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Faculty, students and staff are invited to join in celebrating the 115th birthday of Harry Truman (and the end of semester) at a **barbecue on the Mall**

sponsored by
Sodexo Marriott
Services and Truman
State University

Friday, May 7
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: \$3

Advance reservations are necessary; RSVP to Public Relations, 785.4016, by May 6.

Menu includes brats, chicken, chips, soda, baked beans, potato salad and birthday cake.

Robert Dager to Retire After 25 Years

After serving more than two decades at Truman State University, Robert Dager, head of the Division of Business and Accountancy, has announced his retirement, effective June 30, 1999.

Dager came to Truman 25 years ago as an assistant professor of business. He was promoted to full professor and in 1977, was named head of the division. In 1989-90, he served as interim president of the University. During his tenure, Dager also served as acting head of the Division of Education, directed the John R. Kirk Honors Institute and oversaw the University Career Center. He chaired the committee that planned the recent renovation of Truman's largest classroom facility, Violette Hall.

"The entire University community will miss the leadership that Bob Dager provided. Under his supervision the University's business programs have achieved national recognition, while at the same time he saw to it that the Division maintained a liberal arts and sciences thrust," said President Jack Magruder.

Most recently, Truman earned accreditation of its business administration and accounting programs by the AACSB, the international association for management education.

Outside of his University duties, Dager was greatly involved in service to the Kirksville community. This year, he received the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award. He was named Kiwanian of the Year in 1981 and Citizen of the Year in 1980. In addition, he served as president of Kiwanis Club, vice president of Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens, director of Northeast Missouri State Bank and a board member of the United Way.

Dager will leave the University with many good memories.

"My 25 years at Truman have been great! The opportunities to make a positive difference in education were many, and I tried to take advantage of each one," Dager said. "The personal and professional friendships developed over the years will be everlasting."

New Student Senate Officers Elected

PRESIDENT: STACEY GEORGE A junior business major, George has formerly occupied the positions of freshman and associate representative as well as secretary of Student Senate. Her involvement on campus also includes Cantoria, Franklin Street Singers, Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Delta Phi.

VICE PRESIDENT MATTHEW GORTON A sophomore biology pre-med major, Gorton serves as a student representative on the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program Committee. He is also the fundraising chair as well as the former academic affairs chair Lambda Chi Alpha.

TREASURER JAMES HUBLER A junior political science major, Hubler is also involved with Beta Theta Pi, Undergraduate Council, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega and Pi Sigma Alpha. Previous work with Senate includes his time as sophomore and junior representative as well as the External Affairs Committee chairperson.

SECRETARY RYAN KENNEDY A junior political science and Russian major, Kennedy is involved with the Debate Team, College Democrats, the Baptist Student Union and the Russian Club. Kennedy is the founder of the Political Science Society. He has served as a sophomore representative, city council liaison and member of the Vision committee on Senate.

Leadership Awards

New Student Leader Award
Steve Majors

Outstanding Residential
Leader Award
Amy Holbo

Athletic Leadership Award
Jamie Greer (Golf)

Outstanding President Award
Susan Bertelsmeyer
(Panhellenic Council)

Outstanding Student
Organization Awards
Small (35 members or less)
Eta Sigma Gamma
Large (36-100 members)
Alpha Phi Omega

Senior Leadership Award
Tracy Reynolds

Student Excellence Awards
John Ayers
Heather Droste
Jason Reinberg

E.M. Violette Outstanding
Advisor Award
Roger Festa

Ron and Elsie Gaber Awards
Heather Stalling
Becky Veitch

Omicron Delta Kappa
Student Hall of Fame Finalist
Patrick Cross

The SERVE Center
Outstanding Student
Volunteer Award
Emily Vogel

The SERVE Center
Outstanding Organization
Award
Sigma Kappa

The SERVE Center
Outstanding Service
Organization
Delta Sigma Theta

Sixteen to Receive General Honors

The General Honors Ceremony will be held on May 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sunken Garden. Sixteen Truman State University May 1999 graduation candidates will be recognized. This is the sixth year that the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri has sponsored this award presentation. General Honors medal recipients wear their medals with their academic regalia during their graduation ceremony.

This year, more students will receive General Honors than in any previous year since the inception of the program in 1987. The students' names, majors and minors are: Heather Tahmara Daggett (B.S. biology, minors in women's studies and chemistry), Gregory Steven Delassus (B.A. philosophy and religion/biology, minor in classical studies), Molly May Gillespie (B.A. business administration, management, minors in Spanish and international studies), Darren William Glosemeyer (B.S. physics/mathematics), Daniel Raymond Jordan (B.S. mathematics, minors in computer science and English), Andrius Juknys (B.A. business administration finance and accounting), Elizabeth Anne Keppel (B.F.A. studio art, painting, minor in chemistry), Natalie Ann Lischer (B.S. accounting), Shawn Tracy Logan (B.A. mathematics, minor in philosophy and religion), Kevin Bruce Martin (B.A. philosophy and religion/English, minors in medieval studies and international studies), Kelly J. McGuire (B.S. biology, minor in chemistry), Jennifer Rose McKellips (B.A. French/English, minors in international studies and women's studies), Nathan James McNeil (B.S. biology), Marcia Noreen Paddock (B.A. and B.S. biology, minors in chemistry and computer science), Nathaniel Benjamin Sternberg (B.A. French, B.S. computer science, minors in philosophy and religion and French translation), and Alison P. Whiteford (B.A. English).

1899 Cyclone Destruction Display

A collaborative project undertaken by the E.M. Violette Museum and the Special Collections Department of Pickler Memorial Library will be on display beginning May 27. This date is the 100th anniversary of the day a cyclone left a three-block wide path of destruction as it ripped through Kirksville.

The display will consist of pictures of damaged sites paired with photographs of the locations as they exist today. The areas hardest hit include Florence to Stanford streets and Patterson to Illinois.

Members of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri will be presenting the medals, which feature the lamp of learning and are hung from purple and white ribbons. Their names and the schools at which they were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa are the following (in the order which they will be presenting the medals): Monica Barron, Wayne State University; Kathryn Blair, University of Missouri; Thomas Capuano, State University of New York-Albany; Ian Lindevald, Gettysburg College; Michael Adams, University of Nebraska; Carol Race, Indiana University; Mary Ramsbottom, Mount Holyoke College; Keith Harrison, Dickinson College; Todd Hammond, University of California-Berkeley; Daniel Bell, Stetson College; Robert Graber, Indiana University; Mary Shapiro, University of Michigan; Rebecca Harrison, Dickinson College; David Conner, University of Oklahoma; Betty McLane-Iles, University of Arizona; and Cheryl Engber, Indiana University.

Truman's General Honors Program offers outstanding students the opportunity to select rigorous courses in the liberal arts and sciences component of their programs. General Honors in Arts and Sciences will be awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five approved courses, with at least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, natural science, social science, and humanities, with a grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in those five courses. Students who complete a single undergraduate major may not satisfy general honors requirements with any course in their major field. All students are eligible to pursue General Honors by taking the courses designated by the respective disciplines as being those courses whose successful completion by a non-major is especially noteworthy.

The exhibit may be viewed in Pickler Library's first floor gallery until May 8. The Library will have new hours May 4-7. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these days and will be open from noon-5 p.m. on May 8.

The exhibit will then be moved to Violette Museum in Kirk Memorial where it will remain for the rest of the summer. Regular hours for the museum are noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, but are subject to change. Visitors are advised to call 785.4532, if planning to view the exhibit.

Missouri Bar President to Address Spring Graduates

Jennifer Gille Bacon, current President of the Missouri Bar, will be the spring 1999 commencement speaker. The ceremony will be held on May 8 at 2 p.m. in Stokes Stadium. Bacon is currently an attorney and a director at Shughart Thomson & Kilroy where she practices primarily in the areas of business and commercial litigation.



Jennifer Gille Bacon

Bacon began her career after graduating with honors from the University of Kansas and obtaining her master's degree from Ohio State University. She earned her law degree from KU where she was a two-year member of the University of Kansas Law Review. She served as note and comment editor and authored two articles.

Bacon was a member of the Young Lawyers Section Council from 1979 to 1987 where she served as both the first woman chairperson and immediate past chairperson. During this period, she also was on the board of the Young Lawyers Section of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the Nominating Committee of Lawyers Association of Kansas City.

A member of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors since 1987, Bacon has been an at-large member of the executive committee and has served on several Missouri Bar Task Forces. She is a member of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (Jackson County) Disciplinary Committee and served as Chairperson of Division II for two years.

Bacon's community involvement includes her service as current president of the Kansas City Club, a downtown business club. She also is active on the board of the Women's Christian Association, the oldest charitable institution in Kansas City. The group manages the Armour Home for the Elderly. Previously she worked for eight years as a board member of the Gillis Center, a residential and family-centered treatment agency for emotionally disturbed children. She occupied the position of chairperson of that Board during the 1994-95 term.

The rain location for commencement is the Pershing Arena. A reception will be held immediately following commencement on the McClain Mall. Students may pick up their diplomas at this time. The reception will be held in the SUB Activities Room and Quiet Lounge in the case of inclement weather in which case, students may claim their diplomas in division offices.

School Song Premiere

Commencement marks the beginning of a new journey in students lives, and this year, it also marks the beginning of a new Truman tradition. On May 8, the new Truman Alma Mater, *Keep the Dream Alive*, will be performed for the first time.

In 1996, President Jack Magruder established the Traditions Committee in order to coincide with the University name change. The committee was charged with capturing the new mission as the 21st century approached in a new alma mater. Several Fine Arts music faculty members discussed the possibility of utilizing a theme from composer Claude T. Smith's *Truman Tribute* which had been performed by the Truman Wind Symphony at its Family Weekend concert in October 1996. The result was *Keep the Dream Alive*.

Smith was commissioned in 1984 to compose work for the Harry S. Truman Centennial. The result, *Harry S. Truman - A Musical Tribute* is a musical biography scored for concert band, chorus, piano and vocal soloists.

Thomas Trimborn is the arranger/lyricist who suggested that the final piece in this Tribute be considered the basis for the new alma mater. A member of the Truman Fine Arts faculty since 1993, Trimborn is the music director of the MAE program. He wrote original lyrics speaking about Truman the man, the University that bears his name and the ideals, hopes and dreams of students—past present and future.

Koch Earns Goldwater Scholarship

Kevin Koch, junior physics major from Oconomowoc, Wis., has been named a 1999-2000 Goldwater Scholar. Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation awarded 304 scholarships to undergraduate sophomores and juniors from the 50 states.

Recipients were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,181 students who were nominated by the faculty members of college and universities nationwide. One- and two-year scholarships will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. The Scholarship Program honoring Sen. Barry M. Goldwater is the premier undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

Koch plans to continue his studies in the field of experimental atomic and optical



physics. He is currently a member of the Society of Physics Students, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society. He is a volunteer physics tutor and has participated in research both at Truman and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

For more information on the Goldwater and other competitive scholarships, contact Debra Kling in Academic Planning Services, McClain Hall 102, 785.4136 or at dkling@truman.edu.

Notes

A celebration of Harry Truman's 115th birthday is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 7. A barbecue on the SUB Mall will be held. Brats, chicken, hotdogs, chips, soda, baked beans, potato salad, relish tray, potato chips, birthday cake and ice cream will be served. Advance reservations are necessary. RSVP to the Public Relations Office, 785.4016 by May 6. The cost of the meal is \$3. Rain site for the barbecue is the SUB Georgian Room.

Student Recreation Center May interim hours: May 10-14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; May 15-16, closed; May 17-21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; May 22-23, closed.

Pickler Memorial Library May interim hours: May 4, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 5-7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 8, noon-5 p.m.; May 9, closed; May 10-14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 15-16, closed; May 17-21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 22-23, closed.

Lasallian Collegians will host a garage sale drive through May 6. This drive will benefit Missouri Right for Life. Residents living in Missouri, Centennial and Grim may drop off items in marked boxes in the halls. Off-campus students can contact Emily Vogel at 665.0942 for pick up. Anything that can be sold at a garage sale is acceptable.

Art in the Union will continue through May 9 in the SUB Activities Room. The guest artist is Winston Vanderhoof. Check with the Student Union Administrative Office, SUB second level, for available viewing times.
The New Media Center is looking for stu-

dent workers for this summer and next semester. In addition, one position is available for a materials production and workshop assistant to work directly with the Instructional Media Consultant. Apply in person at the ITC, Kirk Building 133.

The Student Union has job openings: building assistant, CAOC office assistant and DJ. Applications can be picked up in the Student Union Administrative Office, SUB second level, and the CAOC, SUB lower level.

Spring Bar-B-Que at the University Club to be held May 7. All faculty, staff and their families are invited to attend from 6-9 p.m. **The University of Missouri is seeking candidates for its Ed.D. program in educational leadership to begin study this July.** The Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis would like to open a cohort campus in Kirksville, but five students are needed in order to begin. Three have already been accepted. If you are interested in the program please contact Pete Schroeder 785.4466 or Dan Cockriel at the University of Missouri 573.882.6098.

This year, summer commencement will take place on Saturday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. on the Campus Quadrangle. In the past, it has been held in August and has usually been referred to as August Commencement. In order to avoid confusion, please keep this in mind.

This is the last issue of Truman Today for the spring semester. The first summer issue of *Truman Today* will be published May 24;

On Campus

5 WEDNESDAY
Interim begins

7 FRIDAY
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.—**Truman Birthday Celebration**, SUB Mall; see Notes
3:30 p.m.—**General Honors Medal Ceremony**, Sunken Garden; see p. 2
6-9 p.m.—**Spring Bar-B-Que for faculty and staff**, University Club House; see Notes

8 SATURDAY
2 p.m.—**Spring Commencement**, Stokes Stadium
6 p.m.—**Residence halls/colleges close**

21 FRIDAY
Interim ends

24 MONDAY
Classes begin

Downtown Improvements to be Discussed

Consultants will be visiting Kirksville in order to create a plan framework for the Downtown Improvement Project. The consultants will be working in the Baxter-Miller Building, 202 N. Franklin, and the public is invited to take part in three events.

A partnership has been established between the Downtown Improvement Committee, the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Truman State University and the city of Kirksville in order to make this project a success.

Community involvement is key to the success of this project and all are welcome to become part of the process. If you would like further information, call Mari Macomber at 627.1224.

May 25—Town Hall meeting

Discussion of issues, opportunities and goals
Travelers Hotel, 7-8:30 p.m.

May 26—Open House

Consultant team will be available to informally discuss the project with the public.
Baxter-Miller Building,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

May 27—Town Hall meeting

Alternatives for the development of downtown will be presented. The public will be asked to evaluate and provide feedback about future plans.
Travelers Hotel, 7-8:30 p.m.

The University
Club invites
faculty & staff
and families
to a
Barbecue
Friday, May 7
516 E. Patterson
6-9 p.m.



Please bring
a dish
to share and
lawn chairs.

Truman Today is published weekly on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Truman Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in *Truman Today* are open to the public.