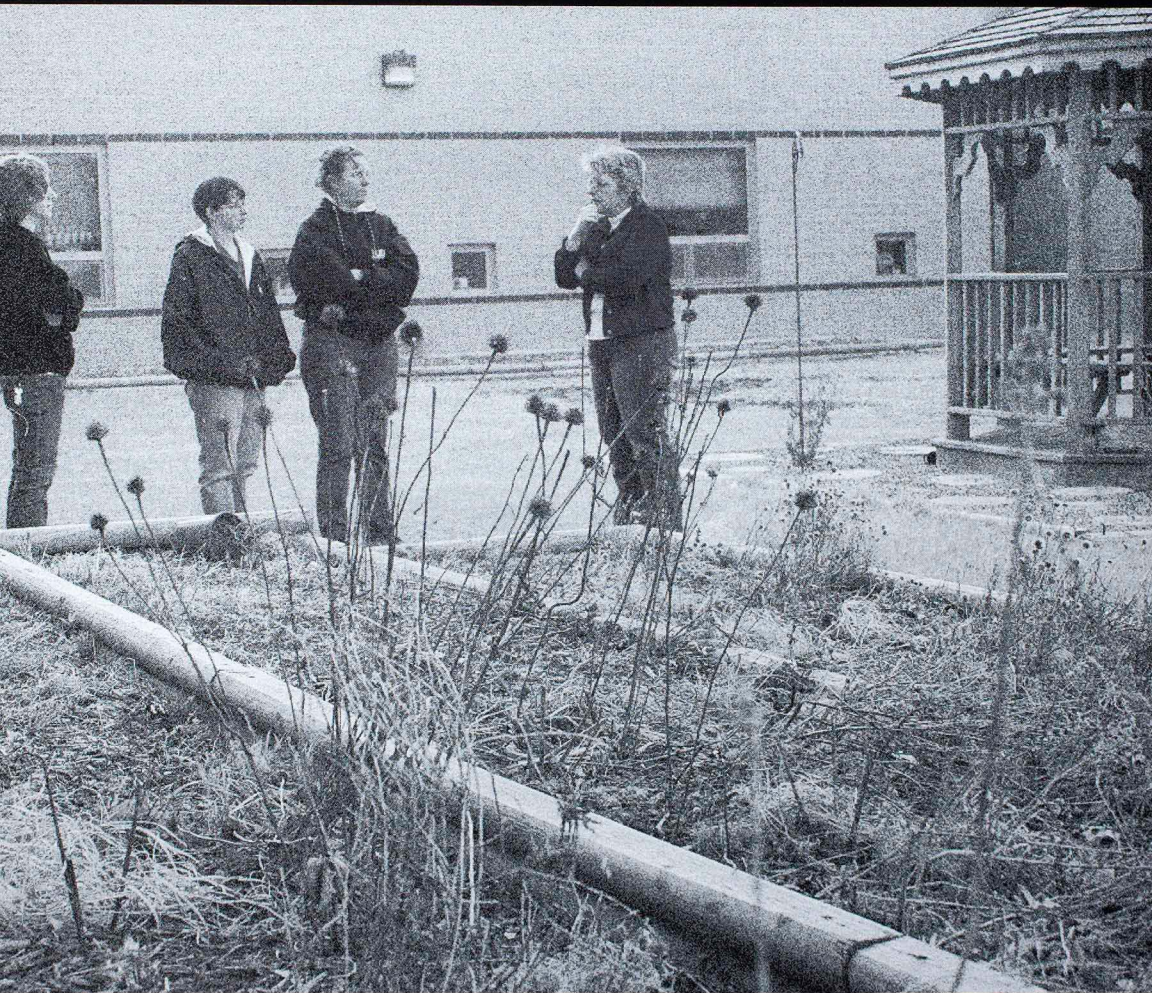
"We'll try to get more schools to attend [the competition] next year," Stewart said. "It would be great to get [FAC] funding again next year." 



▲ Sophomore Mu Kupara reads a poem during Women's Appreciation Day. The poem, entitled "African Women," was chosen because it paid tribute to the beauty and integrity of women.

photo by Ashley Hanson

PLANTS! blossoms



▲ PLANTS! members, sophomore Erin Hoover, senior Mackenzie Taylor, co-advisers Lisa Hooper and Marsha Jones, a conservation agent for the Missouri Department of Conservation, observe the garden at Ray Miller Elementary school. PLANTS! decided to start a bed in spring 2005 and care for it throughout the summer. Taylor said the group intended to make it an interactive “scartch and sniff” garden by having plants that were textured and had unique smells.

photo by Amy Olson

new botany organization springs to life on the truman state university campus

—By Tim Linn—

Contributing Writer

The organization PLANTS! grew a lot like the plants the members loved.

The group, chartered in fall 2004, started innocently enough when a couple of biology majors decided it was time to find something to do.

"It started as a group of friends getting together and watching movies and talking about plants," senior Mackenzie Taylor, group co-founder, said. "We felt like we needed a group."

Prospective members then recruited more students to gather and talk about plants and finally became a chartered organization at Truman State University.

The club took on such projects as resuscitating the butterfly garden at the Kirksville Middle School and organizing a field trip to the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis.

"We're trying to do more service-oriented stuff," Taylor said.

Although Taylor said anyone was welcome to join, those most interested in the organization tended to be biology majors. The word was spread mostly through biology classes.

"Electives are a good way to meet people interested in different kinds of biology," sophomore PLANTS! member Erin Hoover, said.

The group served as a safe haven for the biology majors not interested in a medical degree.

"People look at you when you say 'I'm a biology major' and say 'Oh, pre-med?'" said Lisa Hooper, professor of biology and PLANTS! faculty adviser.

Hoover said she became interested in plants by working in the University greenhouse. Hoover met Taylor through class, and Taylor suggested she come to a meeting for PLANTS!

"I've kind of become obsessed with plants since then,"

Hoover said.

Luckily, others shared a similar botanical obsession. With meetings taking place every few weeks, PLANTS! became larger than a group of friends who gathered to talk about plants.

The club supported events such as Steve Carroll's lecture on his newly published book, "Ecology for Gardeners," and also tried to maintain relationships with faculty supporters.

The club also tried to maintain ties with related University organizations, such as the University's Herpetology Club. PLANTS! additionally teamed up with the Sierra Club chapter at the University to plant trees.

These groups shared some members as well, including Hoover, who was also in the Herpetology Club. This was

"It started as a group of friends getting together and watching movies and talking about plants."

- senior Mackenzie Taylor

one way in which PLANTS! was able to obtain membership. The group considered using other means to increase attendance.

"We planned on doing flyers," Hoover said.

PLANTS! also made T-shirts and held a bake sale to make some money and raise awareness of the group around campus.

Members of the organization often received the information about meetings and events through emails adorned with the heading "PLANTS!"

"It stands for Plant Lovers Assembling a Network of Teachers and Students," Taylor said. "...yes, the exclamation point is part of the name."

With multiple senior leaders in the group, a large turnover was expected. Taylor was just one of the members graduating in spring 2005. Some of the younger members were expected to step up to the challenge.

The club had plans to take on more projects in 2005-2006, providing it was able to increase membership. Taylor had hopes that PLANTS!, much like its namesake, would continue to grow. **un**

building a home

fraternities work to build and keep up their houses

— By Danielle Borsch *Student Life/Academics Editor*

Nearly 40 people gathered for the tearing down of the Delta Chi fraternity house that would make way for the building of a new one. Planning a new house took a lot of time and money but was well worth the effort to the men who would live there.

Living in a fraternity house had several advantages over living in the residence halls.

"I feel like you have more freedom to do what you want," sophomore Dan Bauer said. "There are restrictions in the dorms as to who you can bring, and you have to have them sign in and all that. You can bring whatever friends you want to the fraternity house."

Cost was often a deciding factor when the fraternity brothers chose where to live.

"It'll always be cheaper than living on campus, and it'll always be competitive with other rental properties," junior Matt Decker said. "Utilities are really cheap because you're splitting them between a lot of people."

Not only did his fraternity cover the cost of utilities, but it gave the men another leasing option.

"It's a lot cheaper than other off-campus apartments because you do yearly contracts, and through our fraternity, we do nine-month contracts," Bauer said.

Although living in the fraternity house was less expensive, the fraternities had to deal with other costs. One of the biggest costs was building a new house. Bauer's social fraternity, Alpha Kappa Lambda, built its new house in 1999. Its alumni helped offset building costs by donating and offering personal loans.

"A little more than half was a bank loan and the rest was alumni support, as we call it," Bauer said.

Junior Nathan Bowyer also noted the important role of the alumni.

"With fraternities, you also have to make sure that your alumni are supporting you because they're the backing and the ones signing the paperwork," Bowyer said.

Bowyer and Decker belonged to social fraternity Delta Chi, which was in the process of building its new house in the 2005 spring semester. The first step in building a new house was getting rid of the old one. Then, they could begin plans for building.

As New House committee chair, Boyer had to handle most of the paperwork and phone calls involved with the construction. After the site plan was drawn by the architect, he had to start working



▲ The Lambda Chi Alpha house stands on Osteopathy. Spring 2005 the members of Lambda Chi Alpha were in the process of making plans to build a new house.
photo by Grace Mattie



▲ The Alpha Kappa Lambda house is one of the University's newest fraternity houses. The house had 17 bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, one kitchen, one dining room, one living room and a "party barn."
photo by Grace Mattie

with the city and the bank.

"Usually when it comes to building a fraternity house, it's the bank that you have a problem with," Bowyer said. "Because there's not one person they can go after if there's a deferred payment."

Bowyer spent a good deal of time talking to various construction companies to get bids for the house.

Besides working with the city, bank and other companies, AKL had to discuss the building plans with their neighbors.

"Our neighbors wanted a privacy fence to be up," Bauer said.

The neighbors did not usually have a problem with noise, however, since AKL soundproofed their party half of the house.

"Our house is made so there's a party half and a residential half, and it's strictly soundproof between those areas," Bauer said. "So when I'm in my room, and they're partying in the other half, I can't even hear it. It's really nice."

Although living in the fraternity house had obvious benefits, AKL decided to institute a fraternity housing requirement for the brothers.

"Once you rush our fraternity, we have a thing where there's a house draft," Bauer said. "The guys who are able to live in the house at least have to live in the house for the year."

Brothers who needed to stay on campus because of scholarships that included housing did not have to participate in the house draft. One of the perks of living on campus was the proximity to all the University's other buildings and facilities. The fraternity men, however, did not see proximity as an issue, and many chose to continue using campus facilities.

"Most of our guys have meal plans, so they eat at C-Hall," Bauer said.

Bowyer, who did not have a University meal plan, still saw dining advantages to living in the fraternity house. It allowed the brothers to share cooking and cleaning responsibilities, which he said was one of the most time-consuming parts of living off campus.

The men shared much more than mealtimes. They also divided the various chores and repairs in the house.

"Everybody in the fraternity knows they need to help out," Bauer said.

In the end the biggest benefit for the fraternity brothers was living with the men they called family.

"The fraternity house usually serves as the social gathering point for the chapter," Decker said. "It's the most convenient place to live because everyone comes to you." **un**



▲ The remains of the Delta Chi house lie in a pile after being demolished on April 23, 2005. Before the house was torn down it was home to four members of Delta Chi who either moved in with friends or found apartments with other Delta Chi members after the demolition.

photo by Grace Mattie

multiple reasons to walk

"I'm really glad they did the walk, not just because it raised money for research but more importantly because it raised awareness."

- Justine Finney, junior

national society of collegiate scholars welcomes students and community to their first ever walk-for-multiple sclerosis

— By Johnny Vines —

Copy Editor

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars was founded at Truman State University in 2001. Based on the three pillars of scholarship, leadership and service, the organization aimed to get its members actively involved in organizing and leading service projects.

"Students are able to take on leadership roles," said senior Danielle Hartle, president of NSCS. "When they go to find a job, and the person across the table asks them, 'What did you do within this organization?', answering 'Umm, I went to meetings' doesn't help them. We're trying to provide an opportunity to become more alive as a student on campus, more involved."

April 9, 2005, members of NSCS were able not only to take advantage of these organizational and leadership opportunities but were able to do so in the name of charity, as the group hosted its first-ever Walk-for-Multiple Sclerosis.

"We were looking to do a big service project," said senior Kim Getman, NSCS co-chair. "We decided to use multiple sclerosis as our cause because it's something that a lot of people have. It's a common disease, but it's something that people don't know as much about."

According to a letter released by NSCS, one in every 700 people in the United States has multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that affects the nervous system.

The registration fee for the walk was \$10. NSCS advertised heavily and sold orange multiple sclerosis bracelets for \$2, hoping to attract more people to the event. The hard work paid off, as between 150 and 200 individuals showed up to participate in the walk.

The event officially kicked off with an opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m., and throughout the day various local and University talent staged live performances before the closing ceremony at 1:00 p.m. In between, those participating in the walk were welcome to come and go as they pleased. Additionally, different campus organizations set up food and refreshment booths at the walk to help raise money in the name of multiple sclerosis. In the end, the money collected by the event was put toward two causes.

"The majority of the money went to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America," Getman said. "We chose them because they do a lot more than just research. They do support groups, and they provide funding to help people who have MS. We just felt like they were really well-rounded."

The remaining portion of the money raised went toward assisting junior Justine Finney, a University student and

multiple sclerosis patient, who was a guest speaker at the walk.

"Her average yearly medical expenses are around \$40,000 to pay for her treatments and doctor appointments and everything," Getman said.

Finney said she began to experience relapse at age 17 and was officially diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a year later.

"Being diagnosed at that age is very rare," Finney said. "I think the earliest it has ever been diagnosed is 15. I've never met anyone else my age who has it."

Finney was grateful that NSCS organized the MS Walk not only because of the donation she received, but also because the event helped to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis.

"I'm really glad that they did the walk," Finney said. "Not just because it raised money for research but more importantly because it raised awareness. A lot of people, especially our age, have no idea what the disease even is. . . . I'm just really appreciative that they did the walk."

In terms of money raised, the event was indisputably a success, bringing in \$5,700 to go toward multiple sclerosis. Finney and the NSCS members agreed, however, that simply raising awareness about the disease made the walk successful, regardless of how much money was earned.

"We did a lot of things and tried to get a lot of different people involved for this cause," Hartle said. "When I'm out at even Wal-Mart, and I see people running around with orange bracelets on their wrists, I laugh to myself because I'm happy that we've touched that many people." **un**

untangling Multiple Sclerosis

Twice as many women as men have MS

Genetic factors make certain people more susceptible, but there is no evidence that MS is directly inherited

MS can cause blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis and blindness

There is no cure for MS yet, but drugs can help slow the course and/or symptoms in some patients

MS is not considered fatal because the vast majority of people with it live a normal life-span

source: www.nationalmssociety.org



▲ Junior Meredith Mertz and sophomore Stacey Walker go over the list of registered walkers and count donations during the MS walk. Mertz and Walker were both members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and both served on the committee that organized the walk.

photo by Lauren Miller

just like anybody else



▲ Sasha Sacket entertains his audience by performing his mostly self-written songs. Between each of Sacket's songs, he usually explained the next song he would be performing. Sacket also shared some of his life stories and knowledge that he had learned through being a young, gay man.

photo by Nichole Reiling

prism brings singer/songwriter sasha sacket to campus

—By Marissa LaRose—

Staff Writer

A stimulating voice accompanied by tranquil keyboard rhythms filled the SUB Down Under April 5, 2005. At the PRISM-sponsored event, gay singer and songwriter Sasha Sacket let his creativity shine and in doing so, shared his subtle, poignant message.

Born in Iran and raised in Los Angeles, Sacket began playing the piano and singing in choir when he was 5. He had been writing songs for about 12 years before going on tour to promote his sophomore album, "Shadowed."

After receiving an e-mail from Sacket asking if PRISM would be interested in hosting a performance, Greg Wisa, coordinator of the event, brought information and music samples to the PRISM meeting.

"Of all of the GLBT things we could bring – like speakers, comedians, that kind of stuff – there really aren't that many musicians out there, so we thought it would be a pretty unique thing for the campus," Wisa said.

Through bringing Sacket to the University, PRISM was able to increase awareness and show that the organization did more for the campus than just organize meetings.

"We always want to attempt to expand Truman's diversity – bring in new concepts and remind that there are people on this campus that are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, and there are those that question," said freshman Phoenix Falkenrath, PRISM member. "PRISM is a safe place, and people can always come to us to talk. We just wanted to get the message across that this is a gay singer and songwriter, but he is an artist just like anyone else. He just happens to have a different sexual orientation."

Wisa said he thought Sacket's performance had an impact on the gay community.

"I think his music brings a voice that we wouldn't necessarily have," Wisa said.

Sacket, like many artists, attempted to present himself and his view of life through his music.

"I think the music helps me to come to conclusions in a way or at least let sleeping dogs lay to rest," Sacket said. "It just sort of lets me put things in their place. I don't like to take a position of 'I know everything' in what I do – I don't think that's the point. I think the point is to reveal humanity."

Expressing himself was important, but providing something the audience could relate to was equally significant.

Through his music, Sacket hoped that he was able to make people appreciate who he was including the fact that he was gay.

"I think he offers himself as 'I'm a person – yes I'm gay – I'm an artist, I'm a composer, I'm a musician, I am gay,

but that's not the gist of it," Falkenrath said. "...I'm gay, but that's not the most important part. I want to


"I think the point is to show that I'm a human being just like anybody else - some people have a difficult time understanding that." - Sasha Sacket

share with you what I have musically."

Sacket's aim was not to make his music known as "gay music" but rather to make it something people could relate to.

"I think that's the most powerful thing," Sacket said. "In my music itself it's not gay music. I don't talk about being gay, I used to, and I stopped for a very strong reason. I feel it's important to bring people in, to relate my experience and my life to people. I think it at least helps people relate to who I am – without the whole gay thing. Then the gay thing is just the fact of the matter. It's not necessarily the entire matter."

Sacket's unwavering talent and personality would undoubtedly continue to make an impact.

"I think the point is to show that I'm a human being just like anybody else – some people have a difficult time understanding that," Sacket said. "To some I'm an alien or completely screwed up or just this walking sin, and I think when I'm going out there, and I'm sharing my heart, and I'm being vulnerable, I'm being a human being – that's powerful." 

good, clean fun

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

Campus Christian Fellowship's Parents' Weekend brought fun not just to the CCF house but to the rest of Truman State University's campus as well. On April Fool's Day, 2005, Panic Squad, a Christian improvisational comedy troupe, came to town.

Posters for the event promoted it as "improv without the moral aftertaste."

Senior James Wilsford helped with sound for the event. Wilsford said he didn't have any expectations about what the show would be like.

"I just figured they would be clean and hopefully funny," Wilsford said.

And that is what they were. The three Panic Squad members, Andrew Bright, Cliff Prang and Elijah Tadema, started the show with a brief mission statement.

"We are three Christian guys who want to glorify God and respect you," Bright, the troupe's front man, said.

From that point on it was non-stop laughs for the next hour. The performers made fun of everything from Martha Stewart to pirates.

Besides the first mention of their Christian mission, the rest of the show went on as a normal improv show would.

"I think they more witness by example instead of preaching," said senior Kelly Vogel, who had been involved in bringing the group to campus.

CCF Parents' Weekend was a time for parents to come and visit the house and see what their children were up to.

CCF members thought a comedy troupe would be good family entertainment and coincide with the CCF musical that was to be held the following day. When picking an event for the weekend, the decision was an easy one.

"We didn't really consider too many other groups," Vogel said. "But I think if we had considered it, we still would have went with [Panic Squad] because it seems like Truman brings in a lot of comics, and a lot of times they are kind of raunchy and kind of dirty, so we thought this was a really good witness to what CCF is trying to do."

The CCF planning team was surprised with how easy it was to book the group and how excited they seemed about coming to Kirksville.

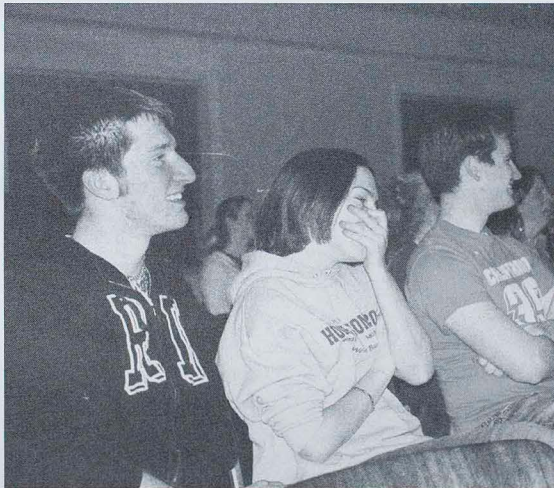
"It was a pretty easy process actually. They were really excited about coming," Vogel said. "Obviously they are spreading God's word through comedy and so any show they can get is fantastic."

Some expected more "preaching" in the show, but CCF members knew what they were getting into.

"We were trying to play to a mixed crowd of CCF people and non CCF people," Vogel said. "So we didn't want to hit people over the head with the message, so it was very subtle."

The troupe was excited to share its talents with the University community, but it understood the rules of improv. Late in the first show, the troupe got distracted and the crowd shouted for a do over.

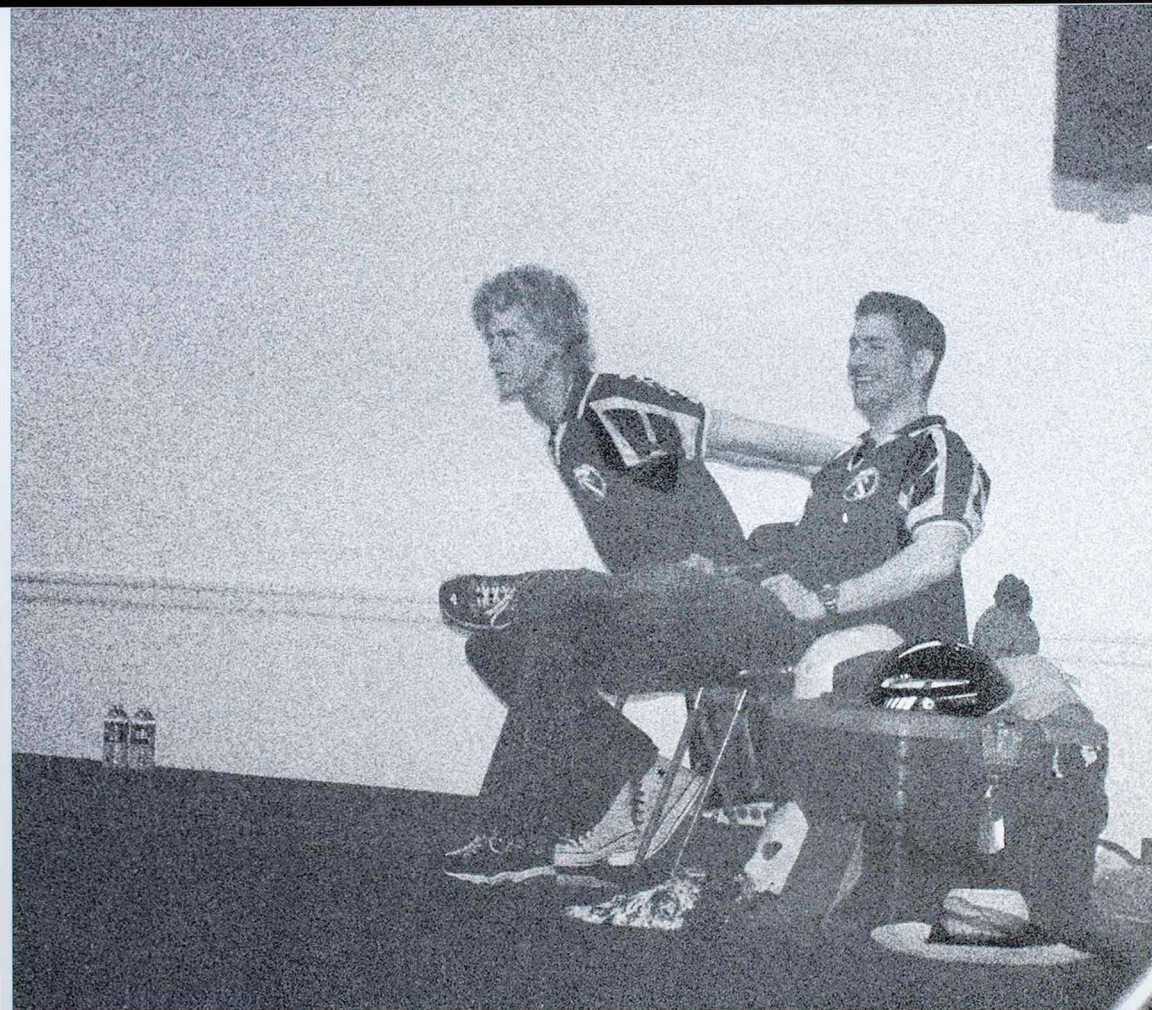
"We don't get do-overs," Bright said. "This is improv, we're hard core." **un**



▲ Freshmen Ed Kymes, Kelly Thomure and Stephen Barnes watch Panic Squad perform. Barnes was not a member of CCF but said he enjoyed the show. "You could tell that their values were being shown through their comedy," Barnes said. "I think that's what was great about them, it was absolutely hilarious without being crude."

photo by Kate Gallen

campus christian fellowship brings squeaky clean christian improv group to campus



▲ Panic Squad members Elijah Tadema and Andrew Bright perform during their improv show. Tadema joined Panic Squad in 2003 and is the youngest member of the group. The original Panic Squad began in 1996 and is still based in Washington state.

photo by Kate Gallen

a celebration of women

—By Katie Curry—

Contributing Writer

women's resource center honors three distinguished students

Ordinary women in the community often did not receive recognition for the extraordinary things they did every day. April 6, 2005, however, the Women's Resource Center organized the annual Women of Distinction Award Banquet to honor exceptional women in the community.

"We feel women in our community and everywhere in the world aren't appreciated enough and given enough honor for all the things that they do," said junior Stephanie Le, co-chairwoman of the Women's Resource Center's diversity committee.

Junior A.J. Barks, the other co-chairwoman of the diversity committee, which organized the event, explained why the Women's Resource Center thought it was so important for the banquet to exist.

"[The point of the banquet is] to acknowledge the outstanding and inspirational women in the community who are forward thinking, who do work that would likely go unappreciated or underappreciated," Barks said. "[It's for] women who are really community minded and community spirited."

Three awards were given out that were based on the nominee's position in the community. The Women's Resource Center gave an award to a member of the Truman State University student body, as well as to a University faculty member. It also presented an award to an influential woman in the Kirksville community. The WRC accepted nominations from the general community, and this year it received 13, Barks said. The center's executive committee and the diversity committee met and decided the winners.

Le said student nominees ranged from presidents of service organizations to student advisers. Faculty nominees were mostly women and gender studies professors, while community nominees were mostly notable leaders in the community, such as the director of Northwest Hospice.

"It was really hard this year," Barks said. "We got some really good nominees."

Nominees were chosen not just on a certain position they held within the community but based on the extraordinary things they were doing every day. Barks also highlighted the importance that these women had in inspiring others through their actions.

"Not only were [these women] good people, but they were good examples," Barks said. "They were not only doing exceptional things but inspiring others to do exceptional things."

Le pointed to the responses that diversity



▲ Junior Stephanie Le gives the initial introduction of the award ceremony. Le discussed the history of the Women's Resource Center, the programs the Women's Resource Center offered and gave a short summary about each nominee.

photo by Nichole Reiling

untangling the women's resource center

2005 marked the 9th year the Women's Resource Center held the award ceremony

The WRC served as a resource library, a referral service for students who needed counseling or health care information and worked to promote education

The WRC consisted of about 30 females and males who worked on programs such as Promotions, Arts and Education, Diversity, and Health and Safety

committee received when looking through the nominations as a major part of the final decisions.

"We looked at the nominations, and they always said that [the women] 'went out of her way to help me' or 'went out of her way to get the job done.'" Le said. "[These women] took that extra step to really influence someone. Whatever they did, it was so much to really make an impact on someone."

Dana Kuhnline was the banquet's keynote speaker. Kuhnline was a previous winner and had worked for the WRC for four years. She said the goal of her speech was to address the common myth that women who do great things are out of touch and out of reach for common women.

"The most extraordinary women, the ones who worked for the right to vote, or the right to own property, were just normal women, just like us," Kuhnline said. "It doesn't take something special to do extraordinary things; everyone has a chance to make a difference."

Le said about 35 people attended the event. This included all but one of the nominees as well as their families and friends and some interested students and faculty.

"We had a really awesome turnout," Barks said. "It's about as twice as many as we had last year, and I was really excited."

All nominees received awards, but only three received a woman-of-distinction award. Nominees received a bouquet of roses and chocolate. In addition, the winners received a \$20 gift certificate to Il Spazio.

Kuhnline said she thought it was not really about winning the award but about recognizing all women who work to make the community a better place.

"It's really important to take a step back and recognize all the women in our community and all the activism that's going on," Kuhnline said.

Barks described the banquet as a total success, and she said that it surpassed her

expectations.

"I was really proud of the response we got from all of the community," Barks said. "I'm really excited about the people we got to honor because they were all deserving of it."

Kuhnline recognized the important place the banquet held in the community.

"It's really nice for the community and the college," Kuhnline said. "It's one of the ways that the Women's Resource Center bridges the gap between the community and the college."

As a result, Le said she believed that it was important that the banquet continued for many years to come.

"We want to make sure that this program continues even after we leave," Le said. "And it seems to be." **un**



▲ Junior AJ Barks presents a Women of Distinction Award to sophomore Emily Eschbacher. Eschbacher was nominated by her student adviser for many things, one of which was her organization of the 40 women in her residence hall house to dress in pink on Breast Cancer Awareness Day to show her aunt, a breast cancer survivor, the support coming from the University.

photo by Nichole Reiling

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"He pushes spirituality, he doesn't care if you are Muslim, Christian or Jewish" - Martha Glen, senior

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—By Prajwal Sharma—

Contributing Writer

He had visited more than 1,000 campuses across the nation and claimed to have inspired more than 2,000,000 students. He talked about leadership and success. He lectured on marketing oneself and tried to instill positive thinking in all who listened.

Will Keim visited Truman State University April 3, 2005, and inspired a few hundred students to do what he does best – become successful – with his speech entitled, "10 Characteristics of Effective Leadership and the Meaning of Success." Greek Life and the Funds Allotment Council sponsored Keim's visit to campus.

Some Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council members had earlier been to Chicago for a conference in which Keim was the keynote speaker.

"He took my breath away," said senior Marty Glenn, assistant Greek Life adviser and one of the students responsible for getting Keim to campus.

Glenn said Greek Life and FAC paid \$6,000 as Keim's performance fee.

"It was worth it," Glenn said. "We got a lot more than that. He speaks a college student's language. He addresses a lot of issues like drinking, drugs and rape. He gets your attention with humor."

More than 500 students attended Keim's speech.

Senior Mandi

Howe said that

although the event kick-started Greek Week, non-Greeks were invited to attend, too.

"A lot of people showed up," Howe said. "Everyone liked what he said."

Keim covered various topics of interest to University students – his 23 life lessons were undoubtedly most popular.

"He talked about love, fear, sex, parents, loneliness, happiness" Glenn said. "All the people I talked to were very motivated. I heard really great things from younger kids, too. They walked in not knowing what they'd get, and everyone walked away thinking."

Glenn said she liked how Keim was passionate about what he did. She said his message, too, was very powerful.

"He does it because it is so important for him to do good to people," Glenn said.

Keim was a Christian minister, but that did not mean he pushed religion, Glen said.

"He pushes spirituality," Glen said. "He doesn't care if you are Muslim, Christian or Jewish."

Keim also reiterated that he was different from other motivational speakers.

"He said, 'I don't want to be thought of as a motivational speaker, I want to be thought as an inspirational speaker,'"

Glenn said.

Keim delivered the lecture on his birthday, which happened to be Glenn's birthday as well. She said she was grateful he had taken time out of such a special day to talk to University students.

"[Keim's speech] was like a birthday gift to me," Glenn said.

Junior Jamie Bloomfield said that although the speech was long and people began to get bored toward the end, she was glad she attended.

"I liked how he was relating his point to Greek Life as well as college life, how it hasn't changed that much for him," Bloomfield said.

Despite its being a speech, which students were not usually inclined to attend, the attendance was fairly high, Bloomfield said.

"People are not motivated to go to things like that," Bloomfield said. "But he was good — he was really enthusiastic." **un**

untangling Dr. Will Keim

Dr. Keim's "Three Reasons To Go To Class Everyday"

1. Keep in touch with changes in the syllabus
2. Get better return on your tuition dollar investment
3. Put your face with your name, which enables the professor to grade a human being rather than a social security number

Dr. Keim's "Prescription for Stress Reductiong"

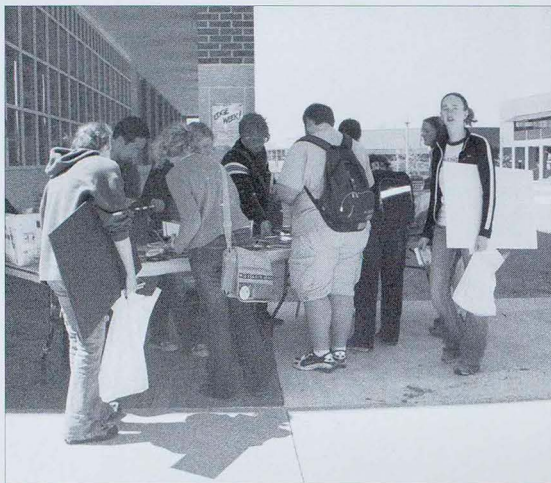
- Sleep six to eight hours a night
- Eat breakfast every day
- Take an IB4U hour daily: I (my needs) come B4 (before) U (your needs)



▲ Dr. Will Keim is shown in a publicity photo on his website, www.willkeim.com. Keim has written or participated in the writing of eight books including "Chicken Soup for the College Soul" and "Life After College: Lessons for Students in Transition."

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a daily alternative



▲ Students surround the KTRM table on the Quad during the CD giveaway. KTRM gave away the CDs for numerous reasons. Some were duplicates of ones they already had, while others were greatest hits albums which KTRM did not need because they had the original albums.

photo by Renee Hellebusch

—By Lauren Miller—
Assistant Photography Editor

"You're listening to KTRM 88.7 the Edge – Kirksville's 'Tru' Alternative radio ..." is how the first day of Edge Week began. KTRM radio dubbed April 11-15 2005, Edge Week, which consisted of a series of promotional events and listener-appreciation activities to help bring the Edge to the Kirksville community.

The Edge, 88.7 FM, was one of the main college radio stations at Truman State University. While it had no set genre of music, it was usually billed as college rock-underground. DJs, however, had distinct styles. DJ Zhian Kamvar has his own classical spot on-air, the only classical show on campus.

Diane Poelker, KTRM's assistant production director, said Edge Week's main goal was not just promotion for the station but also to tell students that "We appreciate that you are here and listening to us."

Edge Week began with a rough start. Monday morning

students were supposed to wake to Music on the Mall, but it was cancelled because of rain.

"We hit some rough spots, but it was our first time doing Edge Week," said junior Courtney Rakers, KTRM's promotional director. "But despite the bumps in the road, it was worth it."

Tuesday continued Edge Week with Trivia Night, which, according to Poelker, was kind of a flop. It started to look like Edge Week in total would be a washout. Rain had ruined Monday's Music on the Quad, and poor turnout for classic rock trivia had KTRM's hopes for Edge Week down. The promotional team worried that Edge Week would not reach the students and community like they had hoped.

On Wednesday, however, a giant CD giveaway spiced things up on the Quad, not just for KTRM, but for students as well. Things began looking up for Edge Week when KTRM gave away almost 700 CDs that had been sitting in the office attic.

"The CD giveaway was insane," Poelker said. "We were out there at noon, and practically nothing was left by three."

That became the turnaround point for Edge Week. Students not only took advantage of the free CDs, but they also became more aware of KTRM's presence at the University. DJ applications were also available on the Quad to help recruit new members to the KTRM team.

"We started getting more DJ applications, which is really great," Poelker said. "This year we had trouble finding people to put on the air, and next year, that really shouldn't be a problem."

The University Conference Day on Thursday of Edge Week afforded KTRM the opportunity to go to the local high school. Various directors and DJs went during the lunch hour and played music and trivia games just to let students know that they were there and that they played music other than country.

"It was also cool because a lot of the kids already knew and listened to us," Poelker said.

Rakers also felt the high school visit was a success.

"Going to the high school was the best," Rakers said. "Just to know that we are touching the Kirksville community, too, since we are Kirksville's 'Tru' Alternative. We are here for all of the community, not just students."

ktrm brings listeners to the edge during a week long celebration

The last day of Edge Week, KTRM gave away T-shirts, CDs, hats and other various items. Freshman Brian Anderson stopped by to see what was going on.

"I had never really heard of or listened to the Edge," Anderson said. "But now I know them, plus I got a free hat."

While the week started rough for the people at KTRM, it ended well. Rakers felt that Edge Week let people know about the station and what college radio was all about. The students at KTRM felt that they were able to reach the students. There was an influx of requests, calls and DJ applications, which showed KTRM that it had reached

University students.

"Students are really taking control of what they want to listen to, and that is great," Poelker said. "It is what we wanted."

While the KTRM staff had no set plans for an Edge Week 2006, it was happy with the response it received, and the station felt it achieved its goals. Rakers said that all in all, Edge Week served its purpose.

While nothing was official, talks of a band fest, a Halloween or social dance and something similar to Edge Week for 2006 came up, keeping the University and the community waiting with anticipation. **un**



▲ Junior Marisa Butler awards senior Julia Gallagher with a T-shirt prize after Gallagher rolled a three on the KTRM prize dice. The numbers on the dice corresponded to different prizes. For example, participants that rolled a one received a sno-cone, while the number two won participants a CD.

photo by Ashley Hanson

the gift of a book

—By Mark Standage—

Contributing Writer

It has happened to a majority of students. As finals week was ending, students were strapped for cash. They headed over to the bookstore to sell back the textbook they have lugged around for the past semester only to find its value was equal to the amount they paid for the bluebook they just used for a history final. This sting had a cure – and a way to help develop literacy in Africa.

During finals week of fall 2004, Better World Books, a new student group at Truman State University, provided students with the chance to donate their unwanted textbooks. Rather than take the meager amount of money bookstores offered during buyback, many students opted to contribute their books. University Bookstore employee Kris Hurley said students were happy to donate their books.

“Students were usually happy to give away their books if they had an old edition or didn’t get much money for them,” Hurley said. “When the box was gone, they said, ‘Hey, what happened to the box?’”

Textbooks were then donated to one of the organization’s partners, Books for Africa, to improve literacy in the developing countries of the continent.

Sophomore Allison Schlobohm became a campus representative for Better World Books during fall 2004. With the help of other interested students, the organization set up collection boxes around campus and in student

bookstores. After the inaugural book drive was completed, the group collected more than they had expected.

Junior Sarah Maddox, group member, was happy to see the amount of books collected during the book-drive and the enthusiasm of students during the collection.

“It has really just been nice to see how willing people are to volunteer and give,” Maddox said. “Last semester, we collected way more than our goal.”

The organization continued its method of collection during spring semester finals with new additions in order to make it easier for students to donate.

“We will have boxes in all division offices and in the SUB by the bookstore,” Maddox said. “We also want to put collection boxes in the residence halls.”

The boxes in the residence halls would make student donation easier.

Many students, including senior Clayton Nichols, had heard about the organization and were willing to donate.

“Whenever I sell my books back [in spring 2005], I will definitely donate old textbooks and those I didn’t get any money for,” Nichols said.

Better World Books, a non-profit organization, began in 2002 in Indiana.

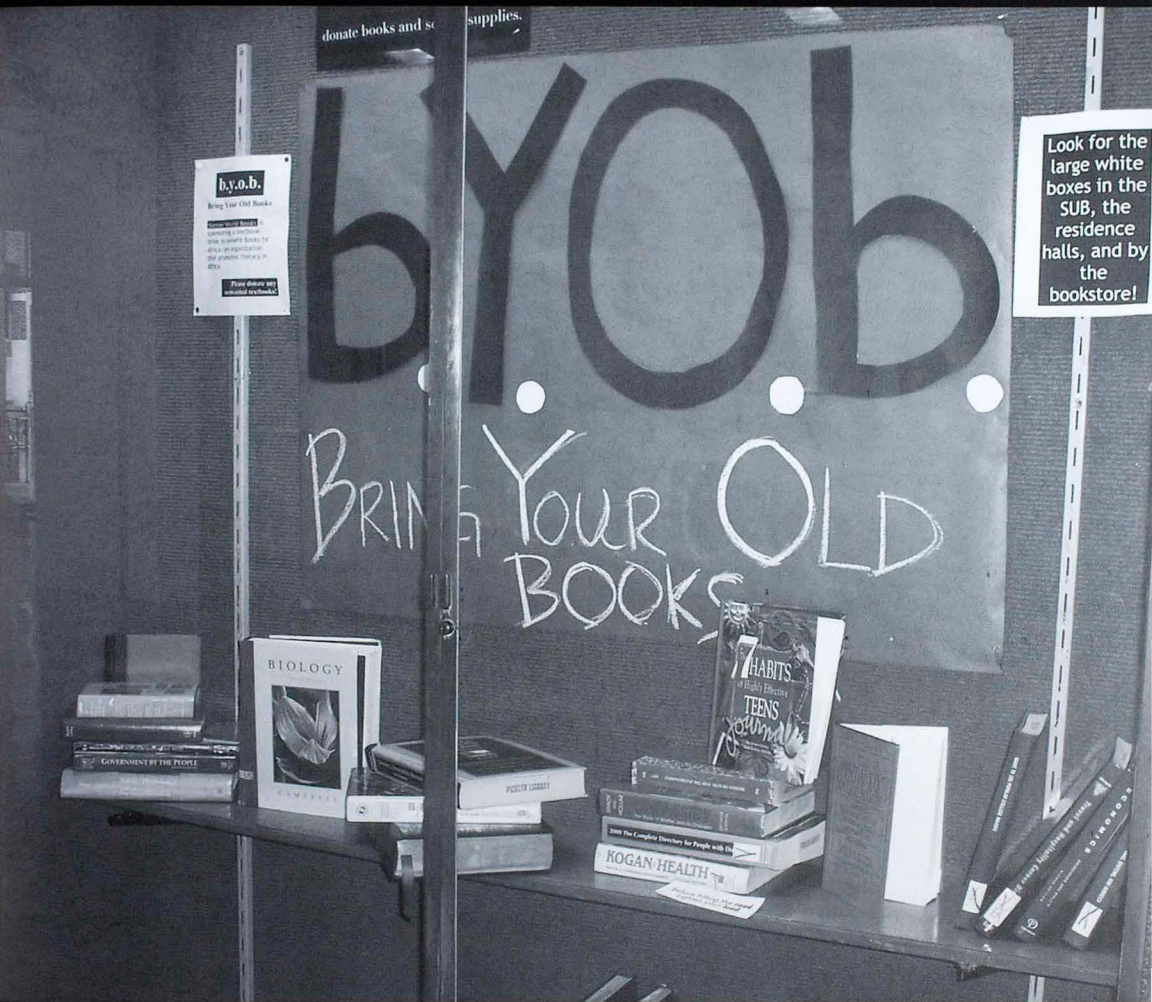
The organization had collected more than 600,000 books in donations, according to its Web site. The organization sold the books online and used proceeds to fund the shipment of books through literacy programs like Books for Africa. The company had kept tons of books from ending up as waste in landfills across the United States. **un**



▲ Freshman Christen Gates moves books from one box to another. The boxes were too heavy to move without transferring some of the weight to another box.

photo by Monica Kwiatek

better world books works to bring literacy to developing countries



▲ The Better World Book display in the Student Union Building alerts passing students of the opportunities to donate. Better World Book members set up a table on the second level of the SUB to collect books during finals week.

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Sports



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photo by Amy Olson

The ticking of the game clock, the thunder of applause, the impossible comeback, the intensity of play in overtime, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat; all of these and much more made up the intense passion of University athletics. This passion was exuded by University athletes - varsity, intramural, club sports and otherwise - who gave it their all. It was exuded by the cheerleaders who rooted for their team, cheering in unison until their lungs were sore. It was exuded by the coaches who formulated cunning and strategic game plans and offered words of motivation to their players. It was exuded by Spike, the University mascot, who made every effort to boost school spirit throughout the year. It was exuded through the efforts of the referees as they made judgment calls during athletic events. It was exuded by the fans that supported the teams whether the streak they were on was a winning one or a losing one. This passion was also exhibited off the field, as University athletes formed unbreakable bonds with teammates. Foremost, it was this passion that was unfathomable.

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Going Over the Net

'Dogs Smash it Back to the Competition

—By Mark Standage—

Contributing Writer

College athletes typically considered their first year as a learning experience to go along with the transition from high school to college. The uncertainty of the change in the level of competition loomed large in the new players' minds before they faced their first competition. For the Truman State University men's and women's tennis teams, 2004 was a learning and bonding experience, highlighted by both individual and team victories.

The fall season began Sept. 4, 2004, in St. Joseph, Mo., with the MIAA Doubles Tournament. For many players, this

was a chance to showcase the hard work they put in during the off-season. For freshman standout Cody Pusateri, this tournament was the opportunity to

get rid of the nerves and uncertainty.

"My first tournament as a freshman was nerve racking," Pusateri said. "I had high expectations for myself because I wanted to win everything, but I wasn't quite sure how I was going to fare in my first college competition."

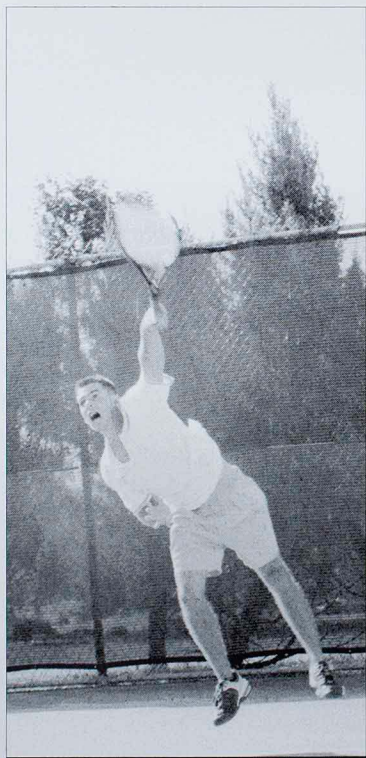
Pusateri said his first event as a college tennis player wasn't successful, as he came away with a record of 1-3 in the tournament with his doubles partner, senior Steve Jones. Pusateri said that playing with Jones helped his level of confidence in a new competitive environment, however.

"I didn't fare that well, but I gained a lot of experience," Pusateri said. "Steve Jones and Sean Cooper really helped me learn that I can't expect to win every match because the level of competition is much different in college."

Pusateri, one of five freshmen on the men's team, said his mental edge was not there at the beginning of the season because of his wanting to win every match. By the end of the fall season, however, the mental aspect of his game took a turn for the better.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself to compete and win all the time," Pusateri said. "However, I felt a lot more confident in myself by the end of the [fall] season."

Doubles partners, junior Tyler Wood and sophomore Ryan



▲ Sophomore Ryan Cope serves the ball to his opponent. Cope finished the season with a 36-16 singles record.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ FRONT ROW: Niklas Stubbendorff, Ryan Cope, Sean Cooper, Ben Coate. BACK ROW: Jordan Mahaney, Steve Jones, Brett Taylor, Cody Pusateri, Ben Griffith, Tyler Wood, Brad Martin, Pete Kendall- head coach.

Scoreboard

	Men	Women		
MIAA Doubles Tournament (St. Joseph, Mo.)	*NTR	NTR	Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	1/8 1/8
Truman Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR	NTR	Fort Hays State University (Kan.)	5/4
Quincy University (Ill.)	9/0	7/2	Emporia State University (Kan.)	9/0 1/8
Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.)	9/0		Missouri Valley College (Marshall)	3/6 8/1
Colorado School of Mines (Golden, Co.)	4/5		Quincy University (Ill.)	9/0 8/1
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	7/2		Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	2/7 4/5
William Jewel College (Liberty, Mo.)	7/2	6/3	Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	1/8 6/3
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls)		0/9	Missouri Western State College	5/4
University of Missouri- St. Louis	2/7		Minnesota State University- Mankato	9/0 9/0
Metropolitan State College (Denver, Co.)	5/4	9/0	Augustana College (Minn.)	6/0 6/0
Colorado State University- Pueblo	4/5		Emporia State University (Kan.)	5/0
Winona State University (Minn.)	8/1	8/1	Missouri Southern State College (Joplin, Mo.)	4/5
John Brown University	8/1		Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	0/5 4/5
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)		1/8	Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	1/5
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	2/7	5/4	Colorado School of Mines (Golden, Co.)	1/5

*NTR- No Team Results

Cope, received a regional ranking at the end of the first half of the year. Singles standout, junior Brad Martin, boasted a record of 16-6 through the beginning of the month of April heading into the second half of the spring 2005 season. Jones said that Martin's performance throughout the fall 2004 and spring 2005 seasons was inspirational to the other team members.

"Brad [Martin] won a lot of competitive singles matches," Jones said. "He did really well and gave us a spark that we all needed."

Through both seasons, the women's team saw its own share


of victories. Doubles partners, seniors Melissa Dudak and Abigail Sauders, received a regional ranking by the end of the fall season. Midway through the spring season, the doubles team battled to a 12-7 record overall. Pusateri said that Dudak's and Sauders' performances were signs that the whole team was on the right path.

"They [Dudak and Sauders] were a sign that we had a really good doubles team," Pusateri. "It was also a sign that our whole team was doing well."

Not only were the Bulldogs doing well on the tennis court, but their team chemistry was better than ever before. Dudak said the overall support from the team helped her succeed on the court, as well as off.

"I think most of my success can be attributed to the team supporting me in all areas, not just on the court," Dudak said.

Heading into the second half of the spring 2005 season during April, the men's team had an overall record of 8-4 and the women's team, 7-5. Keeping a competitive edge and positive mental attitude would play a key role when going into the postseason. Jones said composure and mind-set would play a major part in upcoming events to decide who would get a chance to go to regionals and, hopefully, nationals.

"Even though we are winning some and losing some matches, as time goes on I think attitude and positive mindset will help us win," Jones said. "Going into the second half of the spring season, we're really looking forward to the [MIAA] conference tournament and eventually nationals." 



▲ FRONT ROW: Melissa Dudak, Kristine Grajo, Megan Nelson, Abigail Sauders, Jennifer Salmon.
 BACK ROW: Jordan Mahaney, Olivia King, Whitney Hamilton, Jessica Krause, Lessa Weese, Hannah Wittmer, Pete Kendall- head coach.

Working Together

'Dogs Turn Individualism to Teamwork

—By Kerry Binkley—

Staff Writer

Most consider golf an individual sport. Collegiate golfers usually practice on their own time and only come together as a team during the van rides to and from tournaments.

But unplanned circumstances off the green allowed

Truman State University golfers to develop deep bonds rarely seen in the golf world.

A near tragedy on a trip home from a fall tournament created a close connection among members of the women's golf team.

The team's 15-passenger van hit a deer, which sent the vehicle skidding through a patch of gravel. The van rolled several times before coming to rest on its side.

Stunned members of the team found themselves standing among the remnants of the windows and had to crawl through the windshield to escape the vehicle. Three women were taken to the hospital, but no one was seriously injured.

"You hate to say it, but it was a bonding type thing," said Sam Lesseig, professor of mathematics and coach of the women's golf team.

Senior Lauren Allen said she and other women involved in the accident drew closer during their time at the hospital.

"You don't know how you're going to react in a situation like that," Allen said.

Members of the men's team dealt with the unplanned resignation of coach Tom Drennan before their spring season began in March.

"It's hard for the guys cause they don't have anybody right now," Lesseig said. "They're trying to help each other."

Seniors on the men's team stepped up to lead and take care of travel details in the absence of a coach, and the team continued to maintain close bonds off the green.

"[The seniors] are pretty much running everything right now," sophomore Jesse Helms said.

But it was not all business. Off-the-green antics also allowed golfers to not take things too seriously and keep the game fun.

"It's completely different than I thought it would be,"

Helms said.

"Outside of golf, we all hang out with each other, have a really good time."

Helms said the men's team videotaped its tournament trips documentary-style and considered trying to sell the tape to ESPN.

Senior Austin George said the men's team used practical jokes and humor to maintain close bonds.

"[Pranks] are part of the team," George said.

University golfers made sure they did not take

themselves too seriously, but they also dealt with skeptics who found it difficult to consider golf a legitimate sport.

"I'd probably just laugh if someone tried to convince me it wasn't a sport," Helms said. "It's tough. You have to have really good hand-eye coordination. It's a really big mental game."

University golfers maintained their mental game year-round because of a season split between fall and spring.

The teams used indoor conditioning and practices to stay in shape during the winter months.

"I probably haven't lifted a weight in about three years, but I stretch a lot," Helms said. "Flexibility's a really big thing with golf. That's kind of how I prepare myself physically."

The team members practiced their swings during the off-season by hitting balls into a net in Pershing Small Gym once a week beginning in February. Players tried to keep this hitting to a minimum so they didn't develop any bad habits with



▲ FRONT ROW: Ashley Elliot, Marta Samojluk, Amanda Senn, Katie Martinek, Sara Lloyd, Cortney Floro. SECOND ROW: Sabrina Wells, Dyane Tower, Jennifer Sternecker, Lauren Allen, Lauren Westensee, Sam Lesseig- head coach. BACK ROW: Sheri Khan, Ashley Vincent, Melissa Pfeiffer, Callie Fulmer, Stephanie McGrew, Megan Morrissey.

Scoreboard

Maverick Round-Up (Mankato, Minn.)	3rd
SIU-Edwardsville Tournament (Ill.)	4th
Illinois Wesleyan Tournament (Normal)	9th
Southwest Baptist Tournament (Bolivar, Mo.)	8th
Southwestern Minnesota Tournament (Marshall)	8th
Central Fall Region (Detroit Lakes, Minn.)	6th
Drury Tournament (Springfield, Mo.)	11th
Pittsburg State Tournament (Kan.)	6th
Kenneth Smith Tournament (Kansas City, Mo.)	6th
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	6th
Bulldog Classic (Kirksville, Mo.)	3rd
Washburn University (Topeka, Mo.)	8th
UNO Ironwood Classic (Omaha, Neb.)	4th
Central Region- Iron Horse (Overland Park, Kan.)	7th
Mankato Spring Classic (Minn.)	6th
MIAA Conference Championship (Blue Springs, Mo.)	5th
Millikin Invitational (Decatur, Ill.)	1st
NCAA Regional Tournament (St. Joseph, Mo.)	7th
Women's scores Men's scores	



▲ Freshman Laura Westensee is in her backswing. The team went to Nationals for the first time in nine years in 2004-2005.

photo by Nichole Reiling

their swings.

"You can't hit the ball far enough to really tell what you're doing," Lesseig explained.

When the weather warmed up, golfers tried to practice every chance they had at the Kirksville Country Club.

When it came time for regular season tournaments, poor weather conditions, changed regions and new team dynamics proved difficult for the University golf teams.

Both the men's and women's team began its fall seasons with younger teams than usual. The top five female golfers included one senior, one sophomore and three freshmen.

The men also had a young team with only two senior members.

Allen said the women's team also had to adjust to new Division II golf regions which changed to reflect

the number of schools with women's golf programs.

Allen said she didn't play as well as she had in the past, and the new courses created challenges for the team.

"As a senior, normally you play courses multiple times," Allen said. "It was almost a freshman year for everyone in a sense because we were playing new courses."

The team picked up two top-five tournament finishes at Maverick Round-Up in Mankato, Minn., and at the SIU-Edwardsville Tournament.

The men's team fell short of any top-five finishes in its fall tournaments and struggled to shoot low scores.

"This year we haven't played up to our potential," George

"We're not as strong as we've
been in the past"
-senior Austin George

said. "We're not as strong as we've been in the past."

Helms attributed the disappointing fall performance to the team members' difficulties with their mental games.

"If you have a bad hole, you can't let it affect you for the rest of the round," Helms said. "I think we were all just in a point in our game where we were trying too hard to fix what was wrong and just made it worse."

The teams refused to allow a little thing like a bad season get them down, however. The golfers began training harder and remained optimistic

about future seasons.

"You always would like them to do better, but there are times that things come up that you have no control over," Lesseig said. "Golf's a sport where you can't say, 'Go out there and play defense,' because there isn't any. It's you against the course and yourself. It's really learning to grow and face the obstacles you're up against in a round."

Members of the men's and women's golf teams may not have remembered record-low scores or the thrill of winning a tournament, but they would never forget the individuals who looked beyond themselves and gave new meaning to the word "team." **un**

At Ground Zero

Relaunching 'Dogs Football

— By Kim Dickinson —

Staff Writer

Despite the numbers in the loss column, the Truman State University football team maintained a positive attitude during the 2004 season. Members showed hope for the future and a respect for the new staff and players.

The Bulldogs faced the challenge of many new people entering the program, including a new coaching staff.

"Any time you have a new staff, players have new systems to learn and new relationships need to be built, which can affect the outcome of the season," head coach Shannon Currier said.

The coaches knew what needed to be done, although they were new to the University. The coaches soon made their presence known, and players in turn respected them. Some things the coaches did to gain the appreciation of their players included putting a lot of effort into making improvements to facilities, such as the locker rooms, scoreboard and practice and game fields.

"The new coaches have a lot of passion for what they do and will do whatever it takes to win," junior Larry Giglio said.

The hard work of the coaches did not go unnoticed by new members of the team.

"They're working on making it into a championship program," freshman Mike Patnode said.

Scoreboard

South Dakota State University (Brookings)	22/49
Winona State University (Minn.)	28/56
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	7/77
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	0/62
Emporia State University (Kan.)	21/38
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	20/30
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	16/28
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	0/46
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	42/45
University of Missouri- Rolla	47/33
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	26/0

The team welcomed a number of new players in addition to new coaches. The starting line up included two freshmen, while the offensive line included four sophomores. A new secondary line took the field, and three new linebackers were also added. The number of fresh faces, while a challenge, provided a bright outlook for the future of Bulldog football.

The young team might not have been as successful as it would have liked, but cohesiveness existed that helped team members get through both the good and the bad.

"The team chemistry was second to none," freshman Jesse Cooper said. "No matter how tough times were, we could always count on each other."

The team leaders helped players work hard to improve their skills and make the best of the season.

"Leadership on the team was great," Cooper said.

Although the season was a rough one, the 'Dogs were able to bring some exciting highlights to the season.

"We finished strong," Currier said. "We played a great game against Northwest, which was the Hickory Stick Game and Homecoming."


The game against Northwest Missouri State University was a highlight not only for Currier, but also for fans and players. Although the hickory stick went home with Northwest, it was a hard-fought battle that wasn't over until the final seconds of the game.

"When our offense came out in the second half and played awesome, we went ahead and took the lead with three minutes left," senior Ben Wilson said. "It was a great feeling to be up on the number-two team in the nation. It would have been nice to win the game, but even though we didn't, it was a great experience. We were really happy with the turnout and support from our students and fans."

Giglio said one of the highlights of the season for him was the game against Southwest Baptist University, in which the Bulldog defense gave up no points.

"It was the first time in three years that we've pitched a shutout," Giglio said.

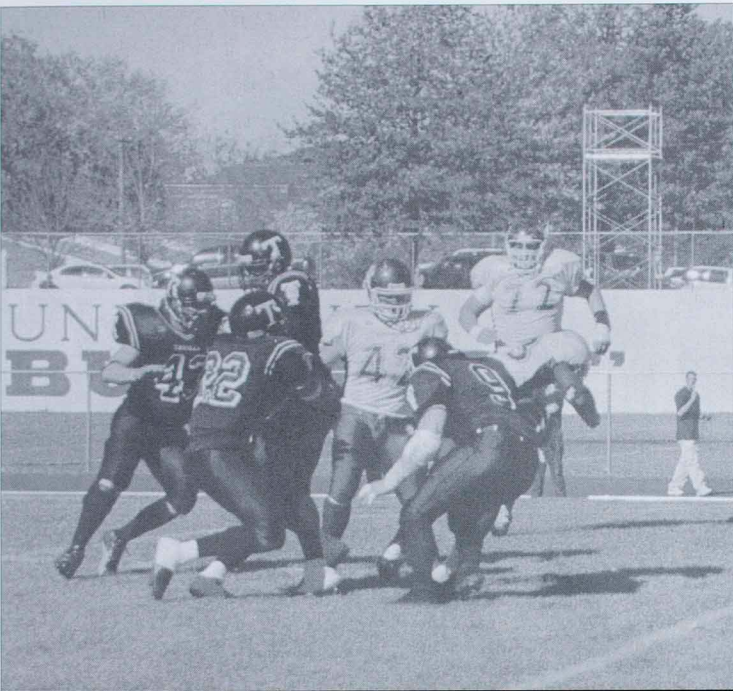
The Bulldogs ended the season with two consecutive wins, which they hoped would carry over to the 2005 season. Although the team got off to a rocky start, inexperience gradually gave way to improvement, and by the end of the season, the future looked bright for Bulldog football.

"We know we're going to become a championship caliber team," Currier said. "It's just a matter of time." 



▲ Junior wide receiver James Walton and freshman wide receiver Mike Faddoul congratulate each other after a touchdown at the Homecoming game against Northwest Missouri State University. Seven of the Bulldogs were named to the All-MIAA team.

photo by Jessica Lowe



▲ Senior linebacker Ben Wilson tackles a Northwest Missouri State University player during the Homecoming game while sophomore defensive back Darnell Williams, senior defensive tackle Beau Nelson, and senior defensive end Sean Morris assist. Senior quarterback, Jake Czeschin, broke the MIAA passing record during the Homecoming game with 479 yards.

photo by Jessica Lowe



▲ Freshman defensive back Josh Kilcrease is covered by an opposing player. Kilcrease was one of four freshmen that were part of the starting line during that season.

photo by Jessica Lowe



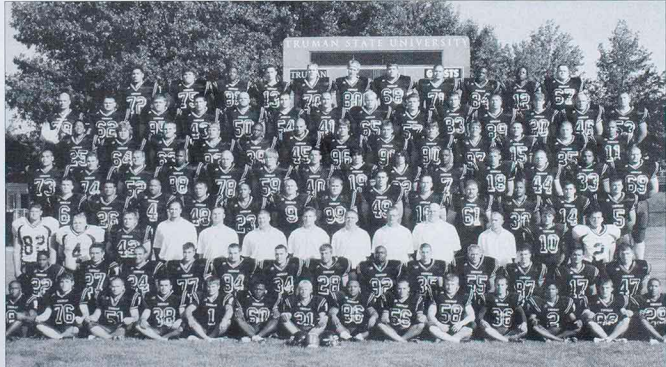
▲ Junior wide receiver James Walton runs a pass route around an opposing player. Walton scored six touchdowns during the season.

photo by Jessica Lowe



▲ Senior tight end A.J. Weber runs for a first down on November 6th during the game versus Southwest Baptist University while sophomore defensive back Adam Neubaur and freshman linebacker John Ruth watch the game. The Bulldogs had 224 first downs during the season.

photo by Kim Dickinson



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▲ Senior Nick Welchert receives a pass from the Bulls' scrum half. The Bulls traveled as far as Greeley, Co., to play rugby.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Junior Jamie Mucho evades a tackle attempt by a member of the University of Kansas' team. The Bulls gave out seven postseason awards each semester.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Freshman Angela Rippe gets tackled by an opposing team member during a home game versus the University of Kansas. The Bulls boasted a roster of 34 women, the majority of whom had not played rugby before they came to the University.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ FRONT ROW: Misty Ely, Michelle Hagen, Cynthia Speidel, Juli Lommel, Kristin Harkins. SECOND ROW: Michaela Levy, Deborah Miller, Libby Hicks, Stephanie Dettmer, Halleh Ghodrati, Leslie Crawford, Kristin Bennett. THIRD ROW: Chelsea Klaus, Natalie Gerhart, Ern Sanger, Kate Pickett, Elizabeth Gentry, Lindsay Scheitlin, Kimberly Smith, Jamie Mucho. BACK ROW: Jennifer Welch, Sarah Teague, Kristine Carey, Helen Russell, Brynn Weimer, Jennifer Reesor, Erin Beffa.



▲ Junior Joe Pantano attempts to run through a tackle. The Bulls gave five postseason awards every semester.

photo by Kate Gallen

Hitting it Hard

'Dogs Keep Their Passion Alive

—By Junichi Saito—

Staff Writer

led the team as a collegiate all-American. He was selected to the 2004 all-American team in July 2004 and represented the nation in a game against Canada shortly thereafter.

The Bullets also had its share of accolades. Reesor, junior Kristin Bennett, senior Elizabeth Gentry, junior Natalie

It was aggressive, dangerous and addictive. It was played by men and women alike.

Rugby, one of Truman State University's various club sports, was all of these things and more. The men's rugby club was called the Bulls, and the women's rugby club was the Bullets. Unlike other sports, rugby rules did not change based on the sex of the participants.

"We've been injured before, but people still come back," said senior Jenny Reesor, Bullets head coach. "I have broken my collarbone before."

When some students arrived at the University, they were disappointed to discover sports in which they had previously participated were not available. For some, rugby filled the void.

"I used to do judo, but Truman doesn't have judo," freshman Chelsea Klau said. "So I chose rugby."

New recruits like Klau usually joined rugby with little or no experience with the sport. Reesor said rookies often came in with backgrounds in other sports, however. Although the Bullets and Bulls welcomed new players with or without rugby experience, it was important that the rookies be prepared for the teams' rigorous practices. An athletic background aided them in this.

The Bulls helped potential freshman team members become comfortable with the sport by organizing a series of informal touch practices during Truman Week. Freshmen were quick to recognize the activity's appeal.

"I think rugby is an addictive sport," freshman Cole Mueth said.

Although both the Bullets and Bulls adopted some relatively inexperienced players, this did not hinder the teams' performances.

Bulls vice captain, senior Sean Foley,

**"Rugby is an addictive sport."
-Cole Mueth,
freshman**

Gerhart, and seniors Kate Pickett and Cyndi Speidel were named to the 2004-2005 HOA U-23 Select team.

Bullets and Bulls players also enjoyed the social benefits that playing a team sport, such as rugby, provided.

"One team has 15 players, so I can make friends with 14 people at least through rugby," Mueth said.

The players spent a lot of time together and created invaluable camaraderie that only added to their performance on the field.

"One reason that makes playing rugby addictive is friendship," said junior Helen Russel, player and forwards coach. "We are a social club. [We] are teammates not only on the field but also off the field." **un**



▲ FRONT ROW: Mark Stephenson, Kevin Jones, Tom Tajkowski, Chris Bell, Zach Wogtech, Brandon Bailey. BACK ROW: Steven Nast, Tony Giubardo, Tyler King, Spencer Smith, Kyle Stephens, Nyika Kupara.

Focusing on the Top

Hypnosis Used to Get 'Dogs Up to Par

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

The common perception of hypnosis is that it's a state in which a person is no longer in control of himself or herself and is very open to suggestions, such as dancing like a chicken or having certain responses to a key words or sounds. This false perception was one that Sal Costa, assistant professor of psychology, worked with students to dispel.

Among the students Costa worked with were several of Truman State University's athletes. Soccer players, golfers, football players and swimmers alike found themselves working with Costa one-on-one to improve their game.

After teaching an interim Hypnosis Workshop class, Costa helped students use the methods they learned in ways that could improve their abilities. Hypnosis was a widely recognized form of treatment accepted by both the American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association.

"What hypnotism basically is is a relaxation exercise," Costa said. "I want to dispel the myth that you are going to do any astonishing feats you aren't already capable of doing."

Costa said he had students ask him to help them quit smoking or make other life changes. He made it clear that hypnosis was not about tricking a person into doing things but about making students' paths smoother.

"Your ability to force someone to do something under suggestion has a lot to do with TV and ridiculous stuff," Costa said. "I can't make anyone do anything they don't want to do."

Some students were quick to judge hypnosis as fake or scary. This was nothing new to Costa.

"Sometimes people are a little hesitant because of television and shows they've seen," Costa said. "But they are theatrical hypnotists, and that's what they are there for."

Junior Dyane Tower, a member of the women's golf team, did not let the stereotypes stand in her way. She worked with



▲ Junior golf team member Dyane Tower undergoes hypnosis therapy in order to improve her golf game. Tower shot her best round at the 2004 UMKC Classic with a score of 84.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Sal Costa, professor of psychology, supervises a student undergoing hypnosis therapy. Costa was a member of National Board of Directors for the Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis, Hypnosis Association of America, the Hartje Association on Forensic Hypnosis, the International Congress on Hypnosis, and Published Research in Hypnosis.

photo by Kim Dickinson

Costa during the 2004 and 2005 seasons to improve her concentration during golf matches. Tower found out about hypnosis while taking Costa's interim class, and after writing a paper on hypnosis in sports, she thought it might be a good thing to try. Tower said she thought the sessions with Costa had helped her performance.

"My performance has been improving this whole year," Tower said. "I shot my college low last semester. It's definitely helped with being nervous."

Before seeing Costa, Tower had problems adjusting from the atmosphere during practice to that of tournaments. The environment at a match was so dissimilar to the environment at practice that she became nervous and wasn't playing to the best of her ability.

"I get out there with two or three people that I've never meet before," Tower said. "And all of these things are going through my mind, things about golf should be going through my mind. [Hypnosis] helps a lot with just trying to focus on me and my game rather than the other people in my group."

Hypnosis for athletes was more about concentration than improving athletic ability. A regular hypnosis session lasted about an hour and started with some deep breathing to help with relaxation and keep other things from acting as distractions during the session. Costa often went on to lead students through visualizations of their sporting events.

"I usually go through matches in my mind," Tower said.

"... past matches or previous matches, matches that I want to have in the future, how to fix things, if I've had problems in the past what could I have done differently, how could I have approached it differently."

Sam Lesseig, the women's golf coach, was curious about the benefits of hypnosis as they pertained to his sport.

"[Professional golfer] Billy Mayfair has the most beautiful putting stroke as long as the ball is not there, and he doesn't know why," Lesseig said. "The same thing happens with swings. You can talk to any golf pro - [they will tell you] there are very few ugly practice swings, everybody has this beautiful swing, [but] as soon as the ball gets there, things happen."

Lesseig looked for an opportunity to learn more about the impact of hypnosis on golfers, and he spoke with several students looking for undergraduate research projects about testing the effects. In the end, the project proved to be too time consuming for a student to take on.

Lesseig explained that golf was different from other sports because it was not a sport in which excitement or a lot of adrenaline was beneficial. Hypnosis fit into his idea of how golfers needed to prepare for matches. The focus on calm and concentration fit in with the optimum readiness for golf.

Lesseig knew that hypnosis did not work the same for everyone, but he said he hoped to get the whole team involved if the results proved positive for the players. **un**



▲ Junior Sean Birrell, a member of the Bulldogs soccer team, in a relaxed state during a session with Sal Costa. In order to learn how to focus better, Birrell continued with hypnosis even after sustaining an injury during the soccer season.

photo by Kim Dickinson

Running Around

'Dogs Going Strong Away from Home

—By Lauren Miller—
Assistant Photography Editor

“Run! Run! As fast as you can!” is exactly what Truman State University’s men and women’s cross-country teams did. Outstanding performances from both teams marked the 2004 cross country season. Both teams trained hard and competed in several meets at different levels. Every meet during the year required traveling, which was no surprise to women’s head coach John Cochrane.

“[Truman] hosts the conference every seven years,” Cochrane said. “So it was no surprise that we had to travel to every meet this year.”

Despite all the travel, both teams consistently did well in their respective individual races. After a few weeks of racing, the women’s team tied for sixth place at the Border Wars meet at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Continuing the impressive run was a second-place finish at the conference meet, where the team lost the championship by only one point. During Regionals the team placed in the top seven, which allowed it to advance to Nationals and compete in the NCAA Championship for the first time.

Since the ‘Dogs had consistently run strong, the team knew what to expect.

Cochrane said that the national meet really held no surprises.

Freshman Grace DelNero was nervous coming into the season because she did not know what to expect.

“It was a lot more work than high school, but I looked forward to going to practice everyday,” DelNero said. “The girls are really fun.”

All the hard work, which included 5:45 a.m. runs, ultimately paid off. DelNero said the highlight of the season was attending Nationals.

“It provided a great base for all of the freshmen to learn from, a great experience,” DelNero said.

Cochrane also mentioned that the appearance at Nationals was also quite the celebration for senior Dani Rawlings – the team’s number-one runner throughout both Regionals and Nationals – since it was her final year of competition.

Junior Eli Klimek was the top Bulldog for the men’s cross country team. At the beginning of the season, he finished eighth at the Border Wars meet.

Klimek wasn’t used to being at the top by himself because of graduating three seniors in May 2004.

“The season started kind of weird because the team lost three of their top varsity runners,” Klimek said.

Junior Aaron Wells ran to a seventh-place finish in the MIAA Championships which took place in Maryville, Mo. Klimek followed close behind with an eighth-place finish, and both performances allowed for the runners to earn All-MIAA Conference honors.

Men’s head coach Ed Schneider said that Klimek was unable to compete in the regional tournament because of an injury. The team did not advance to Nationals, missing the meet for the first time in four years.

Klimek, however, said he felt that the team would be really strong the following year because it was only losing one senior at graduation.

The men placed eighth at South Central Regionals, which took place in Joplin, Mo., but a team had to place in a top three spots to advance. Schneider said he hoped the team would get another chance to qualify for Nationals another year.

Aaron Wells’ ninth-place finish allowed him to compete in Nationals individually, marking his third trip during his cross-country career. He placed 111th out of 184 runners at the meet. Klimek said he hoped to reach Indoor Nationals with a 4:12 mile and wanted to improve his personal best in the 5k during the outdoor season.

Both teams had high hopes for the 2005 season and would take off for one week before it was time to begin preparing for another season to achieve their goals. **un**

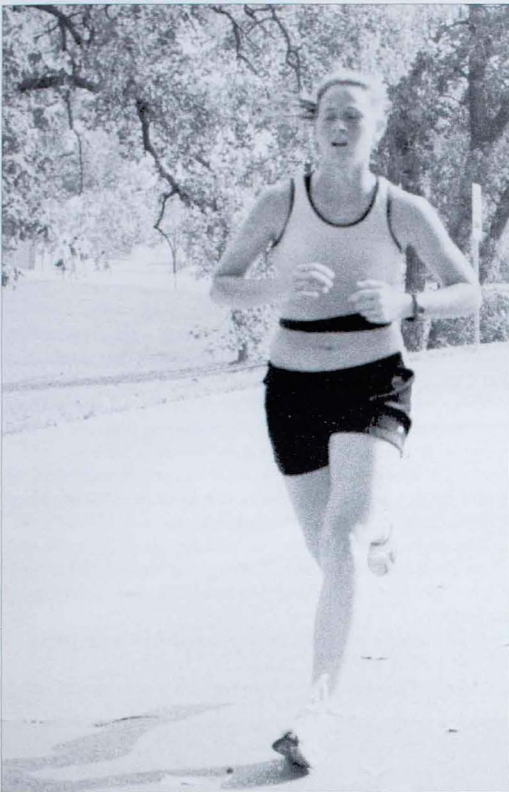


▲ FRONT ROW: Pam Peters, Kristi Bornhof, Samantha Dutrow, Sarah Armstrong. BACK ROW: Dani Rawlings, Lauren White, Grace DelNero, Meg Robertson, Amy Schroeder, Jacquelyn Faust, Sarah Cunningham, Meghan Trimble, Abbie Smith, Becky Define.

Scoreboard

Iowa State Open	*NTR	NTR
Woody Greeno/ Nebraska Invitational	9th	----
Southern Stampede	-----	4th
Miner Invitational	-----	1st
Notre Dame Invitational	17th	----
Border States Invitational	8th	6th
MIAA Championship	3rd	2nd
South Central Regional Championship	8th	2nd
NCAA Division II Championship	NTR	20th

*NTR: No Team Results Women's Results in Bold



▲ Freshman Sarah Cunningham runs during the intra squad meet held at Thousand Hills State Park. The women's cross country team qualified for the 2004 NCAA Division II Championship for the first time ever as a team.

photo by Ashley Hanson



▲ Freshman Laban Kipkurui (left) runs on a downhill stride. Kipkurui, from Kenya, was the only international member of the cross country teams.

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▲ FRONT ROW: Ed Schneider- head coach, Peter Schaefer, Kyle Torres, Bryant England, Laban Kipkurui, Jason Simpson, Eli Klineck, David Yonce, Eric Wittrock. BACK ROW: Erik McFarlane, Steve Porath, Kurtis Werner, Trey Robinson, Dan Willite, Kevin Crean, Chase Bohling, John Sturgeon, Aaron Wells.



▲ Sophomore Steve Porath runs at the NCAA South Central Regional Championship. At that meet, Porath received 65th place overall.

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Nationally Known

Mapping out Volleyball Team's Success

—By Mandi Sagez—

Staff Writer

The Truman State University women's volleyball team began its 2004 season with a 16-0 record, taking the title of MIAA Champions.

The Bulldogs won every game they played in 2004, except for one. Their 37-game winning streak ended Dec. 4, 2004, at the NCAA Championship match. What had been an undefeated season suddenly came to a disappointing close when the Bulldogs took a loss to Barry University (Miami Shores, Fla.), the third-ranked team in the country.

Coaches and players had mixed feelings about the loss.

"I had a little bit of disappointment because we had not lost all year, so that was our first experience having a loss," assistant coach Carrie Lundy said.

Despite the disappointment of his team falling just one game short of being best in the nation, head volleyball coach Qi Wang said he thought the season was a great accomplishment.

"My feeling is one of achievement, but I'm sure the players

have mixed feelings," Wang said. "[It] depends on who you're talking to."

Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Shearman said she was satisfied with the season.

"It's bittersweet actually," Shearman said. "Obviously, that's the second best result ever, you know for Division II, but I look at that, and I'm actually really happy with it."

Despite the team's loss in the last leg of the national tournament, the coaches and players were honored to have made it to the championship game.

"I was mainly in awe the whole time," Lundy said. "It was a really good experience. It was more of a 'Wow, I can't believe we've gone this far and done this well.'"

Shearman said she was also privileged.

"I think that being undefeated going in, we had a lot of high expectations," Shearman said. "It was pretty much incredible."

Both players and coaches were satisfied with being the second-best team in the nation.

"Most of the team feels that we have the honor of one of



▲ The Bulldogs rally together before a game. Senior Jessica Sears, junior Tiffany Graham, and sophomore Sarah Shearman were all named to the NCAA Elite Eight all-tournament team.

photo by Kim Dickinson

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the highest in the country," Wang said. "They use the comparison like taking a test, like a 35 ACT – a very outstanding achievement."

Shearman said she had the same sentiments as Wang. "Obviously, we would've preferred to have gotten first, but second works for me, too," Shearman said.

The 2004 season was the second consecutive year that the Bulldogs had been ranked among the nation's top 10 teams. While neither coach was willing to make the assumption that the team would go to Nationals the following season, optimistic comments showed the confidence that the Bulldogs had in their team's abilities.

"We never set a special goal to give us extra pressure, but we do keep going consistently and do our very best," Wang said.

Shearman said she thought that with a lot of work the Bulldogs would make an appearance at Nationals again soon.

The team had other highlights besides its trip to Nationals. The American Volleyball Coaches' Association named Wang the South Central Regional coach of the year. After being named AVCA national freshman of the year for the 2003-2004 season, Sarah Shearman was named to one of the AVCA's all-American teams. The women's volleyball team was also featured in "Volleyball Magazine." **un**

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-Carrie Lundy,
assistant coach

Wheeling University (W. Va.)	3/0
University of Tampa (Fla.)	3/0
Lynn University (Boca Raton)	3/0
University of North Florida (Jacksonville)	3/0
University of North Dakota (Grand Forks)	3/0
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)	3/1
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, Mich)	3/0
West Texas A&M University (Canyon)	3/1
Columbia College (Mo.)	3/0
Central Missouri State University (Joplin)	3/2
Emporia State University (Kan..)	3/0
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	3/1
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3/0
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	3/0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	3/0
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	3/1
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	3/0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3/2
Drury University (Springfield Mo.)	3/0
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	3/1
Harding University (Searcy, Ark..)	3/0
Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia)	3/0
Quincy University (Ill.)	3/0
Emporia State University (Kan.)	3/0
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Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	3/0
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Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	3/0
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	3/1
Pittsburg State University	3/0
Indian Hills Community College (Ottumwa, Iowa)	3/1
Pittsburg State University	3/2
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3/0
Albany State University (N.Y.)	3/0
Pittsburg State University	3/1
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3/1
Queens College (N.Y.)	3/0
University of Nebraska-Kearney	3/0
Barry University (Fla.)	1/3



▲ FRONT ROW: K. Wackerman, H. Lupardus, A. Holliday, C. Clark. SECOND ROW: C. Lundy, S. Harman, A. Baker, M. Walter, M. Jones, C. Wagener, S. Shearman, Q. Wang- head coach. BACK ROW: M. Remley, R. Knepfelkamp, L. Dickbernd, A. Nickolai, J. Sears, T. Graham.

On the Right Foot

Climbing Back to the Top

— By Jenna Keeven —

Staff Writer

The 2004-2005 Truman State University men's soccer team knew it would be difficult to fulfill the high expectations surrounding its season, especially since it had completed the 2003-2004 season with a record of 26-1.

"It was hard to adapt and change the style of play from what we did before," senior Andy Lakers said.

The season got off to a rough start for the Bulldogs because the team was not accustomed to losing.

"[Last year] we didn't lose one season game," Lakers said. "An obstacle [this year] was losing and how we reacted to losing when we did."

The Bulldogs were on a five-game winning streak by midseason, however, and the team was playing its best soccer yet. This streak became one of the highlights of the season and gave the team hope that it had a chance to make the National Championship playoffs.

They fell short, however, after a disappointing loss to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville near the end of the season.

"That was the game that knocked us out of the tournament," head coach Alf Bilbao said.

The night before the home SIUE game, the team received notice that it would play on the road instead because of wet home field conditions.

This was not the first time the team had to play an unexpected away game. Twice the 'Dogs had to go on the road due to poor conditions of their own field, and a home game once was canceled altogether. This was bad news for the team

because the players thought their play benefited from being on their home turf.

"We're a better team at home because our field suits the way we play," junior Jared Atwood said.

The 'Dogs played seven out of 19 games at home. Their biggest victory was at home against Upper Iowa where they won 12-0.

A memorable moment for Lakers was the senior game, which marked the last time he and the two other seniors, Brenton Freeman and Luke Bolar, played as 'Dogs.

"Brenton Freeman broke his foot in the game before, and it was nice that he got to go on the field and play for, like, two minutes of the game at the end," Lakers said.

Also contributing to the 'Dogs season were three international players: Lars Pottgiesser from Germany, and Sean Birrell and Martin Clayes, both from Scotland.

"Martin Clayes had to play out of position, and he scored a lot of goals," Bilbao said.

Clayes originally played midfield but had to step up to fill the forward position when both starting forwards became injured.

"The lows were our injuries," Lakers said. "We had some pretty serious injuries at the beginning of the season."

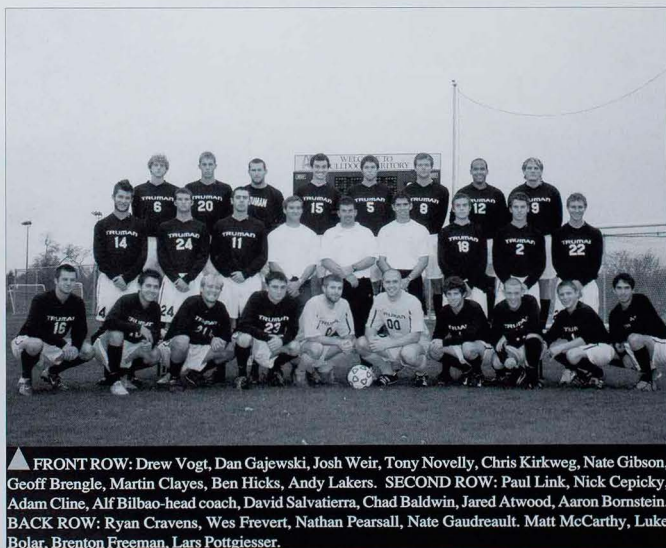
Many of the 'Dogs were plagued with injuries, including

three players who suffered broken feet. These injuries resulted in others playing out of position to help their team.

The team was ultimately disappointed with the outcome of its season. The injuries might have played a part in causing what Atwood described as a disappointing season, but Bilbao thought otherwise.

"Once the team adapted to the new positions, we were fine," Bilbao said. "There's no excuse."

The 'Dogs' final 2004 season record was 12-4-3. **un**



▲ FRONT ROW: Drew Vogt, Dan Gajewski, Josh Weir, Tony Novelly, Chris Kirkweg, Nate Gibson, Geoff Brengle, Martin Clayes, Ben Hicks, Andy Lakers. SECOND ROW: Paul Link, Nick Cepicky, Adam Cline, Alf Bilbao-head coach, David Salvatierra, Chad Baldwin, Jared Atwood, Aaron Bornstein. BACK ROW: Ryan Cravens, Wes Frevvert, Nathan Pearsall, Nate Gaudreault, Matt McCarthy, Luke Bolar, Brenton Freeman, Lars Pottgiesser.

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University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	3/1
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)	3/1
Quincy University (Ill.)	0/0
Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.)	0/1
University of Wisconsin- Parksides	0/1
Northwood University (Midland, Mich.)	1/1
Benedictine College (Atchison, Kan.)	3/0
Gannon University (Erie, Pa.)	2/1
Ashland University (Ohio)	1/0
University of Missouri- St. Louis	1/1
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	12/0
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	1/4
William Woods University (Fulton, Mo.)	3/0
University of Findlay (Ohio)	1/0
Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights)	2/0
St. Joseph's College (Rensselaer, Ind.)	4/0
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	2/1
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	1/2
University of Missouri- Rolla	1/0



▲ Junior midfielder Martin Clayes attempts to steal the ball. Clayes was one of three international players on the team.

photo by Kim Dickinson



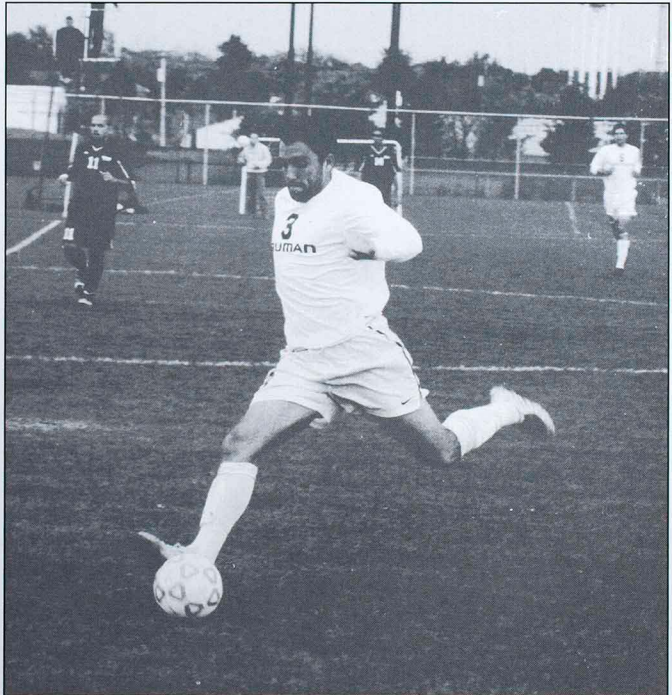
▲ Junior back Jared Atwood throws the ball back in play against Central Missouri State University. Atwood was chosen for the Academic All-America Team.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Senior midfielder Brenton Freeman heads the ball while sophomore midfielder Ryan Cravens and senior back Andy Laker look on. The team traveled to England pre-season to sight-see and play exhibition games.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Junior back Mike Boyle passes the ball to a fellow teammate during the game against William Woods University. After a successful season with only two losses at home, three of the Bulldogs were selected to the NSCAA All-Great Lakes regional team.

photo by Kim Dickinson

Road to Success

Following an Inner Drive to Excellence

—By Ross Houston—

Staff Writer

In 2004 the women's soccer team stepped out of the shadow of the men's team, where they had been for several previous seasons.

"It was amazing this year to be 'top dog' in a sense," senior forward Sara Murray said. "I know teams that always look to target the top team, but that's what you hope for."

The 2004 season marked the first time the Bulldogs went undefeated in the program's 20-year history. The team finished the regular season with a record of 18-0-2, claimed its sixth-straight MIAA title and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

The team's first and only loss of the 2004 season came in the NCAA Regional Championship, when the third-ranked Bulldogs fell to the University of Nebraska-Omaha 2-1 in overtime.

"I felt that we actually outplayed them," sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Davis said. "Just a couple of bounces the other way it could've been completely different."

Davis said the decisive goal of that game came when the 'Dogs were unable to clear the ball from their own end of the field, and the ball happened to bounce to an open UNO player who made the goal.

Despite the loss, Murray had a positive outlook on the 2004 season.

"I'd say we accomplished some of our goals," Murray said.



▲ Sophomore midfielder Maureen Bylina warms up by sending the ball up-field. The women averaged an attendance of 215 'Dog fans during their eleven home games.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ FRONT ROW: Chayil Wiedeman, Maureen Bylina, Sara Ramza, Lauren Davis, Emily Roark, Lauren Hawks, Molly Benson, Robyn Mortenson. SECOND ROW: Rachel McCarville, Addie Arment, Sara Murray, Ellen Wright, Stephanie Cepicky, Lisa Manns, Anna Soderman, Katie Buehler, Melissa Snodgrass. BACK ROW: Katie Ruefer, Lauren Cepicky, Asdis Finnsdottir, Beth Wieman, Mike Cannon, Rachael Schmid, Katelyn Talcott, Kera Reilly.

"Winning conference again, making it to the NCAA tournament, hosting the tournament – those were three big goals that we had."

At the end of the 2004 season, 10 players were named to various all-MIAA teams. Six 'Dogs made the all-Central Region team, and three earned all-American recognition.

Murray was a first team all-America selection for the second consecutive year in 2004. She also received an academic all-American honor for the second consecutive year.

Murray was the only University player ever named first team all-American, and she was also the University's all-time leader in goals (59), assists (42) and points (160).

Murray said she never expected to obtain such an honor.

"I never really expected to break all of those records," Murray said. "I just wanted the team to do really well. It's kind of an unreal experience."

Head coach Mike Cannon, on the other hand, had known Murray was a special player.

"In the late 90s, we never had a kid that could score more than just a few goals," Cannon said. "Seeing her on video before she came here, I was like 'She might be that kind of player.'"

Murray also was a leader and a role model for

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younger members of the women's soccer team.

"Sara Murray is someone everyone has looked up to," Davis said. "She is a great player and a great person. It would be great to live up to what she has done here."

Senior midfielder Anna Sonderman was elected as a second team all-American for the first time, following a first team all-MIAA and second team all-central Region performance last year. She finished the year with six goals, eight assists and 20 points.

"It was nice that [Sonderman] was finally recognized," Cannon said. "She has been playing at a super-high level her sophomore through her senior year. Each year, she kept playing better."

Davis also earned all-American status for the first-time. Davis only gave up nine goals all year in over 2,040 minutes in goal for the 'Dogs. She saved almost 91 percent of all shots and had a total of 15 shutouts.

"The year hasn't even sunk in," Davis said. "It was an incredible year and I am happy about the results, but it couldn't have happened without the people I had in front of me."

The 'Dogs lost five seniors at the end of the season. Murray, Sonderman, defender Stephanie Cepicky, forward Ellen Wright and back Lisa Manns were all at least three-time all-MIAA players. During their University careers, the seniors had a record of 71-9-6, were MIAA champions four times and earned four NCAA playoff berths. The five received 16

a 11-MIAA designations and 12 all-central Region awards.

Despite losing the seniors, Cannon looked forward to 2005.

"We always go in expecting that we're going to be right there [at the top]," Cannon said. "Hopefully, other teams will think we're going to be not as good. We want to surprise them and show them that we're still a dominant team." un

University of North Dakota (Grand Forks)	3-1
University of Minnesota-Duluth	4-0
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	0-0
University of Nebraska-Omaha	1-0
Minnesota State University-Mankato	4-2
University of Missouri-Rolla	2-0
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	4-1
Missouri Southern State College	1-0
Winona State University (Minn.)	2-0
Emporia State University (Kan.)	1-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	1-0
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	1-0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	1-1
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	2-0
University of Missouri-Rolla	1-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3-0
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	1-0
Emporia State University (Kan.)	2-0
Southwest Baptist University (Mo.)	1-0
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3-1
South Dakota State University (Brookings)	3-1
NCAA Regional Semifinal	
University of Nebraska-Omaha	1-2
NCAA Regional Final	



▲ Junior forward Sara Ramza goes head to head with the opponent while freshman midfielder Katie Ruefer prepares to assist. The Bulldogs had an average of 1.98 goals scored per game. Ramza chalked up two assists in the 2004 season.

photo by Kim Dickinson

For Love of the Game

Injured 'Dogs Just Want to Play

—By Emily Black—

Staff Writer

With only a few seconds left on the clock, the game was tied and the pressure was on. The adrenaline was pumping for players with winning on their minds, for coaches hoping that long practices would pay off, and for spectators as they rose to their feet.

It was at this point when the frustration built for those injured players who sat on the bench with nothing to do but cheer for their teammates.

Whether sustained on or off the court, field or rink, an injury could negatively affect both the player and the team. But with patience, hard work and high spirits, these players often worked their way back to the top where the adrenaline high at the sound of the buzzer was one of the greatest feelings in the world.

"It was late at night, and my friends and I thought it would

be fun to go out and ride four-wheelers," freshman Rick Wischmeyer said. "I missed the trail and ran into a tree."

The fun abruptly ended. He dislocated his shoulder and was unable to continue playing on the Truman State University roller hockey team for two weeks.

Wischmeyer said that being there to support the team in spirit was a big deal for him, especially during a time when he could not contribute physically.

"It definitely sucked," Wischmeyer said. "There were a couple of games that I really wanted to play, and I didn't get to, but there was no way my arm was going to make it. But I was still there for the team. I love hockey."

As far as his rehabilitation process went, Wischmeyer said that he would do whatever his shoulder would allow.

"I just kept going to practices and trying as much as I could, and whenever it got sore, I would just lay off it for awhile," Wischmeyer said. "It's almost back to normal. Every once in a while, I feel a twinge or two, but for the most part I am all right."

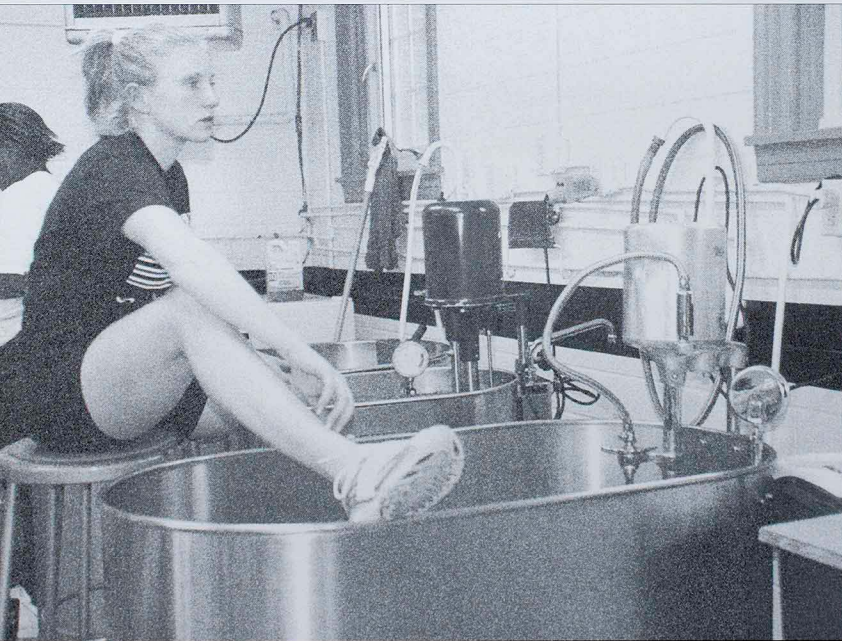
Senior Annie Westhoff tore her ACL in the final moments of a 2003-2004 preconference basketball game and became an addition to the Bulldogs' injured list.

Benched for the remainder of the season, Westhoff said she worked hard to get back into playing shape and never lost her dedication to the team.

"It was really hard having to sit and watch all the games and practices, but I just took it as it came and tried to cope with it the best I could," Westhoff said.

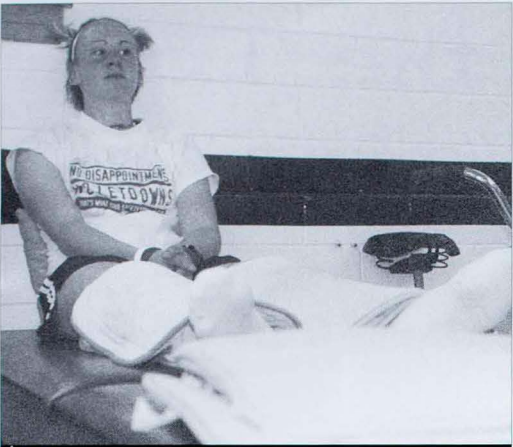
Westhoff was having problems with the healing process but was very careful not to make it any worse.

"It wasn't healing right ... they kept me out for nine months," Westhoff said. "It is usually six, but they just wanted to make sure I didn't do anything else wrong. All summer I worked and went to enhanced physical training for sports."



▲ Senior Karla Jordan, track hurdler, soaks her ankle in a whirlpool with cold water during practice. The tendons in Jordan's ankle were stretched and torn causing her to have to soak and tape the ankle every time she ran.

photo by Nichole Reiling



▲ Senior Karla Jordan, track hurdler, applies heating pads to her legs. Jordan applied heat to her knee every day before practice to stretch her IT band. *photo by Nichole Reiling*

Westhoff said she was still working on getting back into shape at the beginning of the 2004-2005 pre-season.

"It's not back to where it was, I am starting to get back, but it is still not where I feel comfortable enough," Westhoff said.

Westhoff's doctors told her it usually takes two years to completely recover from a torn ACL.

Tim Deidrick, assistant coach to the Truman State University men's basketball team, said both major and minor injuries had affected his team.

"Generally, a season builds and players and teams improve as the season progresses," Deidrick said. "If major or minor injuries interrupt this, it can make a major difference in a player's performance and affect the team adversely."

An injury could change everything from the lineup to the morale of the team.

"All of these things may turn a hopeful season into a poor season for your team," Deidrick said. "But you try and make the best of your situation. Injuries sometimes give opportunities to other players. You hope to capitalize on these opportunities and help the team. When they do, it can help boost your team's morale. It is all a part of athletics."

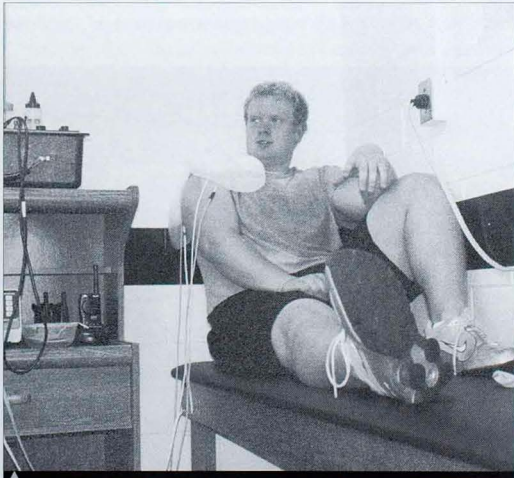
The men's basketball team sustained injuries ranging from concussions to hand injuries. No matter what the injury, the goal was to get the player back in the game.

"Getting a player back to full strength and back on the playing floor as soon as possible is very important to coaches," Deidrick said. "We, as coaches, just encourage the student-athletes to do their treatments and stay positive focusing on getting better and getting back to playing."

Injured players aimed to get back to playing. The emotional rush after scoring a game-winning point, being surrounded by teammates, knowing all the hard work had paid off was all waiting for them at the end of the road to recovery.



▲ Senior Annie Westhoff, basketball player, uses an ultrasound on her knee before game time. Before each game and during practices, the trainers were busy getting players ready for the court. *photo by Lauren Miller*



▲ Freshman Dustin Carmack, football player, undergoes muscle stem treatment. Carmack's arm was stretched back causing nerve damage that had been undergoing treatment for eight months, every day. *photo by Nichole Reiling*

Rolling to the Top

'Dog Roller Hockey Working Its Way Up

—By Emily Gebhardt—

Sports Editor

The Truman State University roller hockey teams, which appeared to be vying for the title of the best kept University secret, rolled through an encouraging 2004-2005 season.

The two teams that played were the A team and the B team. Both teams thought of the A team as similar to a high school varsity team and the B team more like a junior varsity team. The teams practiced and played separately.

Both teams were unique from other schools' roller hockey teams because the actual team members acted as coaches. This did not strike the team members as unusual, considering the nonexistence of roller hockey, let alone a roller hockey coach, in the Kirksville area.

"For a school like Truman, there is nobody in town who plays hockey," said senior A team captain Scott Whittle. "It's pretty impossible for us to have a coach ... sometimes it's a little frustrating not having a coach because some of the captains are out on the floor and can't talk to guys on the bench and vice versa."

Despite this obstacle, the A team grew in optimism as the season progressed and owned a 7-1-1 record before breaking for Christmas. The team was even good enough to be noticed and invited to participate in the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA) Winter Invitational.

While the team was excited to be going, they knew the competition would be tough. The NCRHA selected 24 teams that would represent all eight regions and each of the three



▲ A Team members' senior goalie Chris LePage and junior forward Chris Radigan, coach the B Team in a game against St. Charles Community College.

photo submitted

divisions. That meant that the Division II University team could easily be playing a top Division I school, which is exactly what happened.

"Michigan State and Western Michigan are probably two of the best teams in the country," senior Chirs LePage said. "The fact that we played against them was exciting, but the fact that we actually competed against them was even more encouraging."

Seeded to play against all Division I schools, the team knew what it was up against going into the tournament. This did not stop the players from being optimistic.

"The NCRHA has message boards...a lot of people were making predictions...and a lot of predictions we saw were Michigan State mercies Truman State 10-0, and we said, 'We should make that our goal, not to be mercied by one of the best teams in the country,'" freshman Dane Moody said.

While the team did not win a single game at Winter Invitational, they still managed to show an impressive display, only losing each of the three games by three or four goals.

"A lot of people were very impressed that we lost to the number two Division I team in the country [Michigan State] 6-3," Moody said. "That was one of those games that just every ounce of energy that any of us had went and stayed out on the floor."

While the A team was flying high and coming out on top more often than not, the B team faced tough challenges. Before Christmas break, the team had only experienced two wins – the last two games it played before the break.

"Our first weekend was Lindenwood, which is ranked number one in the nation, and Meramac twice, which is ranked number five, so we had a rough start," said freshman B team captain Josh Tonnie. "We were losing pretty much all of our games."



▲ Junior forward Scott Whittle and sophomore forward Dane Moody work together to set up a power play in the game against Southeast Missouri State University. Whittle and Moody were able to score five times on power plays.

photo submitted

The teams played both the games in St. Louis, forcing the men to drive there every other weekend, or in some cases, every weekend – something that had positive and negative sides.

“Everyone’s from St. Louis, so the only money we have to spend is getting down there and back, and everybody can stay at home for free, and it’s nice to sleep in your own bed,” Whittle said.

Collectively, the team had a more negative outlook. “It was discouraging to drive six hours every other weekend just to get our asses handed to us, and then the drive back was depressing,” sophomore Sam Kohler said.

The long drive to St. Louis also stopped many students and potential fans from making the journey to see the teams play, but that did not stop the men from encouraging people to make the trip.

“Usually we have to beg people to come and then remind them that they haven’t come and make them feel bad,” Kohler said. “Eventually they do, and they enjoy seeing us because most people haven’t seen a roller hockey game, much less a Truman game.”

The fans who came were the usual suspects – family and close friends – but when students came, it gave team members extra incentive to show what they could do and improve their play overall.

“The Ryle [student advisors] came to a game ... [Usually



▲ Junior defenseman Jimmy Cruse puts a pass through the defense to a teammate against Western Illinois. At one point, the A team had a four-game winning streak. *photo submitted*

] the loudest noise you hear is clapping,” Moody said. “[They were] stomping on the bleachers, chanting and banging on the glass... that was one of the most fun games all season because we had people there,” Moody said.

Over the season, the A team leveled out its play, and the B team even managed to improve itself, giving the team members inspiration for the rest of the season.

“I would pinpoint the turning point at that shutout against Rolla saying, ‘Ok, we can beat someone, we’re not complete losers,’” Kohler said.

The B team went on to do something no other University B team had been able to do in the past: beat St. Charles Community College. Senior Chris Marino played an important role in defeating St. Charles, scoring three goals for a hat-trick.

“This is my third season, and we have never beat St. Charles Community College,” senior Chris Marino said. “We tied them once, but this was really huge.”

Ending the season with 15-11-1 and 7-14-1 records, respectively, the A and B teams were optimistic about the coming year.

“This was a springboard season,” junior Jimmy Cruse said. “Next year will be the year we make a run at Nationals.” **un**



▲ Senior forward Mike Schwade warms up by practicing shooting before a game. Schwade scored 11 goals during the season. *photo submitted*



▲ Senior defenseman Sam Hotop fires a pass to a teammate during the game against Western Illinois. Hotop racked up six assists during the season. *photo submitted*



▲ Junior guard Ali Long looks for a teammate as she brings the ball up the court. Long scored 96 points during the 2004-2005 season.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Senior center Jamie Huffman shoots the ball. The 'Dogs scored 1,646 points in 2004-2005.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Sophomore forward Natalie Schupbach looks to pass the ball to senior forward Annie Westhoff. Westhoff made the last-second shot that put the 'Dogs on top in the game versus Missouri Southern.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Junior guard Ali Long closely guards an opposing team member in hopes of stealing the ball. Long accumulated 24 steals during the season.

photo by Lauren Miller

Scoreboard

Iowa State University (Ames)	55/86
Harris- Stowe State College (St. Louis, Mo.)	76/59
University of Minnesota-Duluth	45/60
Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne)	66/47
Iowa Wesleyan College (Mount Pleasant)	73/57
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	73/61
Quincy University (Ill.)	60/40
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	82/57
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	70/57
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	53/83
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	58/60
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	55/85
Emporia State University (Kan.)	64/68
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	51/81
Washburn University (Kan.)	52/74
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	64/73
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	70/80
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	66/54
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	57/56
Southwest Baptist State University (Bolivar, Mo.)	64/67
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	65/98
University of Missouri-Rolla	46/49
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	59/62
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	54/81
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	62/65
Emporia State University (Kan.)	57/75
University of Missouri-Rolla	45/56
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	59/70

Looking Up

'Dogs Rebound to a Bright Future

—By Melissa Allen—

Editor in Chief

The Truman State University women's basketball team members showed their experience and resilience as four Bulldog seniors led their teammates through the 2004-2005 season.

The team started the 2004-2005 season with a 7-2 nonconference record, and it dominated nationally ranked teams such as Florida Tech (Melbourne) and Quincy University (Ill.) during this winning spree.

"I think the early wins against some good teams gave us a lot of confidence," head coach John Sloop said. "We received eight votes in the national poll right before Christmas."

Freshman guard/forward Katie Fowler also felt confident after the early wins but knew the conference season would be challenging.

"We had a lot of confidence heading into conference because we pulled all those wins together, but we knew we played in a very tough conference and would have to play one game at a time," Fowler said.

The Bulldogs struggled during the conference season, battling through injuries and slipping into a nine-game slide after wins over Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar) and Missouri Southern State College (Joplin). The team ended the season with an overall record of 9-18. Although conference wins were low, the 'Dogs lost five of these games by three points or less, and senior forwards Annie Westhoff and Sarah Sommer surpassed 1000 points for their collegiate careers.

Senior guard Kelli Floyd was proud of the team's effort.

"The conference wins we did get were big wins, and still playing everybody close, even if we weren't getting the wins, says a lot about a team," Floyd said.

Sloop said that the 2004-2005 schedule was tough.

"I had an absolutely brutal schedule in terms of the season overall," Sloop said. "We played five games against teams that were at one time ranked number one in the country. One of the things about being in one of the best two or three Division II leagues in the country is the fact that you're going to be playing against great competition night in and night out."

The close game against Missouri Southern left the 'Dogs on top and was a highlight for Sommer.

"[The highlight was] the win over [Mo.]

Southern," Sommer said. "We won on a last-second shot."

Fowler thought the game against Quincy was memorable as well.

"The highlight for me was when we knocked off Quincy at home," Fowler said. "I know they were ranked in the country, so that was a big win."

Floyd and Sommer were two of four senior 'Dogs in 2004-2005. The team members shared a close bond, and the seniors carried many memories with them as they said goodbye to the team.

"The biggest memory is just knowing that I've worked out with these girls day in and day out through good times and frustrations, and knowing that we have the same goal — to try to get better and try to get those wins," Floyd said. "They were there for me and I was there for them."

Sommer expected the 2005-2006 team to fill in the holes left by graduating seniors and to show continued improvement.

"They've brought in a couple of good recruits, and people have improved over the season," Sommer said. "It's a matter of stepping into different roles of the people who have left and continuing on."

No matter what the 2005-2006 season held in store, the 'Dogs could be proud of their effort in 2004-2005. The grit and determination of the team members showed that they could hang in with some of the toughest competition in the nation. **un**



▲ Katie Fowler, Kelli Floyd, Noelle Peterson, Candace McGee, Sarah Sommer, Callie Sears, Ali Long, Natalie Schupbach, Carmen McGee, Annie Westhoff, Jamie Huffman, Megan Patti, John Sloop—head coach, Marne Fauser.

Up in the Air

'Dogs Left Shooting for the Stars

—By Ross Houston—

Staff Writer

The Truman State University men's basketball team will compete for a Div. II national title in the 2005-06 season, head coach Jack Schrader said.

"I know that sounds like a reach after a poor record this year," Schrader said. "But I've been there before."

Indeed, he had. The 1995-96 Bulldogs finished their season 6-20 before making an appearance to NCAA Div. II Final Four just three years later.

In fact, Schrader compared the 2004-05 team to the 1998-99 team.

"I think that we played in the guts of the game as well as anybody in the conference," Schrader said. "Statistically, this has been the second best of any team that I'd ever had."

A lack of depth and the inability to finish off opponents, however, meant another relaxing March for the Bulldogs.

After starting the season 0-6, the Bulldogs won four straight

games. It looked as if the 6-21 team from 2003-04 was merely a thought of the past.

Unfortunately, the season from then on was a recurring dream. The 'Dogs lost their next 10 games and finished the season 8-19 and 4-14 in the MIAA, good enough for ninth place.

By season's end, the 'Dogs only fielded 10 players whereas most basketball squads had at least 15.

The 'Dogs originally had 14 players on their roster, but the number decreased as the season progressed. Schrader decided to redshirt junior center Garret Grimm, and two players left the team early in the season. Senior guard Ryan Hatcher left for personal reasons, and sophomore forward Mike Oppland transferred to Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.). In addition, sophomore center Adam Ogle was suspended in mid-February for disciplinary reasons.

The final results and lack of players, however, did not fully represent the team's performance. Schrader said the team was within one possession of tying in eight or nine games it lost.

"First you got to put yourself in position, then you got to finish it," Schrader said. "We've been putting ourselves in position, now we just got to start finishing."

This trend continued to the season final against Pittsburg State University (Kan.). Against the then seventh-ranked Gorillas, the 'Dogs were either tied with or led during a large portion of the second half. Unfortunately, Pitt State ended up pulling out a victory, 68-66.

"We were close to beating them," senior forward Jon Hardy said. "We just couldn't pull it out in the end."

Hardy was the team's co-captain and the lone senior. Schrader said he was a source for the majority of the team's leadership.

"He is a walk-on, he's a non scholarship [player], Schrader said. "That's a lot of dedication and time, so his title of captain was earned."

Junior guard Chip Sodemann, the other co-captain, had a superb year, averaging 12.7 points and 2.8 assists a game and earning honorable mention to the all-MIAA team. He knocked down 56 three-pointers, shooting 43.4 percent from beyond the arc on the season. He also had the highest free throw percentage on the team, hitting 88.1 percent of his attempts from the line.

"[Sodemann] made a lot of big shots the last half of the season," Schrader said. "He played just like a very seasoned veteran."

Sophomore Andy Calmes also earned honorable mention to the all-MIAA team. Arguably the best forward in the MIAA in the last quarter of the season, Calmes averaged 12.1 points a game and led the team with 8.7 rebounds per game. He

Scoreboard

St. Louis University (Mo.)	48/77
Minnesota State University-Mankato	57/99
Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.)	82/91
Illinois State University (Normal)	47/82
University of Nebraska-Omaha	58/76
South Dakota State University (Brookings)	68/80
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	77/55
Quincy University (Ill.)	71/75
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	76/74
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	47/48
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	58/66
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Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	73/89
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	71/60
Emporia State University (Kan.)	63/64
University of Missouri-Rolla	66/56
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	66/68

also recorded eight double-doubles, six coming just from the second half of the season.

Calmes said his performance started to improve after being benched by Schrader during the Dec. 29 game against Missouri Southern State University (Joplin).

"I took all of that in to see if I was really trying my hardest," Calmes said. "I started practicing harder, started playing harder, and my play improved from there."

Sophomore center Grant Agbo, 2004 MIAA freshman of the year, missed five games because of a concussion and had a disappointing 2005 season, only averaging 8.3 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

Hardy, however, said he thought Agbo would make a big impact in 2005-06.

"If we get Grant going, he can put up some big numbers," Hardy said. "We have a lot of potential to be better next year."

Schrader was also confident that that the team would perform well in 2005-06.

"If we keep playing this way, the tide will turn," Schrader said. "I was very pleased with the way we played at the end of the season."

With the exception of Hardy, the entire team would return for the 2005-06 season. Schrader said he hoped to add about four more players.

The six juniors would be held to a higher standard the following season.

"We have a motto here at Truman," Schrader said. "Freshmen just want to play, sophomores just want to start, juniors just want to average twenty points, seniors just want to win." **un**



▲ Junior forward Chip Sodemann defends a University of Missouri-Rolla team member that is bringing the ball down the court. Of all the games the "Dogs lost, they were only down by an average of four points per game.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Sophomore forward Andy Calmes shoots the ball while junior forward Chip Sodemann looks on during the game versus University of Missouri-Rolla. Both Sodemann and Calmes earned all-conference honors.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ FRONT ROW: Ryan Welker, Jon Hardy, Austin Kirby, Matt Brock, Chip Sodemann, Ryan Hatcher (no longer on team), Derek Lindsey, Gavin Welker. BACK ROW: John Scognamiglio, Aaron Mueller, Grant Agbo, Andy Calmes, Adam Ogle, Garrett Grimm, Mike Oppland (no longer on team), Nick Certa, Jack Schrader- head coach, Tim Deidrick.

Growing in Spirit

'Dogs Cheer their Hearts Out

—By Amanda Summer and Reena Karan —
Staff Writers

With high spirits and strong hopes for the next year, 2005-2006, the Truman State University cheerleading purple and white squads finished their second season. The season came after a one-year sabbatical.

In spring 2002, the athletic department was unable to find a certified cheerleading coach for the squads. That, coupled with the many unfortunate accidents that led to emergency room visits, caused the athletic department to re-examine the squads' performances. After nine visits to the emergency room because of injuries that occurred when stunts went wrong during practice, the squads were told that they could continue to cheer. They had to do so without the stunts, however.

The inability to perform stunts led the cheerleaders to decide not to perform during the fall 2003 season.

Although people made attempts to try and fill the shoes of the missing cheerleaders, things just were not the same at the football and basketball games. The public relations office purchased a new bulldog mascot uniform, and the Truman Showgirls attempted to bring back more spirit to games through the incorporation of cheers into their routines.

The cheerleaders, however, would be back. In October 2003, tryouts took place after the group obtained a new coach, Alisha Bollinger.

Following the tryouts, the group made its reappearance at University sporting events. Its first game was Nov. 13, 2003. Since then, the group had grown both in number and spirit. By its second year after the offseason, the cheerleaders had developed a strong bond.

"We became a family," said freshman Tiffany Johnson, a purple squad member. "We counted on one another. I just think, like, wanting to work as a team, like, that's what brought us together – realizing what we needed to work on, realizing our faults."

Like the diversity that the University tried to teach its students to embrace, the two squads consisted of many unique women that had one thing in common - the love of cheerleading.

"There are a lot of personalities that had to come together to make the squad," Johnson said.

Co-captain, senior Brooke Sorrell, agreed.

"The season was a lot of fun," Sorrell said. "The squads got along pretty well. Like any girls, you have your occasional bickering, but nothing, like, detrimental. We meshed really well together."

The women's relationships extended beyond the squad divisions. Although practices took place at the same time,

the two squads practiced routines separately.

"We were divided, but it was okay," Johnson said. "One was purple and one was white, and we knew that but that didn't matter. We had separate agendas and separate cheers, so that separated us, but not really that we cheered at different games."

As a group, the university cheerleaders united to show their school spirit and push the teams to victories.

"It was fun," Johnson said. "We had fun together, we all became friends. We counted on one another."

To achieve this unity, activities were planned to spark the cheerleaders' relationships and keep them strong throughout the season.

"We had, like, scavenger hunts," Johnson said. "One time we met up at the coach's apartment, and we had pizza, watched movies. At the games, we were always around each other. We went out together."

Sophomore Ashley Carter said part of the unity of the team and its performance was a result of the experience the group had.

"I thought [the season] was really great," Carter said. "We improved a lot since last year – we got to stunt, and the number of returning squad members helped make us closer since a lot of members knew each other. I also think our coach returning one more year helped since she was new before."

As the 2005 season came to an end, plans already were underway for the following year's cheerleaders and the tryouts that would decide the composition of the squads. Sorrell said the cheerleaders would be divided into the two squads based on ability.


"It's based on points during tryouts," Sorrell said. "The higher points go on the purple squad, and then the next highest are on the white squad."

She said she was happy about the way the 2005 season turned out.

"Tryouts were huge this year – it was a growing year," Sorrell said. "We set some pretty high goals, so I think we accomplished them. We were just trying to build upon the foundation that we set last year, it being our first year back in cheerleading."

As a co-captain, Sorrell's expectations were high for the following year.

"[This year] there was probably 50 girls," Sorrell said. "Currently we've got prospect letters going out in hundreds." Johnson's hopes for the following year were simple.

"I wish it can be as good as it was this year, lots of building and great girls," Johnson said. "[We want] to show people that we really are, like, something, and we aren't just, like, typical cheerleaders, like, we can do a lot of things." 



▲ FRONT ROW: Alisha Bollinger- head coach, Heather McNelly, Brittany Dooweck, Jessica Yeats, Ardith Domingo, Shaunte Strong, Amanda Lenz, Erin Fuller. SECOND ROW: Julie Rogers, Ashley Morris, Tara Holland, Brooke Sorrell, Micaela Leveranz, Susan Steffes, Sara Bender, Liz Huster, Heidi Schwab. BACK ROW: Cassidy Leonard, Ashley Butler, Tiffany Johnson, Brittney Nast, Mandi Sagez, Ashley Carter, Julie Finazzo.



▲ Junior Ashley Morris is at the top of a lift while the rest of the squad supports and spots her. Cheerleading gained popularity after its return.

photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Junior Heather McNelly is at the top of a lift during the football game against Southwest Missouri Baptist. Coach Alisha Bollinger coached for two years before deciding not to return in the fall.

photo by Kim Dickinson

“There are a lot of personalities that had to come together to make the squad.”
 -freshman Tiffany Johnson



▲ The University cheerleaders and Spike rock out at the football game versus Southwest Baptist University. Try-outs were held late in the spring semester for the following year for both the purple and white squads.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Sophomore Women's Ultimate Frisbee co-captain Christina Wirkus lays out for the disc during the championship game of the Mayfest Tournament against Chicago Deepdish in Kansas City, Mo. Wirkus' 16 teammates elected her co-captain of the team.

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New Beginnings

Club Sports Program Expands

— By Junichi Saito and Staff — *Contributing Writers*

The Center for Student Involvement welcomed all types of organizations, including new club sports. All anyone had to do was gather a few interested students and fill out the chartering packet.

"If you want to form a club sport, just gather five interested people and go to the CSI," said freshman Collin Ellis, founder and president of Historical Swordsmanship, a group which competed against others using historically accurate fighting techniques.

After gathering members and doing the paperwork, all that was left was to draft a constitution.

The form consisted of only five papers and was relatively easy to fill out. The purpose of the forms was not to restrict activities but to make sure the club sports were aware of their responsibilities. After the process was completed and the club sport was approved, students received a permanent charter from the dean of student affairs.

Not many students knew they could form their own sport clubs. Even if they knew such a thing was possible, often they had no idea how to get started.

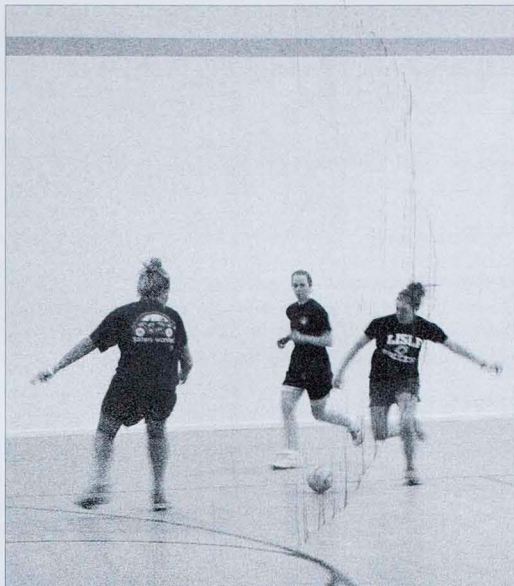
"I think a lot of people don't know to come to our office to get it started," CSI director Robin Taylor said.

Some students, however, had success in forming their own club sports. Taylor said there were 21 club sports at the



▲ Senior Kipp Siebel warms up by jogging the ball up the field. There were eighteen groups registered as recreational/ sport by the Center for Student Involvement on campus in 2005.

photo by Kate Gallen



▲ Three club soccer teammates practice running the ball up the floor at the Student Recreation Center. The women practiced in the Multipurpose Gym at the Student Recreation Center.

photo by Kate Gallen

University, and she had received four applications for new club sports during the 2004-2005 academic year. Historical Swordsmanship, Racquetball Club, Table Tennis Club and Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club (Tsunami) were among the clubs waiting for a charter from the CSI.

Taylor also said there were a couple of things to think about.

"We will not charge the sports club any money, but ... sports need to have their own insurance for their help, in case," Taylor said. "The University does not cover that."

In addition to having their own insurance, club sports needed to make sure there was someone in charge to cover all the bases.

"Some involved sports need to have somebody who teaches it and knows what the liabilities are," Taylor said.

This responsibility, however, did not mean club sports had to do everything by themselves.

"Some organizations have club fees they have to pay to buy equipment to keep things going, but once they are the charter members through CSI, they can apply for [Funds Allotment Council] funds in order to keep activities going," Taylor said.

CSI did not allow some sports to become club sports because of cost or lack of facilities. The University did not allow students to form a boxing club because of the risk involved and the lack of a facility to hold matches.

There seemed to be a need for club sports so that students

stayed occupied.

"I play basketball with my friends on the weekend, but still, Kirksville is a little boring place to spend the weekend," freshman Joe Amburg said.

Freshman James Wilkes also expressed interest in participating in a club sport.

"I jog on campus," Wilkes said. "It is all my activities I do now. If I could find a good club sport, I would join it."

There were some students at the University who were looking for activities to do in their spare time. Freshman Mark Stephenson said he was in the process of forming a hand tennis club so he would have something to do on the weekends.

Ellis started Historical Swordsmanship three weeks after he entered the University in the fall. He said he used to fence at the Student Recreation Center, and he found some friends who were interested in more accurate swordplay. He started the club with only seven members, and it quickly grew to 15.

Students joined club sports for a variety of reasons, and Stephenson recognized at least two benefits when he decided to form his own club sport.

"We can get two good things through forming a club sport," Stephenson said. "These are good activities and good friends."

Based on the steady growth of the University's club sports, Stephenson was not alone in his belief. [un](#)

Kick-Starting a Club

Tae Kwon Do Starts to Grow

—By Tim Linn—

Staff Writer

Getting kicked around may not have been the ideal way of spending a Friday night to most people. The students involved in the Tae Kwon Do Club of Truman State University, however, could think of nothing better.

The club inspired self confidence and a higher level of self esteem in many of the students who joined. The group, which senior Lauren Phillips formed in spring 2004, motivated many students to take up the sport. Phillips, a third-degree black belt, also taught a tae kwon do class at the University.

"I basically just decided that I needed to get involved with something that would make me go to the Rec Center a couple times a week," graduate student Elizabeth Hoppis said.

Each year a new group of students went to the Student Recreation Center to learn the art. Some students were already acquainted with tae kwon do, while some were not.

Tae kwon do, or "the art of punching and kicking," involves hand and foot-based self-defense techniques and a belt system consisting of 13 different levels, with white being the lowest level and black being the highest. Each is attained through successful testing of the techniques required to reach the next level.

Many members of the club first attended the University tae kwon do class that Phillips taught and became more enthusiastic about the sport.

"It didn't take long for it just to become something I loved to do," Hoppis said.

The club started attending competitions, one every semester, and the team generally had members place in one or both of the two categories it entered: sparring and forms. Sparring involved two participants making contact for points. Forms featured a single competitor performing different stances for competition. Junior Carla Minter received a silver medal in sparring and a bronze medal in forms at the competition she attended in fall 2004.

"It's really going well, especially for being a new team," Phillips said.

The inexperience of the team didn't hinder performance or keep newcomers away. Phillips said that most of the students who joined the team had roughly a year of experience.

Minter was an exception. Minter had practiced tae kwon do for three years and received her high brown belt. She was only two steps away from a black belt.

"When I came to Truman, I was kind of looking for some kind of martial arts, and they just happened to have it at the Rec Center," Minter said.

Besides competing, several members of the club made a journey each Friday to Kansas City's Millennium Martial Arts Studio to

practice sparring with a master teacher. The weekly drives inspired camaraderie among the students.

"You spend six hours in a car every Friday together, and so you know each other, and you definitely build strong bonds between each other," Hoppis said.

The competitions gathered competitors of all ages and skill levels. The club, being relatively new, was sometimes put in a strange position in these competitions. It was too young to



▲ Junior Peter Guirguis and Kat Sadanowicz practice their forms while trying for a higher belt in October 2004. The ultimate goal of tae kwon do training was to achieve peace and harmony through the sport.

photo by Emily Gebhardt

be placed with the more experienced participants but not young enough to be placed with the younger students. As long as the club members kept an interest in the club, it still had great hopes of growing.

Phillips said that even when she graduated, she would continue to help out.

"I hope that I can keep in contact so that it can continue to get bigger and better," Phillips said.


Other members of the team echoed these words. With greater membership, experience and budget, Phillips said she would like to see the team start going to more competitions

and she had already picked a successor to help lead the club to these goals.

Club members saw tae kwon do as an integral part of their lives and were optimistic about the club's future.

"It's a part of who I am," Hoppis said. "It becomes a way of life and a part of who you are for a lot of people, and so the idea of giving it up is not an option."

Minter shared a similar point of view.

"[Tae Kwon Do is] a lot about character development and discipline and just being respectful ... and being confident as well," Minter said. 



▲ FRONT ROW: True Nguyen, Kat Sadanowicz, Ani Na Thalang, Alycia Cornelius, Lauren Phillips, Elizabeth Hoppis, Carla Minter, Rebecca Betts. BACK ROW: Jennifer Serniak, Josh Barnickol, Grant Mulkey, Danny Motta, Blake Barks, Robert Dickerson, Abbie Smith.



▲ Senior Abbie Smith warms up with the group before testing begins. Tae kwon do originated in Korea. *photo by Emily Gebhardt*



▲ John kicks through a board held by Brian during sparring while Ani Na Thalang supervises testing. During sparring, opponents hit each other an established number of times within a given time limit. *photo by Emily Gebhardt*



▲ Senior Jack Jennings goes through his forms while testing for a black belt. It took at least three years for a person to be able to attain the black belt, the highest belt possible. *photo by Emily Gebhardt*

Diving Off the Blocks

'Dogs Head Back to Nationals

—By Krystal Miller—

Contributing Writer

A steady murmur from the audience filled the humid, chlorine-scented air of the natatorium. The coach stepped up, and everyone hushed as the swimmers climbed onto their platforms.

"Truman swimmers rock," an audience member yelled, breaking the silence. Other members of the crowd laughed and threw in a couple of "oh yeah's" and "Woo-hoos."

As the swimmers stood on their platforms with their eyes concentrating on the still water below them, the referee stood and made sure all were in the correct position.

The buzzer rang in the air, and the calm water broke into a flurry of white splashes as the swimmers dove in.

Their hard work and dedication to the sport was obvious as the home-team swimmers raced past the others.

The 2004-2005 swimming season proved to be a continual success for the Truman State University men's swimming team.

Practices often started as early as 5:30 a.m. for the swimmers, but they didn't seem to mind.

"All the hard work and long practices pay off in the end," freshman Chris Pearson said.

For three years, the team had been trying to get back into the top 10 at Nationals.

On March 9, 2005, nine qualifying members of the Bulldog team went to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the NCAA Division II championships.

The team consisted of seniors Ashtyn Beek and Nick Joslin, juniors Josh Otis and Chris Brammer, sophomore Robert Fletcher, and freshmen Alex Tortura, Adam Pruess, Ryan Ferrell and Tim Scheuber.

On Saturday, March 12, as the tournament came to an end the Bulldog team had a total of 131 points.

It lost out on 9th place to Henderson State by two points, which put them in the Number 10 spot.

Another successful finish included third place at Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., in February 2005. Many swimmers agreed that this was their biggest success.

"Almost everyone beat a record of some kind," junior Chris Brammer said. "The team as a whole worked especially well together at that meet."

With all the time spent traveling and practicing together, the team developed a strong chemistry.

"We're pretty much like a family," freshman Tim Scheuber said. "Everyone's really close; we even hang out together outside of practice all the time."

One thing was evident in the men's swimming team. Without its

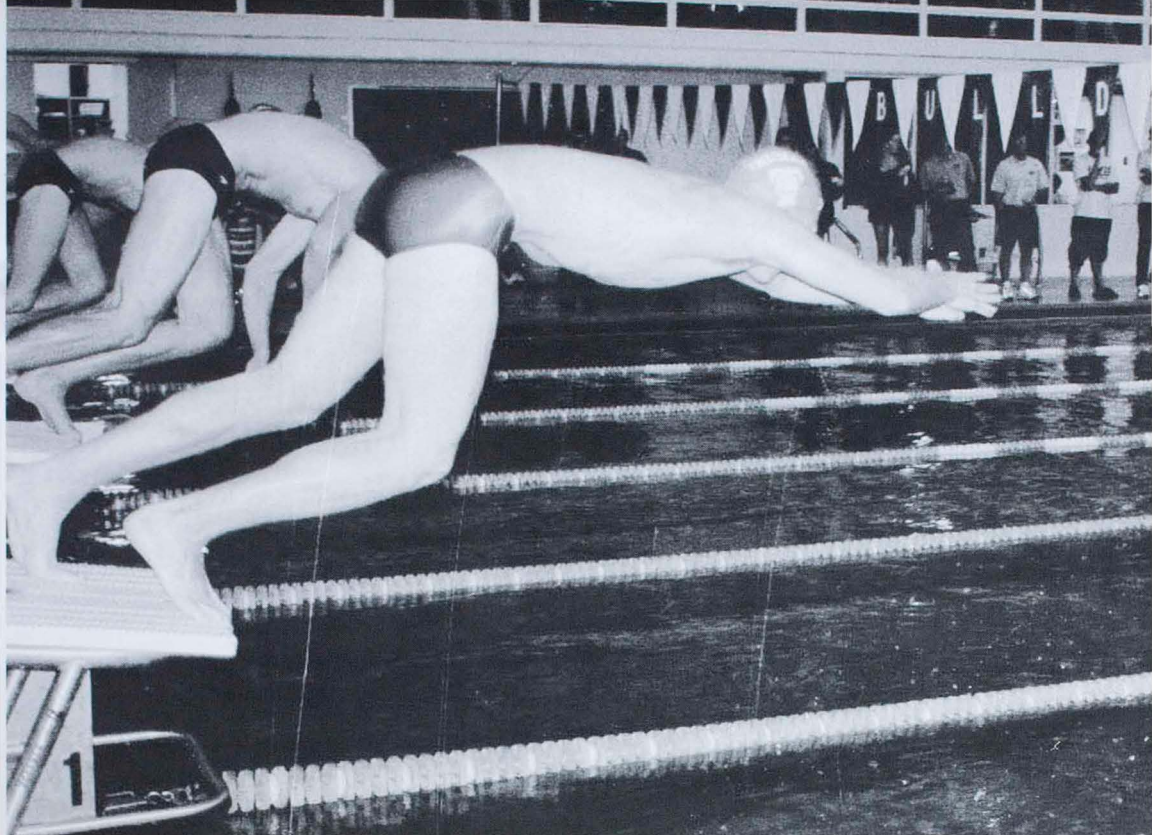
teamwork, it would not have been able to have fun during the stressful meets.

"It's good to have someone to laugh with and get rid of all the nerves with during the stress of the meets," Brammer said. "And nearly everyone on this team helps each other out to make sure we have a good time and do our best."

As the swimmers continued racing down the lanes, the crowd roared with excitement. All the crowd could see was the white of the splashes surrounding the rhythmic up-and-down movement of the swimmers' arms and heads into and out of the water. The buzzer sounded as the first swimmer finished his laps and hopped out of the water. An even louder roar came from the audience as it saw the purple Truman swim cap on the panting swimmer's head. Victory belonged to the Bulldogs. **un**

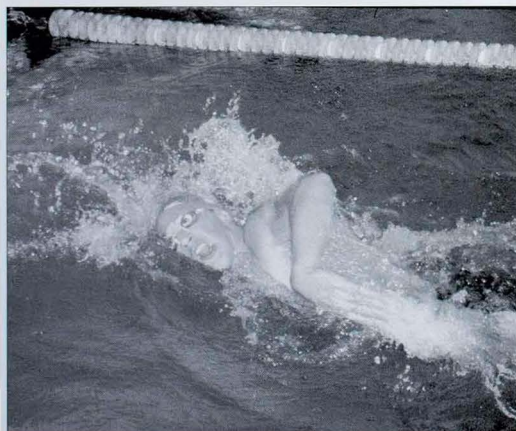


▲ FRONT ROW: Chris Hagan, Eric Paden, Kyle Ruiz, Chris Brammer, Derek Duffy, Andrew Wright, Phil Brown, Nick Joslin, Ashtyn Beek, Ryan, Ferrell. SECOND ROW: Joe Fanthorp-assistant coach, Alison Blyth, Katie May, Tim Scheuber, Chris Pearson, Denis Potts, Josh Otis, Adam Pruess, Krista Pray, Vince Struble, Colleen Murphy-head coach. BACK ROW: Jon Strom, Robert Fletcher, Tom Applegate, Alex Tortura, Tony Wolff, Mike Wasikowski, Drew Olson, Bryce Harken.



▲ The men dive off the boards during the University Intrasquad Meet. The team competed for the first time in the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championship and managed to qualify three more men for the trip to Nationals during that meet.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Freshman Jon Strom races down the length of the pool to touch the wall. The team returned to the top 10 at Nationals after being absent from it for three years.

photo by Kim Dickinson

Scoreboard

Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.)	148.5/111.5
Bulldog Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.)	2nd
University of Iowa (Iowa City)	90/163
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	161/117
University of Missouri- Rolla	81/124
Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	6th
Tampa Relays (Fla.)	3rd
University of Missouri- Columbia	71/130
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	170/34
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	116/82
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	124.5/78.5
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	77/128
NSISC Championships (Cleveland, Miss.)	3rd
NCAA Championships (Orlando, Fla.)	10th

Diving in Head First 'Dogs Swim Their Way to the Top...Again

—By Prajwal Sharma—

Contributing Writer

The Truman State University women's swimming team practiced hard. Great expectations surrounded the members wherever they went. The team had five NCAA championships under its belt, and every championship meant they had to try to perform even better.

The team's success impressed many prospective students. They toured the campus, read brochures and ogled at the records. They compared the swimming record with other schools, checked and rechecked the decimal points and decided they wanted to be a part of the swimming team and the University.

Freshman Katie Welsh looked at the University, too. She wanted to pursue an MAE degree, and she said the University was a good place to be. Having an excellent swimming team helped even further.

"I was really impressed when I came here," Welsh said. "It was mostly the swimming team that made me come here."

Swimmers came from as far as Florida and Texas. They applied for scholarships and waited in anticipation. Many of those who got in would get to be part of the national championship.

Welsh was one of those excited about making it to Nationals.

"I really surprised myself when I made it there," Welsh said.

**"We have five national championships behind us. What more could we ask for?"
-senior Diana Betsworth**

Making it to Nationals had its pitfalls, however.

"I am not going to lie about it – I was under a lot of pressure," Welsh said. "It's intimidating to know how good the team is and be a part of it."

Being good meant working hard. Students either went home or stayed in Kirksville during the summer, but they trained hard regardless.

Senior Diana Betsworth said the team's success pushed her to strive harder.

"Everyone knows the level we are at, so that motivates everyone to practice over the summer," Betsworth said.

The swimmers also wanted to see where they stood nationally and competed against Division I schools.

"We wanted to see how we rated," Betsworth said. "We actually did pretty well. We won against [the University of Missouri, Columbia]."

Eighteen women had qualified for Nationals each of the previous four years. The maximum number of participants to qualify from a school also was 18. Having all 18 qualify was not common.

"To me – that is the best memory," Betsworth said. "It happened each of the four years I was here."

Everyone would remember this period of swimming success as a golden moment in University history.

"It had been a good time," Betsworth said. "We have five national championships behind us. What more could we ask for?"

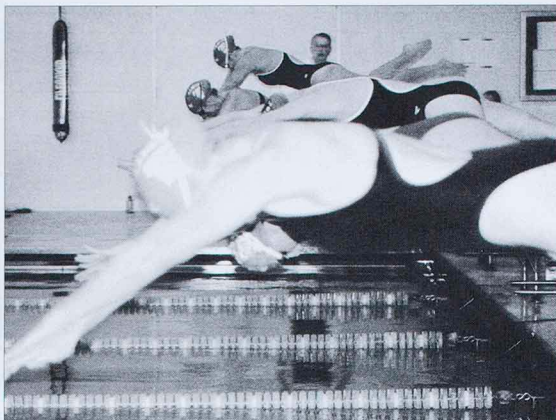
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▲ **FRONT ROW:** Lindsay McReynolds, Megan Vaughan, Angela Jones, Brittany Anderson, Aimee Gregor, Lauren Harp, Whitney Jensen, Megan Losee, Sue Ellen Thoma, Christina Blöse. **SECOND ROW:** Joe Fanthorp—assistant coach, Alison Blyth, Katie May, Sarah Dance, Cassie Raudebush, Katie Funk, Gina Fettig, Katie Welsh, Emily Chadwick, Emily Greenwood, Vince Struble, Krista Pray, Colleen Murphy—head coach. **BACK ROW:** Lija-Kaleps-Clark, Michaela Osborn, Diana Betsworth, Stephanie Robinson, Molly Polette, Whitney Wodstrchill, Brigit Brunsman, Kristin Halet, Laurent Hohnstein, Catherine Sonnichsen, Emily Pufall, Karen Goolsby, Kathleen Moyer, Lindsay Vaughan.

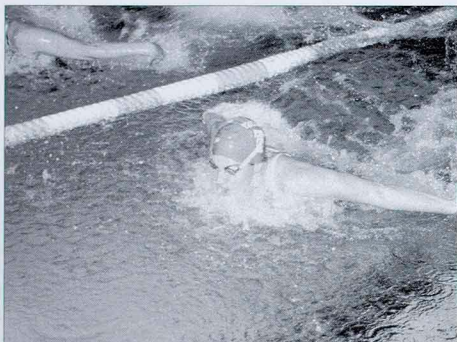
Scoreboard

Intrasquad meet	*NTR
Alumni Meet	NTR
Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.)	150/113
Bulldog Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.)	1st
University of Iowa (Iowa City)	171/123
Nebraska	165/95
Norte Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	1st
Tampa Relays (Fla.)	2nd
University of Missouri- Columbia	108/96
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	180/24
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls)	120/70
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	118/68
University of Kansas (Lawrence)	177/103
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	125/75
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	130/74
NSISC Championships (Cleveland, Miss.)	1st
NCAA Championships (Orlando, Fla.)	1st



▲ The women's team jump off the board during the Intrasquad Meet held on October 22. Senior Sarah Dance received the prestigious NCAA Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship at the end of the 2005 season.

photo by Kim Dickinson



▲ Freshman Katic Welsh races down the lane during the University Intrasquad Meet. Welsh was one of six freshmen that joined the University's 12 upperclassmen to form the 18-member squad that competed at Nationals.

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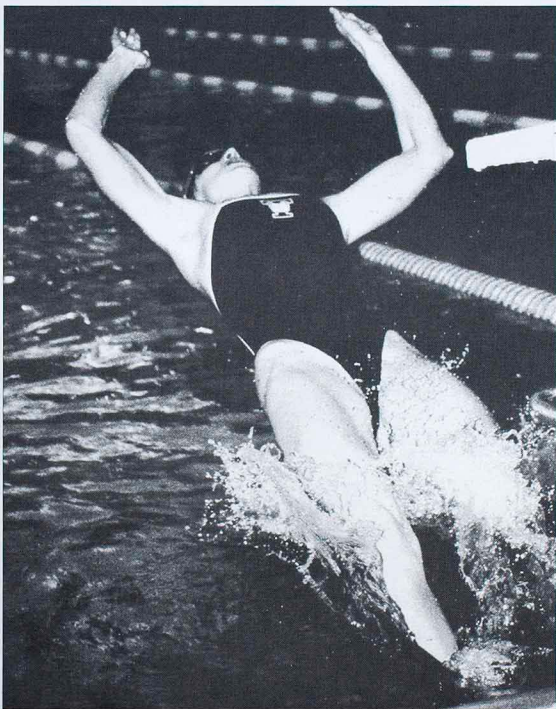
wins was the sweetest. The Bulldogs defeated rival Drury University by 49.5 points to capture the championship. The Bulldogs finished with 579.5 points while the Panthers came in second with 530.

B.J. Pumroy, assistant director of athletics, said the team was good and the swimmers had excelled in the pool as well as in the classroom.

Pumroy said the team was responsible for putting itself on the national map and that the coaching staff did a great job of helping the team reach its potential.

"I think it is the coaching staff getting the best efforts of the team," Pumroy said.

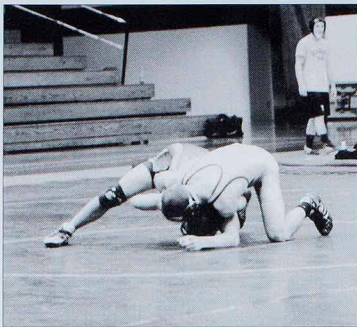
The team ended the season with a bang. They would have to work hard to make the next season as good as 2004-2005. **un**



▲ Junior Lija Kaleps-Clark pushes off to begin the backstroke down the length of the pool. The pool in Orlando, Fla., where the team won their fifth consecutive National title, was the pool where their success all began in 2001.

photo by Kim Dickinson

Scoreboard



▲ Freshman Dan Keller grounds his opponent. Keller received third place in the NCAA Regional meet and advanced to Nationals.
photo by Lauren Miller



▲ Sophomore Rob Nahlik wrestles against Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville grappler Steve Chico in the 133 lb. class. For the first time in University history, four wrestlers advanced to Nationals.
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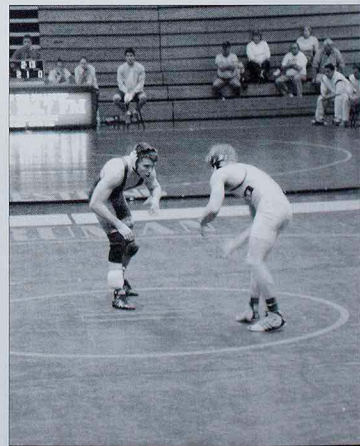
Lindenwood Open (St. Charles, Mo.)	NTR
Central Missouri Open (Warrensburg)	17th
Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa)	26/12
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	31/10
Missouri Open (Columbia)	NTR
Wisconsin- Parkside Open	NTR
Amerihost Inn Open (Jacksonville, Ill.)	NTR
Simpson Invitational (Indianola, Iowa)	NTR
Central College Invitational (Pella, Iowa)	NTR
Missouri Valley College (Marshall)	9/26
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	18/29
McKendree College (Labanon, Ill.)	21/24
Missouri Valley (Marshall)	NTR
University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	30/16
Newman University (Kan.)	45-6
Illinois State University ()	25-16
Missouri Baptist College (St. Louis)	23/24
Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Mo.)	12/35
University of Minnesota-Mankato	6/27
NCAA Midwest Regional (Kenosha, Wisc.)	7th
NCAA Championship (Omaha, Neb.)	23rd

*NTR-No Team Results

“Preparing to win, that was my goal.”
-Dustin Teeman, junior



▲ FRONT ROW: Jake Uhlenhake, Chad Swagman, Dan Keller, Allen Stokes, Steve Cox, Merrick Meyer, Rob Nahlik, Phil Exposito. BACK ROW: Dustin Teeman, Gregg Nurrenbern, Tom Tajkowski, Steven Doeschot, Gordon Harrison, Matt Craig, Matt Sonn, John Horman, Tim Wolkey.



▲ Senior Merrick Meyer watches for an opening. Meyer made his fourth trip to Nationals in 2005.
photo by Lauren Miller

Pinning Down a Win 'Dogs Wrestle Their Way to the Top

—By Lauren Miller—
Assistant Photography Editor

The 2004-2005 Truman State University men's wrestling season had many highlights. The biggest was qualifying four Bulldog wrestlers for NCAA Division II Nationals for the first time since 1971. It was a challenge to get there, but the Bulldogs pinned it down and hoped for gold.

Although things did not go exactly as planned, the team competed well and was able to pull off its number one goal. "The team's main focus of getting more athletes to Nationals was accomplished," coach David Schutter said. "[The team] didn't do as well at Nationals. We were 16th last year and 23rd this year."

The Bulldogs competed against 32 other teams. Junior Dustin Teeman placed sixth in his weight class and became the 10th University wrestler to earn all-American status.

"Preparing to win, that was my goal," Teeman said. "It is Nationals, there are no easy matches. You work real hard to get in the best shape, and you mentally prepare for tough matches."

Teeman was national champion in his freshman year at Lindenwood University. He progressed in 2004 to the national semifinals where he lost by two points. Teeman wrestled Luke Mann from West Liberty State College (W.Va.). Losing in the last 15 seconds, Teeman took sixth place overall.

"Maybe I just peaked at the wrong time," Teeman said. "I lost a real close match, and it is hard to come back after that. It's a mental struggle to regain your composure."

Other competitors included senior Merrick Meyer, sophomore Gordon Harrison and freshman Dan Keller.

"Dan Keller had a really good season, especially for being a red-shirt freshman," freshman Chad Swagman said. "He showed lots of improvement, just in being able to go to Nationals."

The team had many great wins other than Nationals, but for Teeman it was "watching Keller claw up" that created the highlight for the season.

Keller exited the season with a win-loss ratio of 32-19. One big win for Keller included the Wisconsin Parkside tournament, where he almost beat the coach of McKendree College (Ill.) in an open tournament, Schutter said.

Schutter said Meyer also had an amazing season. He broke his own all-time career wins record with 36 wins and only 6 losses. His earlier career highlights included being a four-time Nationals qualifier, a two time all-American in 2003 and 2004 and Nationals champion his junior year.

Harrison was regional champion in the 184-pound weight class while Keller, Meyer and Teeman each placed third in the regional meet when the team competed at the Wisconsin

Parkside tournament.

Schutter said another high note for the season involved beating Eastern Illinois University, a Division I team. Working hard and focusing on improvement allowed the team some prime opportunities to show what it could do. Schutter did not deny the importance of good work and talent, things that should not be taken for granted. The talent an athlete possessed needed to be combined with hard work.

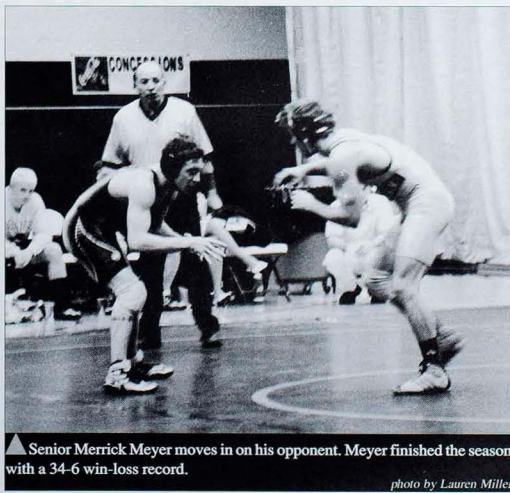
"It is important to note that there are always more things to work on," Schutter said.

Swagman said he agreed with his coach.

"Really the main goals were just to train hard and when the end came around, just to try our best and peak really well. And I think we really did accomplish that," Swagman said.

For the 2005-2006 season, the team planned to pick up where it left off. Getting more competitors to Nationals was important to the team. Teeman especially wanted to surpass his accomplishments in the 2004-2005 season to an even better one in 2006 – maybe to even be Nationals champion again his senior year.

Three national qualifiers would return in the 2005-2006 season with Teeman, Harrison and Keller bringing back valuable national experience. The Bulldogs also had more to look forward to in 2005-2006, as they were gaining another valuable asset in all-American Gregg Nurrenbern, a national qualifier from 2004 who redshirted all of the 2004-2005 season. **un**



▲ Senior Merrick Meyer moves in on his opponent. Meyer finished the season with a 34-6 win-loss record.

photo by Lauren Miller

A Time to Play and a Time to PLAY 'Dogs Are More Than Just Teammates

—By A.J. Peters—

Staff Writer

Extra-curricular activities were often viewed as a way to fill time between classes or put off homework. Truman State University students, however, discovered that these activities were worth much more than just the time spent participating in them. Through these activities, students met new people and made lasting friendships.

The men's JujiTSU and women's TSU-nami Ultimate Frisbee teams were two groups that had thriving social networks. Team members met multiple times each week, either in the Student Recreation Center, behind Centennial Hall or anywhere an open field could be found. The teams practiced and worked out together to compete regularly at tournaments throughout the Midwest. Not surprisingly, team members developed strong friendships that helped them survive the long road trips.

Members were dedicated to having a good time and seeing how many different ways they could possibly throw a Frisbee. During practice, the team ran, threw and played drills to fully prepare itself for tournaments. Tournaments usually consisted of three to five games on Saturdays and up to four games on Sundays, depending on how many Saturday games the teams won.

Off the field, many of the team's members were close friends. The 'three amigos,' consisting of sophomore Christina 'Nuh' Wirkus, freshman Amanda 'Duh' Carron and senior Valerie 'Nut' Moyers were brought together by Ultimate Frisbee, but they became very close by hanging out away from Frisbee practice.

"We started the girls' team [in 2004], and I've become very close to a lot of the girls," Wirkus said. "I knew Nut [Moyers] through [social sorority] Sigma Kappa, but this year has been so much fun hanging out with Duh and Nut after Frisbee practice. Sometimes we even just sit and do coloring books together. We keep each other from crossing the line ... you know, on and off the field."

Carron said she thought friendship was necessary to keep the team strong.

"I think being together outside of Frisbee practice keeps people coming back," Carron said. "If it weren't for being friends with other people on the team, I'm not sure how motivated I would be to go to practice."

The men's JujiTSU team also had a close-knit core. Some teammates chose to live together. During fall 2004, seniors Tom Yonker, Martin Schmidt and Steven 'Hose' Hosack lived with each other.

"I really can't imagine college without Frisbee," Yonker said. "I've met my best friends and had the best experiences being out for Ultimate [Frisbee]. Still, I wouldn't be the person I am today without the sweater parties, study groups and moral support I've had from the JujiTSU guys. I'm really going to miss everything about it next year."

Another group of Ultimate players who were not officially part of the JujiTSU team called themselves the Cleveland Steamers. The Steamers usually went to the same tournaments as

"I really can't imagine college without frisbee."
- Tom Yonker, senior

JujiTSU or TSU-nami and hosted events on campus that were open to Ultimate players and non-Ultimate players alike. Most of the Steamers had lived together off campus for three years. The house was often referred to as the "Pirate House" because of the pirate decorations that covered the inner walls.

The students living in the Pirate House hosted a formal at Days Inn. More than 90 people attended the formal and consisted mainly of Ultimate players. Senior Brian Grubbs was responsible for organizing much of the event. Grubbs said the formal really was a way to get all three teams to come together. He said events such as the formal helped to reduce the gaps between the teams and built additional friendships, which would last long after Ultimate practice and perhaps even after college.

The teams' Web site stressed that competitive play was encouraged but not at the expense of respect, fair play and having fun. The Ultimate players at the University were dedicated to welcoming good times and new friends. Overall, the general consensus among team members seemed to be that Ultimate was just as much, if not more, about friendships as it was about playing. 



▲ Junior Mark Hoger, junior Jeff Cohee, and senior Jason Showmaker gather around the table to play a friendly game of poker. Hoger, Cohee, and Showmaker all played poker together twice a month.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ Junior Mark Hoger chats with his roommate fellow junior Jeff Cohee, while Cohee spins the disc. Hoger chose to join the team after hearing about it from his roommates.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ An opposing team member throws the frisbee while junior Jeff Cohee attempts to block the throw. Cohee had two year of experience during that season.

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Over the Net

'Dogs Club Volleyball Going Strong

— By Erin Kolley —

Staff Writer

For some Truman State University students, club sports seemed to offer all the advantages of being on a team – good competition, teamwork, and fun – with less of a time commitment than varsity sports. One of those clubs, the men's club volleyball team, had been around since the mid-1990s. The women's club team was established in 2004.

Senior Kelly Vogel, a former University varsity volleyball player, helped to get the women's club team started.

"It was kind of a cooperative effort," Vogel said. "A bunch of us used to play at Truman. I played my first three years here, and then last spring I decided that the time commitment was a little too much for me. I had heard through the grapevine that a couple of the other girls who had once played at Truman really wanted to keep playing volleyball, so we decided to get a team started."

The women applied to the Center for Student Involvement, and after filling out the necessary paperwork to establish a women's team they were informed that their request had been approved. The team had six or seven charter members, so they held tryouts in fall 2004 to recruit more players for the team.

"Turnout was amazing," Vogel said. "We expected maybe 10 girls ... I think we had 48. That really helps being able to find a really good talent base. I think we are just a really good team because all of our players are really skillful."

The men's team also held tryouts in the fall to recruit new players. Senior Brandon Bennett, vice president of the men's club team, said publicity for tryouts had changed since he joined the group.

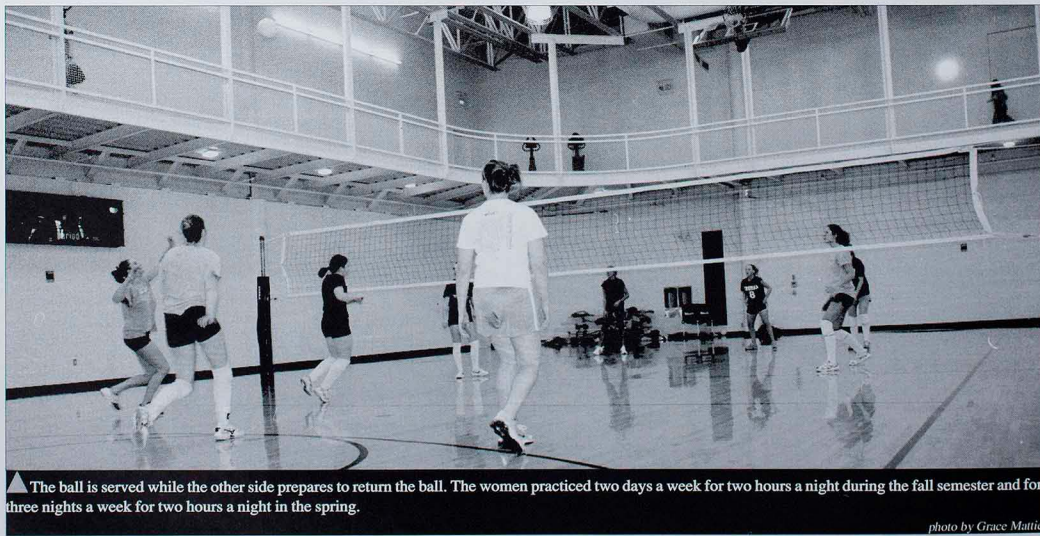
"I just went out there and played at the rec, and guys told me about when I tried out," Bennett said. "Word of mouth was the biggest way guys found out about the team. Now we put out posters in the fall about tryouts."

Team tryouts took three days for both the men's and women's club teams. It was during this time that the officers looked for new talent to make the team better.

"We have elections for officers in the spring every year for the next year," Bennett said. "We hold those in April or late April after nationals to elect new people for the next year. The officers look at a variety of drills as far as hitting, passing and blocking to see how good the potential players are and how much room they have for improvement."

After the new team was chosen, practices began almost immediately. Both teams practiced at the Student Recreation Center two or three days each week. They usually practiced separately, although occasionally the teams joined forces for some extra practice.

"We practiced last semester Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30," freshman Katie Adler said. "This semester, we have practice on Wednesdays also. Usually we have eight or nine girls there, but if we scrimmage, we usually invite the boys to play."



▲ The ball is served while the other side prepares to return the ball. The women practiced two days a week for two hours a night during the fall semester and for three nights a week for two hours a night in the spring.

photo by Grace Maitte



▲ FRONT ROW: William Gillespie, Mike Reuther, Brian Magnan, Douglas Eudy, Daniel Tucker, Paul Slater, Matthew Tooley. BACK ROW: David Howell, Kevin Frey, Alan Bergfeld, Brandon Bennett, Casey Hollensteiner, Steve Sicking, Ryan McLauray.

The men's club team was separated into two different teams. The A team competed in the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association, or NIRSA, while the B team played in the USA Volleyball League, USAV, and also competed in tournaments. The women's team competed in the women's USAV League.

One of the main differences between the two leagues was the rules concerning players. If a team had more than a certain number of varsity players, that team could not play in NIRSA. USAV consisted of mainly teams made up of former college players and even some older adults.

"We've had three tournaments, and two of them were in St. Louis," Adler said. "We play girls that are in college and we also play older women. We played a team that had players in their thirties and forties, so [age] can be any range."

Because the women's team had five former varsity players,


the team had to join USAV. The teams in USAV offered plenty of competition for the women's team, however, especially considering how well the women's team did at the NIRSA tournament in Columbia, Mo.

"The first weekend of spring break we went down to Columbia and played in a Mizzou tournament," Vogel said. "Mizzou is in NIRSA, so there were all of these NIRSA teams. We got second in the tournament, and actually we beat the Mizzou A Team in the morning, and they were ranked number one NIRSA [team] in the country."

The men's team also competed in many tournaments during the season.

"We usually play about nine or ten tournaments," Bennett said. "The average tournament is one day, and we'll play, like, five matches. Nationals is three days and that's generally about eight matches at the minimum."

Besides being a great way to increase exercise habits and meet people, playing on the club teams provided players with an opportunity to travel. 2005 Nationals took place in Kansas City and in previous years had taken the teams to locations such as Charlotte, N.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

All in all, players for both teams felt that being on a club team was well worth the time. 

"We expected maybe 10 girls ... I think we had 48.."

-senior Kelly Vogel



▲ During scrimmage in the Rec Center a team member spikes the ball while another member attempts to block. The men and women shared practice time.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ At practice in the Rec Center the ball is returned to the opposite side of the court. The team did exceptionally well during the UMC tournament.

photo by Grace Mattie



▲ Senior Dani Rawlings(2), junior Abbie Smith(12), and freshman Becky Define(7) run in second, sixth and seventh places respectively during the 3000 meter run at the Truman Open. Rawlings received first place, Smith fourth and Define seventh place.

photo by Grace Mattie



▲ Sophomore Sarah Armstrong prepares to move in on an opponent at the Truman Open. Armstrong was a member of the distance medley relay team that broke a 15-year old-school record with a new time of 12:11.31.

photo by Grace Mattie

Scoreboard

Indoor Track & Field

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa)
Iowa Hawkeye Open (Iowa City)
South Dakota Invitational (Sioux City)
Iowa State Open (Ames)
Fazoli's/ Baymont Inn Invitational (Joplin, Mo.)
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)
Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.)
MIAA Championships (Warrensburg, Mo.)
NCAA Division II Championships (Boston, Mass.)

Outdoor Track & Field

Pittsburg State Open (Kan.)
Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)
Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville)
Yellowjacket Classic (Lamoni, Iowa)
Division II Challenge (Emporia, Kan.)
Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)
Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)
UMKC Invitational (Kansas City, Mo.)
MIAA Outdoor Championships (Pittsburg, Kan.)
ESU Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.)
NCAA Division II Championships (Abilene, Tex.)

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▲ Freshman Grace DeNero sets a steady pace during the 5000 meter run at the Truman Open. DeNero had a strong third-place finish with a time of 19:02.49.

photo by Grace Mattie

Overcoming Hurdles

'Dogs Running Towards the Top

—By Emmy Thomson—

Staff Writer

Women's track at Truman State University had gotten into the swing of things during the 2004-2005 season, sophomore thrower Bridgette Carpenter said. With many new freshman team members, "everybody has just gotten better [as the year has progressed]," Carpenter said.

One difference between the indoor and outdoor track meets was the size of the facility in which the meets took place. The indoor track was 200 meters and the outdoor was 400 meters. Additionally, the indoor meets had different events from the outdoor ones.

"The indoor is shorter," freshman hurdler Farren Wise said. "Instead of running the 100, you run the 60."

Other events included in the indoor were the hurdle, the dash and relays. The indoor track season took place earlier in the year than the outdoor, which ended in May.

Carpenter said she preferred outdoor meets to indoor because she was better at shot-put and discus, which were not included in the indoor meets.

Wise favored the outdoor season, as well.

"I like the outdoor season because it's what I'm used to from high school," Wise said. "The weather is a lot nicer. It's nice to run outside."

Women's head coach John Cochrane also preferred the outdoor track for meets. He said having outdoor meets had a drawback, however.

"In this part of the country, there are no January or February outdoor meets [because of the weather]," Cochrane said.

Track was traditionally an individual sport. Relays were

the only actual team events because four team members worked together in the relay. All other track events were individual but could be counted as team events by adding the individual members' scores together to find the final team score.

"Each individual has to do good in order for the team to do good," Carpenter said.

"Most meets are scored for team . . ." Wise said. "Most events are individual, and you earn points toward the team total."

"Relay teams are fun to watch," Carpenter said. "The 4 x 4 are the best races."

Wise liked to participate in both individual and team events.

"Hurdles are my favorite, and they are individual," Wise said. "But I also like the relays."

The team ranked fifth in both indoor and outdoor conference. Two team members, seniors Danielle Grimes and Candice Hoskins, went to the national indoor meet in Boston, Mass. Senior Christina Winkler and Grimes qualified for the 2005 national

outdoor championships that took place in Albilene, Texas. Winkler had to withdraw from the national competition, however, due to an injury.

A season highlight for Wise was the first outdoor meet.

"I improved my [hurdle] time by six-tenths of a second from high school," Wise said.

"What we try to do is we try to get everybody as good as they can be – it sounds kind of like the army," Cochrane said. "Some years, there are more good people than other years, so we do better team-wise. We try to make people do the best they can, and sometimes it's a battle." **un**



▲ FRONT ROW: Dani Rawlings, Karla Jordan, Christina Winkler, Candice Hoskins, Danielle Grimes. SECOND ROW: Nicole Williams, LaToya Lawrence, Rebecca Define, Pam Peters, Kristi Bornhoft, Sarah Armstrong, Farren Wise. THIRD ROW: Megan Robertson, Amy Schroeder, Sarah Cunningham, Christen Lauer, Jacquie Faust, Ashley Colon. BACK ROW: Sarah Dacy, Bridgette Carpenter, Lauren White, Grace Delnero, Abbie Smith, Samantha Dutrow.

New Running Start

'Dogs Face Challenges with Young Team

—By Monica Kwiatek

Organizations Editor

Big turnovers in sports teams can generally be expected. Students graduate, and all coaches can do is hope that the team can find some new members who will pull their own weight.

The underclassmen of the 2005 Truman State University track team did just that.

"The big thing about our team this year is that it's relatively young," Ed Schneider, men's track coach, said. "We don't have any seniors on our outdoor team. The majority of the athletes that have performed very well so far have been freshmen and sophomores."

Junior James Walton, one of the few upperclassmen on the team, agreed with Schneider.

"It was good to see some of the young guys that we have, the freshmen, step up at the indoor track meets," Walton said. "It's a good sign to see for the future."

Not only were underclassmen taking over the track scene, but they also helped to improve the entire team. The competitive nature of the team began to appear because the underclassmen were such a strong presence on the field.

"At certain events we joke about 'You got beat by this guy in your race,'" Walton said. "Seeing the young kids step up and beat some of the older guys, that's what you need for your team to be successful."

Although teammates joked about beating one another, the competition among the team members helped prepare the team members for their meets.

"We train together, so we're always competing during practice," freshman Sean Bergstedt said. "We just kind of push each other."

That competitive spirit and the influx of freshmen were

two major factors in the team's success. Sophomore Adam Howell was on the team during the 2004 season and noticed many changes between the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

"I think we scored three times as many points in the indoor conference meet than we did last year," Howell said. "[This year] we took second [place] in the [4x4 relay]. Last year, I think we finished last in the 4x4."

Overall, the team had improved and managed to add to their previous achievements. Walton earned all-American status for the third consecutive year. He received the award for the indoor long jump in 2005. Schneider said the

differences between indoor and outdoor events were easy to understand.

"The only real difference is [the athletes] run a few different events indoor and outdoor," Schneider said. "Some athletes are very successful indoor with their events. You have other athletes, like a javelin thrower, who can't really throw a javelin indoors. [For them] indoor season is just practice. If nothing else, the indoor

[season] can be a building up for the outdoor season. [The athletes] get some competition in and condition and kind of see where [they] are."

For Bergstedt, who specialized in long distance hurdling, the latter seemed to be true.

"Indoor there's only one event for hurdles – it's the 60 meter hurdles," Bergstedt said. "It's a lot shorter and quicker than the outdoor events. I don't look at [indoor season] as a kind of training or anything, it's just a different season. It's all competitive, it's not a workout or anything."

If everything went to plan, Bergstedt and the other underclassmen who did exceptionally well in the 2005 season expected to continue their success through the remainder of their time at the University. **un**



▲ FRONT ROW: Aaron Wells, Brandt Bell, Sean Bergstedt, Ryan Lewis, Kevin Crean, Kurtis Werner, Scott Wozencraft. SECOND ROW: Bryant England, Trey Robinson, Eric Wittrock, David Yonce, Chris Nation, Laban Kipkurui, Dan Wilhite, Jason Douglas. BACK ROW: Dan Zwilling, Jason McDougal, Jacob Ackerman, Erik McFarlane, James Walton, Adam Howell, Peter Schaefer, Steve Porath, Charles Brandhorst.



▲ Junior sprinter and mid-distance runner Dan Zwilling flies down the track during the 200 meter dash at the Truman Open. Zwilling ran his best time in the 200 meter dash at that meet with a time of 24.10 seconds.

photo by Grace Mattie



▲ Freshman triple jumper Jason McDougal makes a run at the pit during the triple jump at the Truman Open. The University hosted 13 other college and university teams in addition to unaffiliated runners.

photo by Grace Mattie



▲ Freshman hurdler Sean Bergstedt leaps over a hurdle tenths of a second in front of two competitors during the Truman Open. Bergstedt set an NCAA provisional mark during the Drake Relays later in the 2005 season.

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Scoreboard

Indoor Track & Field

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa)	*NTR
Iowa Indoor Open (Iowa City)	NTR
South Dakota Invitational (Sioux City)	3rd
Iowa State University Open (Ames)	NTR
Baymont Inn/ Fazoli's Invitational (Joplin, Mo.)	NTR
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)	NTR
UniDome Open (Cedar Falls, Iowa)	NTR
MIAA Championships (Warrensburg, Mo.)	6th
NCAA Division II Championships (Boston, Mass.)	22nd

Outdoor Track & Field

Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville)	NTR
Yellowjacket Classic (Lamoni, Iowa)	1st
Division II Challenge (Emporia, Kan.)	11th
Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)	NTR
Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	NTR
MIAA Combined Events (Rolla, Mo.)	NTR
MIAA Outdoor Championships (Pittsburg, Kan.)	7th
ESU Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.)	NTR
NCAA Division II Championships (Abilene, Tx.)	NTR

*NTR- No Team Results

Lift, Lift, and Away

Iron Dogs Gaining Strength and Numbers

—By Mandi Sagez—

Staff Writer

Truman State University's weightlifting organization, Iron Dogs, was still relatively young in 2005. The organization had only been around for four years, but it had seen tremendous membership growth. Founded by students, Iron Dogs focused on building strength, lifting for recreation, and competition. The organization also practiced three specific types of lifting: power lifting, Olympic lifting and weight training.

Senior Zach Schluender helped in forming Iron Dogs in fall 2001.

"We started off as an organization to kind of get the sports of power lifting and Olympic-style weightlifting known and provide a wide base of knowledge in those two sports," Schluender said. "... anyone that wanted to compete could also do that."

Iron Dogs was not just for competitive lifters.

"Anyone can be an Iron Dog," Schluender said. "The main purpose of the group is not to come in being the biggest, strongest person, it's so you can come in and improve whatever you want to improve."

If people wanted to lose weight, the organization could help. If people wanted to get stronger or faster for a sport, Iron Dogs could improve those aspects through different types of weight training as well, Schluender said.

Sophomore Jared Nichols went to see what the group was all about and loved it.

"Even if you don't know anything about lifting, Iron Dogs is a great place to start because you'll get proper instruction," Nichols said.

Senior Aaron Armstrong, one of the original Iron Dogs, described other aspects of the group.

"We're technically the Iron Dogs Power and Olympic Lifting Team, but we also have people that are interested in things like bodybuilding and strong man games, and we even have some people that just like to lift weights," Armstrong said. "[Some members] do other things like run marathons."

Schluender recognized other potential activities for Iron Dogs.

"It's kind of branched out into a whole bunch of other types of things," Schluender said. "We have people who competed in the Highland Games around town. We help out in that every year, too. We have people who compete in the Strong Man for fun,

and we have some people that just kind of form training groups that train at the Rec Center and help each other out."

Joining the group was easy. Potential members could visit the organization's Web site, attend one of its meetings or just start lifting with the group. The group was serious when it said anyone could join.


"Anybody can [do it], I mean we have people that you'd never think would be an Iron Dog, people from 5'2" to well over 6 feet tall, guys and girls both," Nichols said.

Iron Dogs hosted a competition at the University each semester. Olympic lifters competed at the Double Deuce Open in the fall. Olympic-style lifting included the snatch and the clean and jerk, both forms of lifting used in the Olympics.

"Basically, a clean and jerk is a two-part lift where you first clean the bar to your chest, and then you jerk it overhead, and the snatch is a one-part lift where you snatch the bar over your head," Nichols said.

Contestants at the John Ware Classic competed for power lifting titles during the spring semester. Power lifting included three lifts: squat, bench press and dead lift.

Although the Iron Dogs focused on lifting and strength exercises, they didn't forget to have fun.

"We're all really close," Armstrong said. "We do a lot of just social things. It's for pretty much anybody. We encourage come and check it out, maybe they'll find something they like." 



▲ FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Schwartz, Melissa Doosing, Amanda Wilson, Kelly Galster, Chris Elledge, Ryan Stewart, Kelsey McFarland, Aaron Armstrong, Jennifer Aubuchon, Audrey Armstrong, **BACK ROW:** Jenelle Korneman, Nicholas Moore, Zac Cooper, Zach Schluender, Matt Heimann, Jared Nichols, Richard Caballero, John McGuire, Chris Moore.



▲ Senior Ryan Stewart performs a clean and jerk at the Double Deuce Open. Five of the Iron Dogs, including Stewart, traveled to Charleston, S.C., to compete in the United States Weightlifting National Collegiate Championships. The team placed third overall.



▲ Men's head soccer coach Alf Bilbao was one of the two longest tenured men's soccer coaches with seven years of experience. Bilbao was named Coach of the Year in 2003 for the central region. Bilbao's replacement, Duke Cochran, was named in May 2005.

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▲ Men's head golf coach Tom Drennan stepped down as the University coach when he accepted another position as general manager of Terre du Lac Country Club in Bonne Terre, Mo. Drennan worked as the Kirksville Country Club golf pro while coaching men's golf.

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March Madness 'Dogs Lose Three Head Coaches

— By Ross Houston —

Contributing Writer

March 2005 was a cold month for three Truman State University sports teams.

In a two-week span, men's golf, women's volleyball and men's soccer saw themselves without head coaches.

Men's golf coach Tom Drennan officially resigned March 1. Drennan turned in his resignation on Feb. 22 after accepting a position as general manager at Terre du Lac Country Club in Bonne Terre, Mo.

Drennan served seven years at the helm of the men's golf program at the University. He started in the 1993-94 season, left the University in 1995 and returned for the 1999-2000 season. In 2001, 2002 and 2003, Drennan led the Bulldogs to three straight NCAA regional appearances.

Athletic director Jerry Wollmering served as an interim coach for the men's golf team after Drennan's exit.

"We wish Tom well in his new position and appreciate

all the hard work he has done for the student athletes involved in the men's golf program here at Truman," Wollmering said.

A day after Drennan's resignation became official, women's volleyball head coach Qi Wang followed suit. Wang left the University to take over the women's volleyball program at Northern Michigan University.

Junior hitter Megan Remley knew that Wang was on the verge of moving on. It was Wang's choice of school that stunned her, however.

"I wasn't surprised he was going to leave," Remley said. "I was surprised he was going to Northern Michigan, which is another Division II school."

Wang was an assistant coach for the University from 1997-2000. As head coach from 2001-2004, Wang led his players to a 133-17 record. In 2004, the Bulldogs finished the regular season 30-0, advancing all the way to the NCAA Championship. In 2002, Wang was named NCAA Div. II National Coach of the Year as his team once again made it

to the NCAA championship game. Wang was named MIAA Coach of the Year three times.

Wang also coached the program's only all-Americans, eight in all. The University's volleyball program had been ranked in the AVCA Top 25 and had a 100 percent graduation rate since Wang took over.

Remley said the volleyball team would still be successful regardless of whom the new coach would be.

"I think it will be hard the first year for all of us to get used to the new coach," Remley said. "I don't think that us, the players, are expecting anything less from ourselves. I think that will carry over and help the new coach."

The resignation streak continued as men's head soccer coach Alf Bilbao announced he would be taking the men's head soccer coaching position at in-state rival Drury University.

Junior midfielder Nate Gaudreault was surprised by Bilbao's decision.

"The very first impression was shock," Gaudreault said. "It kind of came out of nowhere. We had no idea."

Bilbao played soccer at the University in the early 1990s before taking over as head coach in 1997. He was the most

winning coach in University soccer history with 96 victories and a .716 win percentage.

Bilbao led the 'Dogs to three NCAA Division II tournament appearances in 1998, 1999 and 2003. The 2003 squad was the only team in school history to finish the regular season undefeated at 19-0.

Bilbao received Coach of the Year honors in the central region from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Gaudreault said Bilbao's ability to put people where they belonged on the field made him a successful coach.

"We had a lot of guys who had to play out of position," Gaudreault said. "He seemed to think ahead of time. He had an

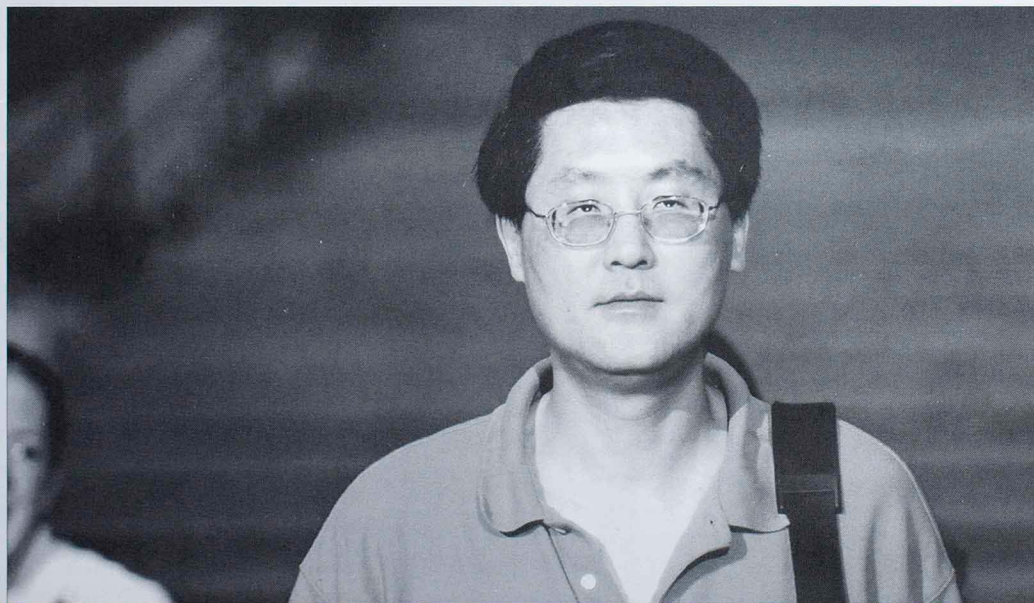
ability to see a little more in someone than they think they have."

More importantly, a remarkable 66 players had been named to the MIAA commissioner academic honor roll and five also had earned Verizon academic all-district awards. During the 2004-2005 season, junior Jared Atwood received academic all-American honors.

Gaudreault said he supported Bilbao's decision to leave.

"After we had some time to think about it, we realized it is the best for his family," Gaudreault said, "Springfield [Mo.] is a lot better than Kirksville." **un**

"The very first impression was shock." -junior Nate Gaudreault



▲ Head Volleyball coach Qi Wang was known as the best volleyball coach the University had ever seen. During Wang's four seasons as head coach, the team won three MIAA titles, two MIAA tournament titles, three South Central Region titles, and advanced as far as the NCAA championship match twice. Jason Skoch was named as Wang's replacement in May 2005.

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Steppin' It Up 'Dogs Hit It Out of the Park

—By Melissa Allen—

Editor in Chief

Talent often came with experience, but for the 2004-2005 Truman State University softball team, seven freshmen stepped up to the plate and amazed their teammates and coaching staff during their first year of college competition.

The Bulldogs started the 2005 season with two wins and three losses at the Missouri Western Tournament (St. Joseph). The team heated up over Midterm Break with five wins and three losses at the Rebel Spring Games in Florida and then conquered the Dakotas, winning games against both North Dakota and South Dakota in the second Mo. Western Tournament. The Bulldogs were defeated in their first conference game against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) but came back a couple days later to knock off Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) in a double header at home. The University of Nebraska-Omaha tournament on April 2 - 3 also was fruitful for the 'Dogs because they won key games against Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana (Sioux Falls, S.D.) among others. The team met up with Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana again two weeks later in the Northwest Missouri Classic Tournament, however, and the games swung in the favor of Augustana and Nebraska-Omaha. A loss to Mo. Western and wins over Emporia State University (Kan.) and Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) as well as a pair of losses to the University

of Missouri-Rolla rounded out the conference season.

Head Coach Lacey Schanz said the 2005 record was not as impressive as previous years.

"We do have seven freshmen on the team, and at one point we were starting six freshmen, so in my mind it's really exciting to think about what we can do," Schanz said.

Senior right fielder Stephanie Cepicky said the underclassmen were impressive.

"They've really stepped into their position and played well. Usually it takes a little bit for [freshmen] to learn their role, but they've really not had a problem with it at all," Cepicky said.

Sophomore out fielder Janet Bembnister enjoyed playing with the newcomers.

"They're fun to play with, and they work hard. They're really excited to get out there and play," Bembnister said.

With some injured upperclassmen and the high ability of the freshmen, these young players were expected to take the team to the next level.

One disadvantage of having a young team was the lack of unity but that problem was eventually resolved.

"They are definitely playing more as a unit," Schanz said. "At first it was like we had a lot of talent, but they weren't used to playing next to each other, and they didn't know what each other was capable of. It was awkward looking, and now it's a lot smoother. I always talk about if I step back and watch us play, I don't want to see nine people playing. I want to see one unit moving together, and that's what we have now."

Upperclassmen served as mentors to the younger girls as they made the transition to college play.

"Our returners, Stephanie Cepicky is our senior right fielder," Schanz said. "She's a leader on and off the field, and she's solid. Loni Wedemeier is a pitcher and designated hitter, and she leads by example. Everyone follows her because she does the right thing."

Freshman out fielder Christen Belcher admitted that she was a little intimidated when she first started in fall 2004, but that the team blended together well.

"I think everyone compliments each other well," Belcher said. "We have some very versatile players and that works out well." **un**



▲ FRONT ROW: Nikki Mayer, Hallie Blackney, Ashley Miller, Janet Bembnister, Stephanie Cepicky. SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Economon, Gina Walsh, Mary Kate Theriault, Christen Belcher, Kali Holleran, Lacey Schanz - head coach. BACK ROW: Kelly Walsma, Loni Wedemeier, Courtney Strubel, Katie Noski, Sherri Johnson, Amanda Holland.



▲ Senior Courtney Strubel leaps to make an impressive catch. Struble and sophomore teammate Janet Bembnister both received the honor of being named Wilson/MIAA Hitter of the Week during the month of April.

photo by Nichole Reiling



▲ Freshman Christen Belcher swings at the ball while her teammates look encouragingly on. The team received its seventh bid in as many years to the NCAA Regional tournament during the 2005 season.

photo by Nichole Reiling

Scoreboard

Emporia State University (Kan.)	5/4	University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	2/0
University of Nebraska-Omaha	4/6	Minnesota State University-Mankato	6/1
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	0/2	University of Nebraska-Omaha	0/3
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	2/6	Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	6/2
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	5/3	Missouri Western State College	2/3-4-5
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall)	6/1	Emporia State University (Kan.)	3/1-9/1
University of Massachusetts-Lowell	1/5-4/0	Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	4/3-7/0
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	1/3	University of Missouri-St. Louis	2/6-1/3
Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester)	4/0	Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	5/6
University of Nebraska-Omaha	2/4	Minnesota State University-Mankato	0/2
St. Xavier University (Chicago, Ill.)	10/2	University of North Dakota (Grand Forks)	10/1
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall)	8/0	University of Missouri-Rolla	0/3-5/0
University of North Dakota (Grand Forks)	6/2	Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	10/1
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	11/7	Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	12/3
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	0/1	Emporia State University (Kan.)	0/4
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	14/0-8/0	Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	9/0
Quincy University (Ill.)	6/3-11/2	Emporia State University (Kan.)	0/5
University of Minnesota-Duluth	0/1	University of Nebraska-Omaha	7/8
University of Nebraska-Omaha	4/3	Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	5/0
Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.)	1/2	Winona State University (Minn.)	1/5

Striking 'Em Out

'Dogs Aiming for the Zone

—By Melissa Allen—

Editor in Chief

The Truman State University baseball team knew the taste of defeat, but it maintained a positive outlook throughout the ups and downs of the 2005 season.

Near the start of the season the Bulldogs headed to Ft. Myers, Fla., March 13-17 for the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic. The team played well in the tournament, defeating Post University

(Waterbury, Conn.) and Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall), where junior left fielder Josh Rubin's double lit a fire under the Bulldogs, fueling an 11-3 victory. The team started the conference season with a loss and a win at Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) and a pair of losses at Emporia State University (Kan.). The 'Dogs had another three wins and seven losses before they had a break in conference play with a matchup against Iowa Wesleyan College (Mt. Pleasant) where each team won a game. An 11-game slide followed, but the 'Dogs ended the streak and pulled out a win against the University of Missouri-Rolla. The team ended the season with a loss against Emporia State and a win and a loss against Missouri Southern.

Overall, Rubin was not pleased with the season.

"The season has been disappointing," Rubin said. "I think all we expected coming into the year to do a lot better than we have. We started off ... [doing] better than what we have done in the past at the start of the season, and we were all pretty optimistic, and then we started losing a lot of games in a row, and it's just been pretty disappointing."

Head coach Lawrence Scully had also expected more from his team in the 2005 season.

"We really thought we had a better team than our record shows," Scully said. "However, looking at the numbers you can see that our starting pitching has been below average and hitting-wise we've been average to plus-average at times, but the name of the game is pitching and defense. We've had some small injuries that have set us back, and we just really don't have the depth to make that up, so as a result our

numbers pitching-wise have been disappointing."

Junior pitcher Coley Lewis battled a shoulder injury during the season. Scully said this factored into the team's performance.

"Right now he's hurt, and he's not 100 percent, yet he's pitching and he's winning games for us," Scully said. "That kind of gives you an idea of what a healthy Coley Lewis would be."

The 'Dogs found ways to stay upbeat despite their losing record and

"Right now [Coley Lewis is] hurt, yet he's pitching and winning games for us."

-Head coach Larry Scully

Scoreboard

Quincy University (Ill.)	1/6
Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.)	6/3-1/11
Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)	4/11-2/1
Post University (Waterbury, Conn.)	10/10-7/1
Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester)	8/16
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall)	11/3
Winona State University (Minn.)	9/16
Hannibal-LaGrange College (Mo.)	12/13-16/8
Washburn University (Kan.)	0/8-2/1
Emporia State University (Kan.)	2/27-2/9
Missouri Western State College	4/1-0/6
Northwest Missouri State University	3/12-3/8
Hannibal-LaGrange College (Mo.)	19/10
Washburn University (Kan.)	0/21-5/2
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	5/7-3/5-1/3
Iowa Wesleyan College (Mt. Pleasant)	3/4-9/4
Central Missouri State University	0/7-0/13-0/10
Missouri Western State College	5/13-3/4
Southwest Baptist University	3/13-8/9-0/10
Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)	7/8
Northwest Missouri State University	2/3-4/11
University of Missouri-Rolla	12/3-6/9-7/6
Emporia State University (Kan.)	3/1
Missouri Southern State University	5/3-1/5

11-game losing streak.

"[We] just keep trying," senior right fielder Pat Hardin said. "We didn't make any real big changes. We just kept trying to make adjustments and get better and keep working at it. We figured things would work out and they did eventually."

The 'Dogs maintained a positive focus and found several highlights from the season.

"Last weekend we won two out of three from Rolla, and that was the first time since I've been here that we won a series with Rolla," Hardin said. "Even though they're usually not a good team, we usually don't play well against them for some reason."

A personal highlight for Rubin was his performance in Florida.

"I'd say the biggest highlight of the year for me was the week in Florida where I had a game where I went 4 for 4 with two home runs and a double, and that week


earned me MIAA Player of the Week," Rubin said.

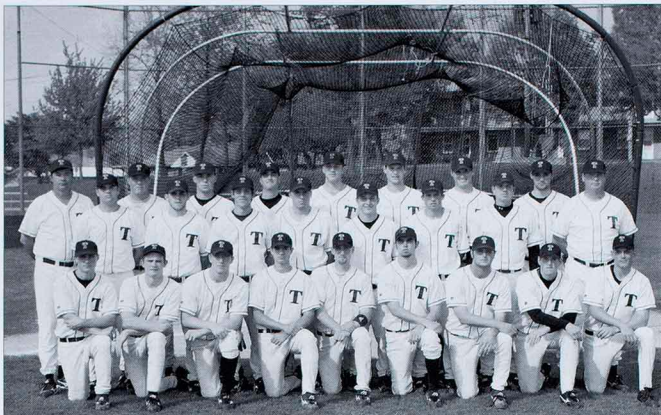
Rubin said he was honored to receive this award.

"It was nice because since I've been here no one on the team has been MIAA Player of the Week and it was just nice to get that honor," Rubin.

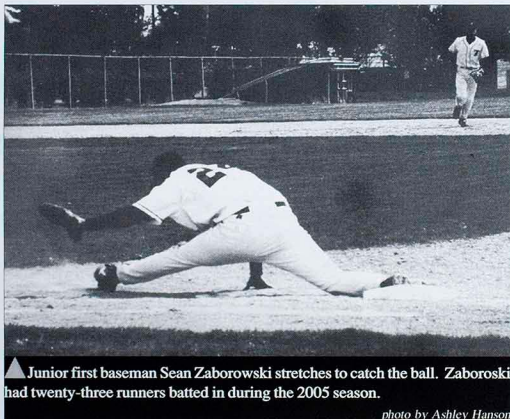
Freshman second baseman Kevin Harrison also remembered the Florida tournament.

"We were just tearing the cover off the ball," Harrison said. "We played decent defense. Florida was a really fun time because it was one of the few times in the season where we were playing decent baseball. We were having fun."

Several career records were broken during the 2005 season. Hardin broke the school hit record with 191 hits. He was also first in at-bats, second in doubles, third in runs, 4th in total bases, fifth in RBIs and sixth in batting average, and he was named second team All Conference. Junior pitcher Greg Mundy was selected as honorable mention All Conference. Junior pitcher Dan Hillen tied the school record in saves with five, and Rubin was selected to the first-team academic all-district squad by ESPN The Magazine. 



▲ FRONT ROW: Josh Dempsey, Alex Dack, Dan Hillen, Adam Davis, Mike Arway, Denny Foster, Andy Pitts, A.J. Barton, Greg Mundy. SECOND ROW: Andy Schulte, Ben Burkemper, Zach Cox, Pat Wilmes, Brian Huck, Kevin Harrison, Pat Hardin, Larry Scully- head coach. BACK ROW: Herb Sackter, Larry Hall, Josh Rubin, Sean Zaborowski, Ryan Pias, Zach Wooley, Coley Lewis, Randy Beilsmith.



▲ Junior first baseman Sean Zaborowski stretches to catch the ball. Zaborowski had twenty-three runners batted in during the 2005 season. *photo by Ashley Hanson*



▲ Junior pitcher Greg Mundy prepares to deliver to the next batter. Mundy pitched 35.2 innings during the 2005 season. *photo by Ashley Hanson*

Starting Over

'Dogs Join League, Look for More Faces

—By Jenna Keeven—

Staff Writer

The lacrosse organization was founded to provide an opportunity for students who wanted to play lacrosse. The club's main objective was to organize and play lacrosse with other teams in a competitive environment.

The 2004-2005 season marked the first time since the team was founded in 1998 that a season was canceled. Men's lacrosse had trouble finding enough men who were dedicated to play.

"Without naming any specific names, certain guys couldn't play this season because of other commitments and organizations they just joined," junior Dusty Kelley said.

With 11 dedicated players wanting to play, the team had enough members. Kelley said it would have been hard, however, because the whole starting defense was gone.

"We had enough to play, but we didn't have enough to win games, so it wouldn't be fun," Kelley said.

The only good thing that came out of not having a season was saving money on dues that cost between \$200 and \$300.

"In order to save ourselves, we decided to just call it quits

for the season," freshman Nick Valdes said.

The members completely funded men's lacrosse. The dues included league fees, referee fees and jersey fees. The team was in the B division of the National Club of College Lacrosse, in which it played against schools in the general vicinity such as Kansas State University (Manhattan), St. Louis University, Washington University (St. Louis) and various colleges in Iowa.

Men's lacrosse was in the reorganization stages during what would have been the spring season, electing new officials and recruiting new players for the following season. The team expected at least seven incoming freshmen to play the following year.

The team did not have a formal season, but men's lacrosse continued to practice on Mondays and Thursdays with anyone still interested in playing.

Although men's lacrosse did not have a season, women's lacrosse was going strong with 26 players.

Women's lacrosse joined a new league in 2004, the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League, which was one of the biggest leagues in the country and was based in the upper



▲ Junior Allie Giddings (right) runs to assist a teammate. There were six schools in the Central Plains Women's Lacrosse League.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ Senior Myra Hansen runs to catch the ball intended for an opposing team member. Some games had to be cancelled if there were not enough girls to play that weekend.

photo by Amy Olson



▲ The "Dogs" prepare to defend their goal while an opposing team member bends down to scoop up the ball. All home games were played on the field behind Centennial Hall.

photo by Amy Olson

Midwest and the East. The league split into two leagues, and the University was placed in the new, Central Plains Women Lacrosse League.

"[The] benefit is that we get a chance to go to the national tournament now that we joined a new league with less teams in it," senior co-captain Maribeth Boyle said. "And if we get a chance to get to go to the national tournament, then we get more credibility for the Truman team, the sport would spread, and St. Louis high schools will be more excited about coming to Truman for lacrosse. It's got a ripple effect to it."

The downside of the new league meant not playing as many games because this league simply had fewer teams. Women's lacrosse played mostly Division I colleges such as University of Missouri-Columbia, Kansas State University, Wash U and St. Louis University.

A new rule for the season challenged the women's lacrosse team. Members had to wear face masks, which decreased their visibility and were uncomfortable.

"We couldn't see the ball," Boyle said. "People were getting hit everywhere."

Women's lacrosse practiced four days a week for two hours per day, either in the Student Recreation Center during winter or outside in the spring and fall. The team's practices consisted of running two or three miles at the beginning, warm-up drills, offense and defense drills and a scrimmage at the end.

"It's good because it's a workout that I would want to do anyways pretty much everyday," senior Myra Hansen said.

Hansen considered lacrosse almost as important as her classes and as much of a requirement as studying. She said the team had a lot of camaraderie. Members spent time together outside of practices. Some of the girls even lived with each other.

The team had two social chairs, sophomores Maria Kaylen and Kelly McSorley, who planned various events for the team. One night the members went to one of the girls' houses and made a Mexican dinner. Other times they had lacrosse parties or ate together in the dorms.

Boyle said one of her favorite things about lacrosse was the unity the team had.

"We are so close that they're not just my teammates, but they're my best-friends," Boyle said.

The Funds Allotment Council helped fund women's lacrosse. Members paid dues of about \$25 each semester and also organized fund-raisers such as credit card sign-ups, bake sales and shirt sales. The fund-raisers also helped to pay for the uniforms, which the team had to purchase because of new uniform regulations.

One of the challenges women's lacrosse faced was not having a coach. The captains had to act their role as captain, coach and player.

"They do an awesome job at it," Hansen said.

Oftentimes club sports did not get as much recognition as varsity sports, but women's lacrosse players did not play just for recognition.

"We do it because we love it," Hansen said. **un**

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A new U.S. president, a curse broken, a horrific tsunami, a local plane crash and the death of a respected cultural icon were just a few of the benchmarks of the 2004-2005 school year. The University community knew the importance of such events and that the people involved were worthy of the turmoil and controversy created from these events. Opinions were not hard to come by, as these moments in history - tragic or uplifting - were hot issues of discussion, thought and reflection among students and faculty. University students, staff and faculty all got into the action, having debates over which Major League Baseball team would be the 2004 World Series champion and holding parties in the fall of 2004 to watch the presidential debates. Hockey fans discussed the 2004-2005 season lockout, as protestors fought for justice in the Terri Schiavo case, and mourners celebrated the life of Pope John Paul II. Given that these people, places and events all had some kind of impact on the University community, it was hard for them to go unnoticed.

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Local plane crash claims 15 lives

— By Peggy Amor —

Managing Editor

Emergency responders were on the scene within 30 minutes of American Connection flight 5966 crashing into the trees just south of Kirksville Regional Airport. The plane's fuselage burst into flames shortly after impact.

"Then all of a sudden, there was just a crashing sound," Dr. John Kough, 69, said in an interview with KTVO. "I'm sure that was the wing hitting a tree, and then within maybe...two seconds, maybe later, big time crashes occurred as the plane went into the trees and started to come apart down into the trees."

Krough and his assistant, Wendy Bonham, 44, were the only survivors of the accident.

The main crash site was confined to an area of about 40 feet by 60 feet, but debris was spread over an area a half-mile long.

The plane was en route from St. Louis to Kirksville carrying 15 passengers and was scheduled to arrive at 7:54 p.m. This was the first accident for Corporate Airlines, said its spokesperson Brannan Atkinson.

Members of both the Truman State University and A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (formerly KCOM) communities spent the next few days sorting out what had happened and what it meant to them.

A.T. Still University was having a medical conference and bringing in other members of its faculty from campuses across the country to speak with KCOM students about their futures. Eight of the 15 who died in the crash were traveling to Kirksville for the conference.

Among the casualties were Dr. Clark Ator, regional assistant dean of KCOM Utah region; Dr. Judith Diffenderfer, regional coordinator of KCOM Michigan region; Kathleen Gebard, administrator at KCOM Ohio region; Toni Saradino, coordinator of KCOM Ohio region; Dr. Mark Varidan, regional assistant dean of KCOM Florida region; Dr. M. Briget Wagner, regional assistant dean of the KCOM Ohio region; Dr. Richard Sarkin, fellow with the A.P. Gold Foundation; and Dr. Steven Miller, fellow with the A.P. Gold Foundation.

Students did what they could to help the families of those who had died. Angela Ware said she and other members of the first-year Masters class of biomedical students created more than 500 black and green ribbon pins to symbolize mourning and growth.

Truman State University had hired two of the men on board to take photos of campus for upcoming publications. Matt Johnson and Paul Talley were both photographers for Creative Communications in New York.

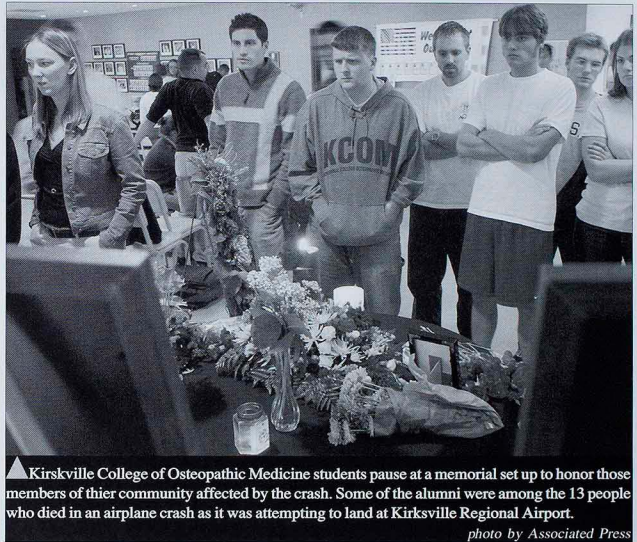
Corporate Airlines lost both members of its on-board crew:

Captain Kim Sasse and First Officer Jonathan Palmer.

Also on board was Rada Bronson, who was flying in to visit family. She was the mother of Sue Wandel and mother-in-law of Torbjorn Wandel, associate professor of history at Truman State University.

The city organized a memorial service at the armory that members of both school communities and the Kirksville community attended.

"There needed to be some closure and an opportunity for the community to come together," city councilwoman Martha



▲ Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine students pause at a memorial set up to honor those members of their community affected by the crash. Some of the alumni were among the 13 people who died in an airplane crash as it was attempting to land at Kirksville Regional Airport.


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Rowe said.

As with all plane crashes, a number of organizations investigated what happened. These organizations included: the Federal Aviation Administration; Corporate Jet; Honeywell, which manufactured the plane's engine; the Air Traffic Control Association; and the Air Accidents Investigation Branch of the United Kingdom, where the plane was manufactured.

The flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder (the "black boxes") were both recovered and sent to National Transportation Safety Board headquarters in Washington, D.C. No follow-up on the cause of the crash had been released as of February 2005.

Several family members of those who died filed wrongful death suits against Corporate Airlines. In February 2005, all were still awaiting their day in court.

To honor those who died serving their school, A.T. Still University announced that it would name a classroom in the new building in honor of the passengers. 

Failed suicide leads to collision

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

Alvarez was taken into custody at the scene after being treated for superficial cuts—to his chest and wrists—that were self-inflicted injuries and part of his suicide attempt. After being arrested, Alvarez was placed on suicide watch and hospitalized. Authorities planned to charge him with 11 counts of murder but had not decided whether or not to ask for the death penalty by March 2005. **un**

A man attempting suicide instead ended up killing 11 others when he parked his vehicle on railroad tracks on Jan. 27, 2005.

Juan Manuel Alvarez was suffering from depression when he decided to put himself in the path of a Metrolink commuter train bound for Los Angeles, Calif. Glendale police chief Randy Adams said Alvarez had an arrest record for unspecified drug violations.

Alvarez's sister-in-law, Marciela Amaya was quoted as saying, "He was having problems with drugs and all that and was violent. A few other times he went around as if he wanted to kill himself. I said, 'If you're going to kill yourself, go kill yourself far away.'"

Amaya also claimed that Alvarez had been separated from his wife for three months and his wife had obtained a restraining order to keep him away from her and their son.

Shortly before 6 a.m., Alvarez parked his vehicle on railroad tracks near Glendale, Calif. Before impact, however, Alvarez changed his mind and tried to remove his SUV from the tracks. Unable to do so, he exited the vehicle and watched the commuter train charge into his SUV. The train went on to run into another Metrolink train before crashing into a parked Union Pacific train. In addition to the 11 killed, nearly 200 people were injured by the accident. The crash was the worst in Metrolink's operational history.



▲ Investigators examine the wreckage from the train derailment in Glendale, Calif. A Metrolink commuter train struck a vehicle, derailed and sideswiped another train killing several people and injuring more than 100 others, authorities said.

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Arson deemed cause of local fire

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

Truman State University students returning from Winter Break got a surprise when they found out that a favorite local bar, Too Talls Two, had a fire early morning New Year's Day. The fire put the bar, owned by Kirksville mayor Debbie Masten, out of business.

Local officials put out the fire and in the days following requested assistance from state authorities, including the Missouri State Fire Marshal, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Division of Drug and Crime Control, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to investigate the cause of the fire.

The fire was determined to have been caused by arson. No evidence of an accidental cause, such as a burning cigarette, an electrical problem or a stove left on, was found, and a pile of debris was found blocking a set of swinging doors.

In early March, Masten was identified as a suspect in the fire during a meeting with the Adair County prosecuting attorney, the FBATFE and Assistant U.S. Attorney. As of April 2005 she remained the only suspect, and no charges had been filed. The U.S. Attorney's office said it would wait for official results of a crime scene laboratory analysis before filing charges. Masten was not available for comment throughout the investigation. **un**

Larry Green breathes

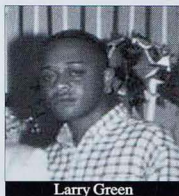
—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

On Jan. 24, 2005, a car hit and killed Larry Green, 29, in Raleigh, NC – or so said the paramedics who were at the scene of the accident.

In the city morgue, two hours after the accident, medical examiner J.B. Perdue saw Green draw a breath. Green was taken to Duke Medical Center, and at the time of this writing, remained in critical condition.

Green had been crossing a small highway at night to meet some friends for a drink. Samuel Jackson, 36, who was driving the car that hit Green, did not see him in time to



Larry Green

brake.

Green was initially declared dead by an off-duty paramedic who arrived first to the scene. When the on-duty paramedics arrived several minutes later, he suggested that they double-check Green's condition. One of the paramedics replied that the assessment was "good enough for me."

Two of the four emergency medical technicians who had been on the scene had their credentials revoked and all were suspended.

Later in the week, John Butts, North Carolina's chief medical examiner said that he would not review the case and that Perdue was right to have presumed Green dead. **un**

Ms. Wheelchair loses title

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

A story appeared nationwide April 1, 2005, and its headline read, "Ms. Wheelchair stripped of title." It sounded like an April Fools' joke, but it was no hoax.

Janeal Lee, 30, was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin in January 2005. She received a new scooter, jewelry and a stay at a Wisconsin resort as prizes. Two months later, she was forced to give it all back, including her title.

The Post-Crescent newspaper ran a photograph of the high school teacher standing up in her classroom. A steering committee of the Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin pageant saw the photo and decided to remove Lee's title and crown.

Lee was diagnosed with limb-girdle muscular dystrophy when she was in her teens. She said she was told before the pageant that the small amount of walking she performed did not affect her eligibility. The Ms. Wheelchair America Web site stated candidates must "utilize a wheelchair for daily mobility." Lee said she used a scooter for daily use and walked minimally.

"The way they see it, you're either 100 percent disabled or 0 percent disabled, when in reality everyone is somewhere in between," Lee said. "I've been made to feel as if I can't represent the disabled citizens of Wisconsin because I'm not disabled enough."

The Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin Pageant intended to give the crown to the first runner-up, Michelle Kearney,



▲ Janeal Lee helps students in an advanced algebra class. Lee had been stripped of her title as Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin because pageant officials said she could stand.

but Kearney rejected the title. The second runner-up, Kim Jerman, accepted the title.

Lee's sister, Sharon Spring had won the title of Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota. After learning of her sister's deposition, Spring resigned her title in opposition to the committee's decision. Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota's state pageant director also stepped down in opposition to the committee's actions. **un**



▲ Johnny Williams is led into the Smith County Courthouse in Tyler, Tex., where he was arraigned on an aggravated kidnapping charge. The charge stemmed from the abduction of Megan Leann Holden from a Wal-Mart in Tyler. Holden's body was found along a interstate ditch near Stanton, Tex.

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Women's abduction caught on tape

—By Erin Hickman—

People Editor

Megan Holden, a 19-year-old Tyler, Texas resident, was abducted as she left Wal-Mart after work on Jan. 19, 2005.

Police said that the suspected kidnapper, Johnny Williams, had been seen lingering in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The kidnapping was caught on the store's video surveillance tape.

Holden's body was found shot to death in a ditch 400 miles from where she was taken.

Williams was arrested at a hospital in Arizona where he was being treated for gunshot wounds. The wounds were sustained as Williams tried to rob a mobile home park. His attempt was foiled when the store worker, who happened to be a retired New York City firefighter, fired first.

Williams was on leave from the United States Marine Corps awaiting disciplinary action for the use of marijuana in early 2004. He enlisted in the Marines in 2001 and had served in Iraq where his outfit earned a Presidential Unit Citation.

Students at the college Holden attended organized a candlelight vigil outside of the store where she was taken.

Williams faced kidnapping and homicide charges in Texas, where he was being held on a \$1 million bail. **un**

Baby cut out of woman's womb

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

Missouri was sent into shock in December 2004 when authorities issued an Amber Alert for a kidnapped infant who had been cut out of her mother's womb.

Lisa Montgomery, 36, of Melvern, Kan., was arrested and charged with the strangling death of Bobbie Jo Stinnett, 23, of Skidmore, Mo., and then kidnapping Stinnett's fetus. Investigators determined Stinnett's uterus had been cut laterally, the fetus removed and the umbilical cord cut. Stinnett was eight months pregnant.

Stinnett's mother found her dead in her home Dec. 16, shortly after she was murdered.

Montgomery, using a fictitious name, met Stinnett in an Internet chat room for lovers of rat terriers. Stinnett and her husband sold the dogs online, and Montgomery indicated interest in purchasing one. The two agreed to meet at Stinnett's home Thursday, Dec. 17.

Montgomery's husband told authorities that he received a phone call from his wife Thursday afternoon, telling him she had gone into labor while shopping in Topeka and had given birth at a women's clinic there.

A check done with the women's clinic where Montgomery claimed to have given birth revealed that no babies had been born there on that day.

The affidavit stated that once in custody, Montgomery "confessed to having strangled Stinnett and removing the fetus. Lisa Montgomery further admitted the baby she had was Stinnett's baby and that she had lied to her husband about giving birth to a child."

Melvern residents said that Montgomery and her husband had shown off the baby after arriving back in town. Nodaway County sheriff, Ben Espey, said Montgomery had had a miscarriage earlier in the year when she was six months pregnant and that the incident could have been a possible motive.

The crime horrified Stinnett's hometown of Skidmore, a small town of 300 people. Some residents shuttered their doors and said they no longer felt safe. The crime also shocked Melvern residents.

Montgomery faced a federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death at the time of this writing. If convicted, the charge carried possible sentences of life in prison or the death penalty. **un**

Asia attacked by Tsunami

— By Erin Hickman —

People Editor

On Dec. 26, 2004, an earthquake with a magnitude of 9.3 struck 41 miles off the coast of Sumatra. This earthquake triggered one of the most destructive tsunamis ever recorded.

The wave claimed around 300,000 lives in countries such as Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Somalia. The first city hit was Banda Aceh in northern Sumatra. In the initial 15 minutes of impact, an estimated 200,000 people died.

Even those who survived the wave itself were affected by the event. Over 500,000 people lost their homes and possessions.

The overwhelming death toll led the United Nations and many western countries to launch a massive relief effort. Relief agencies worked to clean up the debris and continued to look for survivors. This disaster captured the world's sympathy and prompted over \$700 million in donations from nations all over the globe.

Overall, Indonesia was hit the hardest by the giant wave. On average, four times more women were killed than men.

"The tsunami had dealt a crushing blow to women and men across the region," said Becky Buel, policy director for charity Oxfam International, in an interview with cnn.com. "In some villages it now appears that up to 80 percent of those killed were women."

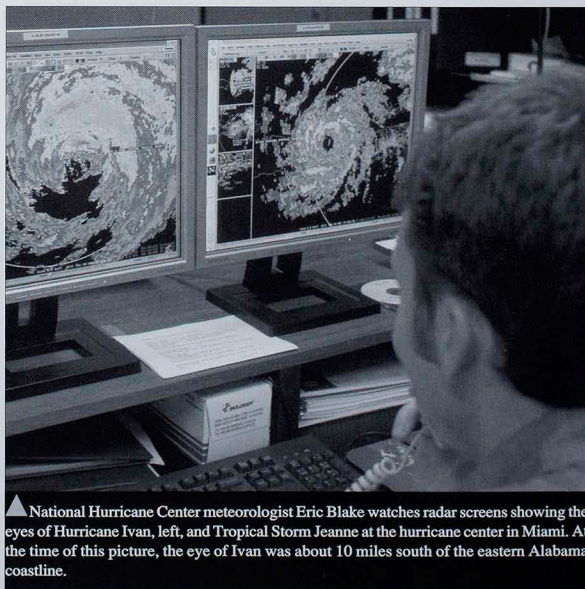
Experts theorize that the high number of female deaths resulted because women may have had a harder time trying to outrun the wave or because they were left alone in their homes while the men worked out at sea or in the fields and therefore had no warning of the impending disaster. The shortage of women has led to reports of forced marriages and rapes. In Lamsenia, once a village of 833, only 158 people survived, and of that number only 35 were women.

This tsunami led countries to take precautionary measures against future tsunamis. The U.N. and British Commonwealth officials worked toward the establishment of warning systems along the Indian Ocean. The implementation and upgrading of tidal movement gauges was also suggested. In New Zealand, tsunami sirens were to be installed along the coastline and would give people up to four hours of warning. In addition to the sirens, officials planned to broadcast radio and television announcements to warn residents, and they also planned to install signs indicating proper escape routes. **un**



▲ U.S. Navy sailors and other aid workers load food and relief supplies for tsunami victims at Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base in Banda Aceh, Sumatra.

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▲ National Hurricane Center meteorologist Eric Blake watches radar screens showing the eyes of Hurricane Ivan, left, and Tropical Storm Jeanne at the hurricane center in Miami. At the time of this picture, the eye of Ivan was about 10 miles south of the eastern Alabama coastline.



People stand on the beach amongst destroyed boats and debris at Velankanni near Nagappattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu on Monday, Dec. 27, 2004. Nearly 3,000 people died in India in the tidal wave disaster, with Tamil Nadu state accounting for most of the deaths, the government announced Monday.

Hurricanes make appearance on East Coast

— By Peggy Amor —

Managing Editor

September 2004 saw Florida thrice declared a disaster area. The hurricane season was one of the deadliest in recent history, leaving thousands dead and millions homeless in the southeastern United States and the Caribbean. The major hurricanes of the season were Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

National Guard troops were called in to help prepare for the storms, search for missing people during the storms and clean up after the storms. In coastal Alabama, as much as six feet of water covered what were normally major tourism centers. CNN.com reported that maps of Gulf Shores, Ala., would have to be redrawn after storm-related waves swallowed nearly a mile of coastline.

Hurricane Frances was attributed with 15 deaths,

many of which were traffic accidents that resulted from stormy conditions such as downed trees, limited visibility and loss of control of the car in the wet and windy conditions.

Hurricane Ivan was said to have reached as far north as Massachusetts, with related storms knocking out power in Ohio and starting tornados in Virginia and Tennessee.

The last of the major hurricanes to hit the south was Jeanne, which dropped 20 inches of rain on Osceola County as it passed, causing major flooding problems and interrupting power.

The long-term effects of the storms were still being felt as the next hurricane season came into view. Tomato prices jumped in response to the tons of tomatoes wiped out by the storm, and many homes were still being rebuilt in spring 2005. **un**

Exceptional life of Pope ends

—By Evangeline McMullen— *Assistant Copy Editor*

Pope John Paul II traveled to more places and was seen by more people than any pope before him. He made pilgrimages to 129 countries, created and reformed ties with leaders and groups that had been broken for as long as several centuries. His smiling face became a familiar sight and banished the idea of the pope as a distant, unapproachable figure. In short, John Paul II tackled issues without hesitation and became a globally beloved figure to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyła, grew up in Poland, first under a Nazi regime, then under communism. Having seen the negative results of such governance, he opposed totalitarian rule and realized that the Church was the ideal battle tool for such oppression. He visited Poland the first time as pope in 1979 and helped sow the seeds of resistance to communism in the country. Ten years later, the empire of the Soviets had crumbled, and its communist governments had been toppled thanks in part to John Paul II.

Although he advocated resistance to regimes that all but enslaved their populations, John Paul II did not advocate violence. He was a strong voice against the 1991 gulf war as well as the 2003 War in Iraq. He even appeared at the U.N. to voice his dissent against the use of war in international relations. He also condemned capital punishment as being unnecessary and immoral and vehemently opposed abortion, calling its acceptance the “culture of death.”

The pope’s stances on controversial issues were unapologetically resolute although they often were at odds with the views of lay Catholics. Despite these differences, Catholics loved their Holy Father passionately, was was evident when they lined up for days to view his body while it lay in state after his death.

John Paul II had suffered from Parkinson’s disease and crippling arthritis in his later years. He had survived an attempted assassination in 1981. The pope was hospitalized twice during February 2005, undergoing a tracheotomy during his second stay. Over the next month, the Pope appeared at his weakest, missing Easter Mass for the first time in his papacy. March 31, the day after doctors had given the pope a nasal-gastric feeding tube, the Vatican said the Pope had contracted a urinary tract infection and had a high fever. Later that day, he was administered the last rites, the final sacrament of the Catholic church. On April 1, the pope suffered cardiovascular collapse and septic shock and died in his private apartment, surrounded by an intimate circle of close friends and some medical personnel. Outside in St. Peter’s Square, tens of thousands of people mourned his passing after gathering there to support him in his final days and hours.

Pope John Paul II’s funeral took place April 8, 2005, and was attended by world leaders from every part of the globe. As per his wishes, the Vatican buried the pope in a marble tomb beneath St. Peter’s Basilica. **un**



▲ Pope John Paul II prays as he presides over a New Year’s Day mass celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica. The pontiff prayed for the victims of the Indian Ocean tidal waves and publicly praised the outpouring of aid for the stricken populations as a sign of hope for 2005.



▲ Honor guards keep their vigil at the Capitol Rotunda around the coffin of former President Ronald Reagan in Washington. The nation’s weeklong tribute to Reagan culminated with a state funeral at Washington National Cathedral and a sunset burial at his presidential library in California.

Battle over Terri Schiavo

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

Terri Schiavo's life was controlled by hands other than her own for 15 years. Whose hands those should have been was bitterly debated for most of that time.

Schiavo's parents, Mary and Robert Schindler, battled her husband, Michael Schiavo, in court numerous times to contest his methods of caring for Terri.

Michael Schiavo claimed that Terri had said she would never want to be kept alive by a feeding tube, but her parents fought against her husband's efforts to remove the tube. Twice, Florida court judges ruled that the feeding tube could be removed, and both times it was reinserted days later.

Schiavo's condition was characterized as a persistent vegetative state. This state stemmed from a collapse she suffered in Feb. 1990, from what doctors said was a potassium

imbalance. The collapse deprived her brain of oxygen for five minutes, causing severe brain damage. However, doctors for the Schindlers argued that she had the capacity to improve if given intense therapy.

After several unsuccessful appeals by the Schindlers, Florida court judge, George W. Greer, set March 18, 2005, as the date for removal of the feeding tube. The Schindlers then filed for a divorce on their daughter's behalf, but Judge Greer

rejected the motion. The tube was removed as scheduled.

By this time, the case had created such a media frenzy that it gained the attention of President Bush. He signed a bill passed by the House and Senate to transfer jurisdiction of the case to a U.S. District Court for review by a federal judge. The move was unsuccessful, as further legal requests and appeals for the tube's reinsertion were denied.

Terri Schiavo died at 9:05 a.m. on March 31, 2005. She was 41. **un**



▲ Protesters line the road outside the Woodside Hospice Villas in Florida after the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. Schiavo had been in a vegetative state since 1990. A circuit judge ordered the feeding tube removed at the request of Terri's husband, Michael Schiavo.

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Legends' time to say goodbye

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

The year 2004-2005 marked the passing of many legends. Memories of their tremendous achievements were mingled with grief at their deaths, but history will never forget the marks they made.

Ray Charles' indelible impression was left on music. A pioneer in the development of soul music, Charles was a remarkably talented keyboard player, singer and bandleader and dominated the charts from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s. Charles succumbed to liver disease on June 10, 2004.

Another entertainer left the spotlight in 2004. Christopher Reeve was most well-known for his role as Superman. Reeve's life was abruptly altered when he was thrown from a horse in 1995, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. He later became an advocate for paralysis research. Reeve died from heart failure on Oct. 10, 2004.

Johnny Carson was neither an actor nor a musician, but he was one of entertainment's biggest stars. Known as the "King of Late Night TV," Carson hosted "The Tonight Show" for three decades. Carson remained a legend until his death on Jan. 23, 2005, from emphysema.

Ronald Reagan was familiar with the entertainment industry, being a former actor. President of the United States from 1981 to 1989, Reagan revolutionized the Republican Party with his conservative policies. Reagan died June 5, 2004, from pneumonia, a complication of Alzheimer's disease.

Another political heavyweight who passed away in 2004 was Yasser Arafat. Arafat was president of the Palestinian Authority and spent his life promoting the Palestinian cause. Known as a dictatorial rather than democratic leader, Arafat was both loved and hated by the Palestinian people. Arafat died Nov. 11, 2004, from an unknown illness. **un**

Red Sox sweep in World Series

—By Erin Hickman—

People Editor

The Boston Red Sox had not won the World Series since 1918, when Woodrow Wilson was the U.S. president and the United States was fighting in World War I. The franchise's 86-year drought ended, however, at the 2004 World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.


Game 1 set the tone for the rest of the series. The Cardinals gave the Red Sox a good run until the eighth inning. The Cardinals' Larry Walker became the seventh Cardinal ever to have four hits in one World Series game, but his hits were not enough to overcome the Red Sox. Boston's Mark Bellhorn broke an eighth inning tie with his two-run homer that lead Boston to an 11-9 victory.

The second game in the series did not end much differently for the Cardinals. Red Sox pitcher, Curt Schilling, played with an injured ankle and held St. Louis to only two runs. Schilling became the first pitcher ever to win World Series starts for three different teams (Phillies in 1993, Diamondbacks in 2001). The Red Sox took Game 2 by a score of 6-2.

After Game 3, the Red Sox were a step closer to winning the series. The Sox jumped out to a lead in the first inning, as they had every game in the series. The Cardinals managed to score only one run against the Red Sox, who took the game 4-1.

Game 4 turned out to be the last of the series. The Red Sox swept the series by winning the final game 3-0.

Manny Ramirez was named World Series Most Valuable Player, becoming the first Red Sox player to ever receive the title.

This series broke the supposed curse that had plagued Boston since the Red Sox traded Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920. 



▲ Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols makes an off-balance throw to force Red Sox runner Bill Mueller out at the plate on a ground ball by Boston's Johnny Damon in the eighth inning of Game 4.



▲ Boston Red Sox players celebrate after beating the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 in Game 4 to win the World Series. The Red Sox had not won a World Series in 86 years.

Basketball player attacks fan

—By Evangeline McMullen—

Assistant Copy Editor

Pacers and Pistons fans paid to see the action on the court but got more than they bargained for at the Nov. 19, 2004, NBA game in Auburn Hills, Mich.


It all began when Pacer Ron Artest fouled Piston Ben Wallace after Wallace went in for a layup. Wallace retaliated by pushing Artest in the face, which prompted a skirmish between the two teams.

Players had calmed down when a cup of liquid thrown from the stands hit Artest. He sprang up and charged into the seats, throwing punches as he climbed over fans. Fans returned the blows, prompting teammates Stephen Jackson and Anthony Johnson to join Artest.

Security attempted to break up the brawl, as did several players from both teams.

After the players had been pulled out of the stands, a man approached Artest and began yelling. Artest responded by punching the man in the face and knocking him to the floor. The man charged back as Artest was pulled away, and teammate Jermaine O'Neal moved in and punched the man.

Auburn Hills police gathered videotapes from various media sources to determine if charges would be filed.

Later, Artest, O'Neal, Jackson, Johnson and fellow teammate David Harrison were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, as were three fans. In addition, the NBA meted out its own punishment on the players in the form of suspensions of varying lengths. 

Hockey season in lockout

—By Erin Hickman—

People Editor

After a series of failed salary negotiations, the National Hockey League chose to cancel the 2004-05 season.

Hockey was ranked fourth among America's most popular professional sports before the season was postponed. The lack of games only pushed the sport further off the radar.

"The scary part now for hockey is, do the fans come back?" said Nashville Predators forward Jim McKenzie during an interview with ESPN. "We're not baseball, we're not the national pastime."

The canceled season not only affected the players and owners but the ushers, trainers, officials, Zamboni drivers and businesses that were near the arenas.

Gary Bettman, NHL commissioner,

officially announced the lockout Sept. 15. This marked the first time in the United States that an entire professional sports season was lost to a labor dispute.

"We profoundly regret the suffering this has caused our fans, our business partners and the thousands of people who depend on our industry for their livelihoods," Bettman said, according to ESPN.

The last time the Stanley Cup champion was not crowned

was in 1919, when the finals were canceled because of a flu epidemic.

The players' union proposed a \$49 million per team salary cap while the owners stopped at \$42.5 million. At the beginning of negotiations, the players' association opposed the idea of a salary cap but gave in when the NHL dropped its argument that there needed to be a link between revenue and player costs.

The last NHL

game before the lockout was played in June 2004 at the Stanley Cup finals. Because there was a threat to the 2004-2005 season, 300 of the league's 700-plus players went overseas to play in Europe. With no agreement, there was no draft in June. Even if a deal were reached, the draft order would be difficult to determine.

The NHL had never been immune to lockouts. The 1994-95 regular season was cut almost in half due to a lockout. Another lockout was barely avoided in 1998 because the collective bargaining agreement ran out.

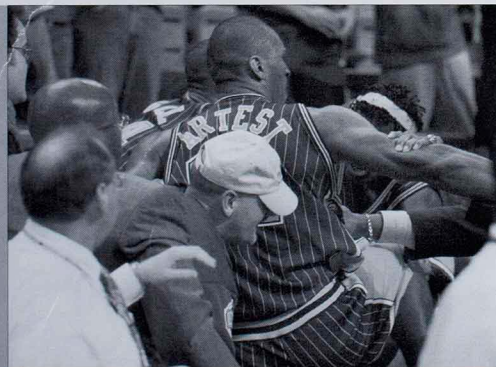
A year before the lockout, there was talk of losing at least one season and possibly two. Because one season had already been lost, the players and the owners were regrouping for a longer battle.

"Ultimately these players want to play," said Wayne Gretzky, former player and a managing partner with the Phoenix Coyotes, in an interview with ESPN. "I know too many of them love the game too much, and I just can't imagine these players not playing in the National Hockey League for two years. To me, I hope that doesn't happen because I know we would never recover." **un**



▲ Rexall Place, the home of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, sits empty after the announcement that the 2004-2005 season had been canceled.

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▲ Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest goes into the stands during an altercation with fans. Wearing a white hat behind Artest is John Green of Michigan. Green identified himself as the man behind Artest during a television interview.

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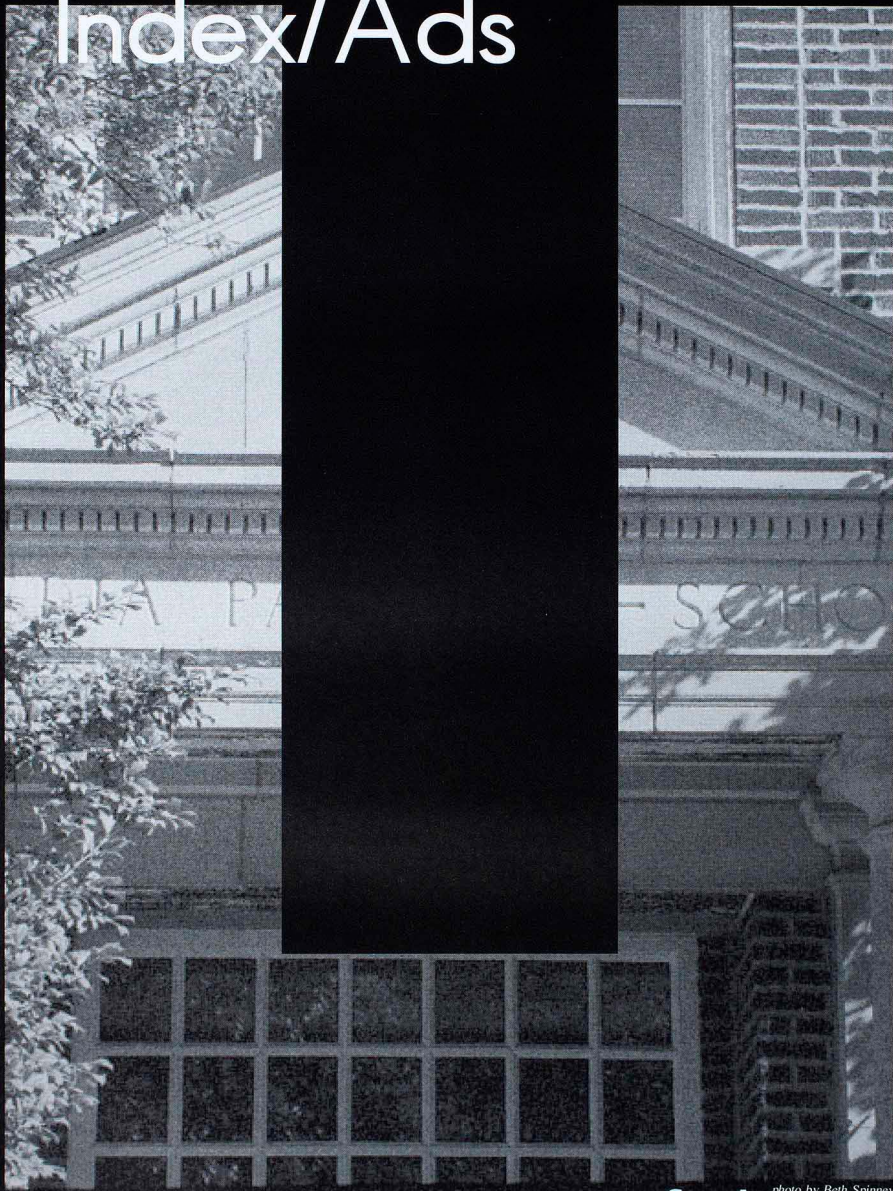


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Faculty with Ph.D.s or terminal degrees: 85%
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Male/Female Ratio: 41/59
Number of Organizations: approx. 200
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- 10 "My Happy Ending" by Avril Lavigne
- 9 "My Immortal" by Evanescence
- 8 "The Way You Move" by Outkast
- 7 "With You" by Jessica Simpson
- 6 "Pieces of Me" by Ashlee Simpson
- 5 "She Will Be Loved" by Maroon 5
- 4 "Leave (Get Out)" by JoJo
- 3 "Yeah" by Usher
- 2 "This Love" by Maroon 5
- 1 "The Reason" by Hoobastank

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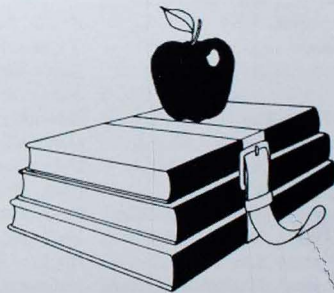
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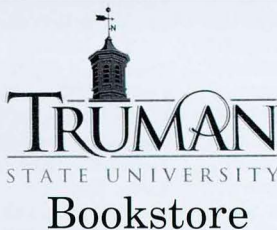
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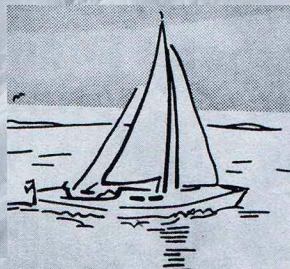
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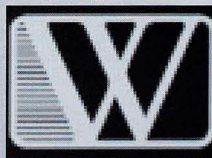
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Parting Words of Wisdom from Melissa and Peggy

—By Melissa Allen—

Editor in Chief

—By Peggy Amor—

Managing Editor

As I'm wrapping up the final touches before submitting the 2005 Echo, I remember how it all came to be. The theme for 2005 was more abstract than usual, but I think it fits well with the year, and it also fits the staff who helped put the book together. This year was "un" in many ways.

I can remember the start of the year when we sat around the table discussing design and theme ideas at our summer workshop. With six new editors, some things seemed a little uncertain at first.

As the year went on, everyone found their place and worked hard to give their best effort. Each editor put their heart into creating a section that depicted an unbiased view of the University in 2005.

Besides all the hard work in the office, the year was sprinkled with other unforgettable events that helped develop unbroken friendships among staff members, like the trip to Nashville, the Christmas party at Ailerons, Echo events, snack time in the office, Dog Days, and play time in the fountain.

I would like to thank the 2005 staff for their work and dedication. Thanks for sticking with it when the times got tough and the deadlines came uncomfortably close. Thanks for giving me 150 percent when I asked for 110. You have been great this year!

Looking back on my four years on the Echo staff, there is one word that comes to mind that describes this year: unforgettable. **un**

Four years and four yearbooks later here I am writing my letter from the editor. When I walked into the office for the first time as a freshman general staff member I had no idea what I was getting into and that same feeling seems to come back ever now and then when I walk into the office as a senior, never sure what story, problem or joke is awaiting me.

To the student body the yearbook is a great memory tool, kindly included in their tuition. For those of us putting out the yearbook it takes on many more meanings; the path to a job, a place to find your friends and always a place to eat.

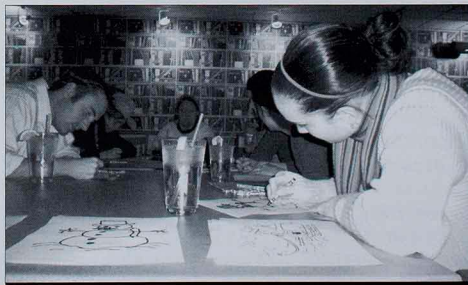
I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the staff this year for working so hard to meet deadlines and still have some fun. Some days the Echo takes over your life and the 2004-2005 staff was willing to give up the time when need be.

I also need to say thank you to my friends not on staff who were always so willing to help me out when the yearbook took up more time than expected, (volunteering to help with office tasks and doing the dishes when I didn't have time) and those who kept me grounded throughout my college experience, Samantha, Kenny, Ben K., Ben S., Colleen, Ronald and of course Shaun, thank you guys so much.

I hope that you enjoy the book and that it helps you relive your time at Truman with as much joy as you had while attending. **un**



▲ Senior Beth Spinney and sophomore Erin Hickman try out their new sunglasses. Sunglass picture frames were among the many door prizes available at the 2005 Echo Awards Banquet.



▲ Graduate student Johnny Vines and sophomore Evangeline McMullen color Christmas pictures at the Echo Christmas party. Staff members who attended the party brought gifts to donate to needy area children.

Unforgettable Quotes

"What is up dogs?" –Johnny Vines

"Not much cat." –Melissa Allen

"You're goofy." –Emily Gebhardt

"No I am not, you are." –Beth Spinney

"I know I am, but what are you?" –Emily Gebhardt

"Waffle down!" –Dante, the Waffle House waiter, after dropping a waffle

"My tongue is short. It barely sticks out of my mouth." –Johnny Vines

"I really enjoy that people are going to get mail with my spit on it." –Erin Hickman

"Alert the media...we are the media!" –Peggy Amor (in reference to having 2 guys on staff next year)

"Monkeys are like little humans with a testosterone problem." –Paula Hodges

"Cancer never sleeps." –Steve Stepanek

"I want to strap it to my face and wear it like a feed bag..." –Johnny Vines (about the bag of S'mores candy bars).

"I fellowship. Jesus is my homeboy." –Peggy Amor

"Oh, the library has lots of books." –Katie Jorgensen

"Why don't we have pictures?" –Beth Spinney, photo editor

"I am a sodium fiend." –Paula Hodges

"Vote me off the island or something." –Peggy Amor



▲ Junior Emily Gebhardt poses for the paparazzi – senior Beth Spinney. Spinney caught many unsuspecting people on film, including photos of the Echo staff and of Steven Chappell, assistant professor of communication and Index adviser.



▲ Seniors Jessica Lowe and Beth Spinney smile for the camera. Spinney attended the fall ACP/CMA convention in Nashville, Tenn., along with seniors Peggy Amor, Melissa Allen and Reena Karan, graduate student Johnny Vines and Echo adviser Steve Stepanek.



▲ Senior Reena Karan smiles as she is caught by the "paparazzi." Karan went to the fall convention in Nashville, Tenn., where she attended conferences on topics such as interviewing strategies, publication design and photography.

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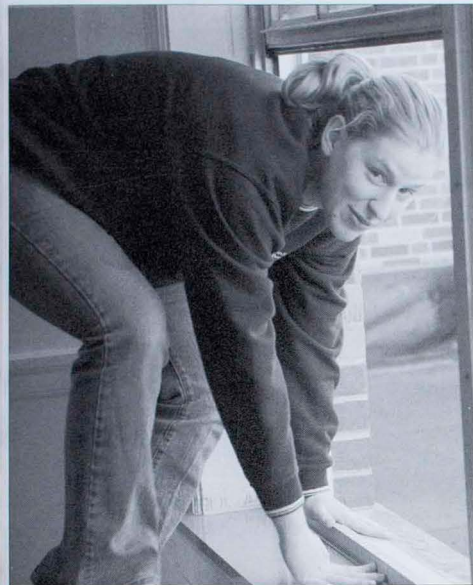
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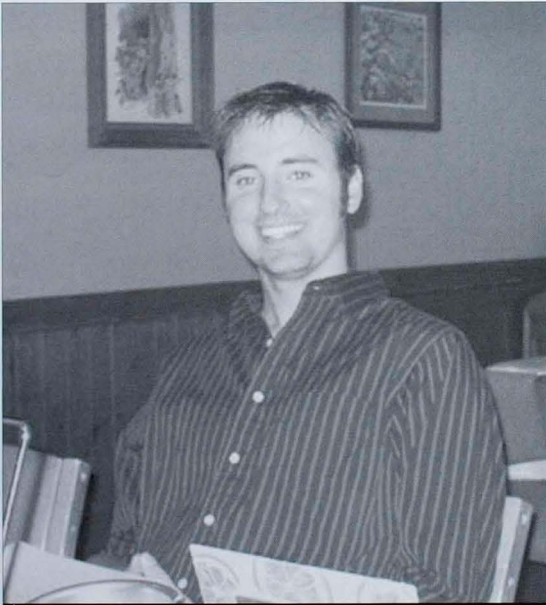
▲ The Echo staff celebrates the end of picture week in September 2004. FRONT ROW: Emily Gebhardt, Reena Karan, Jennifer Schubert, Beth Spinney, Monica Kwiatek, Loretta Palmer, Peggy Amor, Danielle Borsch. SECOND ROW: Melissa Allen, Paula Hodges, Erin Hickman. BACK ROW: John Wolf, Jessica Lowe, Katie Kelly, Johnny Vines, Jenna Keeven, Evangeline McMullen.



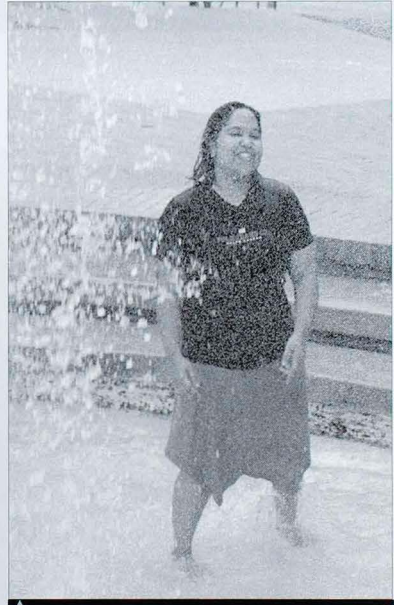
▲ Senior Beth Spinney crawls onto the roof of the Student Union Building. Spinney wanted to take an overhead picture of the Magruder Hall construction.



▲ Seniors Reena Karan, Peggy Amor and Monica Kwiatek stand in the fountain outside the Student Union Building. The Echo seniors said goodbye to the University by having a little fun playing in the fountain.



▲ Graduate student Johnny Vines is enjoying the 2005 Echo awards banquet. The banquet took place at the Thousand Hills restaurant. It was a time to honor everyone who worked hard during the year and to say goodbye to those who would not be returning to work for the Echo in 2006.



▲ Senior Reena Karan enjoys playing in the fountain with other Echo seniors. Eight seniors would be leaving the Echo as they graduated and continued school elsewhere or started careers.



photo by Katie Jorgenson

Unaffected by the various homework assignments, tests, presentations, and projects, Truman State University students finished the school year and began looking forward to summer. As many wondered how the end of the spring semester had arrived so quickly, plans were put into place for summer. Some knew exactly what was ahead of them, but others still were unsure

of what was to come. Many students relished the idea of having nothing to do, taking the opportunity to indulge in some much needed relaxation. Others saw a chance to jumpstart their future careers and gain some valuable experience by working an internship. Still others saw summer as the prime occasion to carry out travel plans with friends or family to places near and far. No matter



photo by Peggy Amor

what the future held for these individuals, they all felt a great sense of accomplishment as they knew had survived another year. For freshmen, the end of the school year signified the end of uncertainty and the start of tradition. They became wise as to where all the hot hangouts were and how much time studying should actually take. Sophomores grew another year



photo by Amy Olson

more mature and were finally considered "upperclassmen." Juniors became seniors and thoughts of life after college began to quickly fill their heads as some found the summer to be a good time to check out graduate schools. Seniors had to say goodbye professors and friends and move on to the next phase of their lives, unless they decided they were not quite ready to leave the University and

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became part of the infamous fifth-year seniors club. University faculty and staff members also said goodbyes to those who decided not to return to the University for another year. Faculty and staff were among those leaving, as they found their talents were needed in other places. These professors were missed by students who enjoyed their lectures and felt those



photo by Peggy Amor

professors spent personal time aiding students in all their endeavors. Things may have been slowing down for many students and professors, but for some, life on campus kept going. University staff members prepared for the summer semester, where many students decided to get some classes out of the way in hopes of not becoming a sixth year senior. Students, staff and

faculty worked together to make sure the summer would run as smoothly as the year had. If it had not been for this group collaboration, many problems could have arisen. The days of May slowly faded away, and soon it was time for the final goodbye for many students: Graduation. The ceremonial process gave students the chance to thank those who supported them over the years, whether it was

financially or emotionally. It also gave students the chance to contemplate all that the University had given them – friends, self-reliance, independence, character, and most of all, a valuable education. Soon all the goodbyes were said, the books sold back, the finals taken, the grades given out, and the boxes packed up. For many it was time to leave the University, silent and still but unforgettable. **un**



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