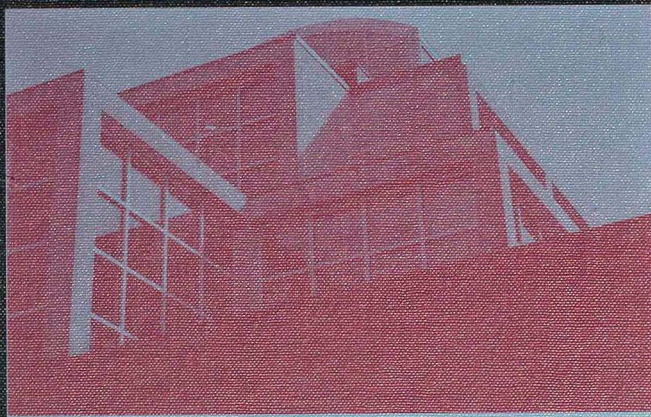


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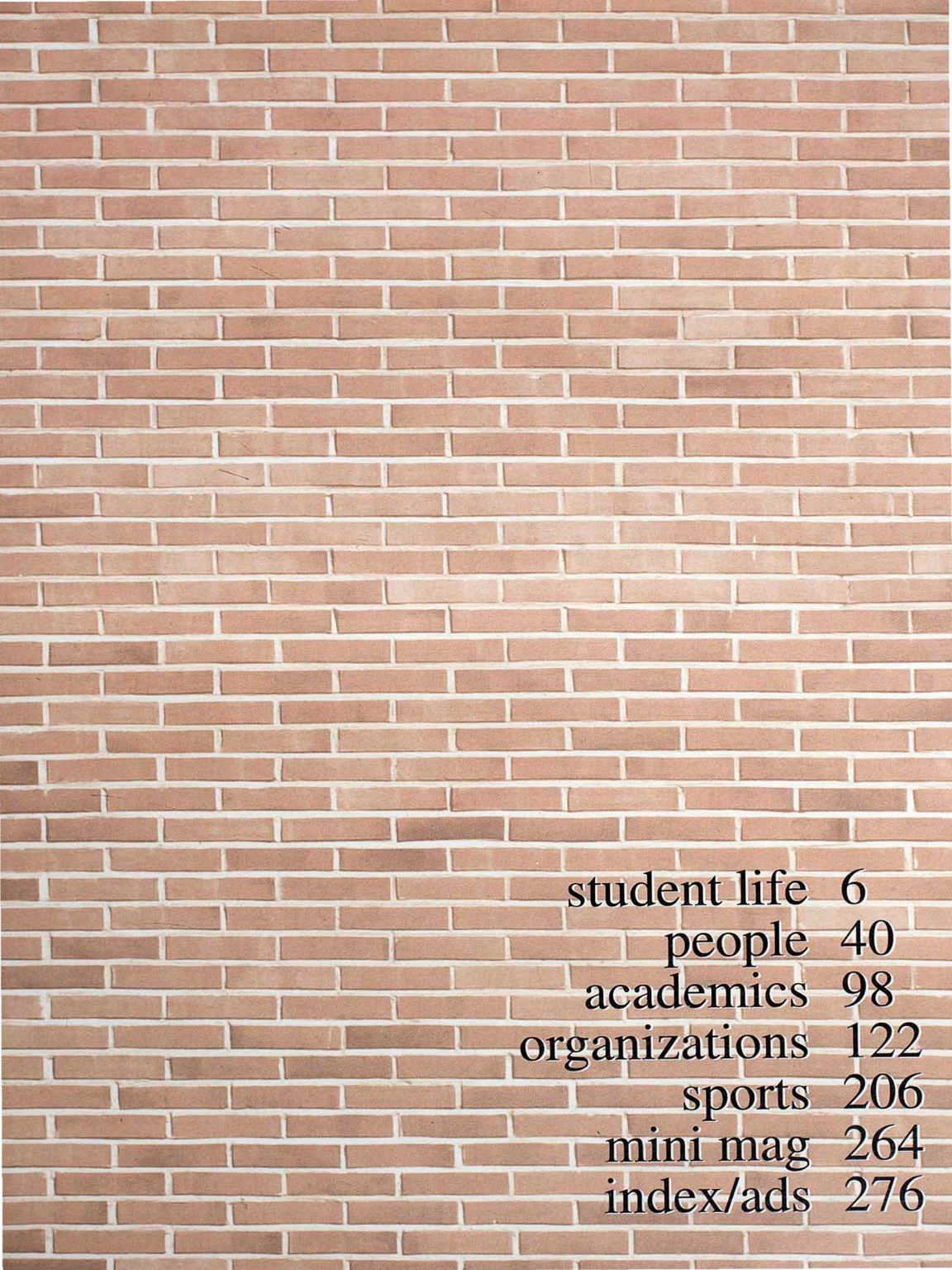


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giving us his tireless energy, unlimited imagination  
and most of all, unwavering faith in our abilities  
and goals.



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2005-2006 saw Truman State University both reminiscing about the **past** and making plans for the **future**.

2006 commemorated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University's official transformation into Missouri's state liberal arts and sciences institution via House Bill 196. In its mission as a liberal arts institution, the University aimed to give its students a multi-faceted education that would produce well-rounded thinkers, and each block of its liberal studies program was designed deliberately to slot together to form a broad academic **foundation**.

Then-Missouri Governor John Ashcroft signed House Bill 196 into law at the University June 20, 1986, marking the occasion with words that still bear relevance twenty years later.

“The best indicator of future promise is often past performance, and Northeast Missouri State University has performed well. ... And it's time for [the University] to once again turn its face toward challenge. The challenge is great, the goal is lofty, but the end is within our grasp ...”

The University's challenge in 2006 was to transform an aging campus into a rejuvenated institution.

**Brick by brick**, the University underwent a facelift. With the completion of Magruder Hall, a lavish new residence hall and an unusually shaped multimedia center, the University began to take on a fresh look. Preparations also began to close down Missouri Hall and the Student Union Building for 2006-2007 renovations.

2006 also marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University's name change from Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State University. Although this was the seventh name for the school originally known as the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College, the change in appellation signified the greatest **development** of the school's mission and purpose. The increased academic standards and stiffened program requirements that resulted from the new moniker continue to set the University apart from other Missouri colleges today, even a decade later.

The **building blocks** placed decades ago remain today, giving the University a foundation that has defined and differentiated it ever since, and the physical alterations on campus were material manifestations of the University's efforts to provide a high-quality liberal arts education to its students.

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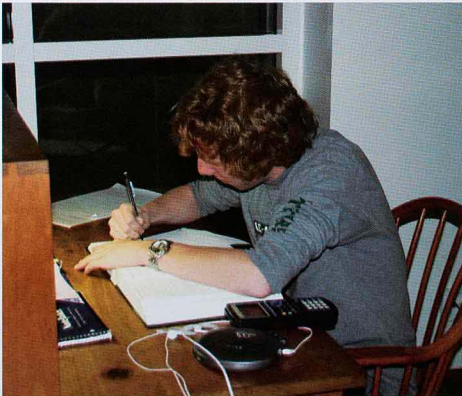


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# Library

## Lowdown



**Above:** Freshman Joe Shaepkerkötter intently studies at a desk in the library. Areas like this were only for quiet independent study in the library. **Photos by Katie Poland**

**Right:** Seniors Kimberly Smith, Paul Scruggs, Sarah Shearman and Meagan Gebhart work together at a group table. Many of the tables on the first floor of the library were intended for group projects.



In one year, more than 100,000 items circulated from Pickler Memorial Library's General Collection alone, and there were about 500,000 visits to the library each year. Students from near and far came to the library for a variety of reasons, using resources that went far beyond the customary books.

"I study here, I check out books ... do homework, hang out with friends once in a while, group meetings, and before I bought my laptop, I used to come to use the Internet," senior Ejikemenwa Anih said.

Some students frequented the library more than others, with visits ranging from once a month to 20 hours each week.

"This semester I've been using it a lot more," senior Jennifer Walker said. "Actually, I'd say maybe 5 to 10 hours a week total, mainly for printing and copying purposes."

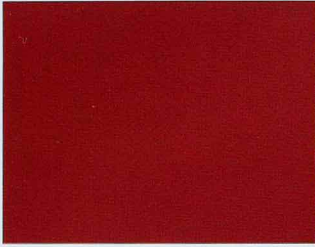
Gayla McHenry, head of access services at the library, observed that the busiest times of the year for circulation revolved around key dates in the academic calendar including midterm, finals week and class registration. Both Richard Coughlin, chief information officer and dean of libraries and museums, and McHenry agreed the library's peak activity during the day occurred in the evening, usually beginning at 7 p.m. and dwindling between 10 and 11 p.m.

Many students said they appreciated the broad selection and easy access to materials. The library's Web site provided a quick, simple way to search for and access online resources. Students could submit online requests for materials, and librarians could process those requests immediately, even in libraries outside of Kirksville. The Missouri Bibliographic Information Users System and Interlibrary Loan were valuable for many students who wanted and needed resources not available at the University.

"The people that discover [MOBIUS] ... they just think it's wonderful, and they use it," McHenry said. "It's a challenge to us to figure out how to get everybody to know about it and to use it."

Occasionally books' and periodicals' popularity compelled students to steal them.

"I think it happens more often than we know about or we would like to believe it does," McHenry said. "We do find books that are missing. We find books that come back in, the security was never turned off or on, no record of it ever being checked out. I will say most people are honest in that if they do get out of here with something, intentional or not, they eventually bring it back."



Books were not the only items available for checkout. Coughlin said the art prints always were incredibly popular with students, and even after purchasing more, every print in the collection was checked out. Many students also discovered the growing collection of DVDs, which Coughlin said reached almost 3,000 during the fall 2005 semester. The media library's treasure trove of DVDs provided an inexpensive alternative to movie rentals. The library also had laptops available for checkout that could be used inside the building. Wireless Internet made this option even more appealing, allowing students to situate themselves comfortably in a secluded area.

"The laptops are a huge, huge hit," McHenry said. "I hear that students say that they will not go back to the computer lab."

Although checking out materials was a vital part of academic life for students, some simply enjoyed having use of the facility.

"Since I live off campus, I use it to study, like if I have some reading or sometimes even just to check my e-mail," junior Melanie Bettis said.

The library provided other useful resources including photocopiers, lamination and transparency machines, a fax machine, microform readers, typewriters, computer labs, group study rooms, the Curriculum Library, an Assistive Technology Lab, the Teaching and Learning Technology Center and a Library Electronic Classroom. In addition, the library continually offered more research tools to assist students.

"We do all kinds of instructional things," Coughlin said. "We run about 3000 students through instructional things here in the course of a year. [...] Last year, a couple of the librarians started [the Research Assistance Program]. We really would like to promote that among students because we feel it gives them real specific help on a research project that they have."

The library staff established programs such as this when they anticipated students' concerns or when a number of students indicated a need. Periodically, students brought their comments and complaints to the library's staff, who were very receptive to the suggestions.

"The library can be noisy, but we started a little quiet campaign, and it's had an effect," Coughlin said. "We did that in response to the student suggestion."

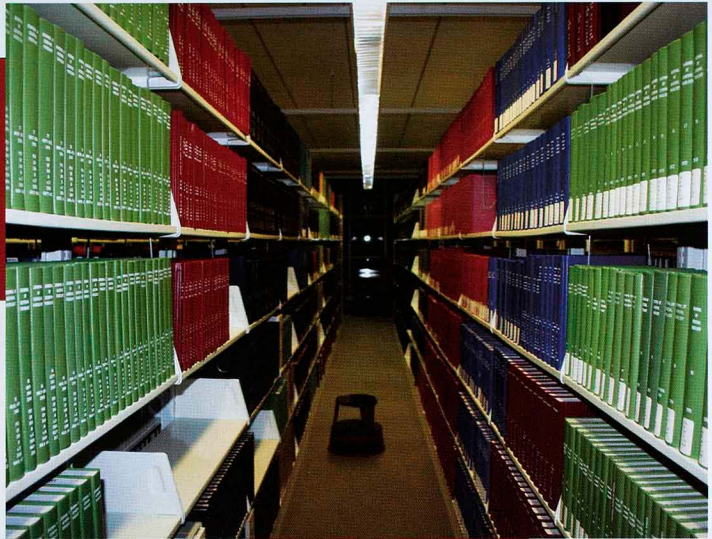
As a result of the campaign's initiation, more students took refuge in the quiet, academic atmosphere to study.

"I generally come when I can't get things done in my own house or whatever, so it's a little being reclusive, trying to get away from my noisy roommates," junior Tim Hage said.

In general, students gave positive feedback about their experiences at the library. Anih reiterated many students' feelings.

"I wouldn't imagine what school would be like without the library," he said. "I think it's a great place to be."

*--Hope Slaby, Copy Staff*



According to the library Web site, roughly 82 percent of undergraduate students use the library. As of October 2005, about 450,000 books were present in the library collection, as well as 1.5 million micromaterials.

# Bulldogs on Parade

Breaking the silence of a quiet Saturday morning, an explosion of sound erupted from the Truman State University campus Oct. 22.

Marching bands and fire trucks filled the streets, and sounds of police sirens and car horns filled the air as the 2005 Homecoming parade began.

A variety of floats decorated the streets, including one that held senior Phil Campbell, Blue Key president.

"I was on court, so I was riding in the parade, but I did a lot of the grunt work and arrangements ahead of time," Campbell said.

Campbell and the 35 members of Blue Key coordinated and ran the parade, as Blue Key members had for many years.

"For the past two years I've [been involved in parade preparations]," Campbell said. "We have people stationed at each intersection to make sure the order is followed because every float has a number to follow, and that's where they meet in the morning. We have our guys filing people and making sure everything is spaced out correctly."

A number of University students and members of the Kirksville community helped plan the Homecoming parade.

"A lot of political figures try to do something for the parade," Campbell said. "We had a lot of animal floats this year — a new dog-grooming cluster. The Shriners always come with their little cars, the equestrian team and horsemen's association — a bunch of different stuff is in it."

Junior Justin Grout, Blue Key homecoming chair, said he noticed the positive influence of the Homecoming parade.

"I think the parade kind of helps the community rally behind Truman," Grout said. "It shows a positive light for the University."

Campbell agreed, noticing a welcome change between the community and Truman students.

"I think they've grown closer, especially this past year," Campbell said. "Freshman year, I felt that [the community and Truman students were] very isolated. There were negative stereotypes between both, but I definitely think that gap is being bridged."

Although the gap appeared to be bridging, Grout said he noticed a skewed attendance, perhaps because of the 9 a.m. time slot.

"The student turnout was not a whole lot," Grout said. "The community turnout was pretty high. The student turnout was probably lower than it could have been because it was so early."

Sophomore Mary Pund concurred.

"I didn't attend the homecoming parade because I had a 7:30 class every day that week, and Saturday [was] my one day to sleep in until 10," Pund said.

Because of the parade's early time, many University students chose to get a few extra hours of sleep.

"I think a lot of people know about it, but it seems like if Truman students don't have friends or a reason to come out and see it, they don't," Grout said. "I think it's mainly for the alumni to come back and see everything."

The alumni had plenty to see. Car dealerships rented out 15 trucks and convertibles for the parade, dance studios performed, local bands played, organized floats paraded, the color guard marched, and all came through Kirksville's downtown.

Grout said Blue Key placed members throughout the route to help the parade run efficiently.



A variety of local people and animals enjoy the Homecoming parade. Parade onlookers donned Truman spirit in the form of purple clothing and bulldog paraphernalia. Photos by Katie Poland



Different organizations band together to make floats for the parade. The first place float was "SpongeBob Rides Again." Photos by Katie Poland

Floats are created using themes, like this float geared towards breast cancer awareness. Organizations chose any theme for their float, and the winners for best float were chosen after the parade.



"I thought it ran smoothly," Grout said. "There weren't really any problems, and the main goal was to get done by 11 a.m., and we got done at 10:30 a.m. or so."

Campbell mentioned only one problem that prevented the parade from running as smoothly as it could have.

"We had a little mix-up with some of the numbers, so we were trying to get some of the cars to turn around because they were facing the wrong direction, which we handled in time," Campbell said.

After moving all the entries in the right direction, the parade was a success.

"My favorite part this year was the fact that we didn't have any bumps or gaps because sometimes the cars at the front will go more slowly, but everybody stayed together, and it went very smoothly," Campbell said.

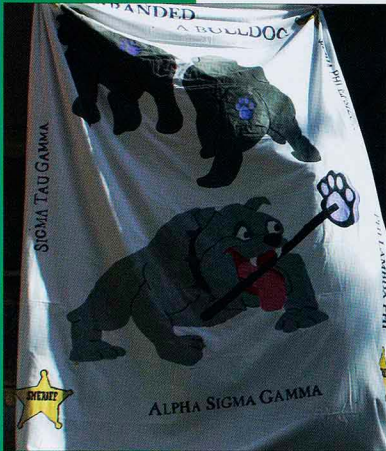
After all the planning and organization, the best part of the parade for Grout was getting to know some new people.

"I liked just getting to meet different groups and people on campus and organizing it," Grout said.

The 2005 Homecoming parade provided an opportunity for University students to interact with the Kirksville community, engaging in a highly spirited day of purple pride.

--Katie Monaghan

# Homecoming Art



Left: Alpha Sigma Gamma's banner hangs in the Mall during Homecoming Week. Many organizations made banners to hang on the Mall. Photos by Katie Poland



Alpha Phi Omega's sidewalk painting is a Western scene to coordinate with the cowboy theme of Homecoming. Organizations painted the sidewalk outside Pershing for the Homecoming celebration.

**B**anners and paintings of country and western scenes, barnyard animals and cowboys with lassoes decked the campus of Truman State University the week preceding, and the week of, Homecoming 2005.

In years past, the Homecoming committee sponsored events throughout the week, including a banner contest and a street graffiti contest, and 2005 was no different. In conjunction with the theme "Branded a Bulldog," students painted the University's campus with Homecoming spirit, including themed apparel, bales of hay, distressed décor and cowboys and cowgirls.

Homecoming publicist coordinator senior Meg Fullenkamp said the Homecoming committee decided to go with the distressed look, using earth tones in the decorations and giving the campus an Old West feel.

"I know that since we were doing the 'Branded a Bulldog' theme, the back of the shirt was kind of designed after a wanted poster," Fullenkamp said. "For a lot of [the decorations] we tried to go with that sort of theme."

As for other artistic Homecoming ventures, Fullenkamp said she enjoyed the banner competition because it gave people a contest that was not physical like the skit and lip sync competitions.

"It's a way to get more of the artistic-type people involved on campus," Fullenkamp said. "Plus, it's a good publicity tool [for Homecoming] that people can see those banners up a week ahead and start to get excited about Homecoming."

She said advertising also was the reasoning behind the street graffiti competition, a contest in which students from different organizations painted a sidewalk square using the Homecoming theme as guidance.

"That's why we do street graffiti too, — to get excited about the game and to incorporate the theme into as much of campus as possible," Fullenkamp said.

The street graffiti decorated the sidewalk in front of Pershing Building so it would be highly visible to students walking to the Homecoming kick-off and pep rally in Red Barn Park and the football game in Stokes Stadium.

For the Red Barn Park events, the Homecoming committee used bales of hay to create a country atmosphere. Fullenkamp said being outdoors for the pep rally also added to the theme.

"Truman's campus is very conducive to the theme already because it's already in the country, so we were able to work with what we already had," Fullenkamp said.

Fullenkamp said she thought people really embraced the spirit of the 2005 theme.

"People were running around with cowboy hats on all week," she said. "I think it was a lot of fun, and I liked it."

Homecoming chairwoman senior Marcie Kottemann said the committee wanted to develop a theme that was easy for people to identify with visually and one they could incorporate into their activities.

"We wanted to be able to connect the artistic stuff to the activities," Kottemann



These banners declare the theme of Homecoming: "Branded A Bulldog." Homecoming kicked off on Oct. 17 and came to a close Oct. 22.

said. "Before we could even start, we had to come up with a theme."

Kottemann said she liked 'Branded a Bulldog' because it was easy to create a themed atmosphere.

"You could just get hay bales, and they would really help make the event become more theme-related," Kottemann said.

The artwork of the banner and street graffiti competitions also was theme-related.

Senior Rosanna Hernandez, a member of Alpha Phi Omega, painted the first place banner, which was titled "Branded for Life." The team that the banner represented consisted of APO, social sorority Delta Zeta and social fraternity Beta Theta Pi. The banner depicted three puppies branded with each of the three organizations' Greek letters. It also included a silhouette of a cowboy on horseback roping the puppies.

"Instead of doing 'Branded a Bulldog,' I did 'Branded for Life' because we're in our organization for life," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said she noticed banners usually lack color every year, and resolved to change the norm.

"I wanted ours to stand out," she said. "Basically [our] whole banner was covered in some sort of paint, and I just kind of figured the little details were going to help us."

She said they used a lot of bright colors on both the banner and on APO's sidewalk square for street graffiti.

"We basically spent four hours or so on [street graffiti]," Hernandez said.

The square had a bull's rearend branded with APO's Greek letters. Their street graffiti won second place in the competition.

Hernandez said the artsy side of Homecoming offered a lot of fun.

"It's just kind of neat to see what people come up with and their take on the theme," Hernandez said. "People should get involved if they can. Even if they don't have any artistic ability, they can paint in letters somewhere."

Homecoming art infused the University's campus with western spirit, enabling anyone to be 'Branded a Bulldog.'

--Mandi Sagez

# In Like A Lion

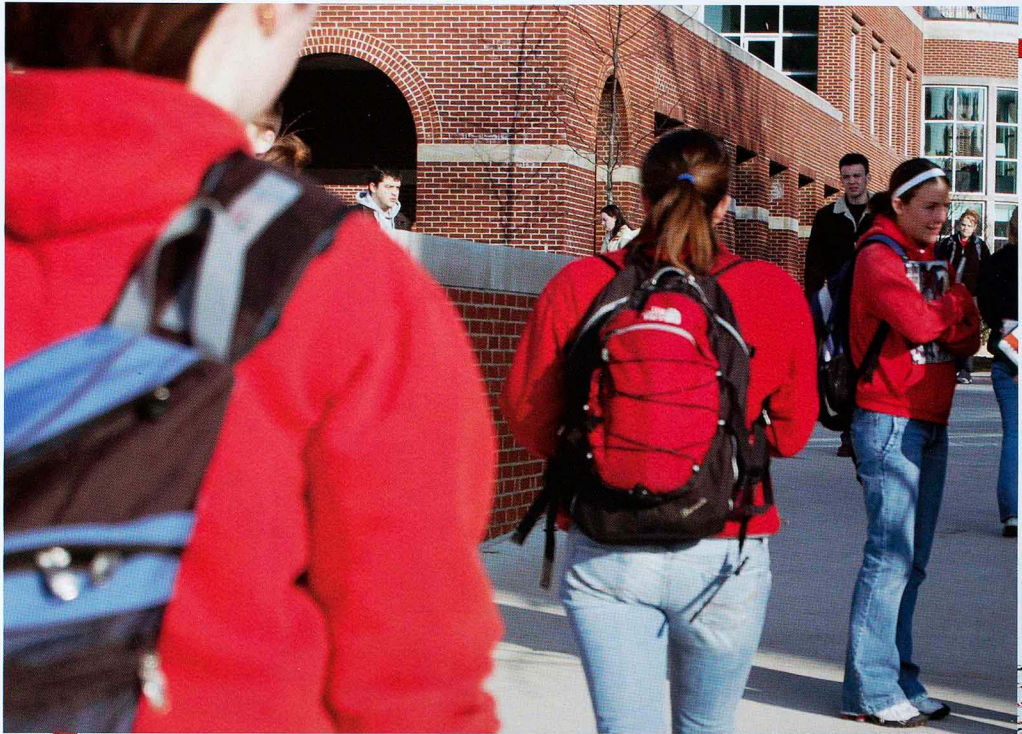
March of 2006 saw dramatic weather fluctuations. Students returning from spring break came back to a winter wonderland after a snowstorm hit Kirksville. Once residents grew accustomed to the chilly weather, a new surprise appeared in the form of warm sunshine. The snow melted, and temperatures rose to jacket-wearing weather. This climate reversal kept residents on their toes, wondering if it would suddenly snow overnight again. After a few weeks of spring-like weather, however, heavy winter coats retired to the back of the closets, and short sleeves and flip-flops emerged as it became clear that spring had sprung.

Photos by Emmy Thomson





Photos by Erin Hickman



Students dressed in red walk near Pickler Memorial Library. Throughout the day, touches of red on students could be seen all over campus. Photos by Erin Hickman



A banner about women's heart disease reminds the campus to wear red on Feb. 3. The banners told various stories about women's battles with health problems.



Organizers of the University's National Wear Red Day huddle around a table publicizing the issue. Wear Red Day raised awareness of women's heart disease.

# Paint Campus Red

National Wear Red Day came at an inopportune time in 2006.

On Feb. 3, frigid temperatures forced Truman State University students to cover up with winter coats, but support persevered as everyone seemed to have patches of red peeking out from under their cold-weather gear.

"I wish I had a red coat, but I've got my red sweater that's hiding," junior Dorothy Matta said.

Matta, along with other student advisers, organized Wear Red Day on campus. They called upon members of the University community to wear the color red all day to raise awareness and unite in support of women living with heart disease.

Junior Malita Winge, a Ryle Hall student adviser, said she thought college would be a good time to alert more people of the severity of heart disease.

"It starts with us," Winge said. "What we do now affects us later in life."

Junior Laura Casey, a student adviser in Grim Hall, emphasized the importance of getting people to learn more about how to prevent heart disease.

"Promoting awareness does a lot," Casey said. "You can decrease your chances of heart disease by something like 89 percent by changing to a healthy lifestyle."

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute had launched National Wear Red Day as part of "The Heart Truth" campaign in 2003 after researchers discovered heart disease to be the No. 1 cause of death in women. In 2005, Winge said she had been shocked to learn the statistics about women's heart disease in *Glamour* magazine.

"I always thought breast cancer was the No. 1 killer of women," she said. "When I saw the actual numbers, I wondered how people did not know about this."

Inspired by the follow-up article, Winge decided to bring the event to the University. She recruited about three volunteers from each of the six residence halls on campus to encourage student participation.

"The first day of classes we had a meeting about what I wanted to do, what they wanted to do," Winge said. "Everyone's been helping out. We've all been working together to make it easier."

The group created six banners, each relaying a testimony from different women suffering from heart disease. These banners rotated among the different residence halls each night, giving residents of each hall an opportunity to read a new testimony every day of the week.

The group also handed out red heart-shaped fliers on the Quad the day before the event. Winge said she thought distributing fliers on the Quad proved most successful in getting people to wear red the next day. Junior Dan Mooney said he learned about the event through these fliers.

"Yesterday a girl handed me a red heart-shaped flier about awareness for women, and it sounded like a good idea," Mooney said. "So today I wore a red shirt."

On Feb. 3, the event organizers braved the chilly temperatures and stationed themselves on the Quad with tables displaying the banners that had hung in the residence halls earlier that week. They collected donations from people for Women with Heart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease.

"If I get one person to realize that this is a big problem, then our job has been done," Winge said. "If we raise money, then that's great, too. If we reach more people, then that's great, too."

After the planning and promoting, students and faculty did not disappoint. They showed up on campus in every shade of red. Some had even picked out their red ensemble days before.

"We have seen a lot of people wearing red, so that's exciting," Matta said. "I reminded some residents last night to wear red, and they told me they had their outfits ready."

Freshman Elizabeth Koballa said she decided to participate because she knew women through her church who suffered from the disease.

"Seeing it in my life and then being able to help with it is important to me," Koballa said.

Even faculty members dressed for the occasion. Diane Tobin Johnson, assistant professor of communication, arrived on campus wearing a red blazer. She said this cause was important to her because the disease had affected both her mother and her friend.

Matta said she wanted to establish National Wear Red Day as a yearly event on the University's campus.

"If I can get enough people to help me out, I would like to do something like this again," she said.

Making National Wear Red Day a tradition would continue to unite students and faculty in a single cause, further promoting awareness of a disease that has affected many Americans.

--Erin Musko

# 10 Sexual Positions

For days, Truman State University buzzed with speculation about the "10 Sexual Positions" presentation advertised for Sept. 15, 2005.

"[My] first initial reaction when seeing the posters was that there would be some slight chance that they might actually be giving you tips in bed," freshman Tony Dwiggins said.

The program remained as secretive as possible about its actual focus up until the show began. Junior Twink Pham, the coordinator of "10 Sexual Positions," wanted to draw in as many people as possible in a creative way, and she succeeded. Roughly 60 people attended the presentation.

"Anytime a student adviser plans something, it's a success if you just get that many students there," said presenter Brenda Higgins of the Student Health Center. "That's rather unusual."

The presentation itself addressed not the act of sex, but rather perspectives, or "positions," on sex.

"I wanted to do something that was really out there," Pham said.

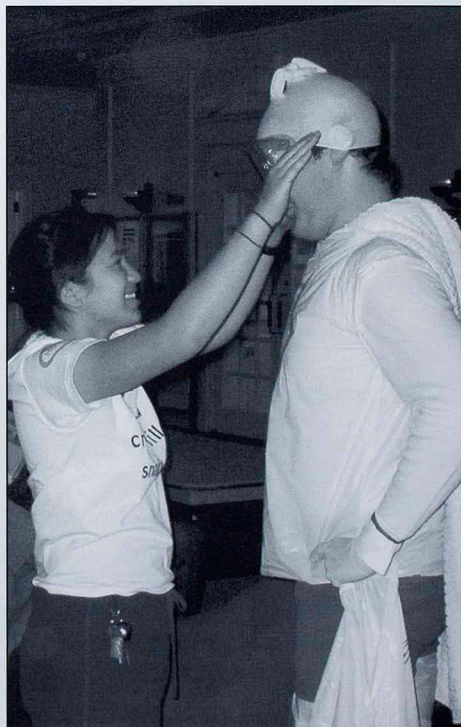
She said she chose presenters to utilize resources on campus as well as in the community. Some of the presenters hailed from Planned Parenthood, University Counseling Services and the University health center.

"[The presenters] kind of led us down the right path on decision-making so we could kind of make a good decision," Dwiggins said. "It wasn't, you know, 'we're making the decision for you, so here it is.'"

After the initial presentation, the audience members had the opportunity to talk to the different representatives on sexual points of view.

Most of the students chose to go to the safe sex hands-on presentation given by the Student Public Health Association. These representatives showed how to put on a condom correctly, allowing audience members to participate. They also talked about other types of contraceptives, from the birth control pill to the morning-after pill and beyond.

A few students did opt to speak with other presenters, asking



Junior Twink Pham adjusts the hat of Condom Man, also known as J.C. Scholfield. Scholfield creatively distributed condoms to the audience by tossing them to the crowd. Photos by Emmy Thomson

questions about their areas of expertise.

"They had a lot of information there for a wide range of people,"

Dwiggins said.

Dwiggins and Phil Jorn of UCS agreed students were hesitant to speak to them in that type of setting.

"They want more confidentiality when they're talking about a sensitive issue like sex," Jorn said.

A fun aspect of the presentation was Condom Man, also known as sophomore J.C. Scholfield.

"I think [Condom Man] visited you before you could visit him,"

Dwiggins said.

Scholfield dressed up in translucent trash bags to imitate actual condoms. He ran through the audience, tossing condoms and speaking about safe sex.

"It was a more amusing way to pass them out, the condoms I had gotten to distribute," Pham said.

Scholfield said that after the presentation he did have requests for condoms.

"I had requests, not in a funny sense, but in an, 'I need some condoms. Do you have any more? I didn't grab any' [sense]," Scholfield said. "I had notes all over my door."

Overall, the presentation was a great accomplishment, but Pham stated that room existed for improvement.

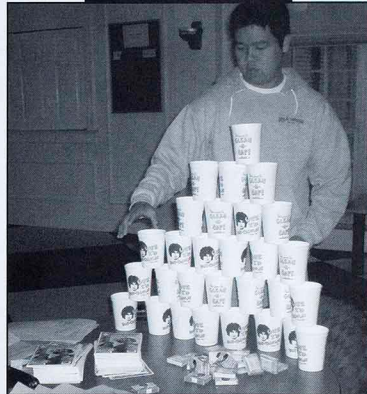
"I want to make some changes and lay out an outline and hopefully someone will pick it up and do it again next year," Pham said.

Both students and presenters stressed the program's importance. The title helped get students interested, which helped them become more informed.

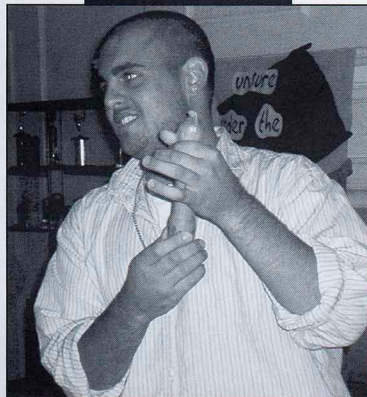
"Sex is one of those things that everybody wants to talk about or should talk about," Pham said. "It's just providing the opportunity, and I hope that with this program that I've given that opportunity."

Scholfield summed up an important message of the presentation by eloquently stating: "Don't be a fool – wrap your tool. It's not nice to wrap it twice!"

--*Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor*



Senior Charlie Miu sets up a table with plastic cups free to the audience. The cups had information on safe sex printed on them.



Using a dildo, junior Shady Hawatmeh demonstrates to the audience the proper way to put a condom on a penis. Audience members were encouraged to practice using the contraceptive.

# Bibbity-Boppity-Ballet



Senior Emily Maulin dances in the Cinderella Ballet. Maulin played the part of Rival No. 1 in the production.  
Photos by Grace Mattie



Senior Emmie Pettit performs in the Cinderella Ballet. Pettit's character was Rival No. 2.

Once upon a time in a small town in northeast Missouri, a group of theatrical performers came together to deliver a show quite like the one titled "Cinderella." Yet the vision that senior producer Rosie Higgins had in mind differed greatly from the vision that the typical young girl would have of this epic fairytale. With a leap of faith, Higgins brought forth a show that left the audience in Truman State University's Baldwin Auditorium questioning what it really meant to live happily ever after.

As a requirement for Theatre 481-Independent Study, Higgins had to prepare a show for credit. After considering options such as "The Little Mermaid" and "The Inferno," Higgins and senior choreographer Tiffany Nelson chose "Cinderella" due to restrictions on cast members. But Higgins wanted to perform a completely new idea: a punk ballet rendition.

"I wanted to give people an alternate view of Cinderella," Higgins said. "This performance is based more on the German version of the story."

Higgins began planning at the conclusion of the spring 2005 semester for the show and realized cast members had to be available throughout the summer. Because of this, most of the 14-member cast resided in Kirksville during the summer. Practice began in June and lasted until the end of the summer.

While Higgins primarily designed costumes, Nelson mainly choreographed and staged the characters. Higgins and Nelson worked together to select music for the show.

Senior Kim Ferrell said the music could not have worked better for the overall atmosphere of the show.

"The music guided my emotions," Ferrell said. "It acted as a narrator for the show."

Nelson said the music also guided the choreography.

"I'm not the type to choreograph with an eight-beat," Nelson said. "I just listen to the music and do whatever comes to me."

As show time inched nearer, Higgins' stress carried the rest of the cast. During Truman Week, the cast practiced for hours on end. Nelson advertised the show throughout campus, and the rest of the cast spread the word through friends. By the time classes started, almost every University organization knew about the show.

Higgins, however, had no idea.

"I just thought that our friends and family would come," Higgins said.

Fortunately, the cast's hard work paid off. The show succeeded in inspiring a 400-person turnout. At that point, Higgins's nervousness kicked into high gear. She knew the show would have to be great. And it was.

Coming into the show, Ferrell had an idea of what the show would be, but she was just as surprised as everyone else.

"It takes actually being there and experiencing the work as a whole," Ferrell said. "I knew what the music would be like, and I knew what the dancing would be like, but seeing it together was a whole different thing."

The two-act show consisted of eight scenes and five characters that most resembled the original story: Cindy, Mr. Charming, the Fairy Godqueen, Rival No. 1 and Rival No. 2, played by senior Leigh Chaves, senior Ben Knoll, senior Alex Murphy, graduate student Emily Maulin and senior Emmie Pettit, respectively. The other cast members who filled the roles of the chorus, choreographers and hairdressers included senior Krista Garcia, senior Matt

Kemp, sophomore Greg Wisa, junior Joshua Holt, senior Dana Garner, senior Hannah Smith and senior Lindsey Welker.

The show started out featuring a content Cindy prancing around with nothing to worry about until she noticed that Mr. Charming invited two attractive girls to a party. In Scene II, Cindy entered a hip punk party still dressed in her ordinary clothes and quickly experienced a feeling of displacement. As a result, Cindy exited the party instantly, and a friend of Mr. Charming followed her. In Scene III, this friend became known as Cindy's personal Fairy Godqueen, and he gives her a whole new punk wardrobe and attitude. With a fresh start, Cindy entered Scene IV by showing the crowd that she too could be what everyone thought she could not be. In an effort to impress Mr. Charming, the rivals stole his attention, and an upset Cindy exited the party yet again after picking a fight with Rival No. 1. Seeking help, the Fairy Godqueen convinced Cindy to kill Rival No. 1 through voodoo magic in Scene V. In her last breaths, Rival No. 1 danced to her death outside of the party in Scene VI.

In the second act, Scene VII started with Cindy picking on Rival No. 2, which led to a dance-off. Before this took place, however, the Fairy Godqueen switched the rival's shoes and awaited her failure. During the dance-off, Rival No. 2 continued to fall as the audience watched the Fairy Godqueen intervene from the sidelines. Inevitably, Cindy won the heart of Mr. Charming, and the two were engaged to be married at the conclusion of Scene VIII.

The silence of the audience at the end of the show suggested completely shocked and pressed-for-words attitudes, a silence that Higgins hoped for. If Higgins could have wished for one response to the show, it would have been that one, she said. With silence comes thought, and with thought comes the consideration of alternate viewpoints, which was the main goal of Higgins as well as the cast.

--Grace Mattie, Assistant Photography Editor



Senior Leigh Chaves, who plays the part of Cindy, and senior Emily Maulin dance during scene four. This scene, "Ball No. II," involved Cindy and the two rivals both vying for Mr. Charming's affection.

# Dear Xanga ...

**Name:**

Spike the Bulldog

**Birthday:**

September 2, 1915

**Gender:**

Male

**Location:**

Kirksville

**Interests:**

Truman State University

**Expertise:**

School spirit

**Occupation:**

Mascot

**B**logrings, eProps, subscriptions, skins, feedback logs and premium membership made up the world of Xanga online journals. From posting to stalking, Truman State University students used Xanga for a variety of purposes.

Entries ranged in topic from school to politics, and students said they appreciated the opportunity to post their thoughts and read other people's journals. Many agreed it helped clear their minds.

"It is a way for me to write stories that happened to me during the day or vent my anger or just someone to talk to or write to," sophomore Sarah Morley said.

Junior Brandon Foster used Xanga for similar reasons.

"I used to use it as a way to express my feelings," he said.

Junior Lucy Eberhard used Xanga more in the summer to cure her boredom, and her usage varied with her mood. She said she enjoyed Xanga's easy access to information about other people's lives.

"It's something like Facebook with its easy access, and I like people, and [with Xanga] I learn what's going on with them," Eberhard said. "It gives people something to do, like it's kind of an escape from reality."

Some users found alternate uses for their Xangas, such as an opportunity to showcase their creativity. With different colors, fonts and backgrounds to choose from, various features of the online journal could provide hours of entertainment.

"The headlines are my favorite part," Eberhard said. "Mine are normally song lyrics. The way it looks is an expression of myself in a way."

Others continued to use Xanga for its communication assistance.

"A lot of people seem to vent negative feelings and let it out on Xanga," junior Kaycee Swigelson said. "It's an interesting aspect of human nature to read it."

A variety of Web sites began competing for students' attention throughout the year. For instance, Foster stopped using Xanga as much because of Facebook, another addictive Internet activity. Students found themselves having to limit their use of these journals.

Swigelson, for example, had to apply substantial will power to curb urges to update frequently.

"I usually update when something big happens, not daily if I can help it," she said. "I'm not obsessed with Xanga itself, but I'm obsessed with keeping up with friends. [Xanga provides] an easy way to do it and procrastinate."

Morley, who usually updated her Xanga five times a week, experienced similar urges. She said she easily spent one to two hours a day on Xanga.

"I check it obsessively, like numerous times a day," Morley said. "I love to get comments and stuff, in which most cases I don't. People just read it, but it's a good way to procrastinate."

Xanga became a pastime for some after they browsed through the Truman State University blogging. Blogrings were online groups that connected users to others with similar interests. If Xanga users liked what they saw, they could subscribe to other journals. Each time a person updated his or her Xanga, subscribers automatically received an e-mail that included that writer's latest post.

Not every loyal reader of a Xanga was a subscriber, however.

"I have certain [Xangas] that I just read," Foster said. "I won't subscribe to them, but I will find them again when they update."

For many users, an almost-unspoken rulebook existed for proper Xanga etiquette.

"I don't like putting random comments on other people's Xangas," Foster said. "I

don't mind if random people comment on mine as long as it's appropriate."

Swigelson had a reason for keeping her Xanga as private as she could.

"I think it's extremely scary that anyone can know where you are at any time of the day," Swigelson said. "I usually try to keep [my Xanga] as anonymous as possible. I try to keep it with just friends."

Others, like Morley, did not have a problem with the occasional random reader.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Morley said. "I think it's fun. Some of the things I write I don't take seriously, so it'd be cool to see what they thought."

The idea of commenting on other people's Xangas sounded intriguing to Morley as well.

"I never write on random people's Xangas or read them, but I think it would be cool if I did that, and they didn't think I was a stalker, and we could meet up," she said.

Many Internet sites used Xanga's stalker-like nature to their advantage by creating trackers for journals that allowed readers to know who visited their site.

"I have a counter on my Web site, but I don't like [Xanga trackers] because most people know Xanga is a site for stalkers, so they know they're going to have strangers come to their site," Morley said. "It's better not to know."

Although some Xanga users took their usage to extremes, the site was not all bad. Eberhard refuted the misconception that Xanga users only enjoyed writing about themselves for their own benefit.

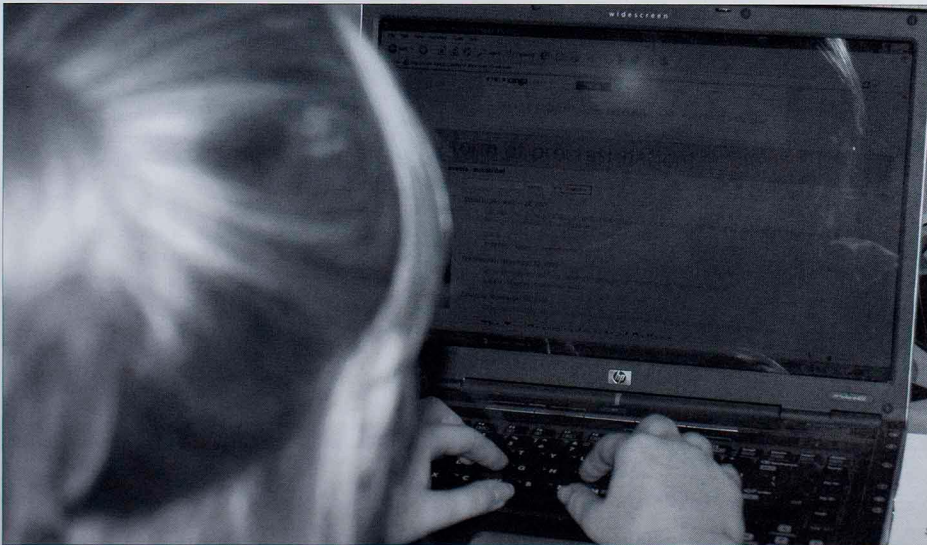
"I don't like when people think, 'Oh, they just want to write about themselves,'" Eberhard said. "I think the majority of people that use it aren't like that."

Because Xanga provided an outlet for users to express their feelings, keep in touch with friends and escape boredom, students flocked to the popular and quite addictive online journal. For some, however, it might have been only a temporary craze.

"I was sucked into it because someone else was, and it's sort of an exponentially growing fad that I'm sure will pass," Swigelson said. "But because I'm in college, I have a need to procrastinate."

With a 652-member (and counting) Truman State University blogging, the Xanga craze didn't seem to be over quite yet.

--Katie Monaghan



Sophomore Danielle Demarest browses on the Xanga Web site. Most loyal users checked their Web sites at least once a day.  
Photo by Grace Mattie

# No Pain, No Gain

They just kept going and going like the Energizer Bunny. They started with the stationary bikes or the elliptical machines, then the weights, then the mats and the track. These gym fanatics managed to spend hours working out at the Student Recreation Center no matter their class schedule or time of day.

Rec center workers juniors Lee Spain and Katie Green said they identified a lot of the students and faculty who came in during their shifts.

"We recognize so many people," Spain said. "We know where to get their ID from the [equipment check-out] box, and [we] have it ready for them before they even get all the way to the desk."

Green said that sometimes she even knew to have towels or other things ready for certain students.

One of those students was junior Shea Cleveland, who said he worked out five times a week, with two days of cardio and three days of weightlifting. Being on a program helped Cleveland keep his workouts regular, he said. Sometimes, however, he said it was important to break the mold.

"It depends on my mood, but if there are a lot of people I know there, I'd rather get into a basketball or soccer game, even though most of the time I lift weights," Cleveland said.

By providing programs, activities and services for students, faculty and staff, the rec center contributed to the mental and physical health of its patrons. It promoted exercise and a healthy lifestyle, which the gym fanatics strove to achieve.

Although classes and other obligations interfered with working out, these gym fanatics tried to make it to the rec center as much as possible. Sophomore Philip Schaefer said he frequented the facility at least three times a week and worked out even more when time allowed.

"The rec center is a great place to have fun, stay in shape and to just de-stress from the day," Schaefer said. "It's a place I spend a lot of time, and I would spend more [time here] if I could."

Although students made up the largest portion of rec center users, Spain said he noticed that a number of faculty members came during the day in between their classes. Spain said University varsity athletes, however, used the gym in Pershing Building, so workers rarely saw athletes working out at the rec center.

The rec center offered a variety of activities, which made it easy to do something different every day. Whether biking, running, lifting or taking a class, these gym fanatics managed to stick to a regular schedule that allowed them to do their favorite activity. Schaefer said his favorites included weightlifting, impromptu basketball games and soccer.

"I love the competitive nature of scrimmages," he said.

Rec center workers like Green often worked out there in their free time. Green and Spain said they each worked out about five times a week. Spain did cardio training and lifted weights, and Green ran and taught an aerobics class.

Spain said working at the rec center made it easier to work out because he was already there.

"I know everyone here, so I guess it's kind of fun," he said. "And I am a health science major, so I try to lead by example."

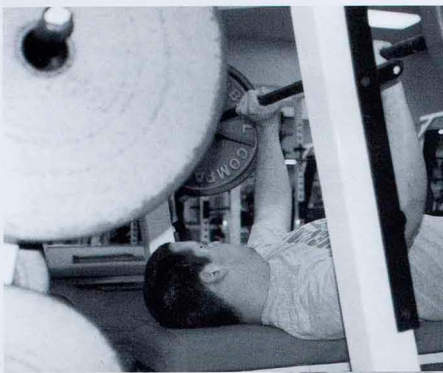
The rec center also promoted team sports and group activities. Friends, residence halls, sorority sisters and fraternity members formed intramural teams and signed up to play. Sophomore Christa Solari played on the intramural Meese soccer team that a friend created.

Solari shared the benefits the rec center provided for her.

"It's an amazing feeling to play on an intramural sports team at the rec center because you have all the stress from college, but then you go play in that room and let all that frustration out while exercising and playing with your friends," Solari said.

The variety of activities offered, paired with its convenience, made the rec center a popular hangout for the many gym fanatics who took advantage of what the facility had to offer.

--Lauren Miller, Photography Editor

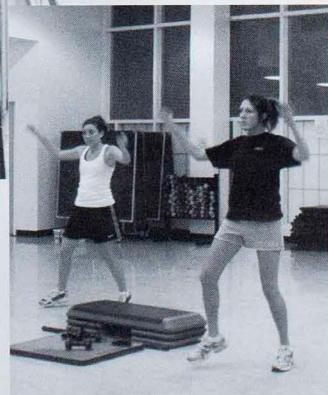


**Left:** Freshman Nick Genthon lifts weights in the rec center weight room. Many different kinds of weight equipment were available at the rec for anyone's use.  
**Photos by Kate Gallen**

**Right:** Junior Megan Vescovo works out on an elliptical machine. Elliptical machines and other cardiovascular equipment were available on the jogging track above the basketball courts.



**Right:** Seniors Jackie Lopez and Kara Hartwig exercise in the aerobics room on the second floor of the rec center. Classes ranged from Tae Kwon Do to Step to Cardio Hip Hop and were offered throughout the day.



# Residents Go Bananas

In the beginning, only the Bulldogs represented Truman State University. Then, a residence hall decided to create its own mascot, and a tradition was born. Residence halls began selecting individual mascots to promote unity within the hall. In 2005, Centennial Hall adopted a new mascot that fit nicely with its signature yellow color: the banana. Bernie Boshiqua Banana was the most recent successor to a long line of mascots, including banana slugs, sea monkeys and regular monkeys.

"We've had different mascots in the past, but they haven't been stable mascots," said student adviser junior Amy Bechen.

Student advisers in Centennial recognized that the time had come to decide on an official mascot. Bechen said the banana was a "spur-of-the-moment mascot." The SAs were debating about what would be an appropriate mascot that students would find interesting when SA junior Grant Tower told the group that he owned a six-foot tall stuffed banana.

"Everyone thought it was a joke, but it stuck, and everyone loved it," said Centennial Hall Director Michael Houlahan.

Junior Christine Novak, who lived in Centennial Hall, said the mascot choice amused her.

"Having a banana as a mascot is just a really funny idea," she said.

Naming the banana took even more time than deciding to inaugurate it.

"We had all been debating for a week and a half what to name it, and we came up with the craziest names that start with B," Bechen said. "[Bernie and Boshiqua] were the two most popular, so we just decided to put them together because we couldn't pick just one of them."

Loyalty to Bernie grew very quickly during Truman Week. Centennial Hall had more first-year residents than it ever had before, and they took the new mascot to heart.

"For Truman Week, we use the mascots from year to year to get the residents excited ... [it's] kind of a unity thing," Houlahan said.

Some freshmen even went as far as to buy small fake bananas of their own at Wal-Mart for 99 cents.

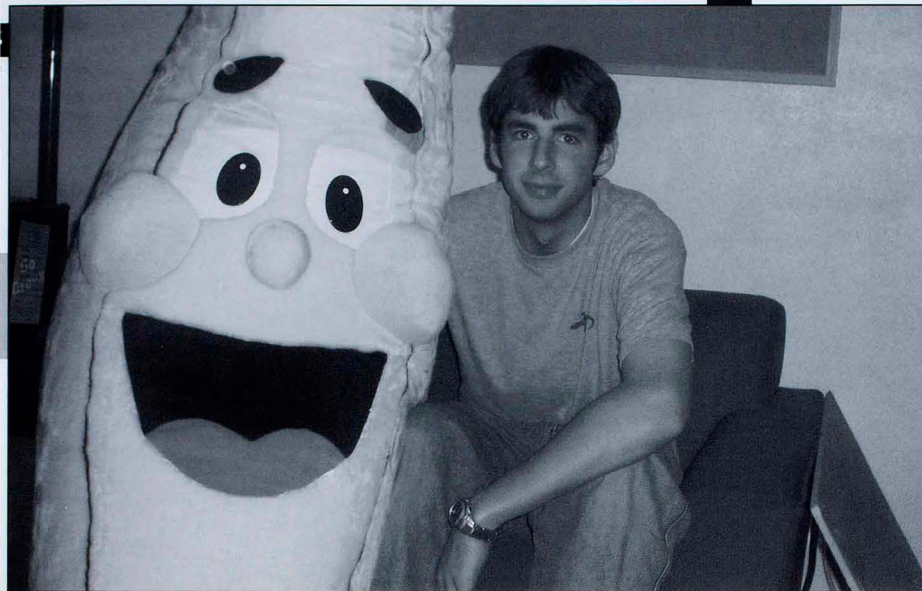
Banana fever swept the campus, even to the point of attempted theft.

"[During Truman Week] we had a lot of people wanting to come kidnap our banana, so we have a lot of people who are very protective of the banana," Bechen said.

The loyalty and spirit that the freshmen showed toward the new mascot and the residence hall were an exciting change for the SAs, who hoped to change the image of their hall. Centennial Hall typically had not been viewed as the most spirited hall.

"It's known to be the upperclassman building that doesn't show up to a lot of things, so we're working on getting our spirit higher," Bechen said. "We have more freshmen here than usual, so that's kind of helping us out."

Bernie Boshiqua Banana was most visible at the Truman Week Lip Sync competition, where he appeared on stage



Bernie Boshiqua Banana sits with his owner, junior Grant Tower. Bernie joined the Centennial staff after student advisers decided to create a hall mascot.  
Photo by Evangeline McMullen

with the SAs. Other hall mascots, including the Ryle whale and the first residence hall mascot, Dobson's toaster "Dobber," joined the six-foot smiling banana. While other halls jeered at each other's mascots with old chants of "burned toast!" and "beached whale!", Centennial residents showed off some new cheers.

"My staff did a really good job of coming up with some Centennial Hall cheers for Truman Week activities," Houlahan said. "I think once they got that involved they were more proud to have a banana as a mascot."

Unfortunately, the upperclassmen in Centennial Hall did not bond as strongly with the new mascot.

"As the upperclassmen came in, they heard about it, but I don't know if it's a big thing for them," Houlahan said.

Novak said she saw a class difference as well.

"The freshmen seem to know a lot more about it," Novak said. "I don't know much about it, but it does seem like a fun idea."

Centennial Hall staff members said they hoped loyalty would build each year as residents who enjoyed the mascot as freshmen returned to the hall as upperclassmen.

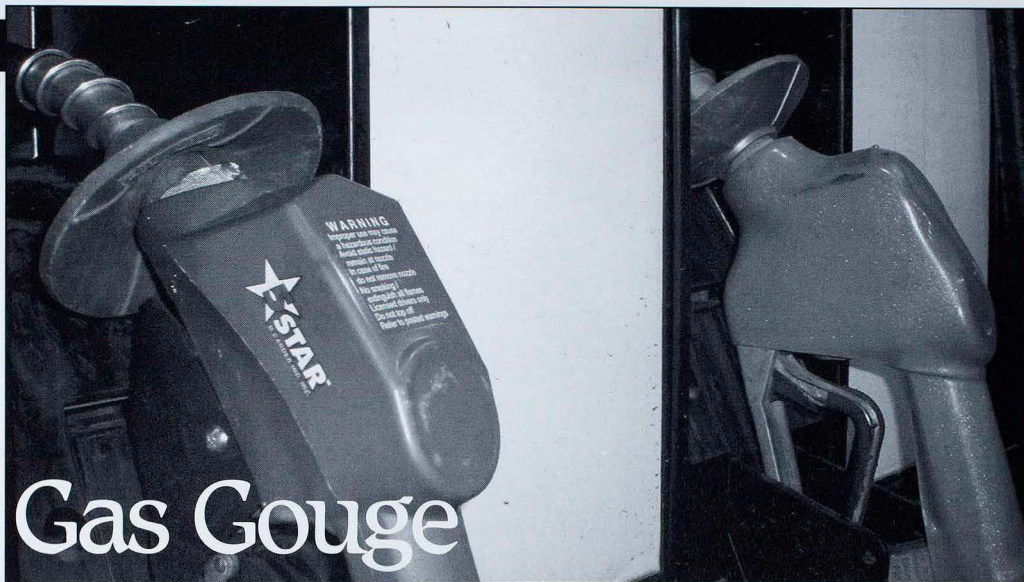
"I'll do my best to work to keep it because consistency and tradition-building over the years is really good for the hall," Houlahan said. "I think we'll try to incorporate it, kind of like Dobber has been incorporated [in Dobson]."

Even if the mascot was not destined to be Centennial's mascot forever, 2005-06 in Centennial certainly was the year of the banana.

--Erin Collins



Junior Amy Bechen hugs Bernie outside Centennial. Bechen was one of the student advisers who chose Bernie as the hall's mascot.  
Photo by Grace Mattie



# Gas Gouge

Gas prices rocketed in Fall 2005. This was mainly due to supply and demand, but other factors were involved. Hurricanes damaged some refining capacity in August and September, cutting supply and raising prices.

Photos by Danielle Stacy

**H**igh gas prices in the fall of 2005 left Truman State University students searching their cars for pennies, and sometimes there just were not even enough pennies to go around.

Sophomore Chris Reams said he disliked the gas prices and believed they were unnecessarily high.

"A lot of [company owners] just take advantage of a small price increase on the barrel price, and when that price goes down, they don't relay that decrease back to consumers," Reams said.

Not all students felt the pressure of high gas prices, however, and said they understood why the prices increased throughout the year.

"I think that it is a necessary consequence of what's happening around the world," freshman Elise Walck said.

A harsh hurricane season contributed significantly to high gas prices. Hurricane Katrina damaged several oil refineries in the Gulf of Mexico, reducing supply and causing prices to rise above \$3 per gallon in some areas.

Of course, nobody liked the expensive gas prices, no matter the cause, so students weighed the cost of travel carefully.

"I'm only going home two times a semester," junior Josh Cannon said. "If I go home, I just have to work to break even."

A variety of other options helped students cope with the financial strain of gas prices. Reams's parents helped him cover the costs of driving home. At school, Reams only drove when necessary, and he also decided to cut out short drives. Walck also practiced these methods.

"I definitely have driven less, because I know that it costs more to do so," Walck said.

The high gas prices led some students to consider alternative modes of transportation. Walck preferred getting some exercise and fresh air as an alternative, while Cannon considered biking.



Late in the fall 2005 semester, gas prices began to drop, as gas was \$2.10 per gallon in this photo. Costs had topped \$3 in August and September.

"I actually went to one of the [University Recycling Services'] surplus auctions to get a bike," Cannon said.

Unfortunately for Cannon, there were no bikes for sale at that auction.

Reams, on the other hand, said he had not really looked into other options.

"I'm pretty dependent on my truck, and everything out here is pretty far away if you're going to drive to it," Reams said.

Students contemplated possible solutions to the problem. Reams advocated gas conservation.

"I definitely think that people shouldn't drive as much," Reams said. "I mean, the more people who use gas, the higher [the price] is going to go."

Fortunately, in mid-October, gas prices declined slightly, much to everyone's delight.

"I like that [gas prices are] going back down a little bit," Walek said.

--Sarah Carter, Assistant Organizations Editor



Junior Jeremy West pumps gas for the drive home at Thanksgiving break. Truman students were affected by the high gas prices because they needed to go home for breaks, but the expensive cost was a hindrance.

# Lights, Camera, Action

The directors, actors and other film enthusiasts hidden within the student body had an opportunity to demonstrate their talents at the Residential College Program's first-ever student-produced film festival "Frame Your Experience." The premiere was the culmination of three long weeks of acting, filming and editing for the eight participating teams, who were competing for valuable prizes provided by Apple Computers.

A panel of students, faculty and staff determined the three winning films before the premiere, which took place Sept. 29 in the Student Union Building. The judging criteria included creativity, videography, editing, acting quality, soundtrack and story. Students who attended the festival voted for the Audience Choice Award, which was not announced until after the premiere. Most of the movies were comedies, but all incorporated humor into some aspect of the film. With so many funny entries, the films' creators needed to develop ways to distinguish their movies from the others. Junior Tyler Phillippi, who directed the film "Late Work" and won the Audience Choice Award, attributed his film's success partially to its individuality.

"We had a couple kind of editing things, little tricks that I think were unique to ours, and I think that that in the end put us over with the audience more," Phillippi said. "Ours was just kind of lighthearted, and I think that anything [one] can do to add uniqueness to it would be smart. I think that that makes it entertaining."

The judging panel agreed with Phillippi and awarded his film second place. The first place prize, which consisted of an iPod with speakers, was awarded to "A Day in the Life," produced by senior Brian Rose. The documentary-style film chronicled the expenses incurred during one day in the life of a typical Truman State University student and went on to criticize the excessive spending of the Student Activities Board and Student Senate. In the movie, Rose made sure to offer evidence that backed up his criticism.

"I didn't want to get accused of being a Michael Moore who distorts everything, so I basically set a rule that I am only going to use stuff that I can verify and that I can find records for," Rose said. "I guess I [wanted to] get people kind of motivated. I basically hoped people would say, you know, 'Hey, these people are taking vacations on our money.' It did take that extra step of actually trying to educate and have people get something out of it."



Above and right: Video editing equipment in The Teaching and Learning Technology Center in Pickler Memorial Library. Students had free access to any of the multimedia software and equipment in the Center.

Photos by Evangeline McMullen





Not all of the students involved in the festival chose to create films for educational purposes. Many wanted a venue through which other students could see their creativity at work.

"An iPod probably would've been nice," Phillippi said. "But when we got there and sat down, talking to [junior] Gabe [Baker], we realized that the thing we wanted most was just that the movie be received well, and I was very pleased with the response."

Other experienced students saw the festival as an opportunity to try something new in filmmaking.

"This was kind of a fun project where I could sort of just throw all the structure out the window," Rose said. "It taught me a little more about trying to do a film under a short timeline."

With such limited time available, the filmmakers needed to find cast members quickly, so some actors got involved to support fellow students.

"I participated in it because my friend [sophomore] Andrew [Richmond] was making a movie and he came by and said, 'Hey, you guys want to be in a movie?'" sophomore Brad Meisner said. "I've always enjoyed acting and stuff. I've acted in like a school play before, not in a movie."

Providing the opportunity for such new experiences was part of the RCP's goal in creating the festival.

"I approached [Dean of Residential College Program] Marty Eisenberg with the idea, and with my help we were able to get it off the ground," said Blake Larson, Apple Computers campus representative. "It's a chance for people to get their hands on the Apple technology, create a movie, and just see if they like it or not."

Not only did the festival expose the participants to the art of filmmaking, but it also provided two hours of unique entertainment for the rest of the student body. The festival was a precursor to the SUB's new weekly late-night event series designed to occupy night owls on campus. In spite of the fact that the festival was late on a very chilly Thursday night, more than 200 students crowded in for the event. So many people came to see the films that the festival had to be relocated to the Georgian Room to accommodate everyone. The students were excited to see what their peers had produced.

"I like film festivals that are done by amateurs in general, and it sounded like a lot of fun," freshman Amber Jones said. "It was also cool that I might know some of the people in it. I really enjoyed a lot of the films, and a lot of them I thought were really professionally done, and you could tell people put a lot of effort into [them], so I was very impressed as well. You can tell that there's a lot of talent here at our school."

--Lauren Walter



A still frame from "Late Work," a movie created by junior Tyler Phillippi. The film won the Audience Choice Award and second place overall.  
Photo submitted



# Truman Live!

The Student Activities Board decided to spice up the display of students' talents by ditching Lakeside, an SAB-sponsored skit competition among different organizations, and replacing it with a new and refreshing event. SAB presented its first individual student talent show, Truman Live, on March 3, 2006.

"What we wanted to do was change it up a little, so our committee brainstormed, and we thought that a talent show would be a good replacement because it would still be a thing that utilizes students' talents, even more so actually than Lakeside, and that it would get all the students involved," said junior Bonnie Treichel, SAB productions committee chairwoman.

To draw a larger number of students to the performance, SAB offered gift certificates to audience members as door prizes. It also made the show a competition in which performers vied with one another for prizes. The organizers hoped not only to make the show more interesting for the viewers but also to entice performers to try out for the event.

"The prize for the actual winner was \$100 to Ticketmaster.com," Treichel said. "We gave a trophy for first, second and third, and four certificates for Most Unique Talent, things like that."

The prospect of these rewards attracted many performers to the auditions for the show. Twenty-five acts tried out for the 17 available time slots, which allowed the show's organizers to select an array of talent.

"I liked the variety," Treichel said. "The more variety, I think, the better, because it appeals to such a diverse audience. I think we had a good amount of diversity. More is always better."

Truman Live featured performances by several different types of vocalists and instrumentalists as well as more unusual talents such as traditional Irish dancing, belly dancing and a magic show. In certain cases, these less-common performances evoked a greater reaction from the audience.



**Right:** Sophomore Gary Hotchkiss performs a drum solo. Different musicians were showcased at the event.  
Photos by Jenn Sternecker



**Right:** Freshman Sarah Feeley displays her skill at Irish dancing. She wore authentic Irish dancing dress to add to the performance's flavor.

**Far Right:** Freshman Ashley Harrison demonstrates belly dancing at the talent show. This style of dance originated in the Middle East and Mediterranean areas and only came to the United States in 1876.





**Above:** University Swingers perform at Truman Live. Swing was a partner dance that emerged from related street dances.

"It's hard to find people who have talents other than singing because that's what a lot of people are good at," sophomore Heather Locke said. "The magic show [was my favorite performance] because I've watched [senior Makoto Hotta] do his tricks before, and it's cool. It's stuff that I can't do, and I'm impressed by it."

The same variety that made the show so interesting to watch made it difficult for the four judges to determine the competition's winner. The categories on which the judges focused were preparedness, stage presence, uniqueness, attire, audience reaction and overall talent, but the great differences among the acts made comparison difficult in some areas.

"It was amazing but so hard to judge because it was a variety," said sophomore Katie Shannon, one of the judges. "I thought it was really frustrating to judge, but I was just completely awestruck by the range of talent."

The enormous amount of skill evidenced by students also impressed the audience, the size of which greatly exceeded SAB's expectations. Expecting 700 to 800 attendees, it printed far too few programs for the crowd of about 950 students that eagerly squeezed into Baldwin Auditorium that night.

"We had a great turnout," Shannon said. "I was really impressed when we had a lot of people there, and then everyone stayed because after the first few acts you could tell that the talent was top-bar, and I think that the audience really appreciated that and really liked it. They really got into it."

The high attendance rate also excited the show's organizers, who felt that the talent show served its intended purpose.

"I was really excited to see so many students come out and support each other," Treichel said. "People go to see Homecoming and Greek Week, and they go to support big groups. It was great to see people come and support individuals. It was great crowd participation, great that they were supporting each other."

The performances fully engaged the entire crowd. Throughout the show, the audience demonstrated its enthusiasm through uproarious applause and interaction with the performers during certain acts. Many attendees realized for the first time how much talent existed at the University.

"It definitely exceeded my expectations," Shannon said. "I was expecting it to be sort of like the auditions for American Idol—a few amazing people and just average talent. We've got a lot of great talents that people just really never know about. It makes those talents shine. It was amazing."

--Lauren Walter

# Music To Our Ears

White was the new black.

Apple's iPod first became popular in 2001, but the groundbreaking mp3 player's popularity still was going strong in 2005 and 2006. From Pickler Memorial Library to the Student Recreation Center, one could see the ubiquitous white earbuds dangling from the ears of Truman State University students everywhere on campus.

Some students received the players as presents while others bought the must-have gadgets for themselves.

Sophomore Franklin Cline said he purchased his 20-gigabyte iPod from nationwide retailer Best Buy and was unaware of the educational discount Apple offered to post-secondary students and faculty.

"I got it right before the video iPod came out, like two or three months [before], and I'm really upset about that," he said. "I should have waited. I also didn't take advantage of the student discount because I didn't know you could get one."

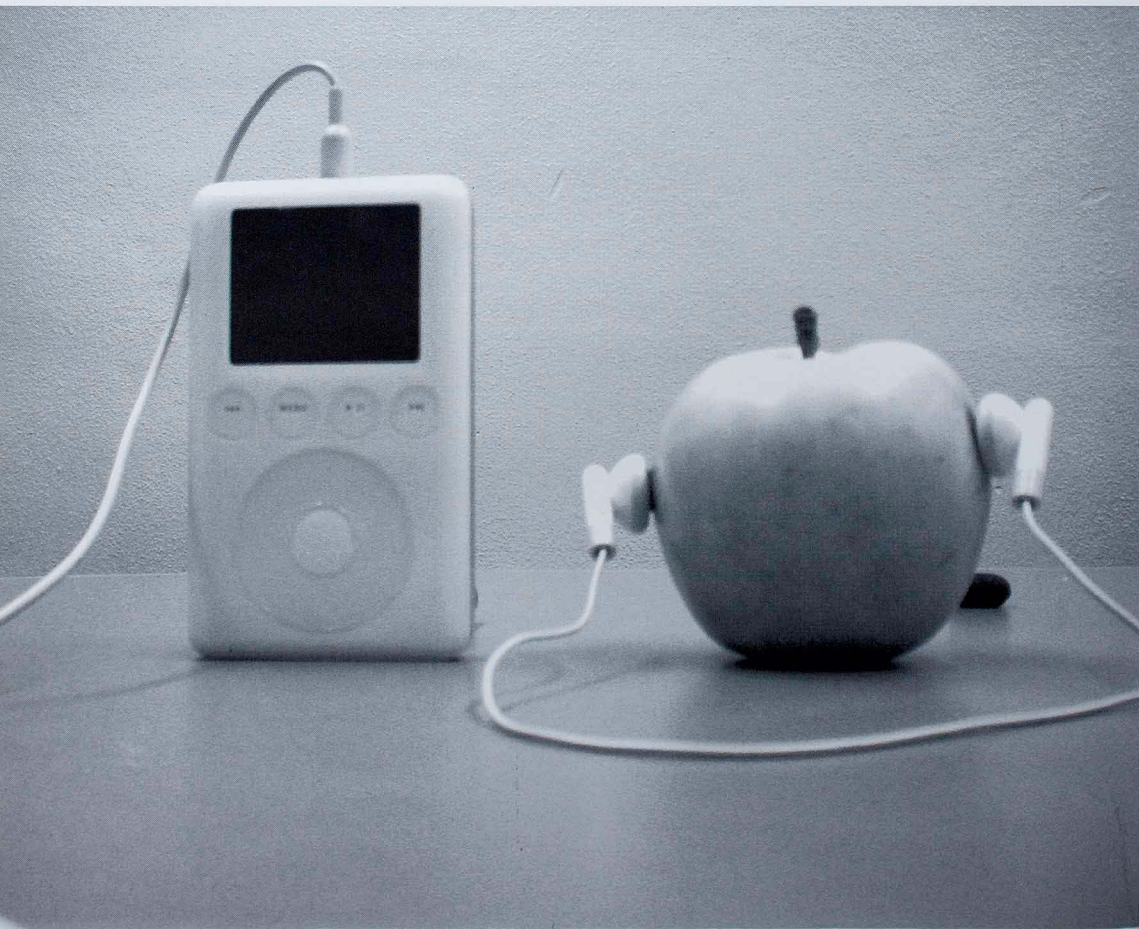
Cline said he developed an interest in owning an iPod after borrowing a friend's player and discovering its handiness.

"It was always the iPod," Cline said. "I didn't even look into other mp3 players."

Senior Catherine Happ's iPod came as a perk with another product she had purchased from Apple.

"I got a Mac two years ago, and [the iPod] came with a discount," she said. "I said, 'I'll take it.' I think I just got it because it came with [the computer]."

Students used the ultra-light players in a variety of ways. Cline said he took his everywhere he went.



"I use it to walk to campus and back, I use it whenever I'm in the library studying, I use it before I go to sleep sometimes," he said. "I bought an FM transmitter for it so I can use it in my car."

Others found the player to be useful while they sweated at the rec center.

"I use it when I'm working out — that's the main purpose," said junior Megan Wallace of her 20-gigabyte photo iPod. She added that she had noticed a lot of people at the rec center wearing armbands that held mp3 players.

With such heavy use, it was no surprise that some iPod owners required technical support for their players from time to time, but the occasional problem didn't appear to diminish students' love for their mp3 players.

"It freezes every now and then, but if you read the manual you know how to make it unfreeze," said junior Vivienne Creamer of her 20-gigabyte grayscale iPod. "No, I've never had any problems with my iPod, ever. I'm obsessed with it."

Cline said that despite having several replacements for his original player, he still intended to purchase one of the next generation of iPods.

"Actually, this is my third one," he said. "I've gone through like four or five cell phones though, too, so it's more a testament to my clumsiness than to the iPod itself."

Although the uses for the iPod varied, one could not help seeing a large number of students wearing the earbuds as they walked to and from classes on campus. Wallace said she also used it while she walked to class but admitted keeping the earphones in could be seen as off-putting.

"To me it can kind [of] be a way for people to say, 'Don't talk to me,'" she said.

Creamer took a different approach and said listening to music in public didn't have to isolate people.

"I think it has the potential to [isolate people], but I know that when I see people that I want to talk to I take my headphones off," she said. "... But I can definitely see how interpersonally it would ruin some facets of communication."

Cline echoed Creamer's point and said that if iPods had made people less social, he didn't see a problem with it.

"That whole argument — that's just the same as someone reading a book on the bus, you know what I mean?" he said. "You're just as unlikely to want to talk to other people, and it's not as if when I'm wearing my iPod I can't say hello to people I know when I walk by them. I'll take out my earphones if somebody wants to talk to me."

The familiar white earphones and player had sparked a huge trend, causing some people to buy an iPod to look hip. However, serious iPod owners expressed indignation at being thought of as mere followers of a trend.

"I certainly don't want people to think I have the iPod because I've really bought into a fad, like, I could care less," Cline said. "I have this because it's a really cool technological tool that allows me to take a ridiculous quantity of music wherever I go. I didn't buy it so people could see me wearing the earbuds."

With their distinctive color and mass appeal, however, the earbuds certainly could be and were seen all around the University in 2005 and 2006, and that most definitely was music to the wearers' ears.

--Evangeline McMullen, Managing Editor



Songs, pictures, podcasts and videos can be stored on iPods. The world of iPods always saw innovations that brought about new features.  
Photos by Alana Webster

# Destination: Relaxation



**Above:** Sophomore Amanda Lenz and freshman Samantha Crespo ride the Slingshot at Daytona Beach. Many attractions like this ride were available all day and night in Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Photo submitted

**Below:** Senior Margaret Brandt walks down State Street in Chicago. Shopping and attractions such as the Chicago Theatre and the Harold Washington Library Center lined the street.  
Photo submitted



**W**ith the stress of the spring semester and the tests that came with it, most students thrived on the thrills of midterm break. Truman State University's students scattered across the country, experiencing diverse cultures and discovering life outside of Kirksville.

Some used the break as a time to lie on the couch and do what they loved best — absolutely nothing. Others let go of their stress on a beach, and some forfeited their break to help on mission trips or aid the Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans.

“[Midterm] break came at a really great time,” freshman Nick Smegner said. “It put a good gap in the semester to be able to wind down and not think.”

For some students, planning a midterm break trip was a long and tedious experience. Others decided to choose a destination and just go. Whatever the trip, advice from others always was helpful in picking a location, a hotel and things to do. Whether students went to Hawaii or Alaska, midterm break served as a time to make friends, have an adventure and see the world.

For sophomore Amanda Lenz, a weeklong trip to Daytona Beach, Fla. with four friends proved to be a perfect getaway. As her spring break arrived, she found out that booking a last-minute hotel was quite expensive because beachfront hotels raised prices for the “spring break season.” Although she and her friends had a great time and managed to save some money by driving to their vacation spot, Lenz had some advice for other beach-goers.

“Go with people you know you can stand for an entire week, especially in the car for over 20 hours,” Lenz said. “Have lots of money, buy Wal-Mart food, and make sure to plan way in advance.”

She also recommended that people plan ahead for possible accidents or the unexpected — the group popped a tire on the way to Daytona and had to spend much of its money getting it fixed. Fortunately, it was able to get back on the road and spend a good break on the beach without any other delays.

Other students stayed away from the sun and found a great time in cooler climates. Senior Lainey Seyler chose not to head home to Nebraska for spring break but instead went to St. Louis with some friends. The group then headed to Chicago for some fun. They hit Chicago's best shopping areas, enjoyed Navy Pier and saw the musical “Wicked.” Seyler and her friends managed to save money by finding the cheapest tickets they could as far in advance as possible.

“My roommates started planning the trip since last semester, and then we just kind of planned things as they came up,” Seyler said. “When the tickets came out, we just booked them and stuff like that.”

Seyler's advice to other spring breakers included going with friends and being laid-back about what happens. These suggestions proved useful as Seyler said she was very happy about the way she chose to spend her last midterm break during her time at the University.



Still, some University students decided to venture far from Kirksville to help those in need in New Orleans. Junior Sammy Finney traveled south with sophomore Leesa Weese and juniors Jessie Krause, Jennifer Salmon and Julie VonderHaar to see what they could do to help.

Finney said going to New Orleans was an amazing experience.

"It really opened my eyes to how the people down there are still in need of a lot of help," Finney said. "They are so grateful for all the people who volunteered their time to help them. The man we helped told us all about the storm and even showed us a video of the first time they came back to their home after the hurricane."

Finney said she loved her vacation and highly recommended the experience to others.

"The girls I went with were so fun, and we made memories that I will remember for the rest of my life," Finney said. "If you ever get a chance, I would definitely take any opportunity to volunteer. If not there [in New Orleans, then] somewhere because there are so many people in need of desperate help."

Not all students found a beach or a big city to be the best places to wind down. Sophomore Ben Coate went home to find some peace and quiet. Although Coate's midterm break might not have sounded very exciting in the eyes of others, he said he could not have been happier with his choice.

"All break, I never put on pants before noon," he said.

While midterm break meant different things to different people, most students delighted in leaving the stress and constant motion of the University behind for a week. Although spontaneous trips were fun, planning ahead typically made for a successful, cost-efficient break. From the beach to the couch, students welcomed midterm break with open arms.

--Marissa Sharkey

Seniors Krista Kastler, Lainey Seyler, Margaret Brandt and Amy Burmester visit Navy Pier in Chicago. The pier opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreational facility and later became a Chicago landmark, with restaurants, shops and recreational facilities.  
**Photo submitted**

# Welcome to the Jungo

The bright window signs drew glances from passers-by. Inside the windows, colorful displays contrasted sharply with the other shops of downtown Kirksville. Alternative music blasted from the open doors and an unusual smell wafted through the air. Pungo Jungo had come to town.

"We opened the day after Thanksgiving [of 2005]," manager Greta Van Velzer said.

Senior Chris Bass, who worked at the store, said he thought Truman State University students had not yet fully discovered the store.

"There have been a lot of students from out of town, a lot of older people saying that they saw our advertisement in Ottumwa or things like that," Bass said. "I think it's kind of 50/50 right now. It's mostly non-college students. We get a lot of high school students. We're definitely hoping to see an increase in college students."

Although only a limited number of University students had visited the shop, the students' reactions varied. Sophomore Amanda Herzog first visited the shop with her younger sister.

"I think some of the stuff was inappropriate," Herzog said. "It shouldn't be put in the same store with the other more humorous products. I think it's entertaining to go in and look around, not necessarily to buy anything. It doesn't really serve a practical purpose. I doubt if I will ever buy anything."

Herzog said she appreciated the funny magnets and T-shirts in the store but felt the adult products were out of place. Bass agreed that some of the merchandise was questionable.

"There's a lot of stuff that doesn't appeal to students in this type of community and the type of school Truman is," Bass said. "It's definitely pushing our boundaries when we come in and see what's in the store. We're seeing things we've never seen in this town before."

Van Velzer said she thought students had a more positive reaction, helped in part by the store's flexibility in merchandise.

"We're definitely open to suggestions," Van Velzer said. "Any ideas anyone has, we will definitely look into it."

Van Velzer said Kirksville was a good place for a shop like Pungo Jungo.

"We have a good marketplace for it with the universities," Van Velzer said.

Bass said he thought there was a market for Pungo Jungo with both the University and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, but he admitted the shop was not working whole-heartedly to gain student business.

"We just kind of threw the store in the building and hoped people would come," Bass said. "The whole idea of the store is to bring college students in."

As a student, Bass could see the appeal of the store. Despite the fact he found many aspects of the store interesting, one particular feature stood out for him, he said.

"I think what hits me right off the bat is the smell, the huge variety of incense," Bass said. "I don't think there's anywhere else in town that sells it."

The vast display of incense, which dominated nearly a third of the sidewall, indeed seemed unrivaled in Kirksville. Van Velzer said she enjoyed the expanse of merchandise, which she fondly described as chaotic.

"We have a wide variety of everything," Van Velzer said. "We have decorative items. We have clothing, novelty gifts [and] adult products."

Bass described the store as being similar to the popular store Spencer's, but he insisted there were some differences for customers to explore.

"It has a lot of stuff to offer, but you'll have to come in and check it out for yourself," Bass said.

--Andrea Falkner

Sophomore Lexi Baisden surveys the purse selection at Pungo Jungo. Different types of bags that might not be found in any department store could be found in Pungo Jungo.  
Photos by Jenn Sternecker



Pungo Jungo carries many accessories, including jewelry, belts, scarves and various other items. Freshman April Kelly was interested in the belt selection of the store.





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# Curious about George

## Centennial Hall employee earns students' admiration

Moving away from home for the first time might have been scary for students but welcoming faces in their new environment at Truman State University filled the void. George Walker, the man in charge of swiping IDs at the Centennial Hall cafeteria, was one of those friendly faces.

Achieving a fame larger than most of the cafeteria workers, George's campus-wide popularity became the subject of a facebook.com group titled "I Don't Feel Right Eating a Meal without George; My Sodehxo God," which boasted 234 members during the fall 2005 semester. Sophomore Chris Sumski, Centennial Hall resident, received the illustrious title of George's No. 1 fan.

"I know the guy that made the group and thought it would be a cool group to join," Sumski said.

George's fame spread beyond the walls of Centennial Hall, however. Even residents of other halls knew George's friendly attitude and joined the Facebook group.

"He always talks to people while most card swipers just take your card," said freshman Audra Glotfelty, who lived in Missouri Hall.

On the group's message board, members mused about George's life outside of the Centennial Hall cafeteria. No member managed to discover his true interests or his past.

George, a Centennial Hall cafeteria employee of 22 years, divulged a little-known fact: He hailed from New York City, where he attended a specialized school.

"I went to the High School of Music and Art, the sister school to the High School of Performing Arts," George said.

While living in New York City, George loved the ready access to culture he

said. As a resident of Kirksville, George said he liked to attend University events to tap into the cultural aspect of the community and tried to squeeze in the events around his work hours at the cafeteria.

"It's still nice that it's here, and I get to go sometimes," George said.

Other benefits drew George to the area. In addition to the amenities he had become accustomed to, the University also provided a small-town atmosphere, which George liked.

George also enjoyed attending activities that allowed him to dress up, such as Renaissance festivals. Similarly, during theme nights at the cafeteria, George often seized the opportunity to appear in costume that coordinated with the evening's theme.

"I like to dress up, and I think that the students enjoy it, too," George said.

On one of these theme nights, a student took a picture of George in his costume. Later the picture appeared on a residence hall room door. Glotfelty saw this photograph and decided to take a photograph of the photograph to post on the Facebook group.

"The group needed a picture, and we thought it would be kind of cool," Glotfelty said.

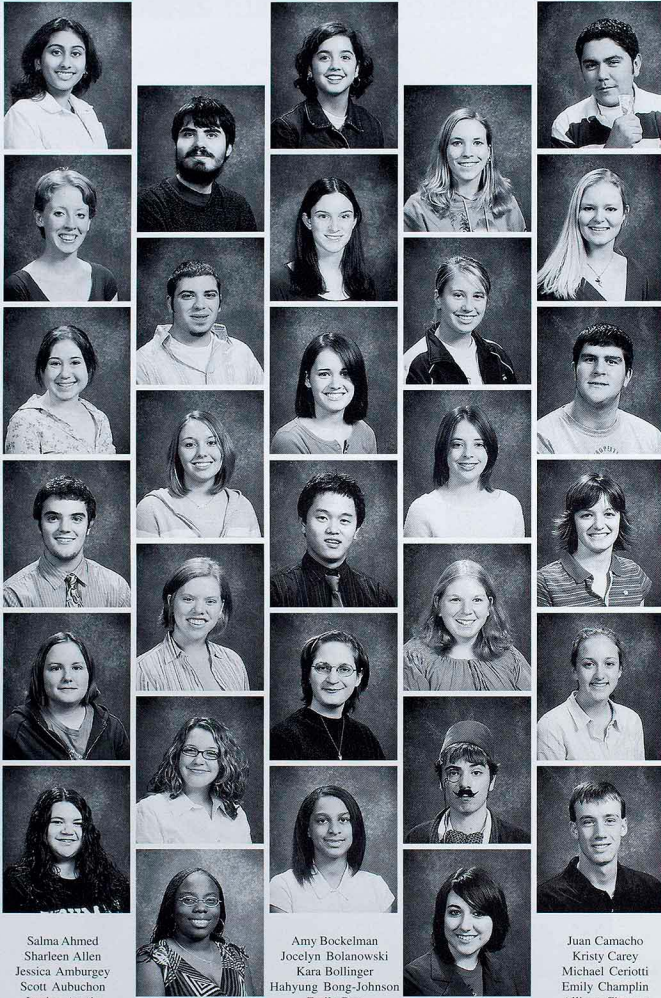
During summers, when University students headed to other locales, George stayed and worked on his home in Kirksville. He also enjoyed spending time with his 18-year-old dog, Arlo. George ventured over to Ryle Hall cafeteria during the summer to assist the staff there. However, when summer ended, he excitedly and gladly returned to Centennial Hall to welcome the new and returning residents to campus--the very students who would come to enjoy and admire him.

--Emily Gebhardt, Sports Editor



George Walker sports a Christmas hat to go along with the season. George often dressed to match the cafeteria's different themes. Photo by Emmy Thomson

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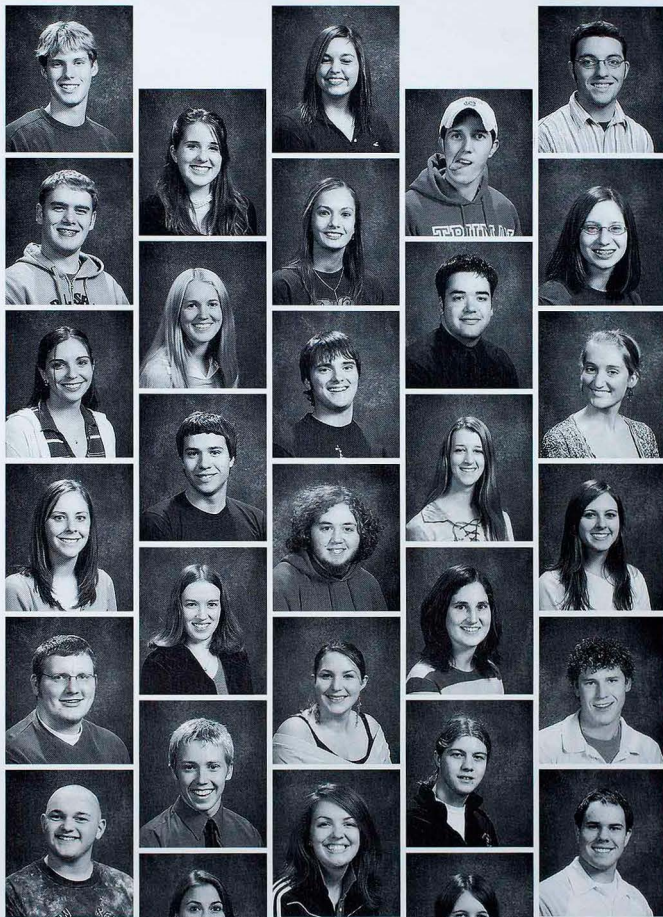
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Mark Enselman  
Theo Estes

# Late-Night House Guests

students fall asleep to television jokers and jesters

When a random assortment of Truman State University students was asked who their favorite late-night talk show host was, a most unusual mix of die-hard fanaticism and paralyzing uncertainty followed. Students either blurted out their answer before the choices were finished being listed, knowing without a doubt what their answer was, or they stood staring blankly, clutched by indecisiveness.

Popular late-night talk show hosts were Jay Leno of "The Tonight Show," David Letterman of "The Late Show," Conan O'Brien of "Late Night" and Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show." One of these hosts stood out far above the other three in the minds and television sets of University students, receiving nearly twice as much praise as the next host. Was it Letterman's senility, Leno's sarcasm, the self-destructive humor of O'Brien or the clean-cut news punditry of Stewart?

University students seemed to prefer O'Brien.

"[Conan] doesn't have the best timeslot and not the best budget either, so there's sort of a unique, low-budget comedy that I think only he pulls off or at least that he pulls off the best," freshman Adam Boughton said.

Boughton said he had been an avid fan for three years and enjoyed O'Brien's self-deprecating sense of humor. His ability to laugh and poke fun at his own awkwardness was

why many University students found him appealing.

"We live in a culture that likes to use fear as a way to get things done, and it seems like he uses humor, which is a nice alternative to a lot of the news and a lot of what they say on TV," sophomore Cody Pusateri said.

Stewart was no slouch either. The combination of his alternative take on the daily news show as seen in his suit, tie and comical big news desk, and his critical take on the daily news itself, (as seen in his satirical investigative reports and humorous opinions on news events), attracted a large number of University students to his show. Pusateri said he had observed that Stewart had quite a cult following.

Both David Letterman and Jay Leno seemed to have lost their edge with the younger college crowd. In the 1990s, Leno and Letterman were indisputably on top of the late night scene; however, with more options, their popularity had since waned. Despite their drop in popularity, both Leno and Letterman had maintained some fans.

"I like the guests and bands that [Letterman] chooses to have on his show," freshman Hannah Seckington said. "And I think his band director and announcer are both very funny, too."

Neither Leno's sarcasm nor Letterman's old-man humor could muster enough fans to have an edge on O'Brien or Stewart, however.

--Steven Ballard



Jon Stewart holds the award for outstanding individual performance in a variety or music program for his work on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" at the 57th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in 2005.  
AP Photo

# Forced to Flee

## hurricane evacuees move to campus

When late August rolled around, most students were eager to return to school. Unfortunately, a select number of Truman State University students' enrollment was unanticipated, and for them, late August meant evacuating from their schools of choice.

When Katrina, a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph winds, ripped through the Gulf Coast, entire cities were swept underwater, and universities were forced to evacuate and close their doors for the fall semester. All affected universities gave options for evacuation; however, numerous students suffered losses in the process.

"I got a call on Saturday from my roommate, saying that evacuation was happening and would I like to come with her family to Lafayette [La.]," freshman Colleen Rafferty said. "I had to leave everything there. All I have are these five shirts right here, two pairs of jeans and my computer — everything else is new."

Rafferty's computer screen reflected memories of four girls who expected to attend Loyola University in New Orleans and instead found refuge with a family they hardly knew.

Despite her losses, Rafferty was lucky to escape before the storm hit. Junior Thomas Lecaque never quite made it down to New Orleans, where he had planned to attend Tulane University but had several friends who weren't evacuated.

"Being a junior, most of my friends were living off campus," Lecaque said. "One of my friends was driving out through the rising water."

The sudden move brought not only a different school but also entirely different surroundings.

"I think the biggest difference is that my specific concentration isn't offered at Truman," Lecaque said. "I'm a history major with a Middle Eastern concentration. ... I was almost excited for my classes at Tulane this semester, which doesn't happen very often."

Areas of the city of New Orleans were left unrecognizable, and the death toll was estimated in the thousands. Although none of the refugees who

were uprooted to Kirksville lost a house or a family member, countless others weren't nearly as lucky.

"I didn't lose a house or anything," Rafferty said. "I feel lucky. I knew a girl [who] lived across the hall from me, and she lost a house — she lost everything."

Students who were expecting to return to New Orleans for school at the end of first semester were not sure what kind of city they would be returning to.

"Buildings will probably be different, and people might respond to things differently, and I guess that's the New Orleans I'll get to know instead of the old New Orleans," freshman Lindsay Pegglar said.

Pegglar had intended to attend Tulane University along with freshman Lauren Pylipo. Pylipo was optimistic that the city eventually would return to its former glory.

"It's going to take a long time for it to be the same New Orleans it used to be," Pylipo said. "I actually think that the culture will pop right back up pretty quickly because it is so strong there that I don't think even a hurricane will screw it up."

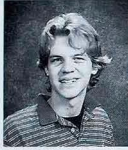
--Carolyn Minchik



Floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina flow over a levee along the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal near downtown New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina did extensive damage when it made landfall.

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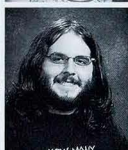
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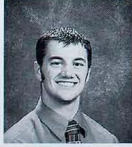
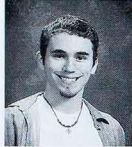
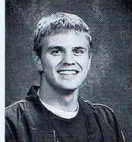


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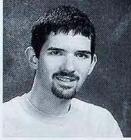


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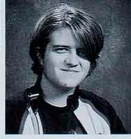
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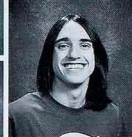
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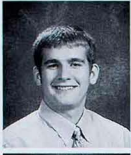


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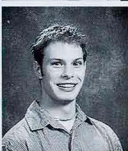


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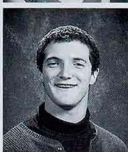
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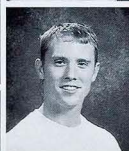
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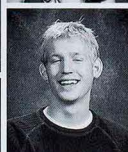
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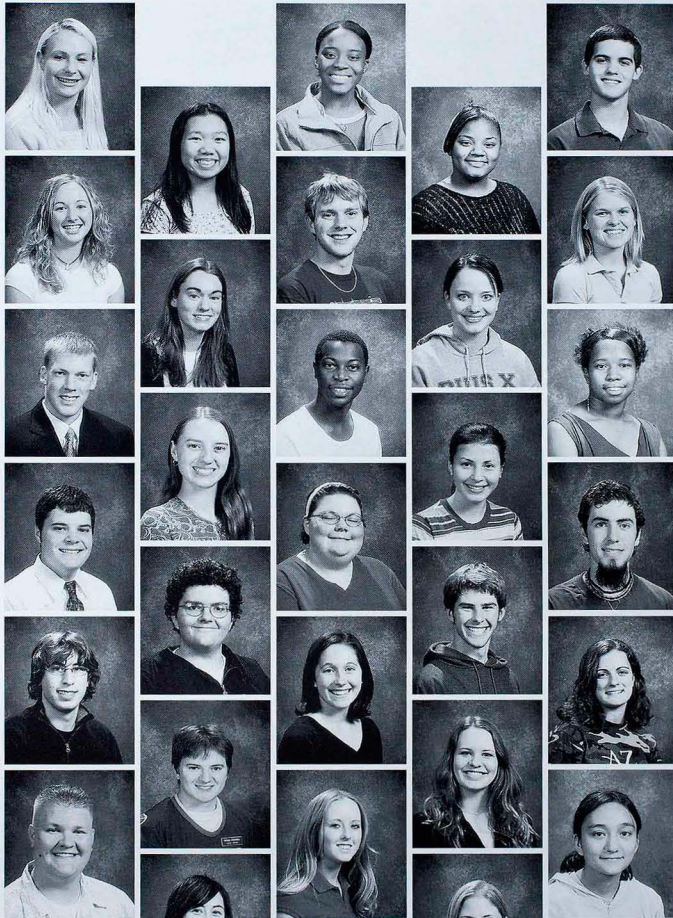


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# Hurray for Harry

## Potter fever strikes again with fourth film's release

**F**ew books in recent memory had sparked the kind of frenzy that the Harry Potter series continued to do in 2005. The series had bewitched all readers, including Truman State University students, into devoted fans. Many might have wondered why older generations were using their precious time and hard-earned money to continue reading the series whose books were nearly the size of dictionaries.

"I started reading it when I was in middle school, and the characters kind of grew up with you," freshman Melissa Antey said. "By the time I got to college, I was so involved, it was hard to let go. It's nice to see people your age or younger dealing with things that are so huge — it makes college seem not so hard."

Many adults and religious groups spoke out harshly against the books, but that didn't stop the monumental sales the books had enjoyed. 270 million of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books were in print as of 2005. Rowling seemed to have caught the eye of University students through her spellbinding storytelling.

The basic premise of the Harry Potter series was that of a young wizard boy who traveled to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. While at school he met several other central characters, and together they grew up. The dark undertone to the series concerned the wizard Voldemort, who murdered Harry's parents and eventually returned from the "dead" to wreak havoc on the world.

"It's very much a classic story, you know, the battle between good and evil," freshman Emily Box said. "Very clean-cut, very 'this is what's

right, this is what's wrong,' but it's also got characters who are very real, and even though the specific choices are out there, there are still little choices that others can relate to."

The reasons people give for undertaking such vast amounts of reading for what is technically a children's book varied, although a common thread is found running through all of them.

"I think a lot of it is fantasy, in that it does take you away from reality in pretty much every way possible," freshman Christopher Dove said. Antey cited similar reasons.

"It's an escape almost," she said. "It's a nice escape from the real world."

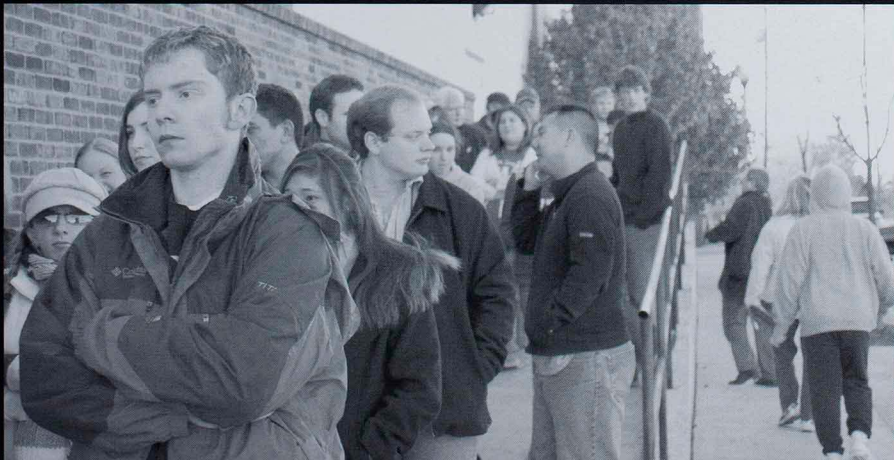
The buildup to the sixth installment, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," was unrivaled by any other book of the day. Rumors circulated in the months preceding the book's release date, ranging from names of new characters to which main character would meet a tragic end. Reviews on the book were mixed.

"I was disappointed," Box said. "It wasn't as strong as the others. ... It was mostly aimed towards the seventh book, it wasn't aimed toward making the sixth book really, really good."

Despite the mixed reviews, students and other readers anxiously awaited the seventh and final book in the series. Dove summed up the appeal for many.

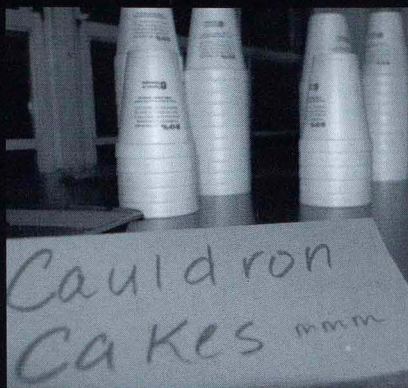
"There's something deep down inside us all that wants to be a wizard or witch," Dove said.

*--Carolyn Minchik*



Local residents and Truman students line up outside the Downtown Cinema 8 to see the newest Harry Potter movie. The movie premiered Nov. 12, 2005.

Photo by Alana Webster

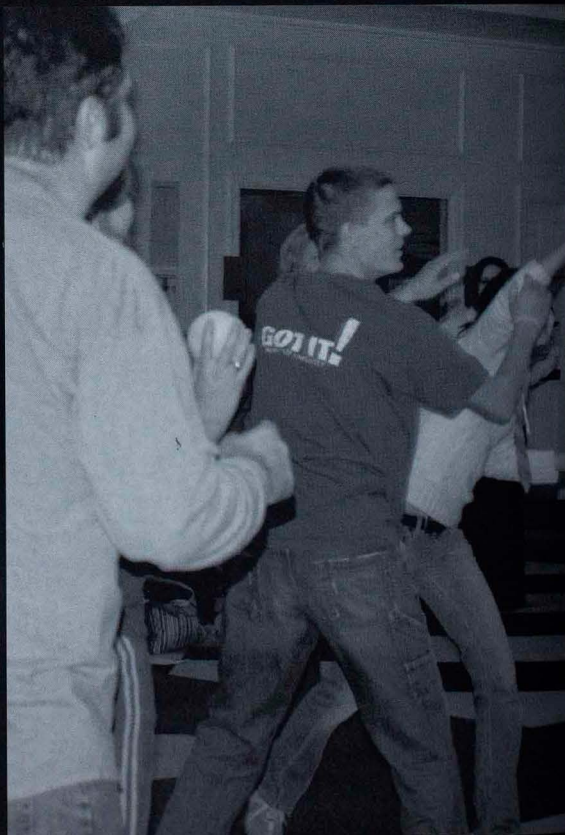
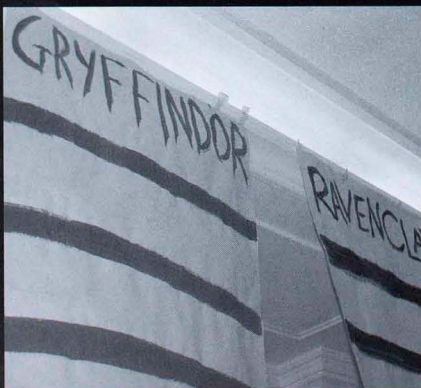
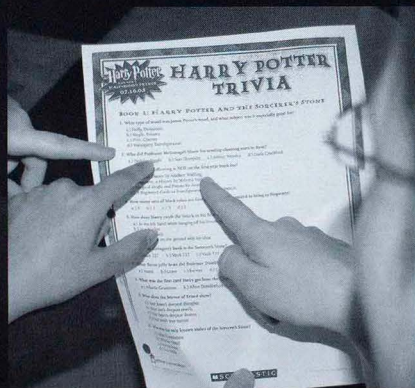


**Top Left:** Beverages and snacks are ready for consumption by hungry Harry Potter fans. The themed refreshments added to the ambience of the program.  
**Photos by Grace Mattie**

**Middle Left:** Several fans take time to answer Harry Potter trivia questions. The Harry Potter Marathon went on for 24 hours.

**Bottom Left:** Flags from two houses at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In the books, Harry Potter was a member of the Gryffindor.

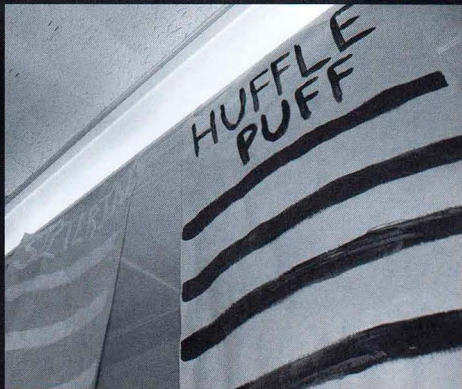
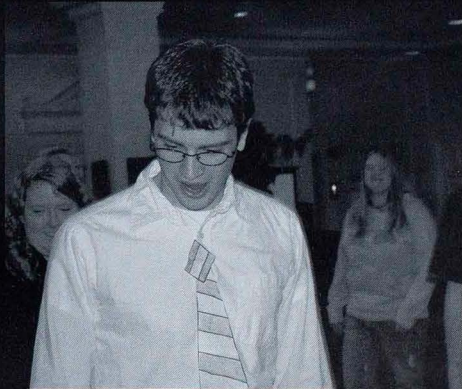
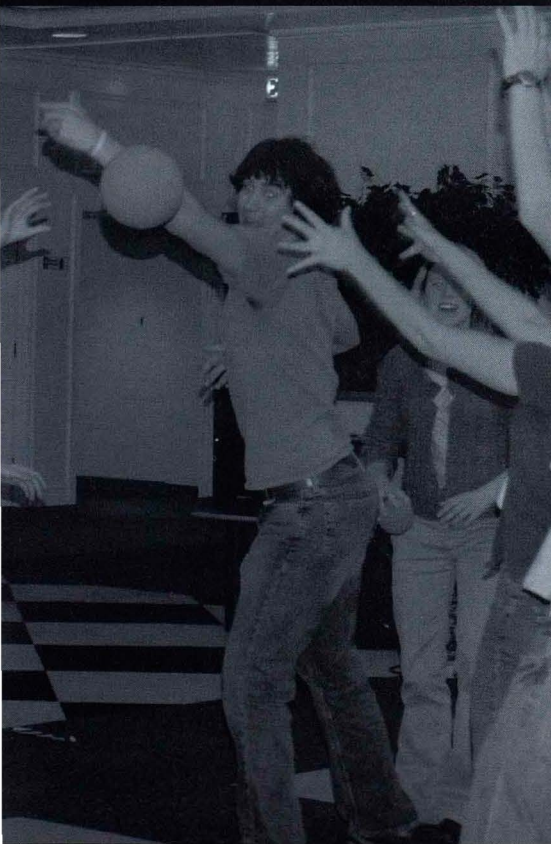
**Center:** Members of two houses play Quidditch. The game was played with hula hoops hung from the ceiling, nerf balls and a rubber ball.



**Top Right:** Cauldrons and other props set the stage for the party. More than 100 students attended the marathon throughout the night.

**Middle Right:** Sophomore Stephen Barnes dresses as Harry Potter at Ryle Hall's Harry Potter Marathon. Other students also dressed up as various characters from the book.

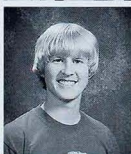
**Bottom Left:** Flags from the other two houses at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Participants were sorted into the different houses for the party.



# Freshmen



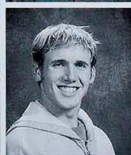
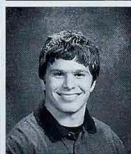
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# Tag, You're It!

## new improv group tickles students' funnybones

Sophomore JC Scholfield decided it was time to bring together those who love to laugh and those with the unique gift to make others laugh by forming Tag, Truman State University's newest improv group.

Although a slew of student improv groups had appeared on campus in the past, none of them had survived the two-year mark. Dec. 1, auditions took place to pick the best improv comedians the University had to offer.

"Really, where I want [Tag] to go is I just wanted it to be somewhere where two groups of people can come together — people that have this innate ability and desire to perform and people that just like entertainment," Scholfield said.

Scholfield, known to those around him as a genuinely funny person, found a connection with John Rutter, associate professor of biology, also known for his humorous antics.

"I have a tendency to sort of act out in class a little bit and break things up with humorous antidotes," Rutter said.

He offered to be Tag's faculty adviser after hearing Scholfield talk about his ideas during Rutter's cell biology class.

Tag enabled students and possibly faculty members to express their talent for improv comedy. The group also wanted to provide students and the surrounding community with an opportunity to experience and enjoy live comedic entertainment.

"It's Kirksville," Scholfield said. "We're not in L.A., we're not in St. Louis, we're not even in Kansas, and with Kirksville comes great Truman State and limited social interaction with the rest of the world. It's kind of an idea to entertain the campus."

Although the majority of students who auditioned had a background in theater, having the background was not required. Freshman Hillary Overfelt auditioned because she wanted to continue participating in drama.

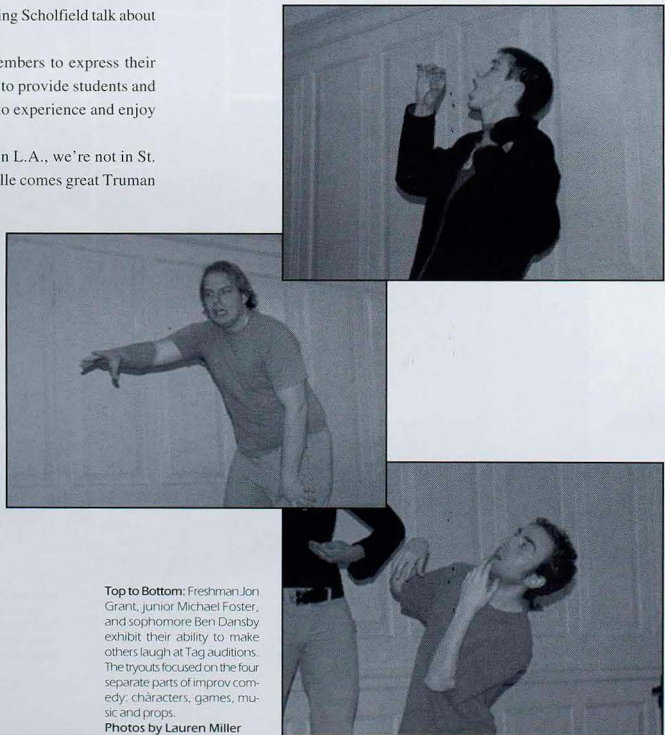
"I did a lot of theater in high school and some improv things," Overfelt said. "I've been to some workshops in New York, and I've done classes, and I'm really not involved in anything, so I'm looking for something."

Popular improv TV shows "MAD TV" and "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" helped widen interest in improv. Because improv is an interactive form of theater, the actors did not use a set script. Instead, they asked the audience for a general background or scenario and then played off one another. The level of hilarity rests on the shoulders of the audience.

"How into it they get is how much we step up to the plate," Scholfield said. "If we ask for a location, and they say 'the moon' or 'a pantry,' we can do stuff like that — but if they throw out, like, 'Veggie Tales hell' or 'Martha Stewart's prison cell' and give us something to work with, ... we're going to take it to the next level."

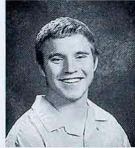
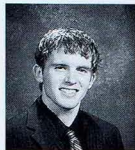
Set to bring much creativity and enthusiasm to the stage, these campus comedians were sure to bring many laughs to local audiences.

--Carolyn Minchik



**Top to Bottom:** Freshman Jon Grant, junior Michael Foster, and sophomore Ben Dansby exhibit their ability to make others laugh at Tag auditions. The tryouts focused on the four separate parts of improv comedy: characters, games, music and props.  
**Photos by Lauren Miller**

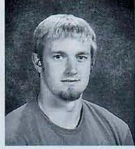
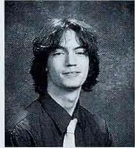
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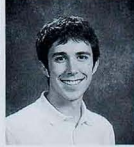
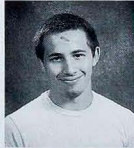
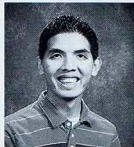
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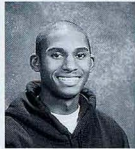
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# Mirror, Mirror

## twins decide to room together

For Truman State University students, scrambling to finish a paper late Wednesday night for a Thursday morning class was nothing new, but sometimes this situation was worsened by an inconsiderate roommate who enjoyed obnoxiously loud music. For twin roommates sophomores Shannon and Kelly Albright, the situation would have ended with a simple, "Hey, would you turn that off?" and no one's feelings would have been hurt. They were comfortable with each other and were able to coexist happily.

Many University students might have wondered why twins would want to continue sharing a room after having shared one all their lives. The women decided upon that avenue for various reasons, one being that sharing a room was a simple situation to which they already were accustomed.

"If you don't know your roommate, it's, 'This half is mine, this half is yours,'" Kelly said. "But we share so much stuff. I can sit in her chair and not feel weird about it."

Both sisters experienced this ease of living together.

"We feel comfortable around each other, and there were no living habits to get used to because we've already been living with each other," Shannon said.

Because the women had shared a room at home, Kelly said she didn't believe much of a change had occurred.

"We've both always been busy, and we've both always had our own lives," she said. "In the summer there was hardly a time when my mom, my sister and I were all together because we're so busy."

Although the Albrights agreed they both always were involved and active people, Shannon noted a difference in routine.

"At home we don't really spend that much time in our room," she said. "It's more just a place to keep stuff and sleep. But obviously here we spend a whole lot more time in our room."

Minor adjustments aside, both sisters said they enjoyed the situation for the most part but agreed that it had a few negatives. The main downside was that most first-year University students met fresh faces and formed connections with their new roommates.

"I'm not necessarily getting to know another person well, ... and I'm missing out on that at the same time," Kelly said.

On the whole, both agreed that although they missed out on the roommate experience, the fact that they were so comfortable with each other greatly outweighed any other negatives.

"We can have an argument about something and say, 'Hey, you're irritating me,' and it won't affect our relationship at all," Kelly said.

Shannon said she agreed that candid speech was a plus.

"If one of us is making the other mad, we just tell them, 'Hey, stop it!'" Shannon said. "Many times, if you're friends with someone, you don't really feel comfortable telling them that."

The situation seemed to work for the sisters because they planned on staying together throughout the rest of their University experience although maybe not sharing a room.

"We want to get an off-campus place," Shannon said. "We definitely will get it together - hopefully with separate rooms, though."

*--Nicole Sonneveld*



Kelly and Shannon Albright share a dorm room in Ryle Hall. The twins enjoyed living together despite some minor differences.  
Photo by Sadye Scott-Haincek

# Conserving Quarters

residents find laundry prices extra pungent

Students returning to Truman State University after summer break expected assaults on their wallets to greet them thanks to increased tuition fees. Students living on campus faced a rate hike of the extra stinky variety, however: an unexpected increase for laundry services.

The price of a washer increased by 25 cents to \$1, and dryers jumped from 50 cents to 75 cents. Some students resorted to extreme measures to deal with the new cost.

"I don't like it," sophomore Kaitlyn Sullivan said. "It made me go out and buy more clothes, like underwear and socks, to get through. It was kind of a shock to come back and see [prices] had gone up."

Freshman Julie Wilson decided to consolidate her loads of laundry to minimize the cost after experiencing sticker shock during her first trip to the laundry room.

"I saw 75 cents and thought it wasn't so bad until I actually did it," Wilson said. "I don't sort colors anymore, so I'm going to have some pink socks."

Other students reduced the frequency with which they washed their clothes in an attempt to defray the cost. Sophomore Matt Cushman said he wasn't surprised to see prices had increased, and he changed his laundering habits accordingly.

"I try to do it once a week, but usually it ends up being closer to two," Cushman said. "I'd like to do it more often, but for the cost of it, I don't really have enough. ... I don't really want to spend the four bucks or whatever it

costs on half a load."

Surprisingly, few students said they thought about venturing off campus to find a better deal although several laundromats were located close to the University.

"I thought about it but decided not to," Wilson said. "The laundry room is right down the hall, and if I left, I'd never get a parking spot."

Cushman echoed Wilson's sentiment about avoiding the inconvenience.

"I've talked to a few people who do [go off campus]," he said. "I don't want to deal with the hassle of taking all my stuff there. It's not worth the effort."

For certain students, however, the act of laundering itself concerned them more than the price.

"My mother did my laundry before I attended college," freshman Megan Schoor said. "I just didn't know how to do it, and I was too busy with other activities to do it."

Despite her unfamiliarity with washers and dryers, Schoor made certain her mother taught her how to launder properly before arriving at the University.

"She taught me how to do it about a month before I came [to the University] so that I learned the process before I got here," Schoor said.

In the end, despite the jump in cost and the occasional bout of laundering ignorance, students still managed to keep their clothes clean during the year, which, for the rest of the University, was a very neat thing.

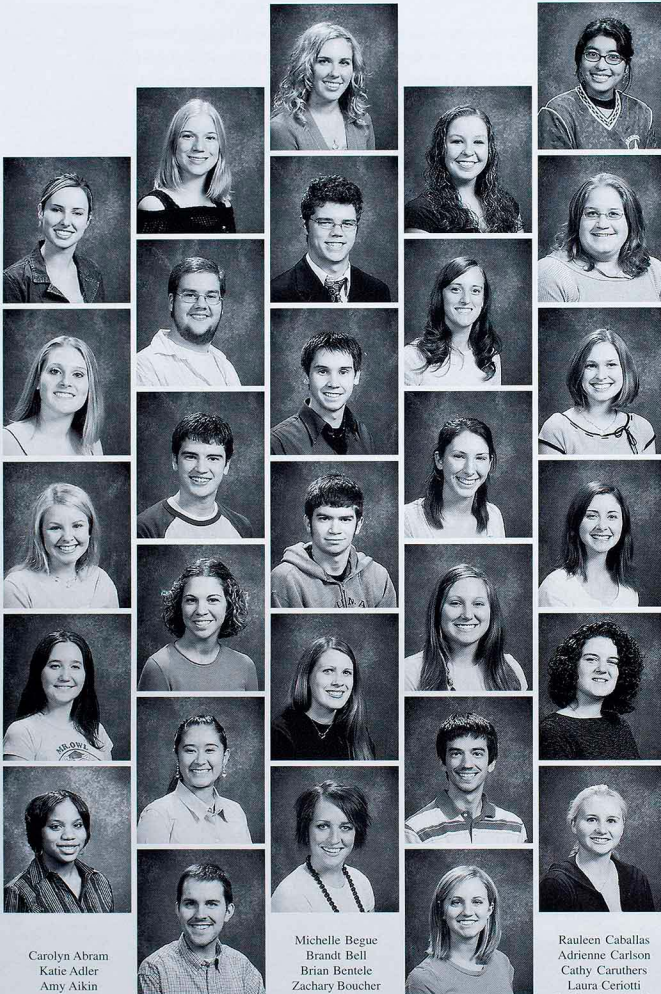
--Evangeline McMullen, Managing Editor



More than 700 students shared the Centennial Hall laundry room. This laundry room had 10 washers and 12 dryers available for students. Photos by Evangeline McMullen

Junior Eric Moore loads his clothes into a washer in the Centennial Hall laundry room. Most students unhappily dealt with the raised prices.

# Sophomores



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Trista Allen  
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# A Tasty Alternative

local farmers' market offers fresh air and fresh food

Saturday mornings in the city of Kirksville might have looked like any other morning until one made one's way to the downtown square. The intersection of Harrison and Franklin streets bustled with activity as farmers arrived from their farms, residents came from their homes, and sleepy college students stumbled from their beds.

The Kirksville Farmers' Market, which operated from May to October, offered people the ability to buy their weekly vegetables, breads and sinfully delicious baked goods. In addition, the market provided a perfect avenue for community interaction.

"You see a bunch of people you know, and you can learn more about people and meet more people and interact with your community," junior Carrie Palombo said.

Palombo and senior Liz Raine, members of Circle K International on campus, sold baked goods to raise money for their organization. However, they made sure to be on the look out for good buys and also to soak up the atmosphere while working.

"I like all the sounds of people," Raine said. "If you stand here for a couple minutes and just listen, especially when it's really busy, [you can hear] the people bargaining, [which is] really cool."

Long-time market vendor Jean Moore, an Atlanta, Mo., resident, noted the mix of benefits the market offered.

"Well I think No. 1 it's a social thing," Moore said. "Everybody gets to get together. It's just good fresh produce that hasn't been sitting around in the store for weeks. Almost all of it you can say has been raised without pesticides or herbicides."

Freshness was the primary reason junior Jennifer Crawford stayed away from buying any produce at Wal-Mart and instead shopped at the local market.

"I really like knowing the food I'm buying and what it is, where it comes from and who cared for it," Crawford said.

This prompted Crawford to visit the market frequently.

"I came all summer because I lived in Kirksville," Crawford said. "One of the things I really enjoy is seeing the food change as the season changes, seeing the colors change as the seasons change."

Moore knew all about the changing of times. In her seven years as a vendor, she had seen the market transform significantly.

"It [has] gotten much bigger," Moore said. "We've got more advertising and a lot more vendors. It has really grown. I'd say in the last four years especially, it [has] grown tremendously. It just makes it more fun for everybody because there are so many different things to see."

One reason for the increased customers and consequently the increased diversity at the market was Kirksville college students, from both Truman State University and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"You get people who speak all different kinds of languages, and you would never have that if you didn't have the people from the college here," Moore said.

No matter the language spoken, most people seemed to agree over choices of baked goods and fresh milk, which were available in pint or half-gallon glass containers.

"The fresh milk is amazing," Raine said. "... Milk is just an OK thing [usually], but that will rock your socks off."

Crawford and her roommate, junior Mandy Seifert, enjoyed their initial taste of the fresh milk the first weekend in October.

"I'm usually a skim milk girl," Crawford said. "[Fresh milk is] pretty different. It's a lot richer, and you can tell it's farm fresh because it has the real organic taste."

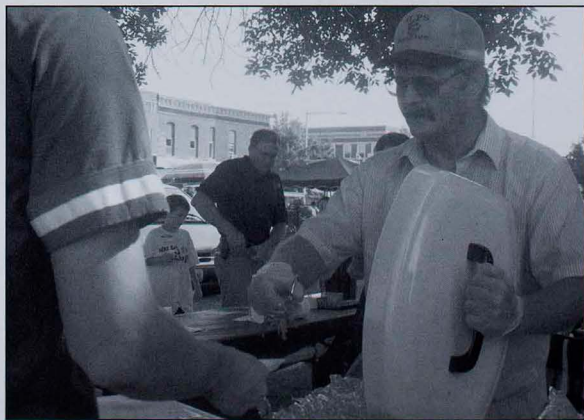
While sipping her fresh milk, Seifert looked around and commented on how she loved seeing families at the market and experiencing the special moments, such as a little girl eagerly selling her pears for "only \$1."

Indeed, something was remarkably unique within the downtown square, unparalleled elsewhere in the community. The first-rate food and pleasant company here definitely combined to create a refreshing small-town feeling.

--Loreta Palmer, Features Editor

**Below:** Local residents cut tomatoes and other vegetables. Homemade and homegrown items came from Kirksville and the surrounding areas.

**Right:** A local resident serves deer meat at the Farmer's Market. A variety of booths offered everything from foods to flowers.  
**Photos by Grace Mattie**



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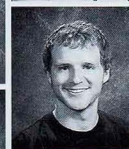
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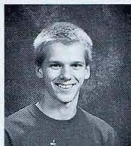


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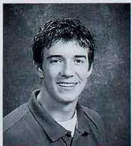
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Erin Hubbard  
Jeff Jackman  
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# A Stitch in Time

hard-working students explore their softer sides

**K**nitting, though stereotypically considered something for grandmothers in rocking chairs, began to change in its audience. More and more students were spreading the pastime as the popularity of knitting grew.

While laughter among friends and the sounds of movies were the expected sounds in residence halls, the quiet click of knitting needles became a more frequent addition to the normal clamor as students looked for social alternatives to going out on the weekends.

"We just didn't feel like going out," sophomore Lauren Dreyer said. "We felt like having girl bonding time. They taught me how to knit through the whole night, watching movies and stuff."

The point at which students learned to knit varied from four years old to freshman year or above in college.

"When I was 4, in the winter, my mom would sit me on her lap and hold the needles over my hands and help me," junior Lisette Metz Grulke said. "By the time I was 5, it stopped looking like a bunch of knots."

Scarves were the first project for almost every beginning knitter, but with time and practice, the knitter's ability also increased, and the options for intricate projects widened.

"I knit a coat this summer," Grulke said. "That was pretty cool. I knit a hat that looked like a unicorn, too. That's probably my favorite thing I ever knit."

The look, warmth and time to complete a scarf depended on the size of the needles as well as the type of yarn. Thicker needles tended to leave larger gaps in the scarves but were faster to knit with. As with any art, knitters tended to develop favorites when it came to the tools they used. The large selection and low prices offered by chain stores attracted the majority of knitting students, but unique supplies gave projects special meaning.

"My favorite yarn would be this homemade wool I have that my cello teacher made," sophomore Joanna Dawson said. "I generally tend to use size eight or 10 needles."

Many students turned to knitting when holidays approached. Knitted scarves, hats and mittens made for meaningful, wallet-friendly gifts for family and friends.

"I like giving them as gifts because it shows that you actually took the time to really make it for the person," Dreyer said.

In addition to making gifts, students knitted to relax, spend time with friends or pass the time on car trips between home and school.

"I knit to procrastinate a lot of the time because it's just right there, and you can pick it up and do it for awhile and not do what you're supposed to be doing," Grulke said. "I like to knit when it's cold out because the yarn keeps your hands warm."

--Carolyn Minchik



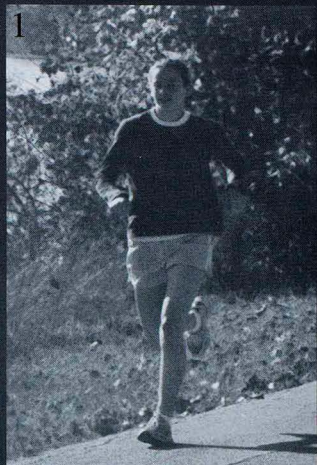
Students who knit work on different stages of knitting like the beginning, middle, and end stages shown above. Depending on the garment, a knitted item could take anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of months to complete. Photos by Evangeline McMullen

**Left:** Junior Heather Henke knits a scarf with the self-assurance of a practiced veteran. Henke gave several of the scarves she created to family members as Christmas presents.

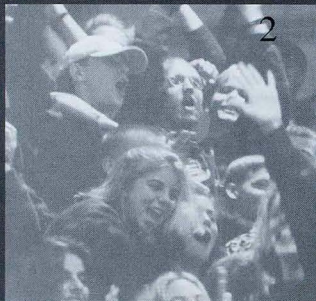
# A Decade of People

In the past decade, many things have changed at the University. Ten years ago, Northeast Missouri State University became Truman State University. Along with a new name came a clarified purpose and, gradually, a new look, as old buildings were renovated and fresh buildings were added to campus. Despite all these alterations, students attending Truman in 2005 and 2006 still could be found pursuing the time-honored traditions of college: playing frisbee, sleeping in the library and lounging on the Quad.

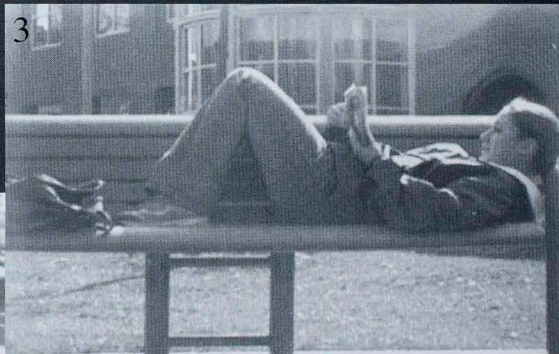
1. Sophomore Holly Stephens trains for her first marathon by running at Thousand Hills State Park. (2003)



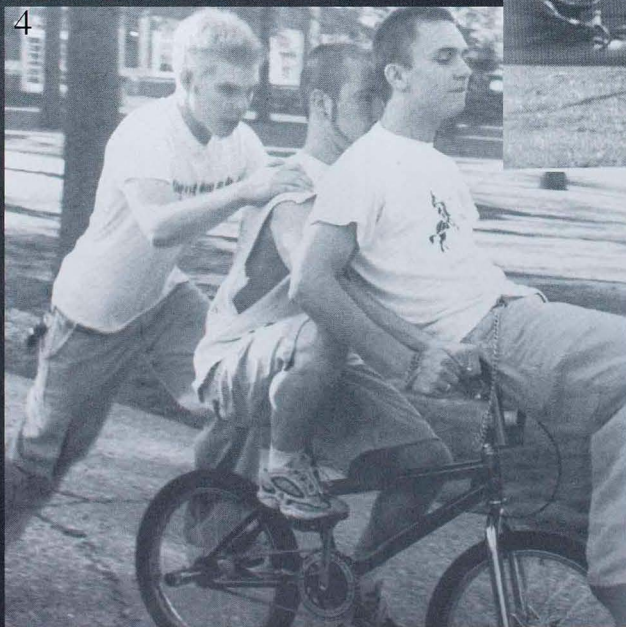
2. Cheering at the top of their lungs, students show their excitement at the Homecoming Pep Rally. (1998)



3. Junior Amy Poos takes time to enjoy the nice weather while reading a book on the Quad. (2002)



4. Carefully balanced, freshman John Hatch pushes freshman Mike Martel and Ashley Sell forward as they cruise their bike around the Quad. (1999)



5. Freshmen Cheryl Rushing and Lacey Pritchett take a break from long hours of studying to enjoy the spring weather and the fountain. (1997)





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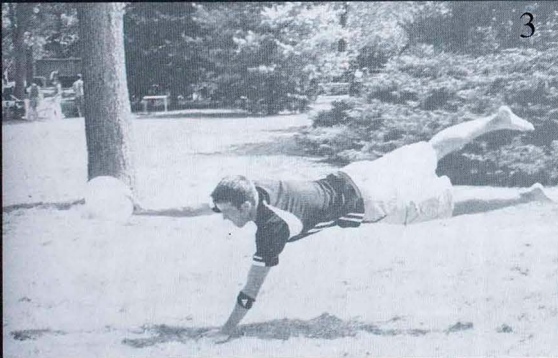
1. Junior Dan Clark, dressed as the Jolt Ape, delivers the winning pizza to a hungry student. (2001)

2. A daring student attempts to reach the farthest of the air-filled passage, but the bungee cord proves stronger at the bungee run in front of Baldwin Hall during Dog Days. (1996)

3. A student takes a break from classes to play frisbee on the Quad. (2004)

4. Spike, one of Truman's mascots, plays with a child while at a basketball game. (2000)

5. Senior Rachel Martin entertains her coatimundi, which is a raccoon-like carnivore. (2005)



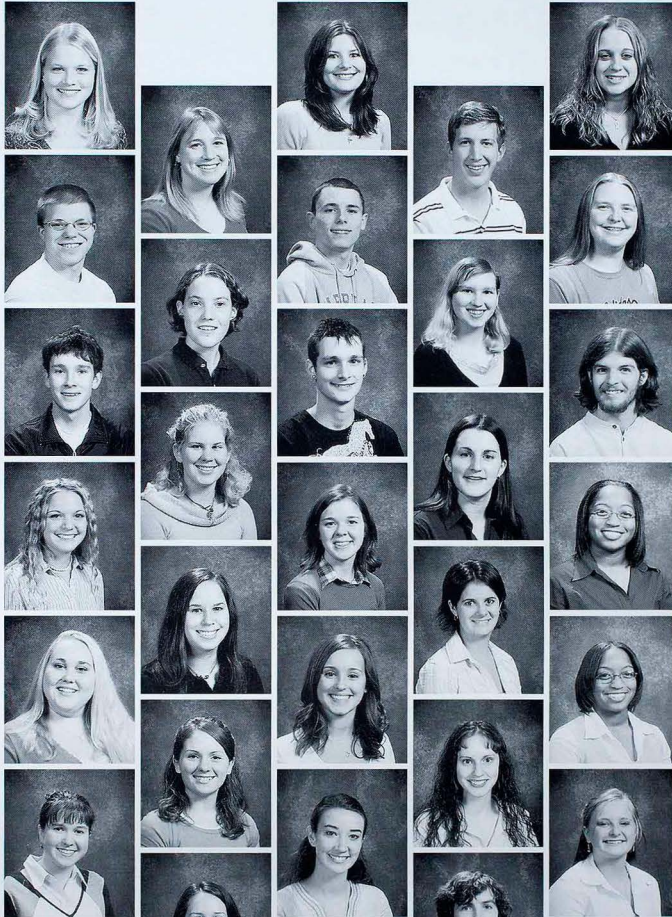
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Emily Kiddoo

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Kara King  
Chelsea Klaus  
Jenna Klinghammer  
Tracy Knierim

Megan Knoche  
Mike Kohnen  
Timothy Krueger  
Marissa La Rose  
Devon Lacy  
Jennifer Lamb

Damon Lambert  
Keely Lamka  
Hannah Langhoff  
Rachel Latal  
Rosana Lebron  
Josh Lefler

Amanda Lenz  
Kelly Limberg  
Ryan Littleton  
Lashonda Mackey  
Latanya Mackey  
Mindy Maness

# Grid Love

## sudoku craze causes pencils and papers to vanish

In fall 2005, it swept the nation and the campus of Truman. No, it wasn't the bird flu epidemic—it was a Japanese puzzle game called Sudoku.

Students across campus put down their books and picked up their pencils or their keyboards to solve these puzzles. Their reasons for playing were similar to the reasons people do crosswords, senior Meghan Callahan said.

"It's kind of relaxing in a way, but you don't feel like you're wasting your time by watching TV or surfing the Internet," Callahan said.

She also said that she felt a certain sense of accomplishment when she finished a puzzle. Senior Chris Gillette shared her sentiment.

"It's kind of a release—a stress reliever—but you feel like you're intelligent at the same time you're doing it," Gillette said.

The game had simply one rule: fill in a nine-by-nine grid so that each row, column and three-by-three box contained the numbers one through nine. The game's simplicity was one of its most attractive features.

"It's so simple, and there's no actual multiplication or addition, which a lot of people get confused about because there's numbers in it," sophomore Scott Kreher said. "It's more about the placement of the numbers."

Gillette agreed that the game's ease drew him in.

"It's mind-stimulating, but at the same time, you don't have to think too hard about it," Gillette said.

The puzzles were rated by varying levels of difficulty. Callahan explained that the ratings go from one star, which is the easiest, to five stars, which is the most challenging.

Addicts could get their Sudoku fix from a variety of sources. Regional and national newspapers printed them in their Life or Games sections. The Internet was another readily available source for this popular game.

Sudoku players ranged from those who did a couple of puzzles a week to those who did several a day. The variation in difficulty affected the length of time spent playing the game. For Gillette, those times ranged from five to 30 minutes.

The game's influence most commonly spread from friend to friend or classmate to classmate.

"A couple people in my classes have been asking me, 'What is that? I've never

seen that before,' or, 'I have seen that before, I just don't know how to play it,'" Callahan said.

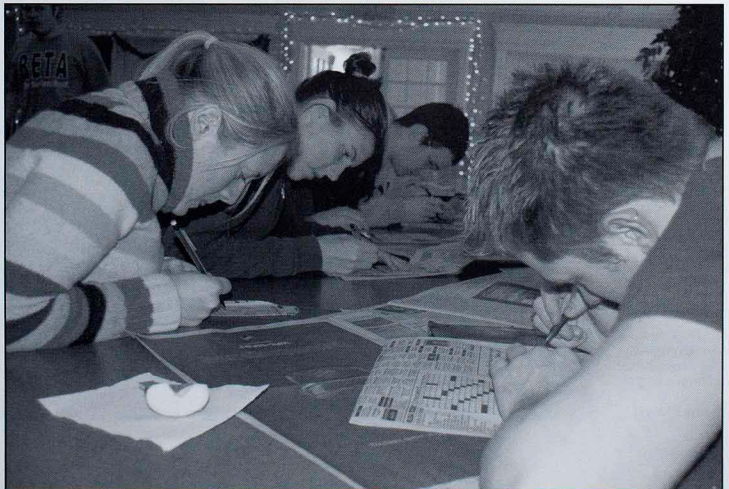
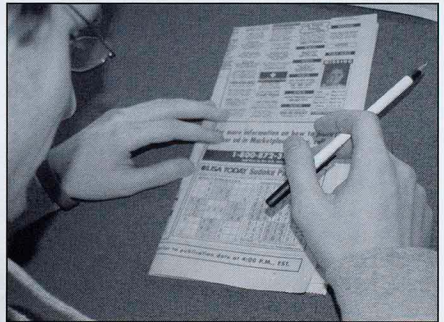
Players had differing ways of approaching the puzzle.

"Start slowly with maybe one spot on the puzzle and then slowly work your way through the rest of the cube, and you'll get it finished," Callahan said.

Gillette said learning how to play the game had no big secrets. He said you just play until you figure it out. Kreher had another tip and strategy.

"I would say be patient obviously is the biggest thing," Kreher said. "It might be a little intimidating when you first look at it, but then you realize how simple it is and methodical. Even people who don't usually enjoy opening up the game section can be intrigued by it."

--Erin Hickman, Editor in Chief



Top: A student focuses on a puzzle in USA Today's Life section. Sudoku fever caused problems when puzzle fans took only the features section of newspapers.  
Photos by Evangeline McMullen

Bottom: Centennial Hall residents work on Sudoku puzzles together. Some puzzle addicts could be seen playing every spare moment.

# A Voice Is Heard

student earns front-row seat with the board of governors

**W**ho exactly decided whether tuition would increase? Who hired the faculty and even the president? Who set the curriculum at Truman State University? The answer to these questions was the Truman Board of Governors.

The Board comprised seven voting in-state members, two non voting out-of-state members and one non voting student representative.

Sophomore Emily Kiddoo joined the Board as the student representative in July 2005. Selected to this position through a complicated process that took place once every two years, Kiddoo, a political science and business double major, said she thought it was something she would enjoy, prompting her to fill out an application for the position.

The Student Senate nominated three people from the submitted applications. Next, the nominees were interviewed at the governor's office in Jefferson City. The Missouri State Senate then approved the selection.

Kiddoo's position required her to voice students' opinions on the major decisions made about the University's future as well as acting as an associate member on the Student Senate with an advising role. By being involved on the Student Senate and in other organizations, Kiddoo gauged what students' opinions were about the University. Kiddoo said her job was to represent the students' interests to the Board.

"I find out what the Board is considering at the next couple meetings ... and get the students' opinion on that, and then I represent that to the Board of Governors," Kiddoo said.

Kiddoo said she thought that even though she did not have a vote on the Board, she did have a voice, and the Board considered that. As

student representative on the Board, Kiddoo got to see firsthand how the University was run. Kiddoo took part in examining the Master Plan for the University for the next five to 10 years. Kiddoo spoke as the voice of the students for the plan, expressing what they thought the University should do to improve the school.

Registrar A. Kay Anderson was the student staff adviser for the Student Senate, explained the importance of the student representative on the Board.

"I think that influence is probably the greatest power in this position because members of the Board do take this student representative very seriously and do weigh their input very seriously," Anderson said.

Kiddoo's friends agreed she was the right person for this position. Sophomore Courtney Harrel, Kiddoo's roommate, spoke highly of her.

"Emily is always willing to help someone," Harrel said.

Other students at the University might not have played as big a role as Kiddoo did, but Kiddoo advised all students to find a way to make a difference.

"Get involved as much as possible in something you enjoy," Kiddoo said.

--Caitlyn Cummings



Sophomore Emily Kiddoo attends the Board of Governors meeting. Kiddoo was chosen to serve on the board for two years.

Photos by Grace Mattie



# Sophomores



Kathryn Martin  
Sarah Martin  
Jamie Matthews  
Jenni Mattingly  
Alyssa Mayer  
Peter McEvoy

Nick McKeever  
Lauren Miller  
Lisa Miller  
Myisha Moffett  
Chrissy Molinar  
Angela Moody

Josh Mooney  
Courtney Moran  
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Sarah Morley  
Cassie Morrow  
Jenna Mowrey

Molly Mudd  
Brian Murray  
Keisha Murray  
Brittney Nast  
Phuong Nguyen  
James Obert

Dale Pahls  
Amy Pisarkiewicz  
Sarah Pleinness  
Daniel Poindexter  
Angela Prost  
Joseph Puricelli

# Starlight, Star Bright

observatory opens its doors to the public

If the sun went out, the Earth would have an eight-minute wait before it went spiraling into space. The sun, Earth's closest star, is just one of billions of stars. The night sky was filled with tiny pinpricks of light, and the Truman State University observatory allowed students to take a closer look at the universe.

Stargazing, a popular activity, led students to the University Farm. Because the wonders of the sky were often difficult to see with a street lamp at every corner, the farm provided a dark and open spot away from the city lights.

"I'm just from the city and haven't really seen many stars before," sophomore Karla Huber said.

Open observatory was not only about the stars. Mike Adams, associate professor of mathematics, led visitors on an expedition through space Sept. 29. With the University's new telescope, equipped with a global positioning system, Adams pinpointed constellations, planets and galaxies. Adams' love for astronomy prompted him to share his knowledge.

"I enjoy the reaction of people that are new to this, seeing some objects they've never seen before," Adams said. "A lot of the people who come here to the observatory aren't affiliated with the University. They are just people who live in town or surrounding communities."

The open observatory nights provided an opportunity for students and anyone who stopped by to explore objects of space. A telescope aided in the

viewing of Mars, which flickered in and out of view through the gases in the atmosphere. While lectures in classes were everyday occurrences for students, many were willing to listen to another after hours. The observatory sessions relayed a great deal of information in discussing topics such as the speed of light, the radio signals from a star explosion and even the fourth dimension.

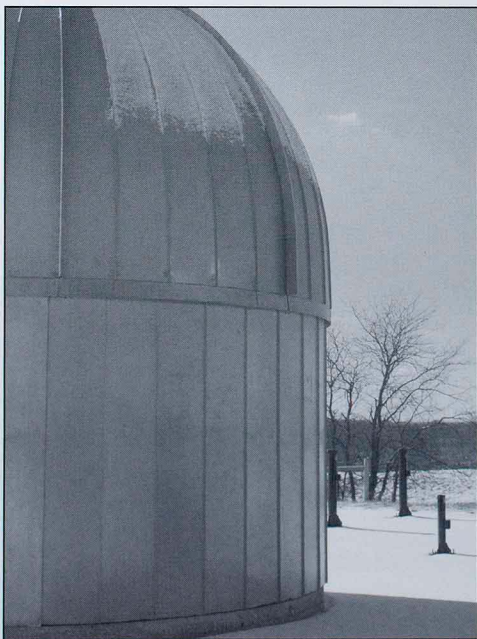
"Astronomy seems to capture people's imagination," Adams said. "About 30 to 40 people have been an average for open observatory nights."

Adams pointed out that much was unknown about the universe, so most of the ideas were just that: ideas. How everything worked and why it worked might not have been clear, but in the unknown, people could find a sense of belonging. Sophomore Brittany Cavender said she found the observatory relaxing, and its great view reminded her of her small-town roots.

"I've always enjoyed stargazing and looking at the stars," Cavender said. "When I come out here to the observatory, it feels like I am back at home."

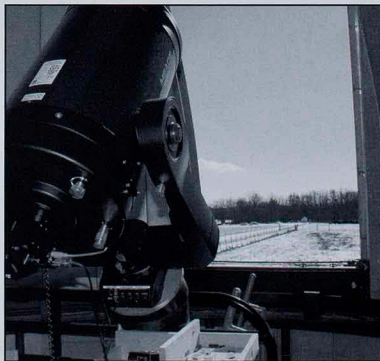
The observatory opened up the universe to students and others alike. It gave people a chance to see what made them wonder and question, and it shed some light on the dark of the night.

--Jay Obert



Telescopes sit in storage waiting to be used. The University had approximately 12 telescopes for use by classes and during the open observatory hours.

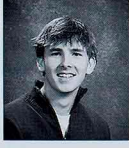
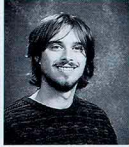
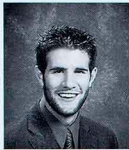
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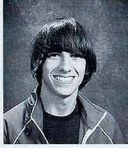
Left: This high-powered telescope allows one to examine the night sky. The telescope replaced an older version in 2004.

Far Left: The observatory is located at the University Farm. Several times during the semester the observatory opened to the public.

# Sophomores



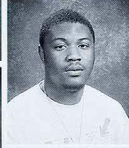
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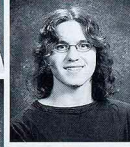
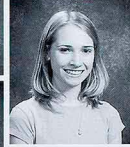
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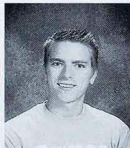
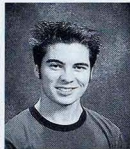


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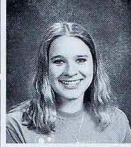
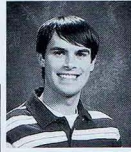
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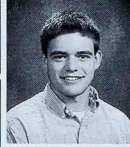
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Cassandra Bartlett  
Jyoti Bastola  
Kristine Batson



Melanie Bettis  
Justin Bever  
Laura Blakley  
David Bonner  
Erin Brooks  
Marisa Butler



Kyle Bybee  
Bryan Campbell  
Kathryn Carlson  
Cody Carney  
Sarah Carter  
Erin Clark

# No Bed Bugs Here

sleeping schedules get kicked to the curb

As at many colleges, late nights and lack of sleep were a common event for Truman State University students. These late nights varied in frequency from a few nights a month to an everyday, semester-long sleeping pattern. Doing homework, studying for tests, playing online computer games and participating in pledge season often caused students to see the sun come up on more than one occasion.

Night owls less interested in academics allowed the social throngs of college to keep them up late. Freshman Aaron Hooper said Phi Kappa Theta fraternity gatherings and pledge-season duties often kept him busy until 2 or 4 a.m. during the fall 2005 semester.

Others not kept up late by Greek socials had their own reasons for staying up much later than usual. Freshman Matt Desrosiers said he hit the hay typically between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m., occupying the time by playing the computer game World of Warcraft.

"Either I don't start my homework until late, or I'm on my computer doing something like a game, and I just don't feel like getting off," Desrosiers said.

Students often lost precious shuteye by studying or completing homework assignments. Sophomore Megan Hahn said that when she stayed up, she usually worked on homework out in the residence hall lounge. Likewise, freshman Andrew Lewellen said he found

homework kept him up late as well but in his case, it was usually because he started it much later than he should have.

A lot of students had late nights because of regular residence hall activities, such as watching movies with friends in the lounge. Freshman Daniel Ochsner said movie-watching sometimes turned into an all-night activity.

"I was up watching movies, and I thought it would be fun and also to see if I can actually [stay up all night]," Ochsner said.

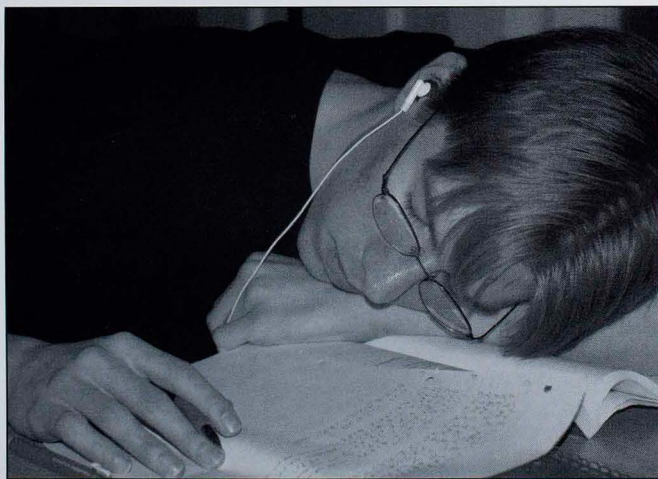
Students like sophomore Jennifer Cunningham exchanged old sleeping patterns for new ones to be more productive throughout the day. Cunningham said that during her freshman year, she and her friends stayed up until 3 or 4 a.m. out of boredom, but things changed during her sophomore year.

"I made myself [have a sleep schedule] because I didn't want to not have one like last year," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said getting more sleep at night helped her get through classes in the morning, get more homework done and earn better grades.

Whatever the reason, numerous students obviously saw late nights and most likely experienced their negative effects the following mornings. Perhaps for select college students, the old adage "early to bed, early to rise" changed to "late to bed, when's my first class?"

--Tonya Jackson



Freshman George Sumter catches up on lost sleep over his homework in the library. Not getting enough sleep was a common problem among college students. Photo by Grace Mattie

# Subtitles Optional

## French film festival brings a certain je ne sais quoi to campus

**L**ights, Caméra, Action!" declared a poster advertising the Tournées French Film Festival. The festival took place at more than 50 campuses across the country, and Truman State University was one of the schools that hosted the film series.

The Tournées Festival began Oct. 8 at the University. The festival included five French films, with one film shown each week for five weeks. The first three films played in Violette Hall, and then the festival moved to the Downtown Cinema 8 in Kirksville. Admission was free to students, faculty and staff.

Because the first two movies fell on Family Day and midterm break, they drew only a small crowd.

"We had about 30 [people]," sophomore Rachel Berrey said. "I was fairly pleased with that."

The professors in charge of the event hired Berrey to organize and promote the film festival, a program the French American Cultural Exchange sponsored.

"The FACE ... gave Truman a grant to promote French culture in the United States [by showing] five films," Berrey said.

The grant came with a list of movies that the professors in charge of the festival had to choose from. The movies spanned many genres, including drama, comedy and documentary. Sam Minner, dean of education, was one of the people responsible for selecting the movies, and he tried to choose a good variety.

"I selected them based on what I had seen and what I thought looked interesting," Minner said.

The movies he selected included "La Pianiste" (The Piano Teacher), "Confidences Trop Intimes" (Intimate Strangers), "8 Femmes" (8 Women), "Etre et Avoir" (To Be and To Have) and "Moolaade" (Sanctuary). The

films were all in French, and many French majors decided to attend.

"I'm really interested in French culture, and I know that film is a big part of French culture," junior Katie Rueckert said.

Rueckert attended the second movie in the series.

"It was a lot different than American films, with a lot less background music and a lot more dialogue," Rueckert said.

French majors were not the only students who enjoyed the event. Each movie had English subtitles to allow all students to enjoy the film series.

"I think that it appeals to French students, but it appeals to other students as well because French cinematography [has] shown some good things," Berrey said.

The differences between American and French cinematography were interesting for most students but also caused some controversy.

"We had one complaint," Minner said. "They said that the film was inappropriate for a college campus and that they wanted to know how it was selected."

Minner insisted the films were selected for their cultural value, and they were an appropriate representation of French cinema. Each film was explained to students before the start of the show.

"I don't think it is inappropriate or graphic," Berrey said. "I think that it deals with some controversial issues."

The purpose of the festival was exposing students to controversial issues and new ideas of French cinema. The films introduced students to French culture and to cinematography outside of Hollywood, an experience many said they found refreshing.

"That's what I like about French films," Rueckert said. "They're different."

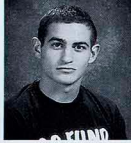
--Erin Collins

**Below:** Junior Matt Novak gets a ticket for the French Film Series. The shows were free to students, faculty and staff. Photos by Lauren Miller

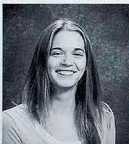
**Right:** A line of students and faculty wait to see "Etre et Avoir" during the French Film Series. This was two of five movies shown at the Downtown Cinema 8.



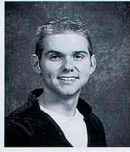
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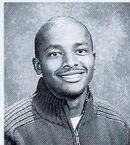
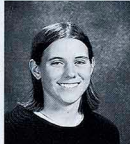
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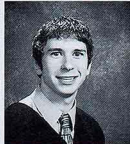
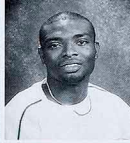
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# Going Feet First

runners make their mark on Kirksville's pavements

While a large percentage of campus utilized the Student Recreation Center to keep in shape, several Truman State University students raised the bar and trained for marathons.

For the students who dedicated hours upon hours to running, lifting and carbohydrate loading, the ultimate goal was crossing the finish line. While marathon length was 26.2 miles, some students chose to train for the half-marathon (13.1 miles) because of the less rigorous training that interfered less with their busy schedules. Training for a full marathon consumed many hours per week.

"I spend at least 14 hours a week running," junior Jill Moeller said. "I lift and cross train as well, sometimes playing Frisbee and biking to make sure I don't get bored."

Moeller, a student adviser in Ryle Hall, trained from mid-June until early October to prepare for her first marathon, the Chicago Marathon.

Training for a half marathon proved to be no small feat for senior Katie Jorgenson, who ran the Omaha Half-Marathon in late September. Jorgenson typically logged between three and five hours a week running in addition to lifting on her two non-run days.

"I was inspired by friends who ran half- and full-marathons this past year," Jorgenson said. "Plus, my boyfriend always teased me that I was only a sprinter and wouldn't handle the distance."

Jorgenson was not alone as a half-marathon trainee. Senior Brian Rose ran roughly 30 miles a week during warm weather and increased the mileage to 40 or 50 miles a week during cooler conditions.

"I've run two half-marathons so far with my roommate," Rose said.

"We're 99.5 percent sure we'll do the St. Louis half-marathon in the near future."

Both Moeller and Jorgenson found their training plans online at Web sites. In addition to putting carefully tracked miles onto expensive running shoes, runners had to give their diets careful consideration.

"You eat a lot," Moeller said. "I really try to pack in the fruits and veggies. You really need your carbohydrates so you have expendable energy as well. I like to take a baggie of almonds and gummy bears on my long runs with me for a little burst of energy."

To find time for the long, demanding hours of training, students had to be self-motivated and responsible as they attempted a complicated balancing act of schoolwork, jobs and personal life.

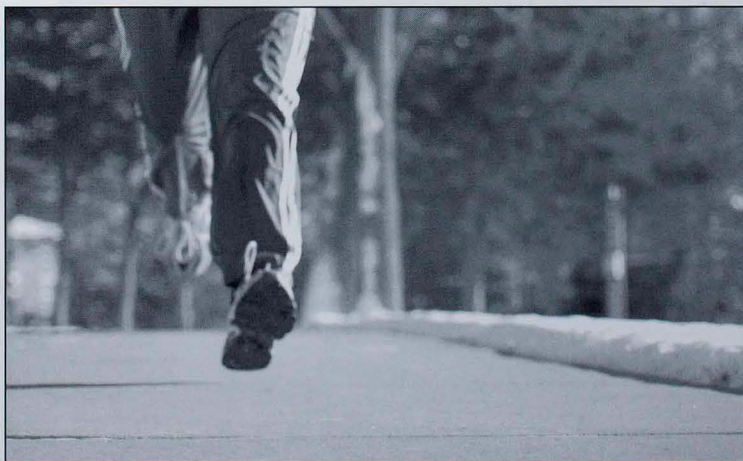
"Sometimes it meant getting up in the morning when I didn't want to," Moeller said. "Suffering a little now will help me minimize the longer suffering [during the race]."

When the road was long, lonely and easy to turn from, runners turned to inner strength and drive to push them through the miles. To finish their races and put in the training time, runners found their own motivation to push them through the rough patches.

"I don't like having to say that I can't do anything," Jorgenson said. "When I wanted to stop, I thought about admitting it to my roommates when I got home."

Whether the goal was a full-marathon or a half-marathon, runners from the University committed to going the distance.

--Carolyn Minchik

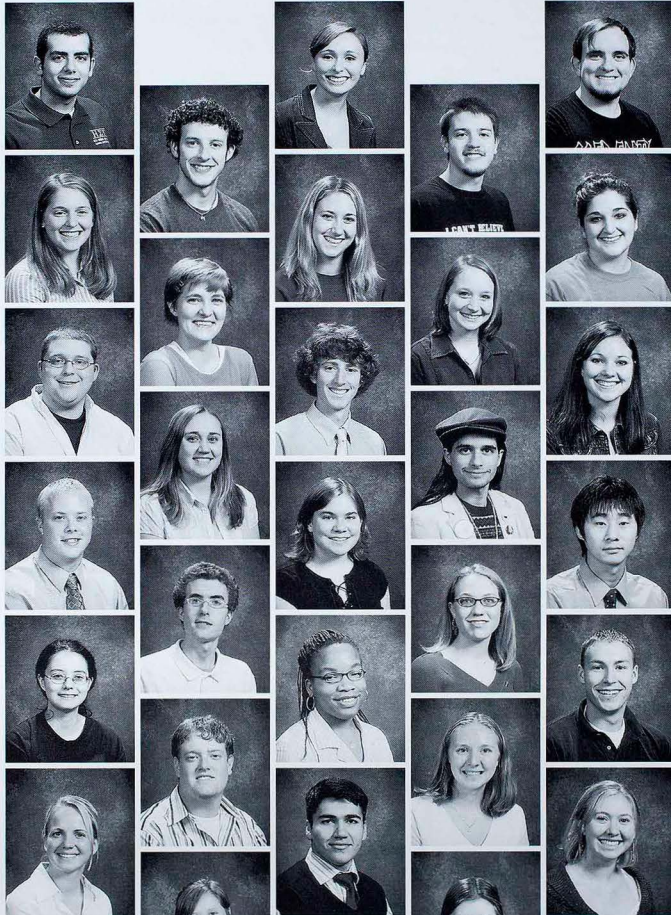


Marathon running requires determination and commitment. Runners often trained even in unfriendly weather. Photo illustration by Evangeline McMullen

A runner passes the Fair Apartments early Thursday morning. Students frequently were seen running on the blocks surrounding campus.  
Photo by Derek Wilhelm



# Juniors



Peter Guirguis  
Lauren Hamilton  
Josh Hanser  
Andrew Hardee  
Jo Anne Hardee  
Megan Hasse

Matt Heimann  
Kenna Herdrich  
Erin Hickman  
Kyle Hill  
Ben Hingst  
Paula Hodges

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Breanna Hulsey  
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# Life As A Leftie

## left-handed students battle a right-handed world

**D**esks that felt just a little off, scrambled notes, aching hands and annoying spiral notebooks pervaded the lives of left-handed students.

After years of schooling in a right-handed world, left-handed students of Truman State University, such as freshman Mary Cook shed light on the issue of leftie-compatibility on campus.

"Sometimes they act as if left-handed people don't exist, but we're out there, obviously, and I want to have a say too," Cook said.

Freshman Brandy Wilcox shared Cook's opinion and said she believed the University's shortage of left-handed desks was a testament to this.

"There's usually at least one or two in each room, but the problem is they're usually pushed to the side or in the far back because no one else uses them, so it's either sit in those spots or carry them to the front," Wilcox said. "I usually sit in a right-handed desk."

Freshman Gavin Conkling adapted to the right-handed atmosphere when it came to desks.

"I don't see [left-handed desks] too often, but that doesn't bother me too much because I've just gotten used to right-handed desks," Conkling said.

Desks were not the only challenge for lefties. School supplies also presented unique challenges for left-handed people.

"[I would buy special] scissors because it's kind of awkward," Conkling said. "For a long time I held my scissors the wrong way,

but I would definitely go out of my way to get those and notebooks."

Others, such as Wilcox, have learned to use right-handed notebooks.

"I write with what they call a 'hook,' and I've learned to support my elbow on my own," Wilcox said.

Although some settled for the world of right-handed domination, others still strived for left-handed equality.

"In my classes I'll race to get the only left-handed desk, but it doesn't work because I'm always late," Cook said. "It's pretty annoying when you're sitting there taking notes. They say that with lefties that they hold their pen differently, but I write funny because they make notebooks for right-handed people, but I also have atrocious handwriting that I like to attribute to being left-handed anyway."

Conkling explained why being left-handed was not all bad. "We're the only ones in our right minds because the right side of the mind controls the left side of the body," Conkling said.

Being left-handed provided automatic bonding for some. "I'm always very excited to meet somebody else who's left-handed just because they know what we go through," Wilcox said. "It's just nice having an automatic friend."

In a world where left-brained thinkers rule, the right side of the brain had one more thing to say about being left-handed.

"The world is against us, but it's OK," Wilcox said.

--Katie Monaghan



Left-handed desks are often the minority in every classroom. This forced some left-handed students to sit uncomfortably in a right-handed desk. Photo by Katie Poland

# Smooth Operators

telecounselors offer advice, answers to prospective students

High school seniors often received calls from colleges encouraging them to come to their school, and Truman State University joined these efforts by initiating the Telecounseling Program. Students in the program called prospective students to encourage them and offer support.

"We call people who have applied and been accepted and answer any questions they have about Truman and talk about the good things about coming here," freshman Molly McKay said.

The Telecounseling Program began when the University hired associate vice president for enrollment management John V. Fraire. Fraire previously worked at Western Michigan University and drew inspiration from its telecounseling program to begin one at Truman State University.

The new program replaced an older, similar program that volunteers ran. Instead of accepting volunteers, program coordinators required interested students to apply for a position. Regional Admissions Coordinator Matt Hanley said students went through a tough application process to get the job, including two telephone interviews that tested applicants' phone skills.

"We had a pretty big applicant pool," Hanley said. "We wanted students who had performed well at the University who were heavily involved in extracurricular activities."

Hired students went through several days of training. Junior Justis Tuia, one of the program's team leaders, said telecounselors needed to know as much as possible about the University.

"We have 20-minute training sessions every day before the shift starts to keep people up-to-date on who we're calling, what our goal is with this particular group of people, and to help them to get to know the University better," Tuia said.

Knowledge of the University helped telecounselors answer questions from the prospective students. They made the calls between 5 and 9 p.m. from the Office of Admission. The calls mainly targeted high school students who had shown interest in the University by applying or visiting campus.

"We are given sheets [of names] from the co-directors of admission, Mr. Brad Chambers and Mrs. Melody Chambers," Tuia said. "For the most part, these are students who either have been accepted to the University, or they are students who have filled out part of the information online but have not quite submitted all of their information."

Prospective students often asked questions about student life and the application and enrollment processes.

"I try to talk about what activities we have here and what living in the residence halls is like," McKay said. "A lot of people have questions about that. A lot of people ask about the bathrooms."

The telecounselors reminded prospective students to fill out housing forms and tried to help them feel more comfortable about the transition to college. Some even got to deliver exciting news.

"Some of our calls are informing them for the first time that they have been accepted, ... so some people get really excited on the phone," Hanley said.

Some high school students, however, had the opposite reaction.

"There are occasionally students who are not that excited about coming to Truman or not that excited about college, period, so they are kind of dead on the phone and very apathetic," Tuia said.

McKay viewed these encounters as a learning experience and also saw a lot of benefits to the program.

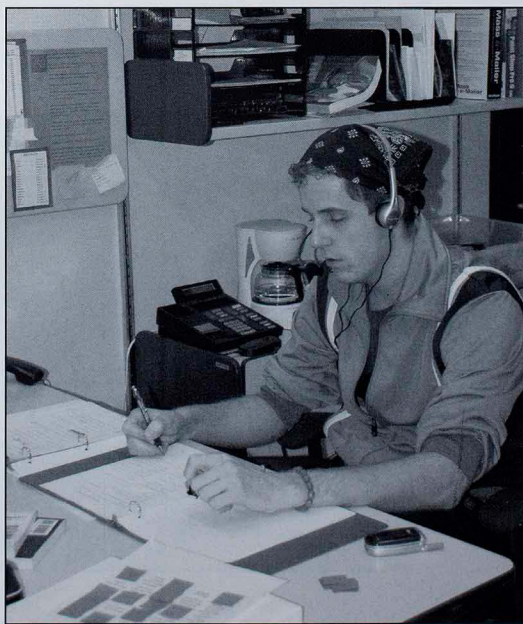
"It kind of helps you with your people skills to talk to people who don't want to talk to you, so you are trying to be friendly," she said. "Some people really appreciate that you called. ... They have lists of questions they want to ask you."

The program provided honest answers to prospective students' questions to guide them through the process of becoming a college student.

Tuia found the telecounseling program rewarding because telecounselors had the opportunity to share knowledge with the prospective students and help prospective students discover if the University suited them.

"It makes the things you do seem worth it," he said.

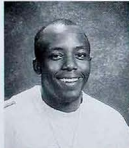
--Erin Collins



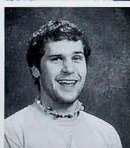
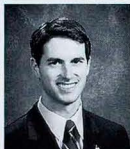
Junior John Dieter talks to a prospective student on the phone. Telecounselors answered questions that interested applicants had about the University.

Photo by Hope Slaby

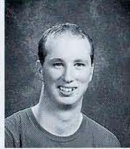
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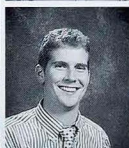
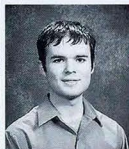
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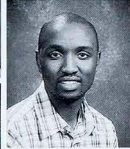
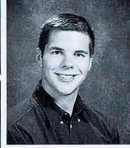
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# Slim Pickings

vegetarians find meatless menu options low in merit

**A**lthough vegetarians often received a bad reputation for being vocal against those who chose to eat meat, something of much greater concern filled the minds of these selective eaters: the lack of vegetarian options on Truman State University's campus.

Freshman Samantha Hubbard said she found herself eating the same thing repeatedly.

"Dorm food is all right," Hubbard said. "I mean, it is cafeteria food, but I do find myself eating a lot of cheese pizza and salad."

The Student Union Building offered limited options as well.

"I know that I'm a minority, and you can't exactly please every single person's taste perfectly," junior Bethanie Seiglar said. "I'm not a huge fan of tofu, so my selection's pretty limited [because] most of the food they have is tofu."

Made from soy, tofu was flavorless and used to increase texture in a meal. In residential dining halls, tofu was a common ingredient in vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Besides the politics concerning meat, health reasons prompted many students to choose the vegetarian route. Junior Emily Randall became a vegetarian when she took the University's required health class.

"It started when I was taking Health 196, and I got it in my head that I was going to start eating all the fruits and vegetables [needed] and in

doing that I just didn't have enough room to eat meat," Randall said.

Despite concerns regarding adequate protein intake via meat, Hubbard said she believed she could supplement her diet using other foods.

"I know that I should [take vitamins] ... but I don't worry about it too much," Hubbard said.

Although the University made an effort to increase knowledge about proper nutrition, healthful options posed financial concerns for vegetarians. Many vegetarians on campus ate simple salads or pizza but still paid the same amount per meal block as other students who chose more expensive entrees. In fact, some options at the SUB, like the vegetarian burgers were more expensive than the regular meat burgers at the Sky Ranch Grill.

"The prices are a bigger problem for me than the actual selection," Seiglar said. "It costs three bucks a meal, and I can eat on my own for a few days on three bucks."

To satisfy all students, Randall suggested the University broaden its horizon.

"I think that it would be really beneficial for them to have more vegetarian options because everyone can eat vegetarian, so it wouldn't be taking away from anyone to add more of those options," Randall said.

--Meredith Wells



A resident prepares a salad in the Centennial Hall cafeteria. Vegetarian options in the cafeterias were few.  
Photo by Grace Mattie

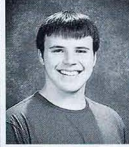
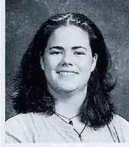
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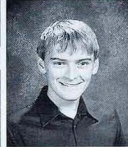
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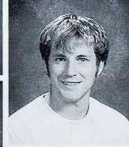
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# Wild Adventures

## Truman research team hunts unusual prey

Senior Adam Petry and his research team made some new friends last spring - bobcat friends, that is.

In April 2005, Petry, with the help of an expert trapper, captured five bobcats: one female and four males. This was all part of the Home-Range Size of the Bobcat in Missouri Project.

Petry said the trapping was his biggest learning experience in the project.

"We went out and checked our trap line, and among lots of raccoons and opossums, which didn't smell good, we ended up with five bobcats over about a three-month period," Petry said.

The research team caught all five bobcats within a two-week period but not without many failed attempts.

The study aimed to identify how far bobcats traveled, what habitat they used and what caused their movement.

The bobcats were fitted with radio collars, which emitted a radio wave pulse signal that traveled about a mile.

"[The collars] are very lightweight, so they don't really have an impact on the bobcats and hunting and predator techniques or anything like that," Petry said.

Because the collars were expensive, the team made sure they were secured. Once the collar was secure, the research team released the bobcats back into the wild.

Using an antenna, the team was able to observe specific directions and bearings of the bobcats.

"We just drive around in a truck with an antenna and tune our receiver to the [bobcats'] frequency," Petry said. "It's intense, and you get a lot of strange looks when you drive through small towns."

The team collected three consecutive bearings for each cat, creating a triangle where the bearings met. Using telemetry software, they identified the cats' locations.

Petry decided to conduct his research because he was curious if the bobcat was sustainable in northeast Missouri.

"About a year ago we decided to launch the project," Petry said. "I was really intrigued, by kind of their natural history and was interested in seeing if they were in the area. So I just decided to track them, and we were fortunate enough to catch some and radio collar them and get data off them."

Petry said the fuel to start the project was the fact that an earlier student already had purchased and accumulated equipment. Money was tight, and everyone involved in the project contributed to the out-of-pocket cost.

The project received funding from Truman State University and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program through the National Science Foundation as well as a \$250 check from the Missouri Trapping Association.

Overall, the project cost around \$6,000 for five bobcats.

Prospective University student John Anderson knew Petry in high school, which was how he got involved in the project.

"We started talking a little bit about what we are doing in college and stuff," Anderson said. "We got on the subject of research, and I ended up coming up here for a couple of weeks this summer."

Anderson enjoyed the research and decided to stay in Kirksville to finish the project or possibly continue it.

Petry said he hoped to see the project passed from student to student in the future.

"It would be an awesome continual undergraduate research project," Petry said.

--Mandi Sagez



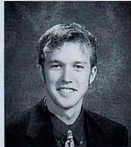
**Above:** Senior Adam Petry transports a live bobcat in a cage to be released back into the wild. The animal was measured, weighed and fitted with a radio-collar so it could be tracked.

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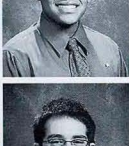
**Below:** Adam Petry and Jeff Wright use an antenna to track the bobcats they tagged. The antenna received radio signals that the radio-collar fitted on the bobcats emitted through radio telemetry.



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Gabrielle Stocke  
Christina Stroetker  
John Sturgeon



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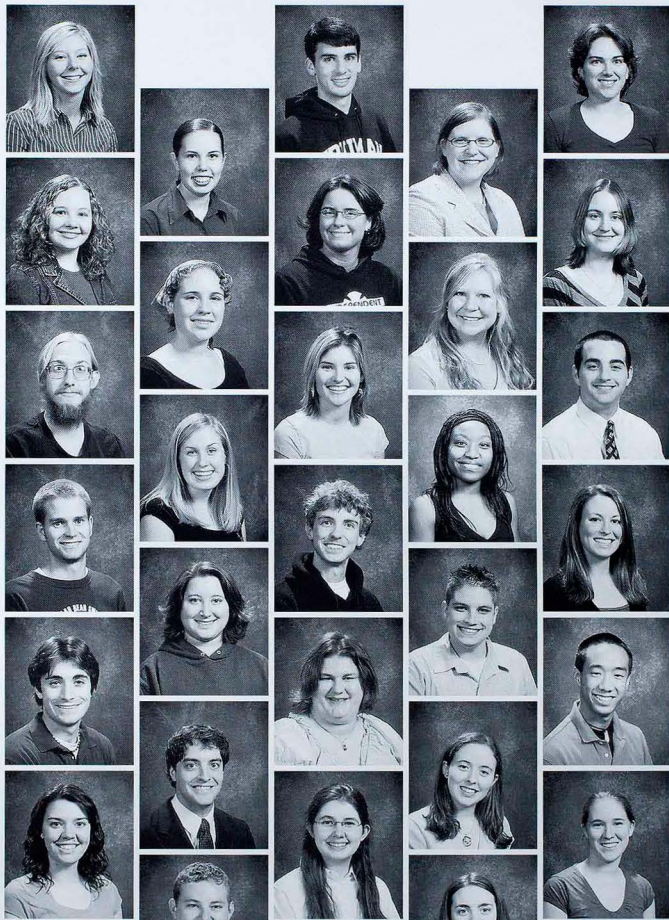


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# Starting Over

## nontraditional student gives Truman a second chance

Sophomore psychology major Cate Behrens, who graduated from North Shelby High School (Shelbyville, Mo.) in 1994, applied to Truman State University two weeks before classes started in the summer of 1996. She appeared to have everything together, including a full music scholarship for clarinet and a busy social life.

Behrens said that at that time, however, she was not sure about the direction of her life at Truman, and academically, she was in a downward spiral.

"I basically had everything paid for when I was here that fall, but I didn't know what I wanted to do, and I was far too involved in the social scene," Behrens said. "I just kind of washed out."

Since leaving the University in 1996, Behrens had been engaged twice, attended two other colleges and lived in Iowa, Illinois, Florida, Missouri and Germany. She said she moved back to Shelbyville, her hometown, in May 2004 to go back to school.

She attended Moberly Area Community College during the summer and fall of that year, earning a 4.0 both semesters. During the spring 2005 semester, Behrens said she began looking at different options for school.

"I applied to Truman in July and was attending classes that August," Behrens said. "Here I am, again!"

Longtime friend Holly Fling, a Kirksville resident and freshman at MACC, said Behrens' worldly experiences never surprised her.

"Cate's the kind of girl that if I called her up right now and said, 'Hey Cate! Let's get in the car and go to nine different Wal-Marts tonight,' she would say, 'That's crazy! OK, let's go,'" Fling said.

Reflecting on the past 10 years, Behrens said her future had become much clearer.

"The thing that happened to me from 10 years ago until now is, I have an idea of what I want to be when I grow up," she said. "When I graduated from high school I thought I was a music major, and yeah, I'm a great clarinetist, but to study it doesn't work for me."

Junior Ashley Freund and sophomore Cate Behrens pose for a picture. Behrens returned to the University and joined extracurricular organizations after a 10-year hiatus from Kirksville.  
Photo Submitted



Fling said she blamed Behrens' indecisiveness on her high intelligence.

"She is so talented and intelligent, and I think that she is good at everything she does," she said. "I think that when people have so many interests and are so good at so many things, it's really hard for them to choose just one thing that they want to do."

After completing undergraduate work at the University, Behrens said she hoped to help troubled teens in the future.

"I'll probably go to grad school," Behrens said. "I'll look at Berkeley [University of California], so I really [need to] get on this and keep pulling my GPA up, but hey, I've got an interesting story, and admissions people like that."

Behrens described her lifetime goal as being the scary old lady on the block.

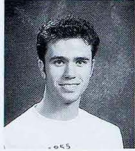
"Long term, I just want to find a nice, quiet place, settle down and lead a peaceful life and be that eccentric chick with all those degrees who does woodworking, and nobody has any idea how she makes her money," Behrens said.

Junior Lauren Johnson, Behrens' "Big" in service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, described the 29-year-old as someone who already was living her second life.

"She's lived a whole life, and now she's going to college," Johnson said.

--John Weeks, Advertising Manager

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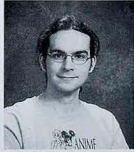
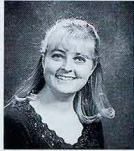
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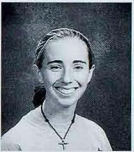
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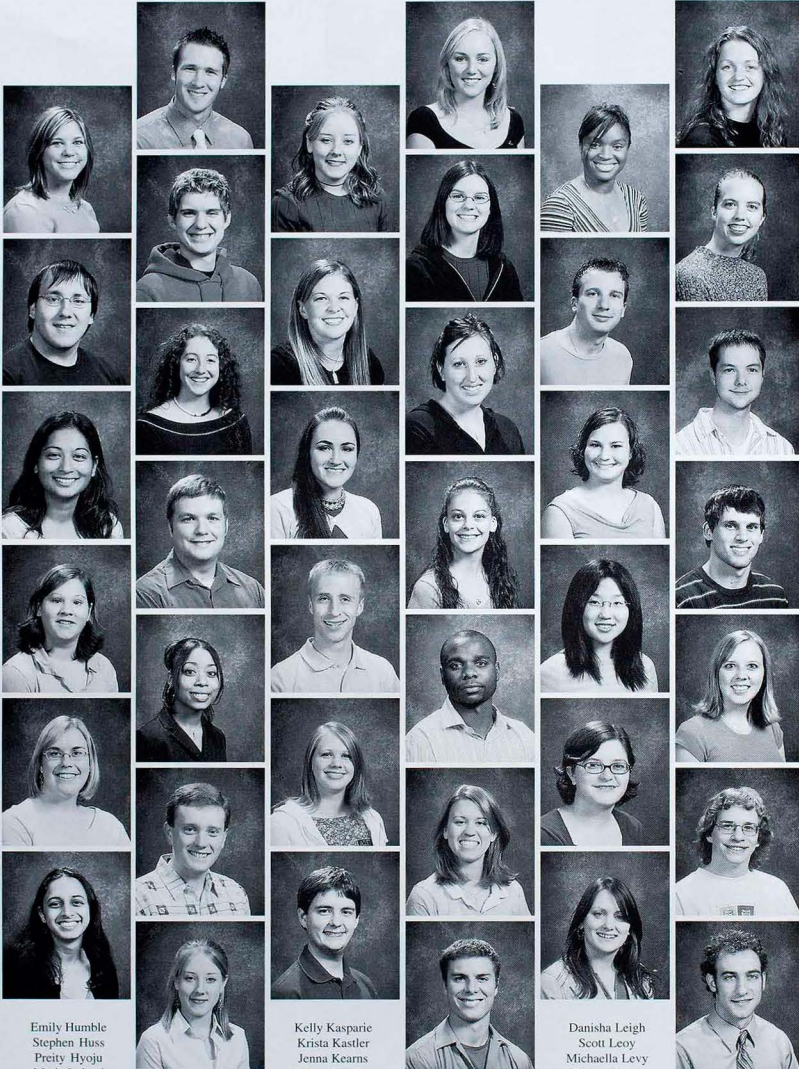


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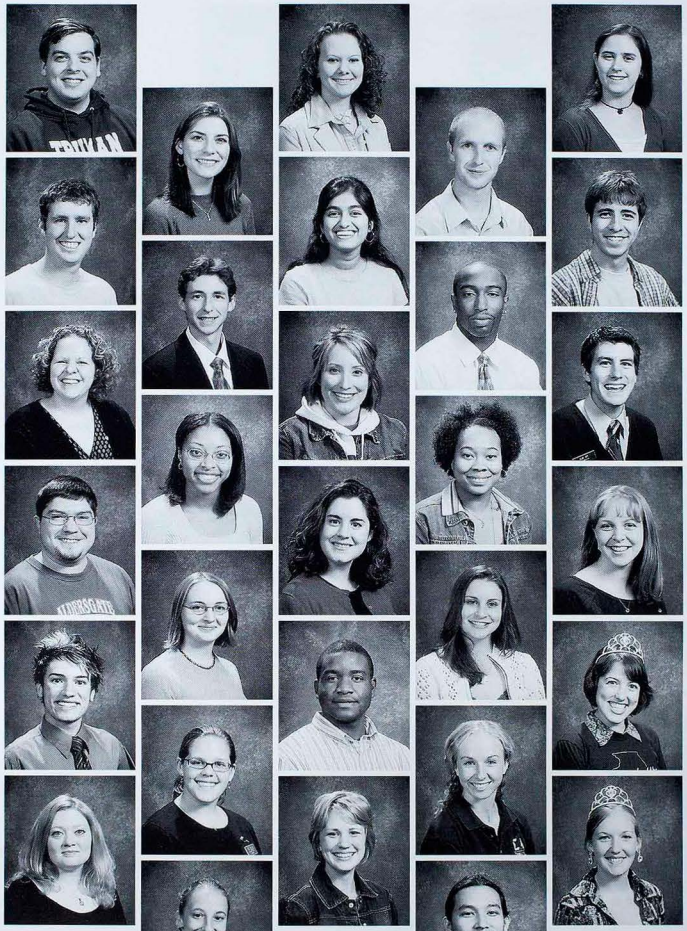
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 Terri Rott  
 Sarah Rutherford  
 Molly Ryder

# Close to Home

## Kirkville residents find pros and cons in attending Truman

After living in Kirkville her entire life and attending many events at Truman State University, sophomore Christina Rector said she had no intentions of sticking around Kirksville after high school.

"I didn't want to come here at all," Rector said.

Because her father worked for the University, she grew up going to all the events and said she never pictured herself enrolling as a student.

Another student from Kirksville, junior Kathleen Redmon, also grew up familiar with the University.

"My mom works on campus, and so we always had a lot to do with Truman," Redmon said. "We went to lots of the events like the Lyceum things and concerts. I didn't ever have the 'townie perspective' on Truman."

Rector and Redmon found themselves studying at the University for a variety of reasons. Among their motivations were cost, academic programs and nearby friends and family.

"I was double-majoring," Redmon said. "It was a good program for both majors — biology and music — and so I just decided Truman was the place for me, and it was close to home, and I love my family."

Rector said she based her decision primarily on her friends who came to the University as well as the financial aspect. Because one of her parents worked on campus, she was able to study at the University for a low cost.

Attending college where they grew up benefited both Redmon and Rector in several ways.

"I really feel comfortable with a lot of the faculty," Redmon said. "When I was in science, I knew all of the faculty, so I felt very comfortable

approaching them with any problems."

Rector said she agreed familiarity was a plus.

"I know people, and I know my way around pretty well," she said.

The Kirksville residents did find drawbacks to studying at the University, however. Redmon said that while most college students experienced becoming a new person when they went away to college, she felt more restricted.

"You don't feel like you can really explore yourself as much, I don't think," Redmon said.

Rector said one of the benefits to going to school in one's hometown also could be a disadvantage. Familiarity with Kirksville residents lessened a sense of privacy.

"You do know a lot of people, and people know you," Rector said.

Additionally, Redmon said she felt inhibited in regards to experiencing the care-free life that many college students found.

"[You do not feel] the freedom of being able to go out and have a lot of fun or whatever, 'cause you're like, 'Oh, my parents are going to hear about what I did,' or 'I'll see someone I know at Wal-Mart, and so I don't want to be loud and obnoxious,'" she said.

These downsides to attending her hometown's university did not faze Redmon, however, who said she saw her experiences as positive overall.

"I think the advantages are really strongly outweighing the disadvantages," she said.

--Amanda Gardner, Head Copy Editor



**Left:** Junior Kathleen Redmon plays a Dew Fairy in the University's 2005 production "Hansel and Gretel." Music was one of Redmon's majors. Photos submitted

**Below:** Kathleen Redmon at her spring 2003 graduation from Kirksville High School. Family ties influenced some Kirksville natives to stay in the area and attend Truman.





Sophomore Desiree Atwater volunteers at Camp Tuckahoe's Outdoor Adventure Course. The girls involved in this council course sign up individually without a troop. Photo submitted

# Sticking With It

three women refuse to put their scouting days behind them

Typically, girls hung up their green uniforms and left their Girl Scout cookie-selling days behind before they entered the college world, but some Truman State University students stuck with scouting.

Senior Amanda Green became a lifetime member of Girl Scouts when she completed the highest award: the Gold Award. Green, a Girl Scout since she was in second grade as a Brownie, opted to become a lifetime member so she could stay involved with the organization and maybe become a leader if she ever had a daughter. Green said her lifetime membership cost her \$90.

"When I become a mom, I can help out and not pay that fee," Green said.

Since Green became a lifetime member, she helped out in the area by chaperoning camping trips and driving Girl Scouts to their meetings. She also donated money to the organization. Green had not been as active as she wanted to be, however, because she was a full-time student and also had a full-time job.

Freshman Dainielle Fox started in Girl Scouts when she was in kindergarten 13 years ago. Fox said she stuck with Girl Scouts because her mom had been and continued to be the troop leader. Fox also liked the unity among the members.

"I like the things we do and the way you can connect with girls all over the country," Fox said.

Fox received the Gold Award during her senior year of high school after

she completed a project at her high school. After receiving the Gold Award, Fox said she hoped to become a lifetime member. After college, Fox said, she wanted to become a Girl Scout troop leader, starting with the kindergarten age group.

"I want to start with trying to get my own little Daisy group," she said.

Sophomore Desiree Atwater also stayed involved in Girl Scouts. Atwater helped out in the day camps and family camps as well as her local council camp called Outdoor Adventure Course. College affected the amount of time she could put into volunteering.

"I don't do as many volunteer opportunities at camps because I'm at college and it's a long commute, but I still do every once in a while when I get a chance," Atwater said.

Atwater said she became a lifelong member of Girl Scouts because of the good volunteer opportunities it provided, and she enjoyed working with young people. Atwater said she thought young women could gain a lot from the organization.

"If it's done right, it can benefit [Girl Scouts] a lot in the way it expands their boundaries," Atwater said. "They aren't doing just school and just being with their families. There are numerous opportunities."

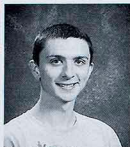
Although these three women no longer wore their green suits or sold the famous cookies, they were forever Girl Scouts.

--Jenna Keevan

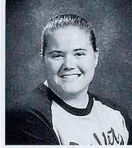
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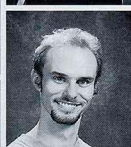
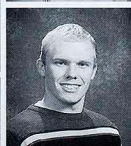
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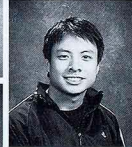
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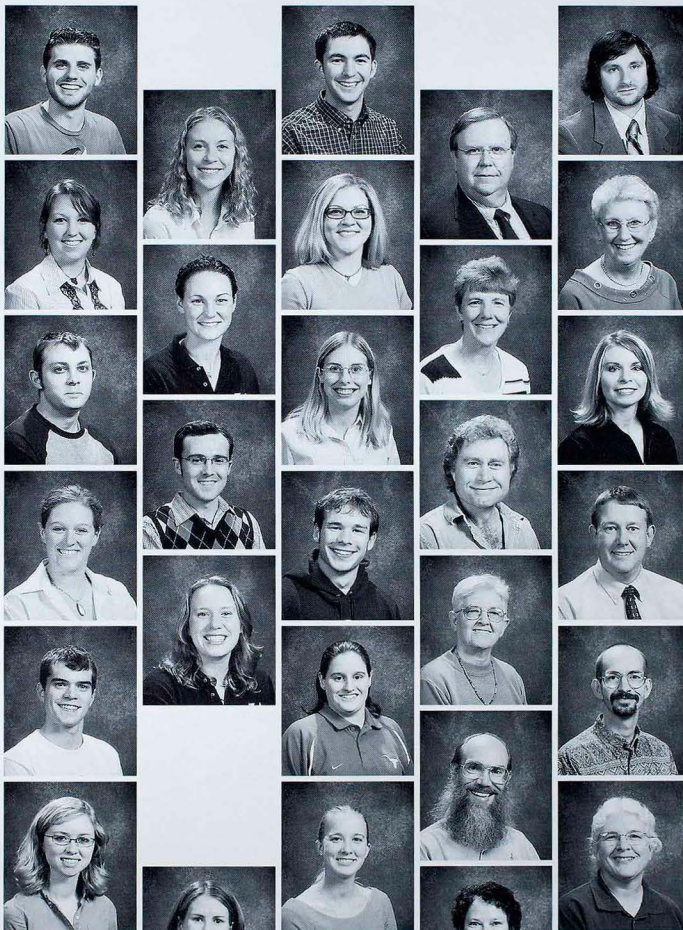


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# All Aboard

## thrill-seeking students find their fix on an old train bridge

Students looking for something fun to do on a weekend night in Kirksville typically did not turn to trains for entertainment. An increasing number of students, however, were discovering the thrill of “train catching.”

“The first time I heard it, ‘catching a train,’ I thought they meant actually getting on a train,” sophomore Jared Wagenknecht said.

In reality, an evening of train catching began with a 15-mile drive to a bridge south of Kirksville. The bridge, hidden down a gravel road far from any lights or people, spanned two train tracks.

Train catching involved driving out to the bridge, sitting and waiting with friends. When a train approached, students stood at the edge of the bridge and watched as the train sped right under them. The heat, wind and noise of the train created the rush that the train catchers were seeking.

Students usually waited for an hour or more, “catching” each train that came by that evening. Train catchers had to hope for luck when waiting for the trains to come.

“Normally you’ll get at least three or four, but you might have to stay here a long time,” Wagenknecht said. “But ... if it’s a nice night out, why not?”

The appeal of train catching obviously went beyond the rush of the actual trains. Students enjoyed the evening and the time between trains when they talked with friends.

“It’s an interesting place to talk, to kind of enjoy the night,” Wagenknecht said. “The stars are normally pretty bright.”

Sophomore Josh Blackman agreed.

“I find it really cool to come out here,” he said. “I’m actually from the Kirksville area, and this is a bridge [where] a lot of high school parties [are] at ... I knew about it from that.”

The bridge, which had been relatively unknown, became more popular as people began hearing about train catching. Each year more and more people decided to go and feel the rush of a train speeding under them. The trend spread by word of mouth.

“Each one of us will tell one of our friends and then they’ll each tell one of their friends so it ends up being [...] 12 or 15 people [at the bridge],” Wagenknecht said.

There was a wide variety of train-catching experience within the group, which changed from week to week. Some students went almost every week, and some only visited on occasion, but there was always a first-time train catcher.

Some students worried that train catching might get them in trouble. Blackman was among the students who regularly visited the bridge, and he said there usually was not a problem; however, his group did have one false alarm.

“We had a couple people climb down [the bridge], and we were watching from down by the tracks, and the cops came down here,” Blackman said.

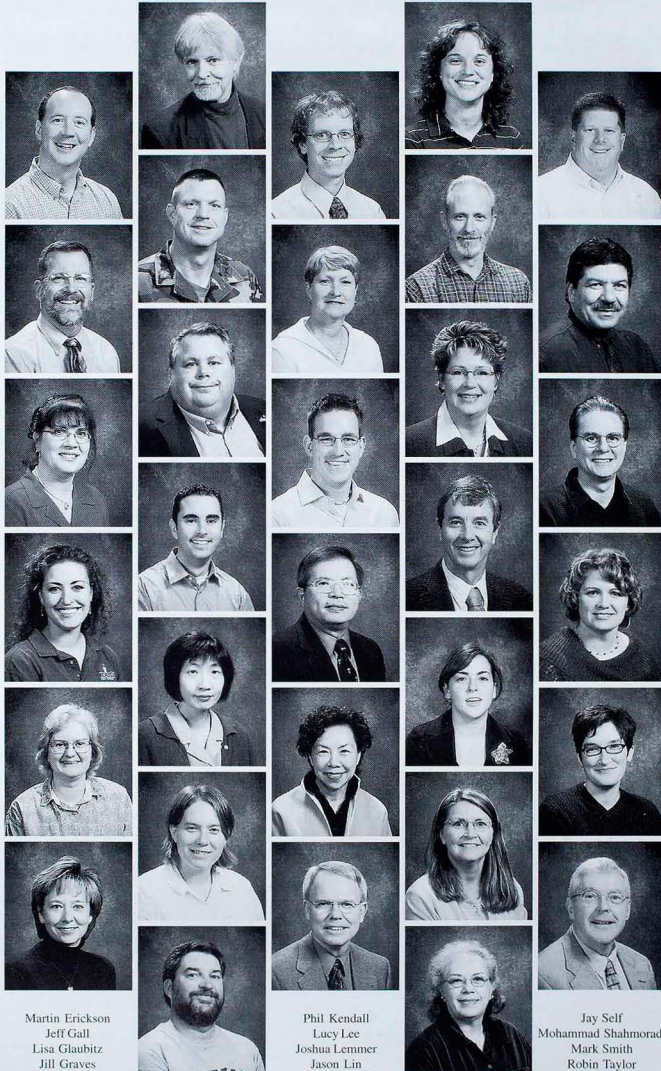
Blackman talked to the police, who said that train catching was fine as long as it stayed on the bridge, which made it a simple and legal way to have fun on a Kirksville evening.

--Erin Collins



The railroad tracks in La Plata, Mo., situated 10 miles south of Kirksville. The La Plata train station was the closest depot to Kirksville and meant that many trains passed through the area. Photo by Evangeline McMullen

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# Young Entrepreneurs

## two students take bold steps in acquiring real-world education

**T**urning hobbies into moneymakers not only made financial situations better, but it also created a sense of accomplishment. By starting their own businesses, some Truman State University students gained experience they never could receive in a classroom.

Freshman Jimmy Moore became interested in film through his high school classes. Soon after, he started his own business, Slightly Unhinged Productions, which dealt with video services including imaging and logos, video montages and film.

"There was nothing, a service or a business, around that was anything like I could do, so I realized that I had a monopoly in that town," Moore said of his hometown, Bowling Green, Mo.

Moore made most of his profits producing wedding films, which brought in \$300 per video. Although the monetary compensation was welcome, filming weddings required a lot of travel.

"If I do get a lot of business around the school year, it gets to be a little stressful 'cause I have to figure out a way to skip classes in the mid of week or find a way to schedule it on the weekends," Moore said.

Although nuptials gave Moore an income, his heart was set on film.

"My general goal with the whole thing is to make movies although weddings and commercials and things like that are my bread and butter," Moore said.

In summer 2006, Moore planned to produce his own film, tentatively titled "Six Degree of Separation," a suspense/thriller. His ultimate goal included having his film screened at the Sundance Film Festival in Salt Lake City.

Moore received some documentary experience when he filmed a documentary for the Missouri Humanity Council which aired on CBS.

"The funny thing is a lot of people were mad about [the documentary] because it took off 'Wheel of Fortune,'" he said.

Although business with Truman State University students was limited, Moore did have the opportunity to prepare a new member video for social sorority Alpha Gamma Delta.

Freshman and AGD member Becca Landwehr said she was pleased with the final result.

"He did an excellent job," Landwehr said. "He had different camera angles and scene changes, a lot better than what we would have been able to do."

Junior Kate Lawrence, Moore's girlfriend, also contributed her time and skills to Moore's business but made time for her own business, Pavo Online. The online boutique featured clothes, jewelry and bath products Lawrence made.

Lawrence decided to start the business to gain experience in the fashion industry. With financial help from her father, she launched the Web site in summer 2005.

"It's a lot more difficult to get it started than to keep it going," Lawrence said.

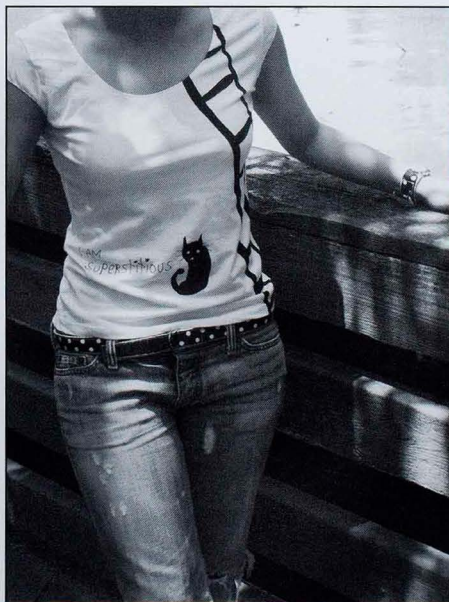
Lawrence received a lot of business during the summer when students were more likely to spend their money. Although Lawrence catered to University students, anybody from around the world could place an order.

"Most of them have been Truman students because they get a discount and get free shipping because I don't actually have to send it anywhere," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said the experience helped her decide what she wanted to do in life. From beginning the business with the hopes of being a fashion designer, she now no longer wants to get into that business, but rather the film industry. The experiences she learned by starting her own business, however, will last a lifetime and also brought in a few extra dollars.

"I don't make a whole lot, but I make enough to cover everything I sold and also a tank of gas every once in a while," she said. "I really do it more for the experience than the money."

--Jenna Kevan



One of the items of clothing junior Kate Lawrence sells on her Web site. Lawrence launched Pavo Online in summer 2005.  
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# More Than Words

**T**echnology might not have been the first word that came to people's minds while considering the benefits of living in a small, rural community like Kirksville.

However, a walk into Truman State University's Speech and Hearing Clinic, located on the first floor of Barnett Hall, proved differently. The clinic aided in the testing and therapy of people with oral and aural difficulties.

"We provide all our services at no charge to the public," said Janet Gooch, assistant professor of communication disorders.

The clinic featured two areas. The first area, the speech clinic, focused on cases related to language and speaking issues. The second area, the hearing clinic, performed free hearing tests Monday and Wednesday afternoons to anyone who walked in. Clients ranged from adolescents to the elderly to University students, faculty and staff.

The clinic served University students who had trouble doing their assignments, international students with difficulties learning English, children behind in school and adults with complications from strokes, among other clients. Clinician senior Jen Aubuchon said that the clinic benefited clients as well as students.

"We provide service to the community, but it is also a great learning experience for the students."

Clinicians included University professors, graduate students and senior communication disorders majors. Each clinician had a patient or group of patients. A clinician created lesson plans and long-range goals for his or her clients and kept detailed notes of each session.

"Of all the things as a communication disorders major, this is the most important thing that I am going to walk out of here with because it is hands-on experience," Aubuchon said.

She said she always knew she wanted to work with adolescents. Because other universities did not offer this opportunity, the service held special importance to Aubuchon.

Graduate student Cynthia Brady agreed with Aubuchon. In 2005, Brady transferred from Brigham Young University in Utah, and she said she enjoyed having the practical experience the clinic offered.

"That is one of the wonderful things that they have here at Truman — it is small enough that they can give those kind of opportunities," Brady said.

To receive her master's degree, Brady needed 400 hours of contact time with clients, and she fulfilled those hours at the clinic rather than driving elsewhere.

Several members of the staff also expressed how much the clinic helped northeastern Missouri.

"Our outreach is pretty significant," Gooch said. "If we were not here, a lot of people would go without our services."



Speech and Hearing Clinic client Alex Hendler and senior Laura DeKalb read a book together. An important part of the therapy sessions was interaction between clinicians and clients.

Photos by Evangeline McMullen



Graduate student Erin Plender and Adam Henderler, a Speech and Hearing Clinic client like his older brother Alex, play with bubbles. Part of Henderler's therapy involved learning sign language.

Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., recognized the clinic's significance to the region as well. Gooch said Talent and the University worked closely in pinpointing specific areas on campus that might benefit from additional funding, and in 2005, Talent appropriated \$250,000 to the clinic.

"I think it's very important to help Missouri universities sustain centers of excellence," Talent said. "I think that is the way schools are successful."

Gooch received a phone call from administrators asking for suggestions on the specific use of the money. She said she hoped the money would go toward newer equipment.

"Our plan would be to update the system or the technology — something that would enhance the services that we are able to provide," Gooch said.

Gooch said the clinic would have benefited greatly from a digital recording system. With digital recording, it could have created DVDs that would have made reviewing sessions easier. Also, DVDs could have been sent to parents to show their child's progress.

Other hopes for the money included scholarships for University students or a possible move to the Pershing Building. Brady pointed out the benefits of having the clinic moved to a location with more space.

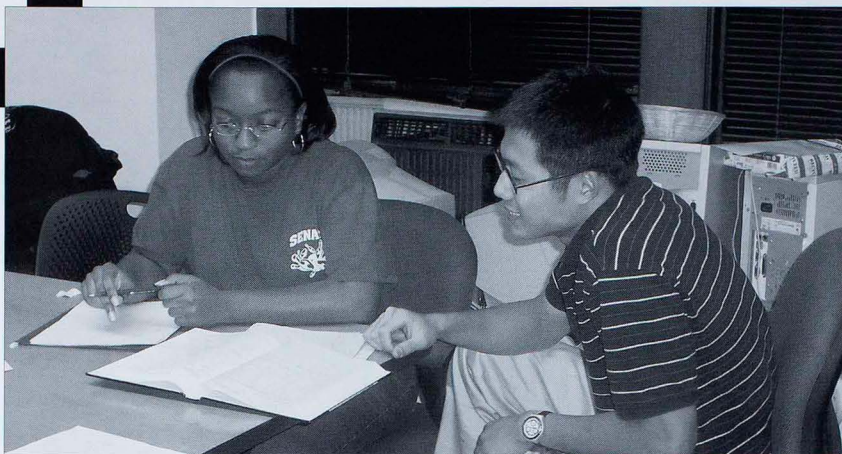
"Being a clinician here, I would love to see some of that money go into the materials room and giving us more space to store the materials we have and to expand what kind of materials we have to work with," Brady said. "The materials we have are absolutely wonderful, but you can always use more."

Regardless of how the money would be spent, all three women said they appreciated the opportunity to improve the clinic. The clinicians viewed the appropriation as a wonderful gift that would be spent wisely. The funds allowed them to continue to improve the services of the clinicians who fulfilled a vital role in the lives of many citizens.

Clinicians taught the clients valuable skills that would aid them for the rest of their lives. In doing so, the clinicians received real-world experience in their career, even before graduating.

"As a new clinician, I thought, 'Well, I don't really know what I'm doing!'" Brady said. "But [I've realized] that we really do have something to offer people that come in and need these kinds of services to communicate with their loved ones — and realizing that [we] really can make a difference."

--Alyson Watkins



Sophomore LaShonda Mackey and junior Quan Nghiem work on math homework together. Mackey helped students from different levels of math classes during tutoring.  
Photo by April Swagman

# MAC Math Tutoring

Surrounding a long wooden table in a cozy room, students and tutors tackled tough math problems and bonded despite cultural differences. Every Sunday through Thursday, the Multicultural Affairs Center offered math tutoring for any interested student.

During the first month of classes, the MAC saw 35 different students who came in 85 different times for tutoring sessions. Despite being busy, the 10 on-staff MAC tutors gave person-to-person help, taking the time to make sure all students completely understood their assignments and felt properly prepared for any upcoming tests.

Senior Sherry Ritter said the needs of the students coming in to the MAC varied from person to person.

"It depends on what the student needs," Ritter said. "Some students come in because they just need overall help. Sometimes they get a little behind, and they come in, and they just need someone one-on-one to get caught up with their classes."

The MAC primarily focused on giving students quality mathematics tutoring, but the center also provided tutoring in other subject areas, as well as private tutoring in any discipline. Ritter tutored in not only math, but also physics, biology, accounting, economics, business and even German.

Ritter said the center focused on mathematics because of the large number of students needing assistance in mathematics.

"Most majors require some sort of math," Ritter said. "A lot of students struggle with it, and that's one specific area they struggle in."

A variety of people came together to assist students with math problems and other assignments. Junior Melvin Omodon, coordinator of the math-tutoring program, said the diverse staff consisted of blacks, Asians and Caucasians.

Inside the MAC, no one focused on the differences. Instead, everyone viewed the center as a group of students trying to help each other out. The center welcomed everyone, and tutors and students helped all who stopped in at the center.

Tutors' majors ranged from biochemistry to economics. Having such a broad base of knowledge enabled tutors to help students in a variety of subjects. Tutors often worked together to figure out something in a higher-level class that both had taken.

"With the math tutoring we focus on classes lower than Calculus II, down to college algebra, elementary function, trigonometry and all that stuff," Omodon said. "It's a broad, broad range of classes."

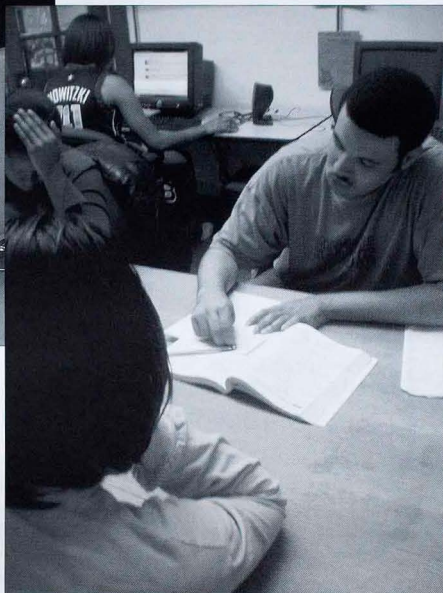
Sophomore Ashley Hawkins, a frequent visitor to the MAC, said her tutoring sessions for calculus usually lasted about an hour or an hour and a half, but depended on the particular problem at hand. Despite the availability of math tutoring in Violette Hall, she said she preferred the MAC's more comfortable atmosphere.

"In the MAC, the environment is just more inviting," Hawkins said. "The tutors are easier to distinguish, and there are not as many people there."



**Left:** Senior Truc Nguyen works individually on a laptop. Some students stayed at the math tutoring and worked out their math questions alone after getting help from a tutor, just in case they needed more help later.

Photo by April Swagman



**Right:** Sophomore Lashonda Mackey assists freshman Robert Wells during MAC tutoring. Mackey was majoring in math, but many of the tutors came from various concentrations to help students.

Photo by Grace Mattie

Equipped with four computers to double-check information for assignments or tests, the room also boasted the "Brag Board." The board displayed both students' and tutors' good grades to show how their efforts had paid off. The board often displayed messages like "I finally got an 'A' on my math test!"

Students who received assistance at the center often excelled in their subject matter after receiving tutoring. Not only did the students benefit from the tutoring, but the tutors also enjoyed the experience. Ritter, who tutored at the MAC for her work-study job, said she loved working with students.

"There are many different jobs on campus I could have taken, but I like working with people," Ritter said. "I really enjoy tutoring because it's something that I can actually see I'm making a difference. When I have students come in, and I help them with something, and then a month later they've got it down, they're doing great in their classes, it is a little reward for me to see that."

If students wanted better math grades, a homey feel and a productive learning environment, they stopped by the MAC to see a ready and willing tutor.

--Tonya Jackson and Loretta Palmer

# Bright Flight Plight

**T**hirty was the magic number. High school students across Missouri strove to bring their ACT scores up to or beyond this special number with promised scholarships as their goal. The Bright Flight Scholarship, awarded to students who achieved a 30 or higher and attended college in Missouri, also persuaded some of Missouri's best students to stay in their home state for college.

This merit-based program encourages top-ranked high school seniors to attend approved Missouri postsecondary schools according to the Missouri Department of Higher Education Web site.

Bright Flight recipient freshman Katie Hermann said that she noticed the scholarship's influence.

"I think a lot of people that stayed in state would have gone out of state," she said. "They planned for the money to stay in state."

Bright Flight Scholars received \$1,000 per semester for up to five years. Truman State University had more than 1,200 students receiving the scholarship, many of whom relied on the scholarship to help pay tuition. A delay in the arrival of the money, however, posed quite the problem for recipients during the 2005-06 school year.

The continued postponement of scholarship frustrated students.

"The money wasn't available when we needed it," said Bright Flight recipient senior Sarah Deady. "First they told us we would get it in September, then they said early October, and by late October it still wasn't here."

The money's delayed arrival not only tested students' patience, it also caused problems for students who needed the money to pay their bills. Notices sent to students informed them that they had not paid their tuition.

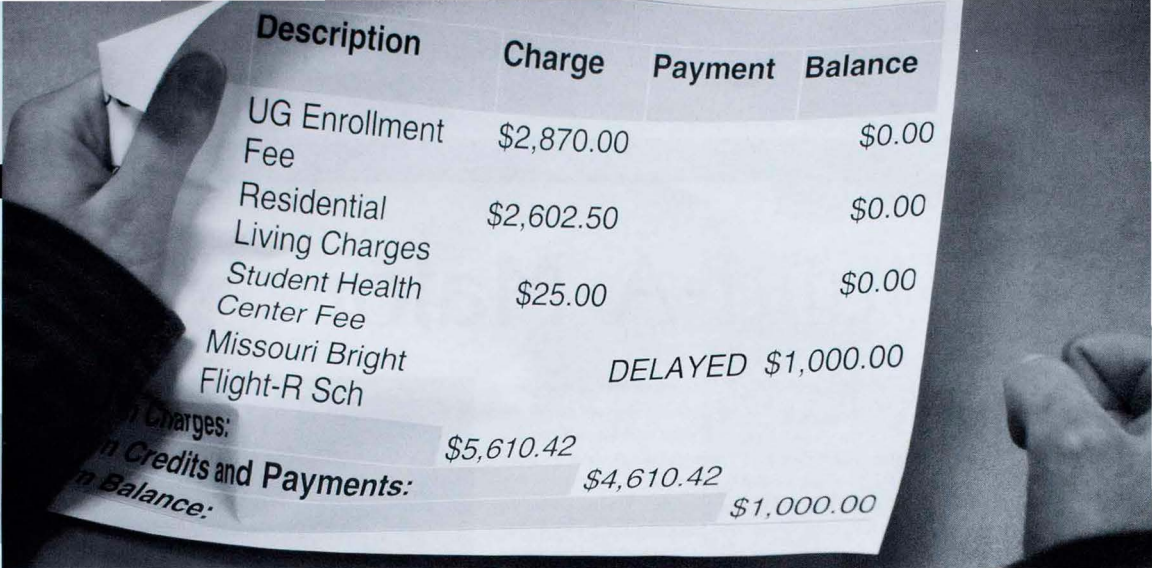
"We have gotten bill after bill saying you have to pay extra because you didn't pay the whole bill last time, but it's not something we should have to pay for because the money is coming," Hermann said.

Melinda Wood, director of the Financial Aid Office, said many institutions charge students interest on unpaid tuition, but this practice was new to the University. The Financial Aid Office faced the challenge of dealing with concerned students throughout the fall.

"There wasn't anything that we could do about it, so it was really hard," Wood said. "I think they were mostly upset about interest charges the business office was assessing."

Most students tried not to worry by keeping faith in the state government.

"I just dealt with the paperwork from the business office and kind of let it go because I knew eventually [the



Description	Charge	Payment	Balance
UG Enrollment Fee	\$2,870.00		\$0.00
Residential Living Charges	\$2,602.50		\$0.00
Student Health Center Fee	\$25.00		\$0.00
Missouri Bright Flight-R Sch		DELAYED	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Charges:</b>	<b>\$5,610.42</b>		
<b>Credits and Payments:</b>		<b>\$4,610.42</b>	
<b>Balance:</b>			<b>\$1,000.00</b>

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Evangeline McMullen

scholarship money] would come in," Hermann said. "I don't see a reason to get upset because the people you would get upset with are not at the school."

Although many students understood the delay was not the University's fault, some students raised other concerns about how those in charge of the scholarship at the University handled the delay.

Students knew the delay came from the state level, but no one offered a clear explanation of the problem. Many said they felt annoyed and uncertain about the situation.

"Nobody told us anything about why the scholarship was delayed, and that is frustrating," Deady said.

One rumor students heard was that a new computer system had something to do with the delay. Wood said the payment process within the new system was slow to be completed, which caused delays.

Once installed, the new computer process enabled the University to disperse the Bright Flight money. Students, however, still did not receive their money until much later. Most students never found out about the actual details.

When students received their Bright Flight checks, they were relieved to have the money, but Hermann said she was not reassured that the problem had been solved.

"It has always been delayed because my sister has always had problems with this, and she has been going here for four years," Hermann said. "I kind of expect to deal with this every semester for the next four years."

--Erin Collins

## How can I get Bright Flight?

- Have a composite score on the ACT or SAT in the top 3 percent of all Missouri students taking the test
- Be a graduating senior who enrolls as a first-time, full-time student at an approved Missouri school
- Be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity

Information collected from Missouri Department of Higher Education Web site: [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)

# Build-A-Major

As if Truman State University students didn't already have enough choices to make regarding majors and minors, the University added one more option to the mix in 2005-2006 by introducing an interdisciplinary major and minor to cater to students who wanted to tailor their studies even more.

Despite the major existing for more than 50 years around the country, it was new to the University and the Midwest. The interdisciplinary major went hand in hand with the University's liberal arts and sciences mission.

Junior Paula Hodges, a cultural and political advocacy major, said she found out about the interdisciplinary major from her adviser. She said she thought about transferring to a different university where she could create her own major until she heard about the interdisciplinary majors being introduced at the University.

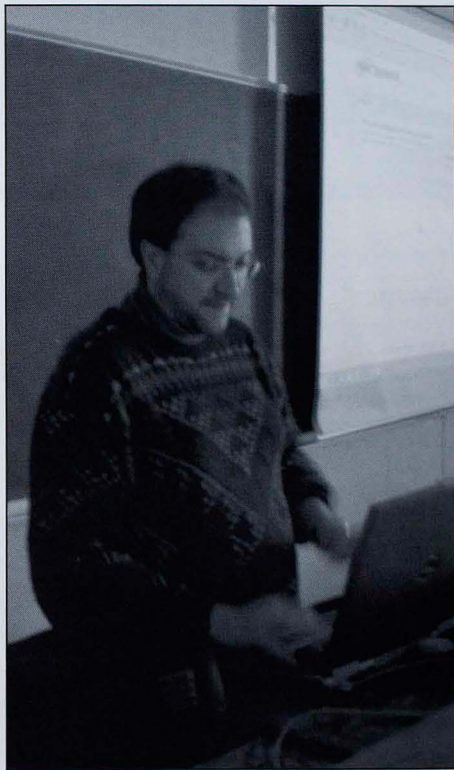
"[The interdisciplinary major is] a self-designed major," Hodges said. "A student goes to a mentor and constructs a unique major within the University's courses using every discipline if they want."

Hodges said she believed the interdisciplinary major was a very good selling point for the University.

"If you have a special interest, and you know you can structure your own major to your own specifications, that's really important," Hodges said.

Hodges combined her experiences from her Jefferson City, Mo., internship, studies abroad in Seville, Spain, and a wide array of classes to make her major unique.

All students who chose to take the interdisciplinary path had to create a proposal for their interdisciplinary major, which laid out their course of study for the rest of their time at the University and how it tied into their future career path. A panel of faculty members looked at the proposal and could suggest classes to enhance each individual's major. Approval was difficult because of the newness of the major, and students had only a brief window of eligibility for the program. Students could only apply for the major if they had



K. Scott Alberts, associate professor of mathematics, teaches Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies, a class available only for those involved in the interdisciplinary program. Students could pursue either a major or minor through the program.

Photos by Derek Wilhelm

earned at least 30 hours of credit at the University, but they could have no more than 60 hours of credits total.

What made the major unique was that the students designed it, and the possibilities were endless for where it might take them. Junior Angela Crawford said she wanted her major to take her into a career of public administration. The University did not offer a related major like many universities do, so Crawford used her interdisciplinary major to lead her in the right direction using the public administration minor as a guideline. Crawford highly supported the interdisciplinary major because of her experiences with it and said she thought she was a better student because of the major she chose.

"I have learned a lot how to think in an interdisciplinary way," Crawford said. "[I have learned] to solve problems, to look at and approach situations and truly create meaning out of them and to be able to better understand the world around me."

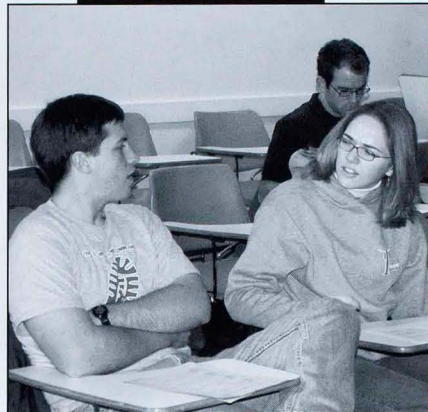
The purpose of the interdisciplinary major was to go beyond the divisionary barriers, try to synthesize information from different disciplines and to apply that knowledge to real-world problems. Crawford said she thought her major helped the University live up to its reputation as a liberal arts and sciences university.

"I think the interdisciplinary major takes one of the steps necessary to become the institution we say we are," Crawford said.

Sophomore Peter McEvoy used his interdisciplinary major to focus on Japanese studies. He said the major was for people who wanted to solve a specific type of problem. McEvoy's possibilities for future careers included teaching English, Japanese or Japanese history, or he could go to graduate school and become a professor. McEvoy said the major he designed turned out to be a good fit for him.

"I can't really think of any other major that I'd rather do," McEvoy said. "It gives me a way to study exactly what I want to study."

--Caitlin Cummings



Senior Michael Person and junior Angela Crawford converse during a session of Intro. to Interdisciplinary Studies. The students in the course had a range of interdisciplinary concentrations.



Juniors Amanda Turner and Jessica Chenault chat during Intro. to Interdisciplinary Studies. The other required course for the major was the Capstone Seminar. The remaining courses varied for each student.

# Growing Room



For almost 39 years, the sound of children singing and laughing rang through the three floors of the Child Development Center. The spring 2006 semester, however, brought an end to children playing with blocks, running around on multi-colored mats in the tumbling room and feeding hissing cockroaches.

In December 2005, President Barbara Dixon sent an official e-mail to Truman State University faculty and staff describing tactics to reallocate \$4 million of the University's budget by 2009.

This meant many changes, including possible cuts in the athletic department and returning the student-faculty ratio to 16:1 as established in the University's 1997 Master Plan. The University then would put this money back into faculty salaries and other areas of necessity, such as technology.

However, the budget cut left no money for the CDC's upkeep. The CDC closed its doors May 26, 2006.

"I do respect the president and understand that there are severe resource needs in higher education," said Jo Agnew-Tally, CDC director and associate professor of early childhood education.

The University's needs outweighed the major renovations necessary to make the CDC building safer.

"[The building] was built for a family of four or five," Agnew-Tally said. "We have 80 to 90 people in and out every day. We have plumbing problems. We have electrical problems. It's not handicap-accessible."

In addition to these factors, Agnew-Tally said the major rationale for closing the CDC was that it was not part of the University mission. She, however, disagreed.

"I think that we are [part of the University mission] due to the fact that we're a model early-childhood education center and that we have 75 to 80 college students in and out of this building every day," Agnew-Tally said. "We do provide a lot of support for the University — for student research and student learning."

Since getting its start as the former Family and Consumer Science Laboratory, Agnew-Tally said the CDC had been a research resource for students and faculty in all divisions, including education, communications disorders and even political science. In addition to its two full-time and two part-time teachers, the CDC employed 40 to 50 scholarship students and graduate students every semester.

Graduate student Ben Kort worked at the CDC as part of his graduate assistantship. He said the CDC worked to give the children the best education possible.

"It's frustrating that we won't have an avenue to do that," Kort said. "We want to be here and provide for these kids."

Until its closure, the CDC provided early childhood education for children between the ages of 2 and 5. Located on Normal Street, west of the Department of Public Safety, the CDC served the entire Kirksville community. In the spring 2006 semester, however, about 15 children out of the 22 enrolled were children of University faculty and staff.

Agnew-Tally said the CDC focused on giving children the best early childhood education in northeast Missouri.

"Something that we hear ... is that our children who go to kindergarten in the public school system and the private [school system] are head and shoulders above the other kids in terms of learning and their behavior and their social skills," she said. "We know we're successful."



The Child Development Center is an early childhood education and childcare program for Truman State University families as well as Kirksville families. The activities at the CDC were geared toward a liberal arts and sciences program, like that of the University.

Photos by John Weeks

Success came through teaching children using the Project Construct philosophy. Teachers supported each child in constructing his or her own knowledge. The children's interests and development set the curriculum.

"It's what we observe the kids being interested in," said Katy Korte, part-time CDC teacher. "If they're really interested in building, we might do a construction theme for the week."

A typical day started with the children playing at different activity tables set up in both classrooms. Papers, pens, crayons and magnetic letters covered the writing table. One morning the children examined rocks through magnifying glasses at the science table.

Korte said activities outside the classroom included an art activity, a sensory activity for hands-on experiences and tumbling, the most popular among the children.

The children received even more hands-on experience when it came to feeding classroom pets, which included fish, tiger salamanders, a rabbit and cockroaches.

"We do get the cockroaches out," Korte said. "I always have a couple kids wanting to touch and pet them."

During group time, the children wrote stories as a class or participated in teacher-led discussions on topics like brushing teeth.

"Especially at the beginning of the year, [groups] are more socially angled," Korte said. "[We do] team-building games. I try to make them as active as possible with games, finger plays and songs."

Korte said the CDC teachers took advantage of the University's proximity by taking the children to see the University Art Gallery, the reptiles in Magruder Hall and the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm.

Many parents fought to keep the CDC open, but not just for their children.

"This isn't about finding preschool for my daughter," said Mary Shapiro, associate professor of linguistics. "This is about what we think is best for Truman."

Shapiro said she supported having the CDC as an on-campus site for student learning. After the CDC's closing, University students would do research and practicum work in area school districts, as described in Dixon's e-mail.

Korte said she also planned to turn to the public school districts for work.

"I like who I work with and the flexibility to do field trips and do projects," Korte said. "I think we have a highly gifted staff."

Although the CDC would no longer be on campus, Agnew-Tally said efforts would be made to develop another quality preschool program in the area. Perhaps even the hissing cockroaches would make a comeback.

--Laurie Hahn



Activities at the CDC are centered on playing. Throughout the day, children were encouraged to play games in conjunction with learning new skills to increase learning by hands-on experience.

# Graduation Fair

Registrar A. Kay Anderson knew something had to change. The graduation clearance process at Truman State University had proved to be somewhat of a nuisance not only for graduating students but also for the University's staff.

To mend the problem, Anderson and other staff members decided to host the University's first-ever graduation fair Nov. 3-4 in the Student Union Building. Anderson said that after she and other staff members met to discuss possible solutions, the fair seemed to be the perfect idea.

"It was one of those really spectacular moments where you come back just psyched about something," Anderson said.

The solution quickly swung into action. Anderson presented the idea to various students on campus, and all overwhelmingly approved the change. She then proceeded to contact every entity that had something to do with the graduation-clearance process. The registrar's office, assessment and testing office, vice president for academic affairs, business office, the University Career Center, the Truman Bookstore and the Advancement Office all helped to make the graduation fair a success.

"We have a lot of good staff at Truman, so even though this seemed a little impossible at first, all came together and said, 'Wait, we can do this too, or we can even do this so that [the process] will be easier,'" Anderson said.

At the fair, students received the illustrious signature clearance sheet. To receive clearance to graduate, each student had to obtain signatures from various offices, including the business office, the assessment and testing office and the University Career Center, as well as a signature from the student's faculty adviser.

Being able to obtain every necessary signature in one spot appealed to all involved, and Anderson said it provided a "one-stop shop" where students could take care of all requirements at once.

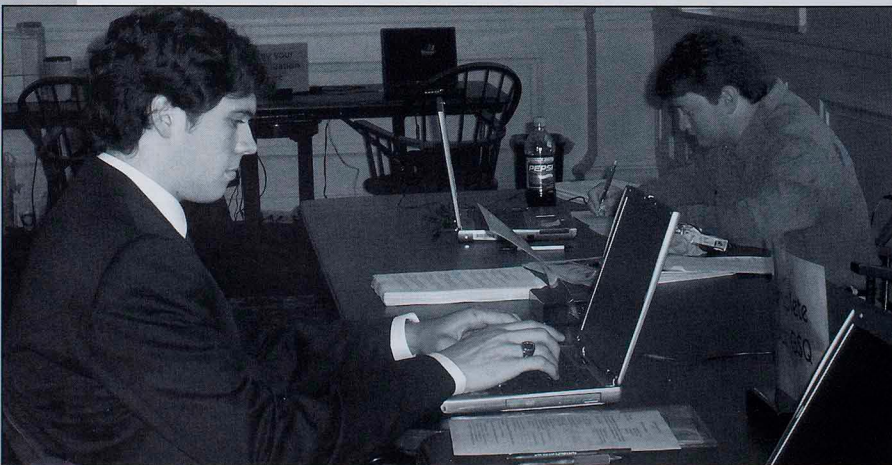
"[We wanted to] make the process simpler, a little more friendly and still keep that customer-service component of being available to answer questions and just to communicate with students and have some opportunities to interact one-on-one," Anderson said.

By combining clearance elements together, the graduation fair proved to be a huge time-saver for students and staff members alike.

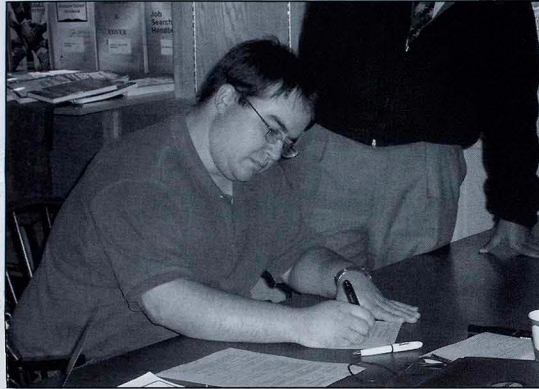
"We put staff members 10 [a.m.] to 7 [p.m.], two days in the quiet lounge, but we got almost every student taken care of within that time period," Anderson said. "For us, that really helped us be a lot more efficient and better managers of our time."

The old process involved students receiving a large packet from Anderson with a letter detailing what each student needed to do to graduate. Students had to obtain signatures on their own by visiting each individual office and often remained frustrated and in the dark when it came to completing each step.

"The biggest reason why we [changed the process] was we knew students didn't like it, and we didn't like students leaving Truman thinking we



Senior Matt Kettmann works at a laptop on his graduation clearance forms. Many students were able to finish graduation forms all at one time at the fair.  
Photos by April Swagman



Senior Gary Clubb talks to Career Center employees Lesa Ketterlinus and Stephanie Sullivan. Workers from the Career Center and other on-campus centers were available to answer any questions graduating seniors might have had.

Senior Brian Baker works on his graduation clearance. Only seniors graduating in December were invited to attend the graduation fair.

liked running them around and making them do a bunch of things for spite," Anderson said.

She also believed the fair eased burdens and the negative attitudes toward the graduation-clearance process.

"We wanted those attitudes to improve, and we wanted to show students we could do better, and so we did," Anderson said. "We were very, very pleased with the results."

Graduating seniors greatly appreciated the new process.

"I thought the graduation fair was a good event to put on," senior Chris Steffe said. "It was nice having all the divisions come together."

Steffe said people who skipped the fair could get by, but because of the fair's easy accessibility, doing so would be foolish.

"Do it," Steffe said. "That's my advice. It made my life so much easier. And it's really nice to know when you finish up the fair, they sign it in front of you, so you know for a fact you don't owe money, you don't have to take this survey, you've completed all your [Major Field Assessment Tests] and everything like that."

Senior Matt Funaiole, who attended the fair with Steffe, said he benefited greatly from the experience.

"I definitely thought the grad fair was incredibly helpful because there was a whole bunch of forms I had no idea I had to fill out and an exit interview for a loan I didn't know I had to do," Funaiole said.

Funaiole also paid the required graduation fee at the fair besides receiving other clarifications.

"Since I have two majors I can get two tassels, but I can't wear them at the same time, which I found out [at the fair]," Funaiole said.

For other students, the fair made them realize the amount of work required of them.

"It smacks them in the face letting them know what you have to do still because they give you the purple sheet, and you're just like, 'Oh man, I gotta do all this,'" senior Matt Lovell said.

At the end of the fair, each student took a short survey about his or her experience. Of the 168 students who attended the fair, 55 completed all the graduation-clearance responsibilities. The remaining 113 still benefited from attending.

"Everyone who left with still something to do knew exactly what they needed to do," Anderson said. "We thought that was very positive because it allowed for some of that communication to take place."

Anderson summed up the event in one word — spectacular.

"We were so pleased with the students' reaction and with the staff's willingness to do just anything for the students," Anderson said. "I think we got spectacular results, and I think students were very happy, and that's how we want students to be leaving Truman."

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor

# Behind the Scenes

Anyone who had been to a Truman State University theater production understood the feeling of anticipation and excitement in the atmosphere just before a show began. The audience members wondered whether the show would live up to their expectations. However, the spectators rarely thought of what it took to get to that point.

What went on behind the scenes of a theater production began long before the show itself.

Ron Rybkowski, professor of theater and scene designer and technical director for theater productions, said the design process usually took two to three weeks, plus a five-week building stage. Rybkowski explained that the entire process to plan and complete a show took up to two and a half months.

The process began with the director choosing a script. The director then sat down with designers to discuss how he or she envisioned the show. After these meetings with the director, the designers could start technical drawings for the show.

To gain a deeper understanding of the play, students researched the author and setting of the play as well as the era in which the play originated.

Lee Orchard, professor of theatre, produced the February 2006 play "All the Way Home." He explained the reasoning behind the research.

"We do dramaturgical studies of the play, which means we talk about the play in its historical context, so we can understand the culture of the period," Orchard said.

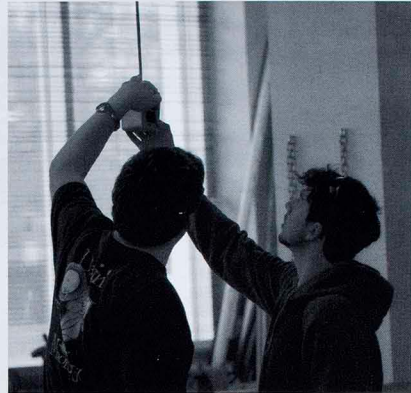
Instead of finding outside researchers to do the dramaturgical studies, the cast and crew profited from researching the plays and their histories.

"[The University's students] do pick up things that other universities don't give them the opportunities to do," Rybkowski said. "A lot of our students come in as wanting to be actors, but being a part of the research stuff they're like, 'Wow, this is kind of cool. This is fun.'"



Sophomore Kevin O'Brien drills scenery for a set in the Blackbox Theatre. The Blackbox Theatre was on the second floor of Ophelia Parrish while the Courtyard Theatre was on the main floor of the building.

Photos by Emmy Thomson



**Above:** Kevin O'Brien and junior Jim Volmert check aspects of the set, including the electrical work. Students who acted in the productions also worked to create the set for them.

**Left:** Technical director Ron Rybkowski works on a set in the Courtyard Theatre. Professors and students worked together to create sets.

Although audiences saw the results of the director's work through the actors, much of his or her job took place even before casting.

"We tend to think that the director is the guy who tells people where to stand and sit, and that's part of it, but there's a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff that happens when the director is collaborating with the designers," Orchard said.

During the design process, the lines of communication had to be open between the director and all the designers.

"I don't want to paint the set blue and then find out that all the costumes are blue and the lighting guy, all his lights are blue, because then the show is blue," Rybkowski said.

A production was much more than what the audience saw onstage. After the technical drawings for set, costumes and lights were completed, the stagecraft class that made up the crew started building and putting everything together.

"['All the Way Home'] was [the] most complicated that I think we've had in a long time because it needed so many different layers on stage," Rybkowski said. "We needed the kitchen, we needed the living room, we needed two bedrooms upstairs, we needed the porch, we needed an outside."

The director had the greatest responsibility in a production, but the stage manager also had an important job as the director's right-hand man. Once the show opened, the stage manager took charge while the director and technical designer moved on to the next production. Unless something needed to be changed or fixed by the director or technical director, the stage manager took over.

"Where the director has the vision, the stage manager is the one who goes out and makes sure that what the director wants gets done," senior Ben Tylka said.

Tylka played the part of Jay in "All the Way Home." In addition to this role, Tylka had taken part in most aspects of the production because his major required such courses as costume design, stagecraft, stage lighting and theater practice.

"Usually when you're involved in a production, you are involved in a certain class, like stage lighting or scene construction or costumes," Tylka said.

Because of the requirements for a theater student at the University, students had the chance to see their major from all directions, not just their own concentration.

"One thing that's great about the Truman theater program here is that you can't focus [only] on one area," Tylka said. "The way the curriculum is set up, they won't let you."

When the curtain fell on a show and applause filled the theater, not only the actors took pride in the praise, but many other people behind the scenes did as well.

--*Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor*

# Here's to Your Health!

In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that about 40,000 people became infected with HIV each year, and the Truman State University Nursing Students Association asked the campus, "Are you positive you're negative?" In addition to oral HIV testing, the organizations provided a number of free screenings and information at the nursing students' annual Health Awareness Fair.

"So what if one person that comes for HIV testing finds out they're negative, but they have learned a lot about HIV and about HIV risk, and they maybe have learned that they are participating in risky behaviors," said Rebecca McClanahan, assistant professor of nursing and faculty adviser for the Nursing Students Association. "What if they change their behaviors and therefore don't get exposed to HIV? So then the health fair becomes a life-saving event, not just a life-changing event."

McClanahan said the group had sponsored activities for Health Awareness Week for more than 15 years, and the fair was a combination of these into one big event. During past years the fair included screenings and tests for blood pressure, hearing, mental health, HIV, asthma, skinfolds, hemoglobin, cholesterol panels and bone density.

McClanahan said the students selected the tests based on the highest risks for college-age students and which activities had been most successful at previous fairs.

Planning began at the beginning of the fall semester for the spring event. The Nursing Students Association elected co-chairpersons, delegated responsibilities to subcommittees and applied for funding from the University's Funds Allotment Council. McClanahan said the students also obtained contributions from the Red Cross, Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services, and local medical practitioners. In addition, they scheduled a keynote speaker.

"The [students] are just very committed to it," McClanahan said. "It's their biggest project for the year, so it really takes on a degree of importance for them."

Contributors had a variety of goals for the event. Nursing student junior Joe Hassler, who helped distribute information at the Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Awareness table for the Student Health Center, said he desired to see students take action against sexually transmitted infections.

"I want [...] people to be more educated about STIs and get themselves tested if they're sexually active at all so we can kind of suppress the spread of these diseases," Hassler said.

Effort and dedication like this resulted in an annual turnout of about 300 people.

"We feel the rates are just excellent, and you really have a chance to make an impact when that many people come," McClanahan said.

Nursing major sophomore Katie Adler noted that the convenient location of the fair – the multipurpose gym in the Student Recreation Center – contributed to the high numbers, enticing people to attend the event and get something free after their workouts. Adler emphasized the importance of making time for health issues, even in the midst of busy college life.

"I think, especially when we're in college, we kind of don't pay attention to our health and a lot of the issues that are out there, especially with STDs and HIV and all that, and I think it's good just to be aware," Adler said.

While members of the University and Kirksville communities learned more about their personal health, nursing students gained valuable professional experience. Working at the blood pressure table, nursing major sophomore Sarah Pleiness put her skills to good use.

"There's only so much you can do practicing on each other before you have it all memorized," Pleiness said.

Some nursing classes conducted specific elements of the Health Awareness Fair.

"I'm with the Rural Public Health class, and we're doing all of the HIV testing," senior Sara Schlomann said. "We're here at this table to promote people to go over to the Student Union Building to get tested."

McClanahan explained that the students' responsibilities were closely related to the topics they were discussing in class. For years she had witnessed her students extend their knowledge beyond the classroom at this event.

"It really has been a wonderful learning experience for students to pull together all of those issues and then try to do a professional health fair that actually has at least some of the services occurring there that are given by professionals, and certainly at a professional level," she said.

Although nursing students took advantage of the learning opportunity, the primary goal of the fair was to encourage participants to be more aware of their own health and to make positive choices in their lives.

--Hope Slaby, Copy Staff

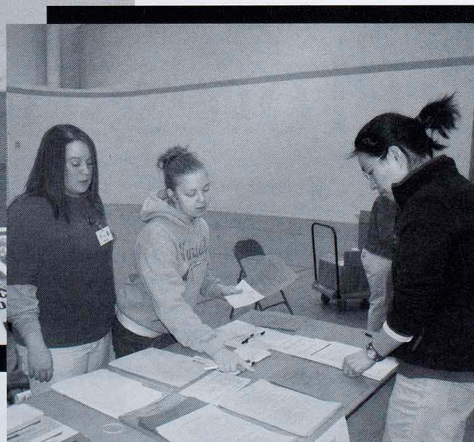


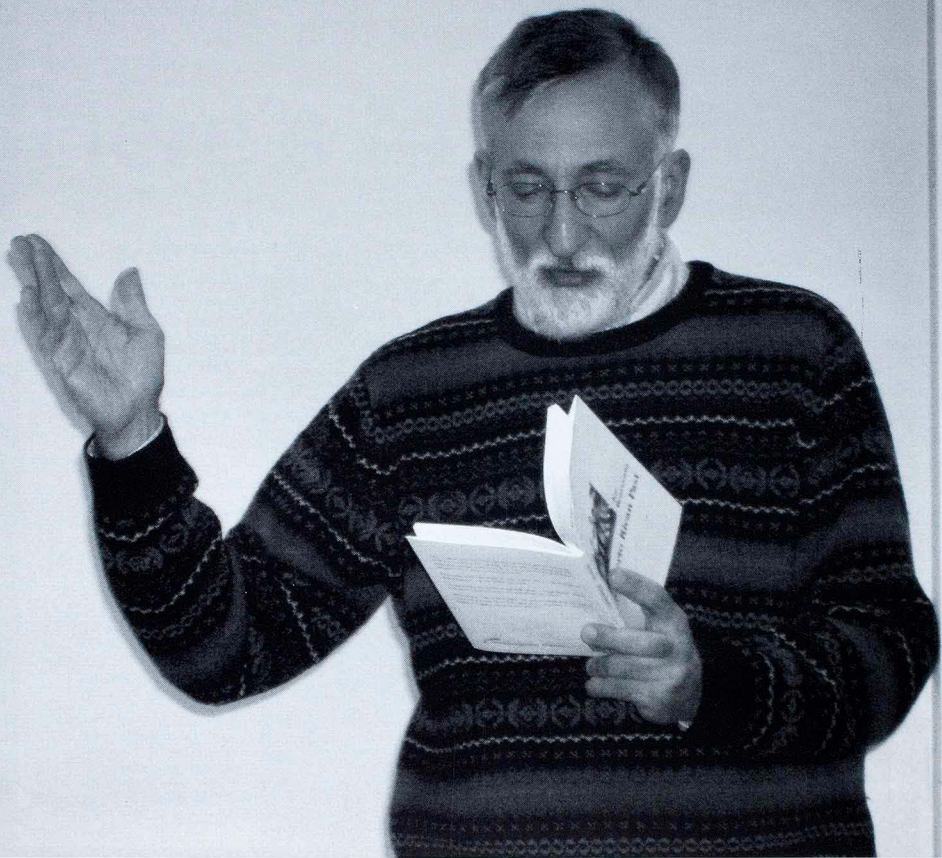
Nursing major sophomore Iryna Sydorenko takes a high school student's blood pressure. Optimal blood pressure for adults was at or less than 120 over 80 mmHg.  
Photos by Alana Webster



Senior Rachel See monitors an informational table at the Health Fair. Free information on sexual and mental health was available to participants in the fair.

Below: Nursing major senior Sarah Andersen helps senior Juhyung Kim find information. Many students went to the fair to learn more about health risks for college-aged people.





# Professorial Poetry

**J**oseph Benevento, professor of English, fell in love with poetry at an early age. “I remember way back in the fourth grade, my teacher assigned us to write a poem, and she really liked mine, and that got me kind of excited,” Benevento said.

He continued to write. Through the years, Benevento published several books of poetry such as “Holding On” and “Willing to Believe.” On March 7, 2006, about two dozen students and faculty members turned out in Baldwin Hall to hear Benevento read from his third book of poetry, “My Puerto Rican Past.”

Benevento, who grew up in Queens, N.Y., said the first grouping of poems in the book covered days spent in “the old neighborhood.” “Growing up, most of my friends were Latino or black,” he said. “It’s kind of just the flavor and feel of the book.”

The black-and-white picture on the cover of the book showed Benevento and four of his Latino friends squeezed onto a couch and smiling into the camera.

“That’s my 15th birthday party,” he said. “That’s me with the glasses, the geekiest one of the five.”

Other sections in the book centered on his life in small-town northeast Missouri.

“They all kind of reflect on where I am now,” he said. “I’m this fellow that grew up in that kind of neighborhood, to the last 20 years living in a very different environment here. I’ve always had kind of a ‘New York writer living in a small Midwest town’ theme to some of my stuff.”



Students listen as Joe Benevento, professor of English reads poetry from his newly published book. University professors from other disciplines, such as science, economics and languages, also had written books.  
Photos by Colin Ellis

Everyone in attendance at the reading watched and listened as Benevento stood at the head of the classroom, introducing and reading each poem.

The poems ranged from humorous and sarcastic to serious and reflective.

One poem recalled his mother's attempted mugging, and one reminisced about an unrequited love. Another recalled an experience he had while watching the TV show "The Bachelorette" with his wife. Near the end of the reading, he read a poem called "Buying Seeds" about a day he spent with his son.

The reading lasted roughly 30 minutes, ending with applause from the audience.

"Thank you for coming," Benevento said. "I'm happy to have a chance to share these with you."

Some students stayed to ask questions or to purchase one of Benevento's books. Students also chatted with one another about the poetry and discussed their reactions.

"I really liked it," junior Richard Tosie said. "His poems were really down-to-earth and interesting. You could really relate."

Freshman Kortney Holeman said she came for an academic purpose but enjoyed the reading nonetheless.

"I thought the reading was really good," she said. "I get extra credit for my public speaking class for coming, but I'm still really glad I came."

Junior Bethanie Seiglar had taken one of Benevento's classes and wanted to find out more about his published poems.

"I came because I was interested," she said. "I really respect all of the things he does in class. I wanted to see the finished product of his work."

While at Truman State University, Benevento taught American Literature classes and every level of creative writing. He said he thought his writing experience outside of the classroom supplemented his teachings inside the classroom.

"In creative writing I think it helps to study with someone who is doing it," he said. "I'm always writing poems with students and having them critique [the poems] and see a writer at work."

Benevento said he began writing many of the poems in "My Puerto Rican Past" in the classroom during a period of about 10 years.

"I don't just sit down to write a book of poems," he said. "I just write individual poems, and when I feel like enough have been published in magazines and journals or can be grouped together, I start thinking about compiling a book."

Benevento stayed busy writing novels as well. His two titles were "Plumbing in Harlem" and "The Odd Squad," which also pertained to his adolescence in Queens.

As a professor, Benevento found it beneficial to have interests outside the classroom, he said.

"Anything that you can do that you're excited about that has something to do with what you're trying to teach can be a good thing," he said.

--Erin Musko

# Tolerance Pays Off

When freshman Josh Hobold visited the Truman State University foundation scholarships Web site, he never expected to find a scholarship so suited to him.

"My academic adviser said [the scholarships] could be pretty specific," Hobold said. "When I saw this scholarship I thought it was right up my alley. I didn't think any would be there."

The scholarship Hobold referred to — and won for the spring 2006 semester — was the Gay and Lesbian Student Endowed Scholarship, worth \$500. The scholarship had been offered for two years.

LAMBDA, a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender/straight alliance group for University staff and faculty, sponsored the scholarship, said Monica Barron, professor of English and one of LAMBDA's founding members. Cole Woodcox, professor of English, and Marty Eisenberg, associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of the Residential College Program, also founded the group.

Barron said it began after LAMBDA raised money to buy a brick for the Magruder Hall plaza during the building's renovation in 2001.

"Cole Woodcox was leading that effort, and he got the money in about 15 minutes," Barron said. "He got more than he needed, so we thought, 'Why don't we help Prism [the University's gay, lesbian, and bisexual alliance] get their brick?' So we helped Prism get their brick, and then we thought, 'We're better at this than we thought, so why don't we start an endowed scholarship?'"

To start an endowed scholarship, donors had to give at least \$10,000. Barron said LAMBDA raised this amount in fewer than five years. Donations came from faculty, staff and alumni, and GLBT supporters in the Kirksville area as well.

The scholarship only was offered once a year, Barron said. LAMBDA hoped to increase the number of applicants in the future so the scholarship could be given out both semesters.

To apply for the Gay and Lesbian Student scholarship, Hobold said he filled out the online application and submitted a personal statement explaining why he deserved the scholarship.

Barron said an applicant did not have to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered to apply. LAMBDA also accepted applications from supporters of GLBT rights.

A subcommittee of LAMBDA looked at all applications and decided on a winner. Demonstrated financial need played a role in the decision-making process, but the main criteria to be considered for the scholarship was positive activity within the GLBT community, said John Mounsey, Residence Life area coordinator and chairman for the subcommittee.



The LAMBDA Alliance, who sponsored the scholarship, is very excited about their scholarship recipient, freshman Josh Hobold. The Alliance hoped to have more applicants in coming years to raise awareness. Photos by Emmy Thomson

"Someone who might be a stronger candidate is a person who lives with two moms or two dads and who raises awareness in the community, or a straight person who helped form a gay-straight alliance," Mounsey said.

The scholarship recipient had to be a University student in good standing, Barron said. Being in good standing, however, did not necessarily mean having a high GPA.

"Many students when they're coming out go through difficult times with their families, their friends, their teachers, whatever, so sometimes they have a disastrous term or two," she said. "We want a person who has made a positive contribution to the Truman community as a visible GLBT person."

Hobold said his contributions to the GLBT community included being a member of the Stonewall Democrats, a group that emphasized human and gay rights. In fall 2005, the group organized an AIDS awareness event, and in the spring it sponsored a panel discussion on gay marriage.

Already an active member in the GLBT community, Hobold said he planned to continue making prominent contributions.

"Receiving the scholarship was a great honor and totally unexpected," he said. "I hope to do a lot of good things for GLBT students in the Truman community."

*--Laurie Hahn*



The scholarship is open to both GLBT students and student supporters or GLBT rights. Many students, including Hobold, did not know about the scholarship unless they looked for it.

# All That Jazz



**D**uring the last weekend of February every year, hundreds of musicians flocked to Truman State University to infuse the campus with the smooth sounds of jazz.

Since 1968, music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha had hosted its annual Jazz Festival at the University. In 2006 the event took place Feb. 24 and 25 and featured 29 bands hailing from middle and high schools in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa.

The fraternity also brought in two renowned guest artists: saxophonist Dick Oatts and pianist Michael Kocour.

"They were great," said junior Chris Roush, Phi Mu Alpha president, of the guest artists. "I'd say that these guys in particular are maybe two of the nicest artists I've ever worked with. ... I couldn't have been happier with them."

Although the event only lasted for two days, the festival presented valuable learning opportunities for participants. In addition to talking with and listening to the guest artists, musicians attended Saturday clinics in which their bands performed and received ratings, comments and suggestions from judges. Traditionally a brief element of the festival, the clinics received a facelift for the 2006 event, explained Tim AuBuchon, assistant professor of music and Phi Mu Alpha adviser.

"We had one change to the usual format, which I thought went pretty well," said AuBuchon, who also served as director of jazz studies for the University. "Usually the bands will play, and then the judges will take turns writing up the performances and things that they can work on, so it's usually very abbreviated – it lasts three to five minutes, usually. ... Yesterday they had a half-hour performance slot, and then they had a half-hour clinic slot after that."

Roush said he thought the clinics were a useful part of the festival for the high school ensembles.

"It's meant to be a really wholesome, constructive critical environment," he said. "[The high school bands] leave a lot of times with recognition, and they leave with trophies and things like that, but they also leave with a little advice on how to go about playing the rest of their competitions or even how to develop their music as an individual or group."

Saturday's schedule also featured instrumental clinics by various University fine arts faculty, a master class Oatts and Kocour taught, performances by University jazz



Phi Mu Alpha's Jazz Fest opens the University and the Kirksville community to a new style of music they may not listen to frequently. Different bands played in the concert as well as famous guest artists.  
Photos by Emmy Thomson





combos, an awards ceremony and the evening concert in Baldwin Auditorium, which marked the festival's peak.

AuBuchon said he thought the students performed at their highest level for the concert, an added bonus he attributed partly to the pressure of playing with Oatts and Kocour.

"It's an additional thing to get them psyched up and playing their best," he said.

Seeing only the final success of Jazz Fest, an observer might have found it easy not to think about the hard work that went into actually organizing the festival. Phi Mu Alpha's efforts, however, began long before February.

"I guess if you want to be technical, we started planning it 38 years ago," Roush joked.

The sheer scale of the annual event meant preparations began months in advance.

"[It's] kind of year-round," said Jazz Fest chairman junior Barry Watson. "We already know who the guest artists will be for next year."

Watson said putting on the Jazz Fest typically cost about \$9,000 to \$10,000. In 2006, Phi Mu Alpha received funding from the Multicultural Affairs Center, the Division of Fine Arts, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Dean of Fine Arts.

The fraternity used the money to pay the guest artists, clinicians and judges. Both Watson and Roush stressed the substantial role of the Jazz Fest, both at the University and in the surrounding area.

"I don't ever see it really dying out," Roush said. "... It's a major recruiting tool for the University. I've been speaking to a lot of people in the jazz program, and a large number of them are here because they attended a jazz fest, ... and so it's kind of amazing how much it actually influences these high schoolers ... to consider attending the jazz program."

Additionally, the event continued to be a huge cultural event for the community, Watson said.

"It's been going on for 38 years, so it's important that it keeps going on," Watson said. "... Not only for Truman State, but Kirksville being in the middle of nowhere, it's the biggest opportunity for people in Kirksville to hear music you would otherwise only find in Kansas City or Chicago."

With the Jazz Fest boasting almost four decades of great music under its belt, jazz lovers certainly hoped that the festival would continue to bring slick musical stylings to the University for many years to come.

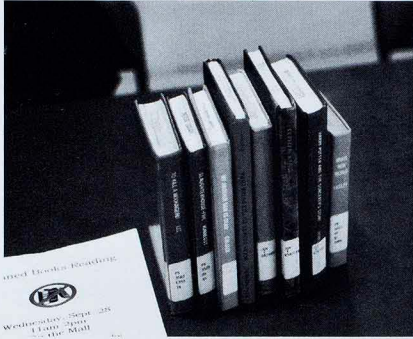
--*Evangeline McMullen, Managing Editor*



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# Do Not Read This



Windfall displays books that were on the Banned Book List. The most frequently banned book for 1990-2000 was the "Scary Stories" series by Alvin Schwartz.

Photos by Colin Ellis



Freshman Sarah Miller of the Index interviews senior Michelle Alford about Banned Books Week. Windfall had sponsored other events in past years to raise campus awareness.

Countless Truman State University students never realized that the books taught in their high school English courses might have been on a banned-book list, or even that a banned book list existed. Because of this, Windfall, the University's student-produced literary magazine, increased knowledge of this phenomenon by hosting a Banned Books reading.

"Not many of us have had books banned from our high schools, but to get the awareness out that there's still a list is important," senior Jackie Jones said.

The American Library Association Web site reported 547 challenges in 2004. These challenges attempted to remove or restrict materials based on the objection of a person or group.

Several of the 100 most frequently challenged books were part of students' high school curricula. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Of Mice and Men" and "The Catcher in the Rye" were just a few examples.

Throughout the last few years, ALA has designated the last week of September as Banned Books Week. In the past, Windfall has hosted poetry readings to celebrate and raise awareness of Banned Books Week, but the group changed its format and attempted a live book reading on the Mall in 2005. Rain put a stop to the reading, but the information table moved into the Student Union Building where members continued to hand out information and inform students about the never-ending push for censorship.

"There aren't any nationwide banned books anymore," said junior Christina Stroetker, editor in chief of Windfall. "[But] sometimes schools or libraries or even whole towns will have certain books banned."

The debate over censorship has raged for years in courts, classrooms and homes. While books usually were challenged with the intention of protecting others, mainly children, from difficult ideas and information, the right to free speech remained as it did when written into the Constitution.

The books that appeared on the challenged book list were placed there because people were not content simply to disagree with the book or subject matter. Books ended up on the challenged list because a person wanted them removed from the curriculum or a library in an attempt to restrict the access of material to others.

The top 10 reasons the ALA Web site listed for book challenges were sexually explicit or offensive language, unsuited to age group, occult theme or promoting the occult or Satanism, violence, promoting homosexuality, promoting a religious viewpoint, nudity, racism and sex education. Parents brought 60 percent of all challenges in 2004, according to the ALA Web site.

## windfall sponsors banned books reading

Students involved in the Banned Books Week reading disagreed with censorship.

"I don't think books should be banned in general," senior Michelle Alford said. "I understand why some books are kept out of high school, but frequently those who challenge books haven't even read the whole book. They should read the whole book before condemning it, and they usually only read one small section."

Students involved in the Banned Books Week activities said they felt that many of the challenged books, when taken in full context, should not be on the list.

"'To Kill a Mockingbird' is banned due to racism, even though the book is against racism," Alford said.

Many of the books that were placed on the challenged book list are taught in schools, and numerous students grew up reading others that also have been challenged but weren't taught in school.

"'Where's Waldo?' is on [the challenged book list]," Jones said. "That enough people would challenge that book really surprised us."

"Where's Waldo?" wasn't the only children's book on the list. The Harry Potter series, "The Giver," "A Light in the Attic" and the "Captain Underpants" series all appeared on the top-100 list. Various students grew up with the aforementioned books and many of those involved with the event were surprised when they found their bedtime stories on a challenged book list.

"Ones that a lot of us had read as kids were on the list," Jones said. "A lot of us were surprised that they were on the list."

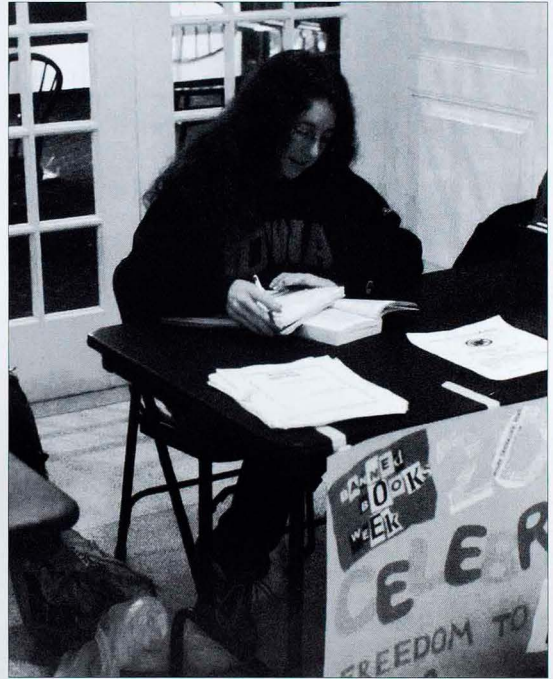
Authors, librarians, teachers and students alike have stood up in court and at city council hearings to disagree with the removal of challenged books. At the forefront of the banned book controversy is popular children's author Judy Blume, whose books were a source of joy to those who agreed with her controversial writing.

"Judy Blume writes for young adults," Alford said. "I think she takes pleasure in writing about things that no one else will write about."

Blume has spoken out against banning books, drawing attention to the possible repercussions.

"It's not just the books under fire now that worry me," the ALA Web site quoted Blume as saying. "It is the books that will never be written. The books that will never be read. And all due to the fear of censorship. As always, young readers will be the real losers."

--Carolyn Minchik



Senior Jackie Jones reads a banned book. Banned Books Week began in 1982.

# Frat Race



Clockwise from top left:  
The Greek letters of social fraternities Delta Chi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Pi Kappa Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon. In 2005, the University had 18 active fraternities.  
Photos by Evangeline McMullen

If ever there was suspicion of a testosterone deficiency around Truman State University's campus, it would have been dispelled between Sept. 9 and 16, 2005. Men's Rush Week brought car smashes, poker nights and barbecues where the potential fraternity men dressed for competition.

According to senior John Skevington, Interfraternity Council vice president and Lambda Chi Alpha member, rush was not all fun and games.

"Rush week can be a really grueling process," Skevington said. "It's a competition, basically. [Fraternities are] competing for all the same guys, so you always have to be on your toes, always try and get these guys to come to your events."

With such events as Phi Sigma Kappa's car smash and Phi Lambda Phi's football night at local restaurant Paterson's, the fraternities did their best to get men interested.

Freshman Patrick Monnahan, a new Delta Chi member, saw some benefits to rushing.

"Rushing is a good idea because there's no obligation," he said. "You eat some free food, win some free stuff."

With 14 IFC fraternities competing for guys, prospective members had many choices. The 2005 Rush Week slogan remarked on the abundance of options: "Whichever way you go, you can't go wrong."

Sophomore Daniel Kleinsorge, Phi Sigma Kappa member, validated that statement.

# students look for bid of approval during men's rush week

"Because there's so many, every guy could find a fraternity ... they're each so different," Kleinsorge said.

Although each fraternity might have looked for different characteristics in prospective members, the competition was fierce for a few individuals with winning personalities.

Senior Michael Pierson, IFC president and Phi Lambda Phi member, named the desirable characteristics for the ideal potential member.

"There's always that certain guy, the outgoing, extroverted guy that the fraternities all want," Pierson said. "Our slogan featured four aspects of Greek life that are essential to a Greek organization: scholarship, philanthropy, social, and leadership. ... We try and portray that more to the incoming students."

The seeking out of these choice men caused rush's competition.

"We look for men who are going to be potential leaders, who are outgoing, who want to be involved and enjoy the social atmosphere," Skevington said.

While the fraternities knew what they were looking for in new members, the prospective brothers also had to make a conscious decision of what they wanted in a fraternity.

"I had to make sure I found a frat that wouldn't take anything away from my grades and [was] not a real big frat, but [that] still likes to have a good time," Monahan said. "With Delta Chi, I could hold my grades and still have a good time with them. They were guys I clicked with."

Whether it be large or small, each fraternity had a certain rush process to get the brotherly bonding started.

"We have recruitment events throughout the week—anything from going out to the lake and barbequing, [renting] boats to casino nights," Skevington said of Lambda Chi Alpha's rush process. "We do an event at Patterson's where we do billiards and appetizers. Wednesday and Thursday night are our invite events: Wednesday is a banquet, and Thursday is a smoker. Thursday we give out our bids, and Friday we sign."

With all of the activities hosted by the fraternities, Rush Week took a large amount of time out of a prospective member's schedule, starting from day one.

"The first night was kind of rushed," Monahan said. "We'd go around and meet every fraternity. There was a lot of waiting to get stuff signed. It was kind of a painstaking process." After surviving the week's hectic schedule, Monahan had advice for future rushees.

"They say, 'Go around to every frat,' but really you don't have time to go around and meet all of them and still get a bid, so you have to focus on one and get a bid," Monahan said.

Skevington emphasized the importance of finding the right group on which to focus.

"The only thing you really can do is let the guys know you want them to be a part of your organization," Skevington said. "If they're not talking to you and stuff like that, you know they're probably not going to be a good fit."

During the fall 2005 rush season, 149 men signed with fraternities. As the Greek organizations began expanding at the University, different ideas surfaced with fraternities depending on each group's size.

"As the Greek community evolves, I think it's going to be more important for us to recruit all year long," Pierson said.

For smaller fraternities, the goal became having less of a specified rush week and more of an open rush all year.

"Sometimes we just rush guys we like without formal rush," Kleinsorge said. "We're definitely much more affordable, so that opens the possibilities of joining for people."

With all of the competition, introductions and activities set to feel out Greek life, rush was a busy, but fun, week.

"The biggest surprise, for me, was finding out what a positive experience it could be," Skevington said.

When all the competition and testosterone of Rush Week passed, 14 unique IFC fraternities kicked back, relaxed, played some pool and enjoyed brotherly love.

--Katie Monaghan

# ■ Circle of life

## ekklesia focuses discussion on evolution and creationism

**T**he issue of creationism versus evolution continued to be the subject of heated discussion throughout the year.

The student organization Ekklesia, sponsored by the Kirksville Church of Christ, focused on the topic the weekend of Feb. 17, 2006, at the Scientific Accuracy of Intelligent Design Seminar.

"The goal was to bring more attention to the merits of intelligent design theory and to also to highlight some discrepancies within the evolutionary theory," graduate student Greg Hudson said.

The weekend included question and answer sessions, discussions and lectures by Brad Harrub. Harrub worked for the Apologetics Press, a nonprofit group established to defend the Bible, communication professor Barry Poyner said.

Poyner said he had seen Harrub's work and became interested in having him come to the University.

"I think it was well attended," Poyner said. "There was a lot of discussion. There were a number of people with opposite points of view that were able to attend and to dialogue with him and some of us."

Harrub's lecture focused on pointing out possible fallacies in the theory of evolution. Harrub also addressed scientific explanations for things taught in the Bible, such as how Adam could live to be 900 years old.

Harrub's lecture and message pleased Ekklesia and congregation members alike. Ekklesia members said they thought this event helped them progress toward their goals to be recognized on campus and to spread their message to others. The turnout Friday evening pleased the organizers, as did Harrub's seminar.

"Just from listening to him, you can tell he's very passionate about his work," sophomore Brandi Bloss said.

After the event Ekklesia invited all in attendance to enjoy refreshments at the campus house on South Florence which Ekklesia



Guest lecturer Brad Harrub speaks to an audience during a weekend seminar. Nearly 150 people attended Harrub's lecture.  
Photos by April Swagman

established in fall 2005. Group members felt the house would help them connect to the University community.

"It's kind of rejuvenated us a little bit," Hudson said. "Now that we have a campus house, it will help us reach out more."

Ekklesia also hosted an array of other events including a weekly Bible study, the annual Great American Smokeout barbecue, an hour-long worship program at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday on radio station KYOU and couples' night out for congregation members.

Ekklesia also prepared Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Hudson said the baskets helped people when they needed it most.

"I think it's always beneficial to reach out to the Truman community and especially the Kirksville community," Hudson said. "We know there is a lot of poverty in the area."

Additionally, Ekklesia adopted the women's rugby team, bringing it refreshments after games and practices. Ekklesia also had a float in the Homecoming parade for the first time in 2005 where members distributed literature about religious topics.

The group also responded to catastrophes, aiding victims in the Gulf Coast who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. The members said they realized most women left in such a hurry they did not have time to grab their purses. With the help of its campus ministers, Dan and Dalene Green, Ekklesia collected purses and filled them with simple items such as lotions and hair combs, Poyner said.

With these outreach efforts made by students, Ekklesia adapted its name to reflect its involvement in the community. Members now call themselves the "Dogs of Christ" – related to both the University's bulldog mascot and Moberly Area Community College's greyhound mascot.

Ekklesia wanted to be all-inclusive to reach out to students outside the University community, Poyner said. Many of Ekklesia's events, especially the seminar, brought people together to discuss a difficult topic. Hudson noted the tendency of such events to spark debate.

"Right now evolution is the establishment," Hudson said. "So when someone like Dr. Harrub comes along and challenges the establishment, sometimes things get really controversial."



Brad Harrub speaks at one of Ekklesia's sponsored events. Harrub held several sessions which included time for attendees to ask questions.

--Loretta Palmer and Katy Klein



FRONT ROW: Rachelle Williams, Rebecca Martin, Sara Miller, Leslie Deeken. BACK ROW: Chris Copley, Diane Tobin Johnson.



FRONT ROW: Jeremiah Jitih, Chizoba Ifeorah, Suzyo Kumwenda, Philip Gosu, Mark Hylton, Rufaro Zinyemba, Adetokunbo Aderigibe. BACK ROW: Gilbert Tetteh Jr., Thierno Diallo, Joel Zinyemba, Ebubechukwu Nwazota, Chukwuedozie Nwozo, Melvin Omodon, Zeresenay Wolday.

Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry



FRONT ROW: Laura Kopff, Meredith Venable, Michaela Levy, Kate Finnegan, Heather Young, Melissa Thorstad. SECOND ROW: Billy Miller, Ashley Jay, Katie Schembri, Marti Joyer, Christopher Halsey, Jeremy West, Ethan DeCota, Samantha Eberle. THIRD ROW: Lauren Michael, Christina Robinson, Anne Marie Bireta, John Romine, Dylan Rothermel, Sabrina Wells, Matthew Tooley, Kyle Hirschman. BACK ROW: Nathaniel Webber, Marjorie Hoffman, Danielle Stacy, Erich Kuechler, Matt Marks, Krista Ramage, Karla Dobbs, Ryan Meintz, Angela Soemo.

Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Alyson Hendry, Emily Tobben, Lauren Bolland, Ashley Hofmann, Sara Bobbitt, Renessa Foronda. SECOND ROW: Naomi Birman, Alexi Kanago, Ellen Hart, Diana Dames, Kristina Licklider, Leah Picker, Theresa Putnam. THIRD ROW: Emily Finnegan, Sara Miller, Christine Bursch, Maria Spilker, Marjorie Hoffman, Anne Marie Bireta, Jaime Lummis, Amanda Banner.

Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural



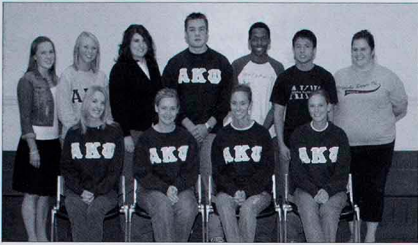
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Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Joshua Mooney, Matthew Harber, Denny Bosslet, Ryan Dietz, Matt Myers, Josh Kappel, Hahyung Bong-Johnson. SECOND ROW: Dustin Ralph, Peter Swingle, Ryan Murphy, Scott Aubuchon, Adam Vatterott, Jason Sinclair, Matthew Szewczyk, Ryan Dodd, Reji Jacob. THIRD ROW: Charles Brandhorst, Juan Camacho, Nathan Whitehead, Greg Schomberger, Kent Reschke, Kevin Mooney, Daniel Naumann, Ryan Barks, Tim Branch, Nathan Hoffman. BACK ROW: L'Beezy Bard, Jacob Scheer, Dan Mooney, Joshua Lefler, Alan Bergfeld, Truman Patterson, Justin Rolwes, Will Holleman, Mike Cowan.

**Alpha Kappa Psi** fine arts



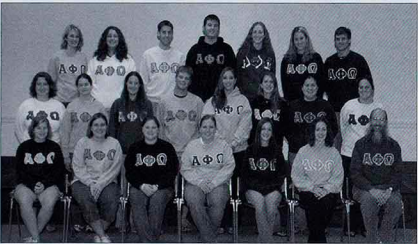
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**Alpha Phi Alpha** social/service fraternity



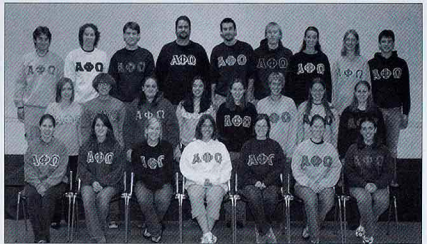
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**Alpha Phi Omega** service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Kacie Sis, Allison Noelker, Rachel Shelton, Katie Bross, Stephanie Pratt, Jessica Tipp, Kenneth Carter. SECOND ROW: Danielle Borsch, Julie Hanch, Amber Stratman, Kyle Richter, Julie Finazzo, Rebecca Bradley, Rosanna Hernandez, Anna Dearthmont. BACK ROW: Krystal Miller, Marlene Clark, Patrick Merritt, Matt Crowe, Courtney Moran, Emily Hollycross, Matt Lucas.

**Alpha Phi Omega** service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Jill Scognamiglio, Lindsey Linderer, Kelsey Doerr, Kristi Baur, Pam Peters, Cathy Clark, Elizabeth Carrington. SECOND ROW: Emily Lucas, Jason Hanser, Erica Ewing, Jenny Huang, Amy Campfield, Sam Dutrow, Amanda Groebl, Lauren Mueller. BACK ROW: Adam Bezinovich, Will Klutho, Eric Anderson, Greg Thompson, Matthew Georges, Brian Anderson, Jenny Lamb, Christine Novak, Stephen Barnes.

**Alpha Sigma Alpha** social sorority



FRONT ROW: Allison Koontz, Leigh Albright, Alison Bowen. SECOND ROW: Brittany Beck, Tanya Schuler, Lauren Schoenky, Kristen Birenbaum, Katie Webster, Ashleigh Fritz. BACK ROW: Courtney Walther, Kara Hanson, Katie Geurin, Michelle Bax, Sara Wilcox, Jessica Arndt, Katie Steinkamp, Lindsay Dodge.

**Alpha Sigma Gamma** service sorority



FRONT ROW: Abbie Smith, Laura Keck, Maggie Schmitz, Stephanie Provance, Christine Bursch, Molly Mudd, Kelly Schreck, Terri Rott, Elizabeth Poelker, Erica Flanagan. SECOND ROW: Jess Fishing, Sarah Wood, Kawtar El Alaoui, Erin Dohle, Angela Moody, Sarah Jones, Jenny Knight, Sara Logan, Angela Crawford, Emily Johnson. BACK ROW: Gina Stierwalt, Stephanie Finferd, Audrey Kerr, Cassidy Rogers, Jenn Heath, Trista Witteried, Chrissy Molinar, Alicia Young, Ashley Fetter.

## Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Nadia Mozaffar, Natalie Barczykowski, Rebecca Mayfield. SECOND ROW: Sarah Huber, Bethany Kroeger, Lindsey Heiserma, Colleen Fitzhenry, Emily Hall, Kathleen Vanderhoof. BACK ROW: Lindsay Kempker, Jenna Dempsey, Sheila Conneely, Emilee Simpson, Lindsay Alexander, Holly Embree, Kristine Kamper.

## American Chemical Society chemistry



FRONT ROW: Melissa Thorstad, Sabrina Wells, Kate Finnegan, Heather Young, Tuong-Minh Ly-Le. SECOND ROW: Jeremy West, Oliver Penrose, Nathaniel Webber, Dale Pahls, Nina McCrate, Chris Lim, Billy Miller. BACK ROW: Chris Halsey, Dmitriy Chernookiy, Anthony DeGraffenreid, Danielle Stacy, Karla Dobbs, Angela Soemo, Josh Hirner.

## American Medical Students Association professional



FRONT ROW: Kelsey Jones, Lindsay Johnston, Laura Blakley, Kati Kremer, Adrienne Miller, Rauleen Caballas, Michelle Price. SECOND ROW: Christine Lin, John Brockman, Rebecca Verhaeghe, Sharleen Allen, Lauren Michael, Katie Marshall, Jennifer Crouch. BACK ROW: Joel Brune, Dustin Mayfield, Mark Enselman, Jeff Kurz, Joe Dalke.

## Anime Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Erin Roper, Rauleen Caballas, Gemmicka Piper, Joanne Harder, Emily Didion, Ian Monroe, Holly Lyons. SECOND ROW: Sarah Heerboth, Joshua Mallory, Nathanael Dollar, Alexander Nord, Dale Pahls, Candace Graham, Kira Buckingham, Jackie Jones. BACK ROW: Max Eisenbraun, Keith Bertelsen, John Clifton, Jason Pelletier, Brian Murray, Arthur Harrill, Ben Goldstein.

## Beta Beta Beta biology



FRONT ROW: Lisa Grantham, Damon Lambert, Deana Judah. SECOND ROW: Rauleen Caballas, Zhian Kamvar, Ashley Winkler, Laura Day, Laura Blakley, Christine Lin, Laura Johnson. THIRD ROW: Susan Villarreal, Laura Ceriotti, Christopher Maher, Audrey Kerr, Kyle Meinke, Sharleen Allen, Emma Greenwood, David Ackiss. BACK ROW: Scott Foy, Ashley Lough, Brian Seyders, Paul Rotert, John Allen, Dustin Mayfield, Eric Ewing, Megan Harney, Jon Kuehner.

## Beta Gamma Sigma business/accounting honorary



FRONT ROW: Jason Lin, Patricia Garrett, Debi Cartwright. BACK ROW: Praviz Jabarov, Sabrina Sandeen, Stephen Allen.

**Beta Omega Beta** special interest



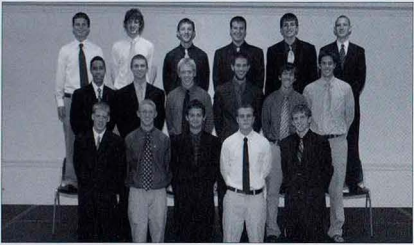
FRONT ROW: Marin Swesey, Marisa Butler, Cynthia Cobb, Amanda Bail, Molly Ryder. BACK ROW: Sarah Rutherford, Brett Young, Katie Evans, Jessica Endaya, Zhian Kamvar, Molly Pfeiffer.

**Beta Theta Pi** social fraternity



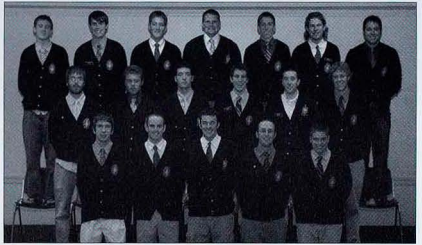
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**Beta Theta Pi** social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Matthew Mueller, Dustin Homer, Jared Bieser, Scott Wachter, Ben Stubbs. SECOND ROW: Chris Robinson, Jordan McGaughey, Aaron Crouse, Kenneth Raby, Stephen Grzesiowski, Kelly Gamlin. BACK ROW: Ben Griffith, Jim Poelker, Nick Alexander, Ben Reine, Robert ShROUT, David Wisdom.

**Blue Key** honorary service



FRONT ROW: Justin Grout, Sam Grabill, Ryan Wills, Tim Rick, Phil Campbell. SECOND ROW: Lukin Murphy, Leonard Stephens, Ryan Tichenor, Trey Robinson, Chris Mattix, Isaac Cowart. BACK ROW: Joe Baumann, John Allen, Kevin Price, Mike Shelden, Comador Ferguson, John Mundloch, Andy Brouwer.

**Bulldog Party** political



FRONT ROW: Mindy Maness, Emily Meyer, Jennifer Coolidge, Abbi Howe, Cory Kessler. SECOND ROW: Amanda Hoylman, Chelsea Schinnour, Sarah Schmidt, Michelle Coolidge, Angela Crawford, Tracey Blasingame, Rebecca Coleman, Laura Keck. BACK ROW: Blake Harris, Mike Pieper, Andrew Rudolph, Mark Enselman, Joe Van Amburg, Tomoyuki Ekuni, Chris Miller.

**Bullets Rugby** special interest



FRONT ROW: Michaella Levy, Krista Kastler, Juli Lommel, Kristin Harkins. SECOND ROW: Deborah Miller, Marguerite Halley, Ashley Goss, Natalie Gerhart, Chelsea Klaus, Allyssa Filla. BACK ROW: Courtney Harrel, Patricia Hobson, Erin Pinning, Meredith Stalker, Margaret Deken, Kim Smith, Stephanie Dettmer.

## Campus Crusade for Christ religious



FRONT ROW: Cammie Kropf, Amanda Gardner, Melody Von Engeln, Angie Otten, Julianne Roark, Kendra Marner, Chris Woodard. SECOND ROW: Walker Wilhoit, Benjamin Gimignani, Caleb Jordan, Jason Hoang, Michael Lay, Dan Serber, David Chatwell, Gavin Vreeland. BACK ROW: John Richardson II, Jeffrey Christianson, Brantley Ping, Ross Coleman, Drew Clark, Will Rearick, Robbie Pacanowski, Anthony Brummer, Andrew Picker.

## Campus Crusade for Christ religious



FRONT ROW: Amanda Day, Jamie Mucho, Mari Ellen Hoyt, Avril Frick, Alyssa Mayer, Cathy Clark, Breanna Hulsey. SECOND ROW: Cassandra Bartlett, Ashley Goss, Devin Tressler, Sravani Mulpuri, Laura Day, Courtney Morgan. BACK ROW: Kathryn Cooper, Christina Koch, John Stutte, Jeff Roth, Brian Baker, Anna Koch, Sarah Blackwell.

## Cardinal Key honorary service



FRONT ROW: Kelsey Underwood, Kate Wertz, Rachel See, Kelly Bultman. SECOND ROW: Jenny Steinhoff, Abbie Smith, Alana Walker, Lauren Hamilton, Kelly Blankenship. BACK ROW: Sarah Wood, Megan Hasse, Rene Duncan, Mary Beth Wihms, Sara Kate Anderson, Megan Harney, Annie Campbell.

## Catholic Newman Center religious



FRONT ROW: Deana Judah, Jill Scognamiglio, Sarah Tschiggfrie, Marissa LaRose, Mary Hamera. SECOND ROW: Kathleen Warrington, Christopher Maher, Mary Niehaus, Allison Wenger, Brian Santos, Jessica Tipp, John Weeks. BACK ROW: Sara Meulendyke, Stephen Huss, Doug Mayo, Matt Kettmann, Ken Mayo, Jessica Hoelzer, Leah Allman.

## Circle K International service



FRONT ROW: Sarah Carter, Elizabeth Kruse, Mandy Peacock, Cole Thomas, Lindsay Lambert, Katy Langston. SECOND ROW: Rachel Latal, Kelsey Vaughn, Carrie Palombo, Maggie Darr, Liz Raine, Kelly Thomure, Shannon Baillargeon. THIRD ROW: Samantha Scott, Julie Wynn, Lauren Michael, Nicole Novak, David Ackiss, Sarah Goodson, Alyssa Guess, Stephanie Matthias. BACK ROW: Matt Hoernschemeyer, James McDonald, Edwin Kymes, Jared Erwin, Matthew Felzke, Michael Bono, Heather Mielenz, Melissa Weber, Ellen Winfrey.

## Coalition of African American Women cultural



FRONT ROW: Brandy Holmes, Nichole Prince, Starr Skinner, Amber Byrd, Shalonda Davis, LaShonda Mackey, LaTanya Mackey, Ashley Hawkins. SECOND ROW: Mellina Stephen, Ashley Bernard, Victoria Miller, Chanee Anderson, Lauren Jackson, Carla Tillman, Keshia Palmer, Lakaria Jones. THIRD ROW: Lynette Henderson, Vanity Gee, Whitney Johnson, Dainielle Fox, Andrea Giles, Alyssa Johnson, Keisha Murray, Sunnita Blount. BACK ROW: Robyn Skinner, Sammone Kidd, Britney Hendricks, Keisha Hatcher, Keyon Terrill, Joslyn Richardson, Christina Richee.

## College Democrats political



FRONT ROW: Anna Lammert, Lisa Grantham, Elizabeth Koballa. SECOND ROW: Allyssa Filla, Lauren Filla, Claire Grothe, Ellen O'Leary, Caitlin Schupp, Marisa Butler, Michelle Byington, Mandy Peacock. THIRD ROW: Caitlin Sabe, Sarah Sholar, Davina Horton, David Ackiss, Sarah Felts, Susan Villarreal, Emily Meyer, Ian Monroe. BACK ROW: Michelle Coolidge, Matthew Whittmann, Andrew Rudolph, Theo Estes, Stephen Huss, Ethan Barton, Kyle Tracy, Joe Van Amburg, Kendall Smith.

## College Republicans political



FRONT ROW: Jayne Fields, Katherine Jennings, Sarah Schmidt, Emily Kiddoo, Marie Ireland, John Weeks. SECOND ROW: Jenny Crouch, Amanda Sweargin, Tom Henderson, Joe Pomictier, Gavin Conkling, Matt Bosch, Cara Stanley. THIRD ROW: Rachel Mohler (Secretary), Brad Hook, Brandon Foster, Will Tollerton, Andrew Coult, Ashley Young, Brian Baker, Robert Kelchen. BACK ROW: Taylor Burks, Nick Zotos, Scott Kreher, Garret Cochran, Sean Cahn, Mark Petersma, Peter Branson, Ashley Lough, Andrew Picker.

## Communication Disorders Association professional



FRONT ROW: Megan Sherrill, Sarah Speck. SECOND ROW: Mary Hamera, Amy Campfield, Jennifer Aubuchon, Emily Lucas, Lauren Mueller. BACK ROW: Jamie Lummis, Mary Bick, Elizabeth Gates, Cara Stanley, Katie Burrows.

## Computer Gaming Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Jessica Endaya, Ian McKelley, Jason DuPont, George Wolford, Joshua Kelly, Greg Wang, Cynthia Cobb. SECOND ROW: Brian Flieg, Scott Wolcott, Kevin Guilfooy, John Clifton, Nathan Lenzen, Austin Steelman. BACK ROW: Stephen Duepner, Matthew Desrosiers, Russell Joseph, George Wang, John Allen, Max Eisenbraun, Ryan Woods.

## Delta Sigma Pi business



FRONT ROW: Jyoti Bastola, Theresa Reck, Margaret Sullivan, Sarah Heidelberg, Holly Fletchall. SECOND ROW: Jessica Amburgey, Derrick Young, Matthew Cushman, Julie Kubiak, Holly McAlister, Erin Willis, Anna Halim, Jenna Mowrey, Rachel Latal. THIRD ROW: Amanda Young, Chris Bell, John Thomas, Devin Dorosh, Eric Snyder, Brandon Foster, Michael Hurley, Maegen George, Stacy Berger, Colleen Cleaveland. BACK ROW: Rebecca Gell, Cory Teller, Vikram Keskar, Juan Gonzalez, Mike Walden, Matt Desrosiers, Shaun Moynihan, Gary Arora, Baillie Cloyd.

## Delta Sigma Theta service sorority



FRONT ROW: Danielle Leveston, Talicia Jones, Kelly Haley, Carla Tillman. BACK ROW: Krystal Fox, Keisha Hatcher, Ashley Colon, Ann A-Wobil.

## Delta Zeta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Nicole Black, Melissa Doosing, Sonia Mejia, Martha Coleman, Katie Cleaveland, Joanna Grillas, Kylie Abbott. SECOND ROW: Sarah Biggerstaff, Nikki Corbin, Andrea Rabenold, Maria Giubardo, Megan Hasse, Megan Morrissey, Meghan Winter, Tricia Kreikemeier. BACK ROW: Jessica Wolf, Courtney Perrachione, Tara Ziegler, Kim French, Katie Kelly, Amie Keane, Cara Graziano, Natalie Soltys, Margaret Eichwald.

## Detours magazine



FRONT ROW: Megan Irwin, Evangeline McMullen, Emily Black, Lindsay McReynolds, Erin Silva, Ashley Richards, Kimberly Ferrell. BACK ROW: Whitney McFerron, Loren Depenthal, Prajwal Sharma, Andrew Gant, Krystal Miller, Erin Clark, Erin Pagel, Sarah Rutherford.

## Dobson Hall Senate residential living



FRONT ROW: Amy Hauser, Kati Smith, Alexandra Johnson, Max Eisenbraun. SECOND ROW: Ann Harman, Laura Halfman, Ashley Livermore, Rebecca Coleman, Sarah Richardson, Ashely Richards. BACK ROW: Daniel Poindexter, Maurice Mathis, Blake Harris, Mark Enselman, Paul Goodman, Chantell Johnson, Alex Counce.

## Echo yearbook



FRONT ROW: Lauren Miller, Danielle Borsch, Grace Mattie, Sarah Carter, Loretta Palmer, Erin Hickman, Evangeline McMullen, Tonya Jackson. BACK ROW: Amanda Gardner, Emily Gebhardt, John Weeks, Mark Nordstrom, Erin Kolley, Emmy Thomson, Jenna Kevan.

## Eta Sigma Gamma health science



FRONT ROW: Chacli Dougherty, Brittany Schultehehrich, Alisha Hahn, Denise Davis, Sarah Shelton, Jessica Morgan, Leslie Moss, Sonia Mejia. SECOND ROW: Rebecca Verhaeghe, Weslee Chew, Tara Osseck, Emily Forsyth, Carrie DeCarli, Nancy Reid, Emily Krogmann, Shannon Harbaugh. BACK ROW: Joe Stauber, Ben Reine, Nicole Stevens, Laura Kresl, Liz Schulte, Peter Guirguis, Bryan Campbell.

## First-year Activities Coordinating Team special interest



FRONT ROW: Rachelle Williams, Kate Gallen, Abby Wolcott, Kayla Medley, Maggie Wolcott. BACK ROW: Rebecca Martin, Brittany Roebke, Kacey Burk, Eric Dieckman, Natalie Gorski, Ellen Hart, Amanda Hoylman.

**Freethinkers Society** special interest



FRONT ROW: Ian Monroe, Kate Monson, Suzy Beitling, Sarah Sholar, Caitlin Sapp, Ben Dansby, Hannah Hemmelgarn, Lauren Burkhardt. SECOND ROW: Sally Waggoner, Jeff Keeling, John-Paul Allen, Jessica Pautler, Robert Moore, Giles Smyser, Kade Schemahorn, Brad Sova. BACK ROW: Austin McCandless, Theo Estes, William Hodgson, Peter Snoblin, Matt Deckard, Nate Butchli, Jeff Spahr.

**Funds Allotment Council** special interest



FRONT ROW: Colleen Cleaveland, Joseph Goedde, Therese Little. BACK ROW: Julie Kubiak, Lauren Bolland, Tyler Page, Abbie Hesse.

**Habitat for Humanity** service



FRONT ROW: Kelsey Underwood, Jessica Lufkin, Kristine Kamper, Jo Ristow, Brooklyn Frericks, Sara Kate Anderson, Stella Costello, Colleen Fitzhenry. BACK ROW: Raymond Feilner Jr., Trey Robinson, Michael Bono, Alan Venneman, Peter Howe, Sara Lynn Sterling, Nicholas Winchester.

**Herpetology Club** special interest



FRONT ROW: Amy Bockelman, Stella Costello, Amanda Meier, Erin Hoover, Carrie Mills. BACK ROW: Mary Green, Justin Nash, David Lewis, Katie Neville.

**High Street** dance



FRONT ROW: Ashlynn Omer, Allison Doores, Hollie Helton, Tiffany Nelson. BACK ROW: Jill Knuerr, Leah Kunard, Jenny Lamb, Lindsay Ponce, Braden Young, Leah Orf.

**Hispanic American Leadership Organization** cultural



FRONT ROW: Amber Robinson, Marisol Barrera, Rachel Berrey, Laura Corona. BACK ROW: Alatheia Stack, David Bonner, Mario Ortega.

## Homecoming Committee special interest



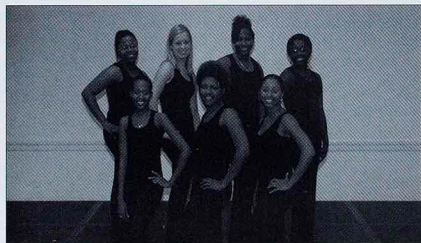
FRONT ROW: Cindy Thomas, Christopher McKinney, Meg Fullenkamp. BACK ROW: Dawn Runge, Laura Keck, Steven Chau, Lisa Dodge, Lauren Bolland.

## Horseman's Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Martha Daxer, Emily Didion, Kathryn Smith, Rachel Dost, Katie Schembri, Michelle Gaasch. BACK ROW: Suzanne Russell, Anna Walters, Brandon Hall, Kelly Limburg, Emily Costello.

## Illusion dance



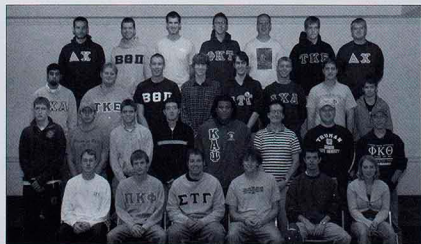
FRONT ROW: Andrea Giles, Leslie Blanchard, Auriel Monroe. BACK ROW: Kia Washington, Amanda Roberts, Dainielle Fox, Carla Tillman.

## Index newspaper



FRONT ROW: Alison Bowen, Whitney McFerron, Sadye Scott-Hainchek, Alaina Brockhouse. SECOND ROW: Grace Mattie, Nathan Becker, Christie Albrecht, Joseph Barker, Lisette Metz Grulke, Kalen Ponche, Karen Schwartztrauber. THIRD ROW: Jessie Gasch, Andrew Seal, Josh Fenton, Roger Meissen, Chris Waller, Prajwal Sharma, Nick Wilsey, John Scognamiglio. BACK ROW: John Weeks, Lindsay Koski, Alan Reininger, Conor Nicholl, Chris Tharp, Ross Houston, Kyle Hill.

## Interfraternity Council greek governing board



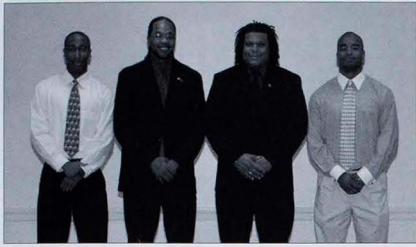
FRONT ROW: John Otting, Nick Hart, Andy Brouwer, Josh Kappel, Noah Hill, Ashley Taylor. SECOND ROW: Sam Phelps, Matt Colombo, Bryan Campbell, Ryan Tichenor, Kovel Walker, Sal Costa, Greg Smith, Morgan Bullock. THIRD ROW: Akash Balla, Sean Stapley, Mark Kirtland, Harrison Parks, Charles Weaver, John Skevington, Michael Pierson, Zach Boucher. BACK ROW: Blakeley Meyer, Matt Brawner, Brandon Large, Brian Schmittgens, David Chappell, Kevin Frey, Grant Dail.

## International Club cultural



FRONT ROW: Rachel Berrey, Na Mi Kim, Sarah Martin, Lachhita Neupane, Jyoti Bastola, Bumhyun Kim, Chelsea Hokanson. SECOND ROW: Ai Kobayashi, Akiko Nagato, Noboru Inoue, Naho Fujikake, Emily Dahmer, Atsufumi Kiyokuni, Abigail Temple, Junko Miyata, Shoko Arima. BACK ROW: Lauren Pey, Ipppei Sakurada, Liz Enberg, Maha Ahmed, Silviya Valkova, Xavier Guitteaud, Brandy Wilcox, Keiko Shinohara, Sara Breidenbach.

**Kappa Alpha Psi** social fraternity



James Perry, Brandon Gordon, Kovel Walker, Jerard Levenson

**Kappa Mu Epsilon** mathematics



FRONT: Camila Khan. SECOND ROW: Jessica Cole, Amanda Knott, Dana Garner, Sara Galla. BACK ROW: Theo Elkow, Mark McKelvey, Kip Raske, Dan Matheny.

**KTRM** radio



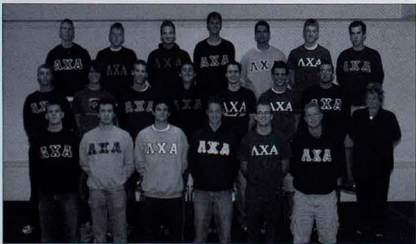
FRONT ROW: Courtney Rakers, Jenifer Calandra, Marisa Butler, Claire Maryniak, Stacey Hollerauer, Erik Roberts, Lauren Jackson. SECOND ROW: Maggie Darr, Laurie Hahn, Diane Poelker, Kyle Magee, Heather Turner, Daniel Curtis, Lauren Durand, Mark Smith. BACK ROW: Jesse Dowell, John Weeks, Brent Angiochi, Brian Bourne, Keith Watson, Robert Kelchen, Alex Johnson.

**Lambda Alpha Epsilon** criminal justice



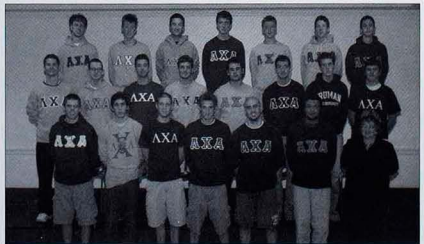
FRONT ROW: Kristin Jacobs, Kristi Schneider, Amanda Salas, Stacey Strange. SECOND ROW: Taryn Spoon, Kenny Jacobs, Sarah Wisdom, Brianna Wagner, Michelle Foard. BACK ROW: Sarah Brucks, Clinton Scheidt, Scott Chenault, Nick Zotos, Beatrice Kelrick, Jon Wolf.

**Lambda Chi Alpha** social fraternity



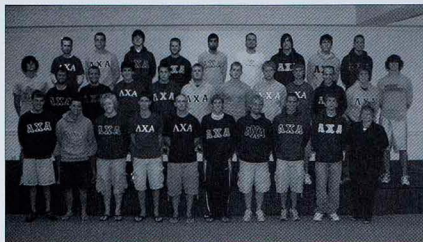
FRONT ROW: Justin Weinrich, Ryan Jones, Kevin Davis, Patrick Felling, Peter McEvoy, Doug Berry. SECOND ROW: John Skevington, Ian Arndt, Andrew Bax, Dan Hartmann, Jeff Schafers, Matt Over, Blake Eyres, Alci Arias. BACK ROW: Matt Latimur, Brett Neimann, Zach Lickerman, Andrew Cross, Brian Graham, Blake Neimann, Aaron Hotfelder.

**Lambda Chi Alpha** social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Keith Trivitt, Joseph Tullmann, Len Rothermich, Ryan Bobb, Mike Rybak, Blake Harris. SECOND ROW: Richard Davenport, Joseph Soetaert, Eric Balsman, Justin Urbanowicz, Darren Smith, Ryan Tichenor, Anthony DeGraffenreid, Tim Knopf. BACK ROW: Dane Batson, Mark Banville, Brad Dohack, Jeff Jackman, Andrew Spreitler, Patrick Jones, Mike Lupa.

## Lamda Chi Alpha social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Ryan Clanahan, Patrick Bommarito, John Fausz, Tom Kokoska, Rick Wischmeyer, Brandon Lamar, Christopher Kehlenbrink, Vincent Colletti, Justin Grout, Alci Arias. SECOND ROW: Joe Ackermann, Lance Perkins, Andy Schumert, Gerard Erker, Patrick Rembecki, Michael Johnson, Derek Goff, Nate Peabody, Ryan Grout, Ryan Kirchner, Michael Nahm, Jake Ackermann. BACK ROW: Isaac Rickert, Greg Day, Joe Goedde, Brad Zaffiri, Akash Bhalla, Jarod Johnson, John Palazzolo, Nate Hoffman, Tyler Ribbing.

## Lamda Pi Eta communications honorary



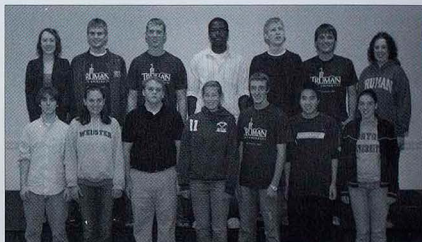
Laurie Hahn, Theresa Rott, Rebecca Martin, John Weeks, Kim French, Emily Humble, Phil Campbell

## Lutheran Student Fellowship religious



FRONT: Melanie Dunn. SECOND ROW: Kathryn Kuntz, Marie Wilson, Lauren Kienstra, Shea Roberts, Amanda Jo Russell, Kristin Prange. THIRD ROW: Jon Rowe, Maryellen Harman, Caitlin Cummings, Emily Tobias, Hannah Langhoff, Laura Liniinger, David Kanning. FOURTH ROW: Mandi Skaggs, Rachel Luetkenhaus, Katie Rueckert, Kacey Burk, Heather Mielenz, Hans Linseneardt, Meredith Clougherty, Mona Baucom. BACK ROW: Peter Chereson, Joel Haak, Ryan Johnson, Brian Hingst, Nathan Haak, Brian Poppe, Ben Hingst, John Eddy, Beth Falkner.

## Missouri Hall Senate residential living



FRONT ROW: Brad Amer, Rebecca Dutcher, Chris Miller, Katie Marshall, Caleb Forrest, Thang Pham, Megan Dye. BACK ROW: Rachel Meyer, Jeremy Hellwig, Dustin Mayfield, Josh Harris, Andy Meyer, Joe Dalton, Kristel Givogue.

## Mock Trial Club special interest



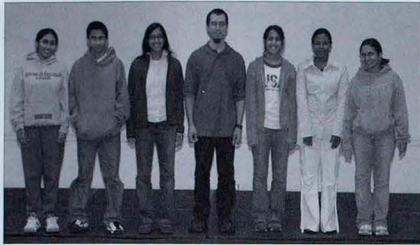
FRONT ROW: Amber Jones, Mary Beth Rybak, Arielle Morris, Shelley Coffinan. SECOND ROW: Kelly Whikstrom, Megan Pfister, Joshua Jones, Matthew Wittmann, Sarah Miller, Caitlin McLuckie. BACK ROW: Rachael Spavone, Michael Connelly, Chris Sumski, Bryan Gelecki, Kevin Chase, Nick Zotos, Theresa Perkins, Martin Jayne.

## Monitor newspaper



Jennifer Neiman, Jeff Keeling, Timothy Linn, Jon Lawinger, Emily Randall, Ian Florida, Annie Schippers

## Muslim Students Association special interest



Salma Ahmed, Mohammad Mozaffar, Camila Khan, Daniel Coate, Lina Khan, Hana Khidir, Nadia Mozaffar

## National Education Association education



FRONT ROW: Sarah Shanaberger, Jessica Winders, Amanda Perschall, Kara Burns, Jennie Siron. SECOND ROW: Emily Bushmann, Matt Novak, Allison Maurer, Rachel Martin, Laura Park, Mary Rudder. BACK ROW: Kristine Comes, Shannon Little, Kristina Rieman, Joe Dalton, Erin Klevenger, Brittany Guyer.

## National Pan-Hellenic Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Tricia Marstall, Nicole Everhart, Laura Nguyen, Alaina Brasch, Casey Hunstein. SECOND ROW: Ashley Taylor, Tanya Horvath, Tracey Schaefer, Diana Dames, Lauren Knoble, Kirsten Brimer. BACK ROW: Katie Lang, Janet Gooch, Michael Pierson, Kovel Walker, David Gillette, Ryan Tichenor, Anne Fitzgerald.

## National Society of Collegiate Scholars honorary



FRONT ROW: Kim Getman, Sara Bender, Kara Burns, Laura Euritt, Meredith Mertz, Melanie Dunn. SECOND ROW: Gewel De Los Santos, Jamie Matthews, Stephanie Maassen, Sara Galla, Lindsay McReynolds, Stacey Strange, Rebecca Easterwood, Laura Hurlburt, Angela Carter. THIRD ROW: Laurie Hahn, Michelle Rinck, Allison Brune, Stephanie Kimball, Nakita Dent, Phuong Nguyen, Jessica Cole, Maddie Schill, Shahronu Rezaiekhaligh, Megan Gatley. BACK ROW: Amy Rowden, Benjamin Coate, Audrey Kerr, Rebecca Gell, Jenny Lamb, Heather Mielknz, David Bonner, Ashley Walker, Calvin Johnson.

## Nursing Students Association nursing



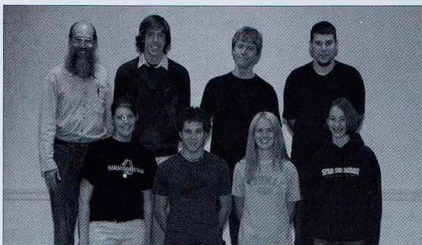
FRONT ROW: Sara Schwent, Lindsey Mentel, Sara Schloman, Jaime O'Sullivan, Mandy Peacock. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Jacobi, Sydney Moore, Ginny Pozzo, Molly Mudd, Alison Richards, Christine Sigmund. BACK ROW: Abby Kurtz, Ashley Walker, Angie Prost, Katie Adler, Jamie Weninger, Sarah Pleiness, Amy Schilling.

## Omicron Delta Kappa honorary



FRONT ROW: Deana Judah, Erin Brooks, Christine Schlosser, David Hoffman. BACK ROW: Erin Kane, Katie Lang, Heidi Struss, Kim French, Maggie Wolcott.

**Outdoor Club** special interest



FRONT ROW: Christy Clemenson, Ben Hale, Stella Costello, Elizabeth Durst. BACK ROW: Kenneth Carter, Dan Fister, Scott Schmidt, Brad Girard.

**Pershing Society** pershing scholars



FRONT ROW: Katherine Jennings, Becca Hess, Abbie Hesse, Mallory Stites, Amy McNabb, Vanity Gee. BACK ROW: Andrew Haws, Robert Kelchen, Vincent DeMarco, Chris Gillette, Hannah Kay, Emily Bevington, Shanna Foster.

**Phi Beta Lambda** business



FRONT ROW: Naoki Iijima, Jessica Tipp, Sabrina Sandeen, Andrea Cluck, Amy Rowden, Katie Bross, Cathy Poyner. SECOND ROW: Karena Smith, Ashley Broyles, Jenna Dempsey, Kristine Batson, Stella Costello, Molly Smith. BACK ROW: Heidi Blackburn, Lyle Mitchell, Alicia Stewart, Daniel Leatherman, Marshall Edwards, Derek Duffy, Robin Martz.

**Phi Beta Sigma** social fraternity



Dionte Thompson

**Phi Epsilon Kappa** health and exercise science



FRONT ROW: Cari Twaddle, Abbie Smith, Stephanie Provance, Hailey Lawyer, Ashli Meek. BACK ROW: Nathan Gaudreault, Nathan Gibson, Paul Hamilton, Charlie Miu, Kristin Halet.

**Phi Kappa Tau** social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Kyle Richter, Eric Doner, Andrew Pickering, Wes Glenn, Andrew Morgan, Zach Parnas, Chris Lim. SECOND ROW: Jon Higgins, Dan Wideman, Brad Johnson, Matt Colombo, Matt Walterbach, Drew Walters, David Garcia, Rob Harris, Eric O'Brien, Sean Simowitz, David Canty. BACK ROW: Mike Nobel, Kels Lovegreen, Warren Peebles, Todd Hawotte, Kevin Haynie, Teddy Jayne, Brian Schmittgens, Tamim Sirawan, Chris Carrico, Brian White, Billy Drazen, Kipp Siebel, Jim Coverstone.

## Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Carrington, Hannah Schreiber, Amanda Moore, Katie Keeven, Hannah Cummings, Bethany Kipping, Joel Andersen, Paige Aberasturi, Courtney Schaefer. SECOND ROW: David Rothermich, Kalen Ponche, Justine Guyer, Ryan Kroeger, Justin Smith, Chad Swagman, Jenna Houston, Megan Braun, Alexi Kanago, Sarah Kertz, Erin Smith, Abbie Hesse. THIRD ROW: Sara Hertzke, Laura Runge, Liz Fergus, Amy Wessel, Chris Marino, Josh Kemper, Heath Smith, Jennifer Crawford, Emmie Combes, Mandy Seifert. BACK ROW: Grace Mattie, Justis Tuia, Erin Palmer, Brian Woll, Jared Pruessner, Alan Reininger, Tyler Patterson, Jeff Scott, Kristin Carsen.

## Pre-Veterinary Club professional



FRONT ROW: Hillary Schowe, Jenny Sandler, Oeteva Johnson, Lesley Sheridan, Alana Walker, Sheila Rustemeyer, Lacey Spurgeon. SECOND ROW: Jessie Krause, Jacquelyn Schworer, Amy Arel, Lisa Tracy, Amanda Meier, Robin Sommer, Erin Kane, Ashley Winkler, Erin Pauli. BACK ROW: Nicole Novak, Megan White, Loni Wedemeier, Jessica Jamski, Justin Nash, Alex Miller, Gerred Knopf, Mary Green, Catherine Zivnaska.

## Pre-Law Club special interest



Kenny Jacobs, David Bonner, Ryan Lewis, Emily Gebhardt, Brian Kallio, Amy Rowden

## Prim Roses special interest



FRONT ROW: Sarah Anderson, Sara Barnes, Stefanie Schroeder, Lena Williams, Sarah Hinch, Jennifer Anderson, Theresa Reck, Allison Maurer. SECOND ROW: Sarah Muth, Shannon Gallaher, Molly Pull, Jessica Wolz, Angela Farabee, Laura Murray, Sarah Downey, Molly Wenberg, Kindra Rickman, Nikki Burk, Andrea Greufe. THIRD ROW: Brandi Drager, Mandy Sparks, Monica Crupe, Melissa Peper, Erin Poetker, Kelsey Richters, Erin Clark, Rebecca Hess, Jessica Pfile, Christina Carter. BACK ROW: Courtney Wallace, Katie Toler, Amanda Parsons-Twesten, Mallori Allen, Michelle Carter, Angela Dailey, Lillian Cochran, Devon Lacy, Lacey Prater.

## Prism gay/lesbian/bisexual/straight alliance



FRONT ROW: Erin Roper, Bre Palmer, Angie Carter, Shannon Drury, Elizabeth Koballa. BACK ROW: Greta Noack, Theo Estes, Matthew Seibert, Daron VanWyk, Greg Wisn, Oliver Penrose, Chelsea Brophy.

## Residence Hall Association residential living



FRONT ROW: Cheryl Johnston, Jamie Matthews, Shea Cleveland, Lisa Miller, Ashley Livermore, Sarah Hinch, Max Eisenbraun. SECOND ROW: Kati Smith, Jessica Perkins, Jocelyn Bolanowski, Laura Brooks, Amy Hauser, Elizabeth Raine, Lauren Burkhardt. THIRD ROW: Elizabeth Pollock, Kelsey Wiskirchen, Kendall Smith, Caleb Forrest, Daniel West, Brad Sova, Gavin Conkling, Alexandra Johnson. BACK ROW: Brendan Lovla, Daniel Kling, Erin Palmer, Nick McKeeven, Bryan Jones, Jeremy Hellwig, Rachel Meyer.

**Resurrection Campus Ministries** religious



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Strychacz, Alyssa Canfield, Jenna Canfield.  
BACK ROW: Laura Euritt, Rachel Mohler, Kendal Geno, Emily Reed.

**Rotaract** special interest



FRONT ROW: Melissa Erlebacher, Angela Gober, Emily Humble, Lauren Durand. BACK ROW: Courtney Bonney, Karl Guenther, Harrison Parks, Silyvia Valkova, Brynn Weimer, Eric Cawthon.

**SERVE Center** special interest



FRONT ROW: Marisol Barrera, Jessica Tipp, Leslie Beasley. SEC-  
OND ROW: Lauren Walton, Christine Bursch, Breann Hazlett, Kristina  
Licklider. BACK ROW: Roxanne Warner, Courtney Radtke, Shane  
Reiser, Maria Spilker, Jenna Dempsey.

**Showgirls** dance



FRONT ROW: Corinne Menke, Megan Mills, Katherine Moschner,  
Linsey Karwoski. SECOND ROW: Lara McKay, Kelly Schreck, Rachel  
Haberstroh, Kelsey Monsaert, Elizabeth Bonanno. BACK ROW: Amie  
Wilcoxon, Tara Osseck, LaToya DeLoach, Samantha Allinson,  
Kathleen Vanderhoof.

**Sierra at Truman** special interest



FRONT ROW: Melissa Erlebacher, Lauren Filla, Caitlin DuHadway,  
Kara Levery, James Turner. BACK ROW: Stella Costello, Emily  
Callahan, Kyle Tracy, John Allen, Maegen George, Sarah Martin,  
Kelly Pierce.

**Sigma Alpha** agricultural society



FRONT ROW: Catherine Zivnуска, Kalin McClure, Aislyn Wright,  
Robbie Rader, Kristen Gross, Kelly Hanley, Jennifer Lane. SECOND  
ROW: Sarah Shipley, Amanda Meier, Alli Heitmann, Robin Sommer,  
Sarah Stoll. BACK ROW: Rebecca Pace, Brenna Pace, Anna Matter,  
Kendra Nilson, Rachel Goldammer.

established in fall 2005. Group members felt the house would help them connect to the University community.

"It's kind of rejuvenated us a little bit," Hudson said. "Now that we have a campus house, it will help us reach out more."

Ekklesia also hosted an array of other events including a weekly Bible study, the annual Great American Smokeout barbeque, an hour-long worship program at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday on radio station KYOU and couples' night out for congregation members.

Ekklesia also prepared Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Hudson said the baskets helped people when they needed it most.

"I think it's always beneficial to reach out to the Truman community and especially the Kirksville community," Hudson said. "We know there is a lot of poverty in the area."

Additionally, Ekklesia adopted the women's rugby team, bringing it refreshments after games and practices. Ekklesia also had a float in the Homecoming parade for the first time in 2005 where members distributed literature about religious topics.

The group also responded to catastrophes, aiding victims in the Gulf Coast who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. The members said they realized most women left in such a hurry they did not have time to grab their purses. With the help of its campus ministers, Dan and Dalene Green, Ekklesia collected purses and filled them with simple items such as lotions and hair combs, Poyner said.

With these outreach efforts made by students, Ekklesia adapted its name to reflect its involvement in the community. Members now call themselves the "Dogs of Christ" – related to both the University's bulldog mascot and Moberly Area Community College's greyhound mascot.

Ekklesia wanted to be all-inclusive to reach out to students outside the University community, Poyner said. Many of Ekklesia's events, especially the seminar, brought people together to discuss a difficult topic. Hudson noted the tendency of such events to spark debate.

"Right now evolution is the establishment," Hudson said. "So when someone like Dr. Harrub comes along and challenges the establishment, sometimes things get really controversial."



Brad Harrub speaks at one of Ekklesia's sponsored events. Harrub held several sessions which included time for attendees to ask questions.

--Loretta Palmer and Katy Klein

# In DEPTHS

## new organization explores diverse religious paths

**S**eniors Suzy Beiting, William Hodgson and Kade Schemahorn decided to take the free-thinking part of the Freethinkers' Society and provide an outlet to focus solely on religion and spirituality.

In the end, they created a new campus organization called Dedicated Exploration of Personal Theories and Spirituality, or DEPTHS, during the spring 2005 semester.

DEPTHS member junior Dan Johnson said the group continued to grow, increasing activities throughout the 2005-06 school year.

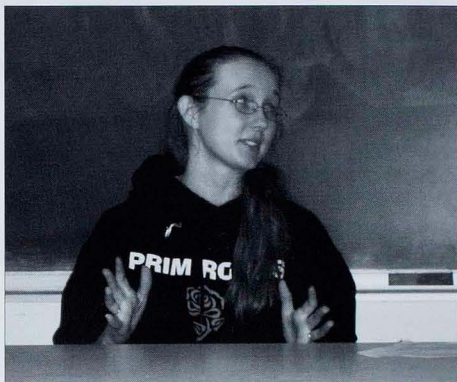
"We are trying to have different types of meetings and have them more often," he said.

Students in the group participated in weekly meetings to share ideas about religious paths and spiritual ideas, receive information about new ones and help one another on their own spiritual journeys.

"It's a way to help us understand our own spiritual practices," Johnson said.

Beiting said she thought Truman State University lacked groups on campus that had religious openness, which was why she created DEPTHS.

"If you look around, all of the religious groups that are recognized as such are Christian groups," Beiting said. "None are really open-minded or open to looking into different reli-



Senior Kartapurkh Khalsa speaks at a DEPTHS meeting. In 2006, meetings were Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Hall.

### Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority



FRONT ROW: Kiyoko Balk, Rachel Hanks, Allison Pickett, Arielle Morris, Jessica Zuke, Mikaeaya Truesdell. SECOND ROW: Danielle Asal, Hillary Overfelt, Jamie Bloomfield, Emily Bias, Susan Eberly, Mindy Cole, Emily VanLue, Naomi Davis, Nicole Myers. THIRD ROW: Kelly Reed, Molly Hastings, Christen Gates, Anessa Pape, Samantha Komlose, Elizabeth Bonanno, Ann Creasey, Nicole Suit, Anna Love. BACK ROW: Jessica Evelsizer, Julie Buzard, Jessica Ehlinger, Lisa Dodge, Liz Kerlich, Brittney Nast, Caroline St. John, Erin Bauer, Angie Prost.

### Society for Sino-American Studies special interest



FRONT ROW: Ha Nguyen, Cheryl Wong, Gemmicka Piper, Dinghao He, Anzu White, Tuong-Minh Ly-Le. BACK ROW: Greg Wang, Steve Chau, Christopher White, George Wang, Keith Bertelsen, Loren Depenthal, Emily Didion.

Attendees at the DEPTHs meeting listen to the speaker. In 2006, DEPTHs had 18 active members.  
Photos by April Swagman



gions and trying to find out for themselves how spirituality works.”

Because of the group’s nature and small size, Beitling thought the group was tight-knit, she said.

“Everyone draws from each others’ backgrounds,” Beitling said. “If the group got much larger than it is now, we would lose that intimacy.”

Through the discussions, the group hoped to raise awareness of different spiritual identities and gain open-minded perspectives regarding spirituality.

“We’re hoping to promote tolerance and educate people about different paths they can take,” sophomore Emeline Rogers said.

Since its initiation, DEPTHs had covered a variety of topics, including world religions such as Hinduism and Judaism, spiritual philosophies such as mysticism and orthodoxy, New Age movements like Hare Krishna, Rastafarianism, and Universal Unitarianism, and other topics related to spiritual thought, such as drug use.

The group always tried to incorporate exercises with every spiritual topic it covered, Beitling said.

Members participated in guided meditation and in “energy healing,” which helped get energy flowing the right way in the body by focusing on specific points, including along the spine, the base of the head and the abdominal region, she said.

The group also enhanced its discussions with multimedia such as video documentaries and music. It integrated spirituality-based movies like “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” and “Waking Life” as another way to open students’ minds to new avenues of religious and spiritual thought.

“It’s a good way to give our members a little more creative way of seeing different worldviews, and movies also tend to attract new members,” Beitling said.

DEPTHs provided a variety of edifying opportunities open to all interested University students.

--Shelley Begue

## Student Activities Board special interest



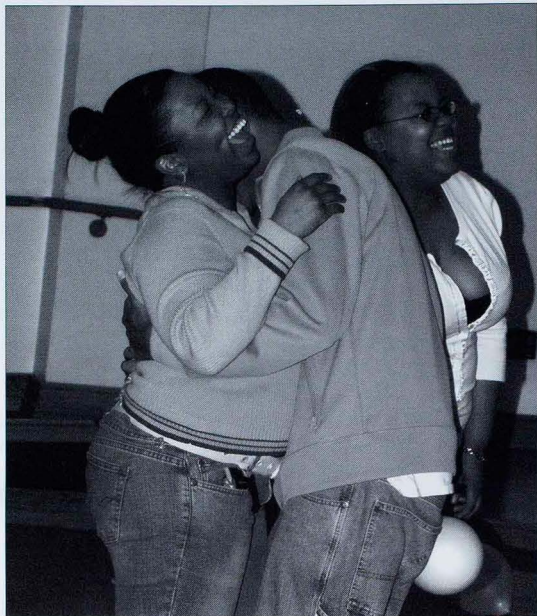
FRONT ROW: Naomi Davis, Lauren Bolland, Ashley Movold, Paul Blessing. SECOND ROW: Danielle Tolson, Erica Foster, Bonnie Treichel, Jenna Mowrey, Martha Claeys, Julie Vanderhaar, Dawn Juon, Alyson Hendry, Matthew Smith, Mindy Maness, Rachele Williams, Courtney Rakers. THIRD ROW: Meghan Doherty, Ashley Walker, Laura Lukowski, Rebecca Martin, Ashlee Stoddard, Kristina Rieman, Samantha Sweet, Andrea Davis, Tiffany Hendry. BACK ROW: Christopher McKinney, Ann Creasey, Craig Hermann, Winston Vanderhoff, Tyler Patterson, Drew Spiegel, D. Michael Bruns III, Kelly Reed, Amy Bridges.

## Student Ambassadors University tour guides



FRONT ROW: Amanda Hoylman, Leigh Albright, Erin Roper, Jill Graves, Elizabeth Carrington, Jamie Matthews, Andrea Brown. SECOND ROW: Amy Schilling, Erica Flanagan, Dawn Juon, Lindsay Kempker, Brandon Collins, Sara Bear. BACK ROW: Amber Stratman, Leah Allman, Jenny Lamb, John Allen, Justis Tuia, Joshua Jones, Hope Slaby.

# Share the Love



Sophomore Carra Doss and junior Eric Frazier enjoy a dance at the Valentine's Day Dance. ABC's motto was, "We must first be ourselves." Photos by Kate Gallen

Share it, pump it, and bust a move. That's what members of the Association for Black Collegians did for the first time on Valentine's Day 2006. "It was a good alternative to taking your loved one out instead of spending all that money," ABC president junior Deanna Love said.

The Valentine's Day Dance took place from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 14, 2006, in the SUB Down Under. Light refreshments and decorations graced the area at a cost of \$40, and Love said 15 to 20 people attended.

"We didn't get the outcome that we wanted to, but anything is better than nothing," she said.

Freshman Maurice Mathis, social chairman for ABC, also said he was a little disappointed with the turnout but still enjoyed the event. Mathis said he ended up staying for no more than an hour.

"I think it could have panned out better with more preparation," Mathis said.

Love brought the idea to the ABC board only days before the event, she said. Although the ABC advertised using fliers and TruView, she said members would publicize the event more in the future.

"We'll definitely give it another try next year," Love said.

Love thought of the idea because Valentine's Day rarely provided much in the way of social activities.

"As far as the black community goes, there wasn't anything going on that night," she said.

Members of the crowd talked for the first 30 minutes but began to dance once the photographers arrived, freshman Dainielle Fox said. The disc jockey played an array of music including rhythm and blues and hip-hop, and Love said the entire group,

## Student Council for Exceptional Children special interest



FRONT ROW: Stephanie Matthias, Theresa Skinner, Cassie Morrow, Heather Rush, Nadia Mozaffar. BACK ROW: Jessica Holt, Julie Wynn, Baillie Cloyd, Brooklyn Frericks, Kara Gordon.

## Student-Missouri State Teachers Association education



FRONT ROW: Lindsay Kempker, Lauren Hamilton, Katie Simonds, Rachel Muenks. BACK ROW: Amber Mueller, Jenny Lamb, Robin Chamberlin, Brad Girard.

## ABC dances the night away on valentine's day

dressed in club attire, danced. Some people brought dates, but it turned out to be a group event for the most part, Love said. She noted that the event provided a welcome break from academic worries.

"It was just a nice time to socialize and dance and get out of the college mindset for awhile," Love said.

Only two people outside of ABC attended, Fox said.

"But it turned into a bonding thing, so that's OK," she said.

The ABC involved itself in several other programs on campus, including Rock the Vote in 2004 and the Big Event and Special Olympics in the spring. It also organized the annual black women's history game show and Ebonyessence, a dance put on by the Multicultural Affairs Center.

"We want to open up different outlets to the campus," Love said.

Mathis said he wished the dance had been as successful as Ebonyessence, an event that attracts 40 to 50 people on average every year.

Although mostly African-Americans participated in ABC, the organization welcomed all students to join, Love said.

About 15 people populated ABC, 12 of them female, said freshman Meredith Rolan, fundraising chairwoman for the organization. Rolan remarked that the group's size added to the efficiency of the group and promoted cooperation between the members.

"The number right now is good for working together," she said.

The members' shared efforts produced a variety of activities for the University's students, and they enhanced the diversity on campus while enjoying themselves and one another.

--Grace Mattie, Assistant Photography Editor



The ladies of ABC bust some moves to hip-hop tunes. Dancing released endorphins into the body, which improved their moods.

### Student Senate student government



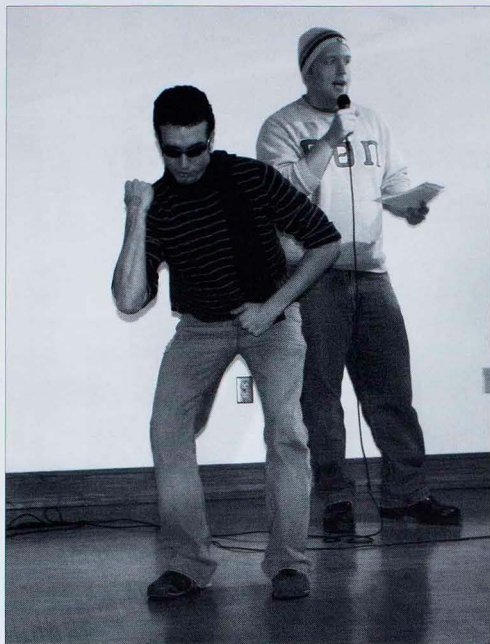
FRONT ROW: Emily Kiddoo, Cory Kessler, Emily Hall, Mark Kirtland, Michael Pierson, Scott Alberts. SECOND ROW: Lindsay Allan, Mindy Maness, Rebecca Coleman, Eric Wooten, Tracey Blasingame, Emily Meyer, Becky Hadley, Angela Crawford. THIRD ROW: Sarah Schmidt, Robert Kelchen, Joel Brune, Brett Pierson, Andrew Rudolph, Silviya Valkova, Joe Van Amburg, Michelle Coolidge, Daniel Poindexter. BACK ROW: Tomoyuki Ekuni, Blake Harris, Justin Fager, Mark Enselman, Shane Reiser, Mike Pieper, Tim Gerhart.

### Tau Lambda Sigma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Heather Ayer, Sarah Anderson, Kathryn Carlson, Shelley Coffman, Jennifer Anderson, Annie Haynes, Sarah Hinch. BACK ROW: Jessica Miller, Chelsea Kasefang, Sara Hines, Krista Ramage, Stacey Walker, Kelly Wikstrom, Mary Beth Rybak.

# Start the Bidding



Junior Shane Retsner shows off for his bidders while senior Kyle Bybee describes him. Bybee was one of the masters of ceremonies for the evening.  
Photos by Katie Poland

**G**oing once, going twice ... sold. A date auction might have seemed like an unlikely way for an organization to raise money, but many campus groups took part in the tradition.

"The [social sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta] came to us, and a date auction seemed like a really good way to raise money in a very quick fashion," said senior Kyle Bybee, a member of social fraternity Beta Theta Pi.

As a part of their fraternity's philanthropy, the Betas decided to participate in a date auction as a way to raise funds for Hope's Kitchen. The AGDs paired up with the Betas to have the auction as a philanthropy fundraiser as well.

"Our philanthropy is Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, and it supports juvenile diabetes, so that was where the money goes [from the date auction fundraiser]," said AGD member junior Leah Picker.

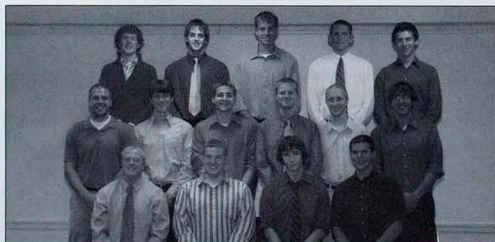
The Betas and AGD co-sponsored the Feb. 22, 2006, event and auctioned off both men and women. While some organizations partnered with other groups, others organized date auctions independently.

"We have never really gotten a whole other organization involved in [our date auctions]," said Rachel Haberstroh, a member of Showgirls, which had an annual date auction as a fundraiser. "We usually just leave it up to the girls to pick the guys that are auctioned."

In addition to recruiting potential dates, organizations also had to advertise the event to ensure a successful and well-attended date auction.

"We made a banner, and then we also printed off a lot of fliers and put them in the mailboxes and hung them around campus," Picker said. "There wasn't too many people from outside our organization [that attended the auction]—just a few—but it was a majority of AGDs and

## True Men a cappella ensemble



FRONT ROW: Andrew Hardee, Jeremy Brinning, Nathaniel Weimer, Jared Nichols. SECOND ROW: Nathan Gibson, Graeme Allen, Greg Hudson, Zach Hollingsworth, Caleb Pautz, Chris Thurman. BACK ROW: Bob Hembry, Aaron Ely, Pat Blomme, Nathan Haak, Teddy Jayne.

## Unique Ensemble Gospel Chior religious music group



FRONT ROW: Keeley Moseley, Keisha Murray, Danisha Leigh, Shaunte Strong, Ian Vickers, Danielle Leveston, Myisha Moffett, Shalonda Davis, Erica Key. SECOND ROW: Earlene Boltton, Andrea Giles, Melody Von Engeln, Maurice Mathis, Robyn Skinner, Kourtney House, Corie Bednar, Talicia Jones, Brandy Holmes, Lynette Henderson, Nikki Helmer. BACK ROW: Noelle Peterson, Aaron Yancey, Michael Jones, Timothy Olatunde, Brycen Marner, Sammon Kidd, Chantell Johnson.

## date auctions call up funds for campus organizations

Betas.”

While the AGDs took responsibility for the advertising and planning aspect of the fundraiser, Bybee found that obtaining willing participants could be a challenge.

“On my part, it took a lot of persuading,” Bybee said. “The Betas had never done a date auction in the past. They were a bit hesitant, so that took some serious persuading.”

After all the planning and preparation, the actual date auction only lasted a few hours.

“We had a guy walk up there with a girl, and we read a slip of paper about them with their name and their major and a fun fact about them,” Picker said. “[The bidding] started at \$5, and then we just went up a dollar from there, or if someone shouts out a number higher than that we go from there.”

For other organizations, like the Showgirls, things ran a little differently.

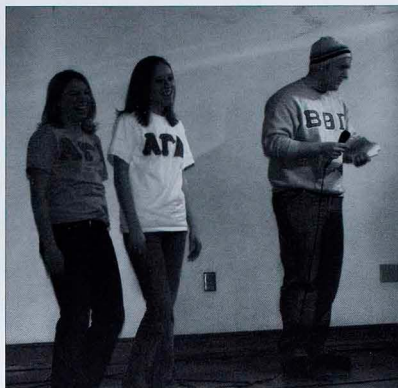
“The guys are auctioned off for dates, and the girls are auctioned off for service,” Haberstroh said. “Each girl is responsible for trying to find around five guys although that doesn’t always happen. Each girl then finds a partner on the squad and is auctioned off for service.”

Service included cooking their date dinner, washing their date’s car or doing their date’s laundry. The service was decided upon before the bidding took place so that purchasers of the date knew on which prize they were bidding.

Whether they held a service or a traditional date auction, the participating groups seemed to enjoy the overall experience.

“In general, the Betas weren’t too crazy about doing it at first, so this was actually like a trial thing for us,” Bybee said. “We’ve never held one that I am aware of, but it was a good experience.”

--Erin Kolley, Organizations Editor



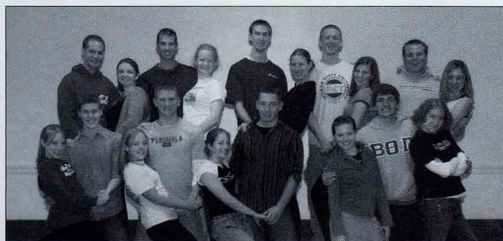
Sophomores Erica Mercer and Alexi Kanago are auctioned off as Bybee oversees the bidding. Most organizations used the money from date auctions to offset their expenditures or to donate to a worthy cause.

### University Swingers General Group dance



FRONT ROW: Amanda Hoylman, Airian Carter, Abbagail Whiteley, Bill Elam, Megan McLaughlin, Emily Reed, Kristy Batson. SECOND ROW: Stephanie Kimball, Krystalynn McClinton, Mandy Martin, Brandy Wilcox, Emily Champlin, Katie Hermann, Scott Lowry, Amy Dixon. BACK ROW: Sarah Scott, Carl Schmitt, Philip Norton, Cody Sumter, Ben Shannon, Damon Lambert, Matt Pecherski.

### University Swingers Performance Team dance



FRONT ROW: Jill Kasparie, Kelly Kasparie, Janet Phelps, Allison Meek, Emily Forsyth. SECOND ROW: James Obert, Travis Shively, Nick Barrett, Robert ShROUT. THIRD ROW: Amanda Weber, KC Rowe, Krystle Bertoncin, Karla Huber, Ashley Desmet. BACK ROW: Kai Gansner, Eric Jerde, Mark McKelvey, Eric Dieckman, Matt Kemp.

# Ciao Time

A typical Sunday night for a Truman State University student generally consisted of studying and possibly a quick bite to eat. That, however, was not the case for more than 30 students on the night of March 5, 2006. For those students, that particular Sunday's menu consisted of traditional Italian cuisine.

"The dinner was kind of a fundraiser, but it was more to get our name out," said junior Stacey Walker, officer for the Club for Italian Appreciation and Outreach.

CIAO was the University's premier Italian organization, and it focused on informing students about different aspects of the Italian culture.

"A couple of years ago [when the club started], it completely flopped," Walker said. "I talked to Dr. [Antonio] Scuderi about how I was interested in doing it again, so we got the club together. The professors were like, 'Do a dinner. Pasta is profitable!'"

Tickets to the dinner, located at the University Club on East Patterson, were \$6 per person, and the meal included different Italian breads, salad, chicken, pasta dishes and desserts. Walker said people who attended the dinner came up to her afterward and told her how much they appreciated the great meal.

"It was just excellent," Walker said. "Everyone had a good time, and the food was amazing."

CIAO sold T-shirts for \$10 at the dinner as well. The red shirts had the phrase "Ciao Ciao," Italian for "hello" or "goodbye," printed on the front, resembling the traditional Coca-Cola logo. The club made about \$70 that evening, Walker said.

Senior Mary Kretsinger said five CIAO officers organized the event, including herself, Walker, junior Greg Thompson and freshmen Eric Schneider and Marissa Sharkey.

"We made all the food," Kretsinger said. "We started cooking at 12:30 [Sunday afternoon] until 6:30 that evening, and then we went straight over."

Some of the recipes were family traditions, and some were original. Two faculty members, associate professors of Italian Antonio Scuderi and Marie Orton, contributed as well.

"We figured most Americans know Italian culture by the food, so it was a way of gaining interest," Kretsinger said. "It was a fun thing for us to cook and get the professors involved because they really know how to cook it."

During its first year, CIAO did not meet weekly, but the events, such as movie nights or cooking lessons, were open to any student interested in Italian culture, Kretsinger said.

Wesley Foundation religious



FRONT ROW: Anne Frana, Kate Tripp, Kate Brown, Elizabeth Lowe, Amanda Swearingin, Justine Marty, Jerry Flower, Amy Olson, Paige Mundhenke. SECOND ROW: Lillian Cochran, Sara Hines, Audrey Kerr, Nathan Harness, Casey Carroll, Joseph Frana, Jenifer Hamilton, Ashley Lara, Mindy Harris. BACK ROW: Craig Matzes, TJ Higgins, Julie Laub, David Leuschke, Stephen Mohr, Rev. Eric Schmidt, Mike Powell.

Windfall literary magazine



FRONT ROW: Leigh Albright, Lucia Flaim, Jeannie Herrington, Michelle Alford. BACK ROW: Charlotte Keenan, Amanda Hackney, Christina Stroetker, Jackie Jones, Beth Rudder.

## club serves italian cuisine with a side of culture

Kretsinger expressed CIAO's interest in hosting additional functions.

"We want to do more events," Kretsinger said. "Once we were done [with the dinner], all the other people were like, 'Let's do it again at Easter!'"

Schneider said he joined CIAO because his grandfather was Italian and the culture interested him. He often cooked at home, he said.

"I enjoyed making the meal," Schneider said. "That's what I liked best."

Schneider said he hoped the club would expand. The 2005-06 CIAO officer board helped resurrect the club, and it wanted new members to know the significance of the Italian lifestyle, he said.

"The purpose [of the dinner] was to broaden the horizons of people who were invited, to make them understand that Italian food is more than spaghetti," Schneider said. "We wanted to educate people about [other common] Italian foods and cultural aspect and to simply have a good time."

--Alyson Watkins



Italian Club members throw their pizza doughs into the air. The club met weekly and held cooking classes.

Photo by Katie Poland

### Alpha Kappa Alpha social/service sorority



Nina Ellis-Hervey, Ava Epps, Tammy Tolliver

### Men's Volleyball club sport



FRONT ROW: Tony Speno, Matthew Desrosiers, Matthew Tooley. BACK ROW: Tommy Jayne, Brian Hawkins, Patrick Kilgore, Alan Bergfeld, Justin Fanger.

# Hunting for Fun

The day started off well. The predicted temperature of 73 degrees was fairly nice for the beginning of April. Then the tornado warnings came.

"At first I was stressing out," said senior Gina Stierwalt, fundraising chairwoman for Alpha Sigma Gamma. "How would the families know we were moving inside?"

Stierwalt was talking about ASG's third annual Easter egg hunt that ASG held April 2.

The hunt was originally scheduled at Truman State University's Red Barn Park, but bad weather forced the sorority to relocate its event to Pershing Arena.

"We had to hide the eggs under Easter baskets and chairs, but it ended up being really fun," Stierwalt said. "The kids who came stayed a while and had a great time."

ASG organized three fundraising events each semester, Stierwalt said. The Easter egg hunt generally drew in about \$200.

"...more often than not, we vote to give the money to something else, such as a charity," Stierwalt said.

In 2005, ASG voted to give the money to "Run for Their Lives," a 5-10K run/walk sponsored by the sorority to raise money for the mentally disabled.

The Easter egg hunt was only one part of the festivities. Other activities included a duck pond, a fishing game, tossing a ball into a bucket, coloring books, face-painting and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

To play the games, participants purchased tickets, which cost \$2 for 10.



A Liberty, Mo. girl puts an egg in her Easter basket. Many Easter egg hunts were held across the state.

Photos submitted

## ASG sponsors egg hunt for local children

Although fundraising was important, the main focus of the event was the children, Stierwalt said.

"There was one family that came in where the mother had just enough money for her children to do the hunt," Stierwalt said. "They did not have money for anything else, so we let them play the games for free."

ASG members helped out with the various activities and booths set up around Pershing.

A self-proclaimed kid at heart, junior Beth Cooney said she loved making the children smile by face painting.

"We just want the kids to have a good time," Cooney said. "They were so excited and ready to go for the hunt. The event was for them."

Multiple egg hunts occurred throughout the day, Cooney said, in order to give late arrivals a chance to hunt for eggs, too.

The ASGs also enjoyed the event.

"We have a girl dressed up as an Easter Bunny," Cooney said. "It was pretty funny."

That girl was sophomore Audrey Kerr. Kerr, in her second year as the bunny, said she enjoyed talking to the children.

"Last year I wore blue tennis shoes, and one of the kids told me, 'Easter bunnies do not wear blue shoes.'" Kerr said. "This year, I made sure my shoes were pink."

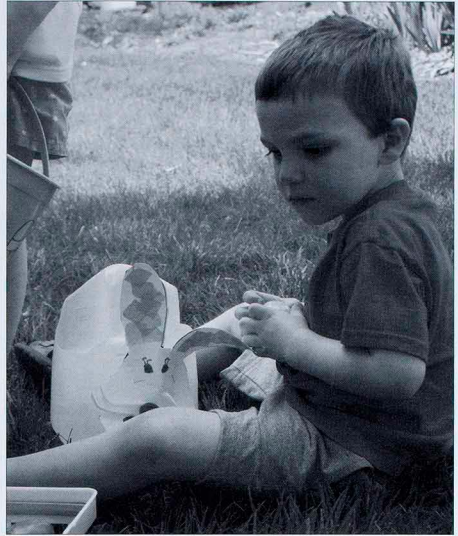
Kerr said the suit, which was made for a much shorter person, did not fit her well.

"It was pretty entertaining," Kerr said. "The sleeves were short, and the pants came up too high, but I think that's what made it good."

Kerr, like the other women of ASG, was concerned that the weather would keep families at home. Nevertheless, she did not allow that to dampen her spirits.

"I love doing this event," Kerr said. "It's for the community, for the children, and it's just nice to brighten someone's day in that way."

--Alyson Watkins



A Liberty, Mo., boy rests after finding eggs. Easter egg hunts were popular fundraisers or activities for organizations.



Two young children from Liberty, Mo., participate in an Easter egg hunt. Weather did not affect the location of this Easter egg hunt.

# Going for the Gold

The oath of the Special Olympic athlete had long demonstrated the unique atmosphere that surrounded Special Olympics. According to the Special Olympics Web site, thousands of athletes throughout the year said the oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." On April 8, the 10th annual Special Olympics brought athletes with disabilities from several different counties to Stokes Stadium for a day of competition and fun.

"The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental disabilities," said student coordinator junior Julie Wynn.

Despite unforeseen problems concerning the field the day of the event, the five months of planning by the Student Council for Exceptional Children ensured the day ran smoothly.

"The football staff went back on the agreement we made concerning field use," sophomore Cassie Morrow said. "We had to set everything up again and had to start 45 minutes late."

To plan an event as major as Special Olympics required months of fundraising, donation requests and paperwork by the SCEC members. The Games Management Team was in charge of everything from concessions to the Olympic Village.

"This year we even had a stuffed animal drive in an effort to get more donations for Olympic Village prizes," Wynn said. "It was a huge success. Over 300 Beanie Babies® were donated, as well as many other stuffed animals."

While the GMT had its hands full in the months, days and hours preceding the event, the actual event would not have been possible without the support of hundreds of volunteers to be buddies, run events or help with other such activities.

"Campus participation was great," freshman Mark Enselman said. "I worked up front at registration, and we had so many volunteers that we didn't have enough jobs for everyone."

In addition to Truman State University students who donated their time to support the athletes, A.T. Still University students, Wal-Mart employees and community members also volunteered during the event.

"We usually have an excess of 500 volunteers with about 250 to 300 acting as buddies and accompanying the athletes throughout the day," Morrow said. "Other volunteers help with Olympic town, running the events and setup."

People who helped at the games were eager to spend time with their buddies and help them have the best day possible.

"The competition and camaraderie of Special Olympics boosts the athletes' confidence and helps them live lives that are more integrated in the communities around them," Morrow said.

Sophomore Kelly Albright helps her buddy, Tina. The first international Special Olympics were held in Chicago in 1968. Photos by Grace Mattie



## group hurdles obstacles hosting a special event

Walking through Olympic Village, the pie-throwing booth obviously was the crowd favorite as athletes waited in line to gleefully throw pie tins of whipped cream into their buddy's face.

Although SCEC and the GMT were separate groups, GMT was made predominantly of SCEC members.

"We'll take a breather from anything major right now, but we'll start planning fundraisers for next year before this semester ends," Morrow said.

SCEC members discussed the new idea of having a barbecue set up near the residence halls to help feed hungry parents and students during freshman move-in.

Fundraisers like these made many positive memories possible.

"The best part about the games is seeing the smiles on the athletes' faces and hearing the volunteers in the stands, cheering them on," Wynn said.

*--Carolyn Minchik, Staff Writer*



Buddies pie volunteers in the face throughout the day. SCEC was a part of the Council for Exceptional Children, which worked to improve educational opportunities for exceptional children.

Sigma Chi Delta's candidate, senior Keri Esmar, is escorted by members of campus fraternities. Greek organizations were split into teams in order to compete with one another. Photos by Evangeline McMullen



Left: Candidates, freshmen Maggie Eichwald and Fred Balch are escorted at Greek Week ceremonies. Traditionally, the money raised during the week was given to a charitable cause.



Right: Pi Kappa Phi freshman Phil Norton dangles grapes over junior Laura Kovarik's mouth. A competition was held for the titles of Zeus and Aphrodite.



Left: A member of Sigma Tau Gamma parades his sign with pride. Greek Week was kicked off with an assembly on the Quad.



Right: A candidate from Alpha Kappa Lambda jumps into a friend's arms before Greek Week festivities begin. During Greek Week, each team collected points to compete against the other teams.

# All Things Greek

## fraternities and sororities kick off week of celebration

**H**eld Monday, April 3, to Friday, April 7, Greek Week served as a way to bring Truman State University's Greek organizations together to celebrate the spirit of each fraternity and sorority. "Greek Week was basically a week-long event full of friendly competition between different Greek organizations," said freshman Ellen Albers, a member of social sorority Sigma Kappa. "That may sound simple, but the week was really a lot of fun."

Split into six teams, Truman's Greek Life showed their pride through a variety of activities like Greek Olympics, Lip Sync and a 5K run. Each team was judged per activity and final points were tallied at the end of the week.

"I think my two favorite activities were probably Greek Olympics and Lip Sync," Albers said. "Lip Sync was exciting because it's always fun to see how each organization takes it to the extreme. They each find a way to take the theme and make it their own."

Greek Week also served one of Greek Life's main aspects: philanthropy. This year, the Greek Week committee chose to give all money raised to the organization Rural Advocates for Independent Living (RAIL). Overall, the organizations accumulated \$2,500 to give to the philanthropy. In addition to RAIL, the Greek Week Committee thought it was important to assist local food pantries.

"Everything went well this year," said junior Danny Zamora, 2006 Greek Week co-chairman. "We collected hundreds of pounds of food for local food pantries through the Greeks Scouting for Food Program, which was started two years ago."

Zamora also said that 2006 was important because they had participation from Greek organizations that had not participated in the past.

One more feature of this year's Greek Week was the implementation of the GLADD card campaign. GLADD stood for Greek Leaders Against Drunk Driving, and over 50 percent of each team signed a GLADD card.

While the Greek Week committee worked hard to put together the event, it received monetary help from sponsors. Local businesses such as Ponderosa, Bellacino's, Hy-Vee and Pancake City donated money to show their support.

Greek Week closed with the crowning of the Greek Week king and queen. Alpha Sigma Alpha's junior Aly Watkins and Beta Theta Pi's junior Clay Sanger received the honor. The week ended with the announcing of the competition winners, the Yellow Team, made up of Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Kappa.

Whether by song or by sport, Truman's Greek population came out to show pride in their organizations through both competition and a drive to give.

--Marissa Sharkey

# Bald is Beautiful

**A**lpha Phi Omega members wanted to give more than just money for children's cancer research. On April 1 in Ryle Hall Main Lounge, four women and 11 men shaved their heads. APO, a co-ed national service fraternity, raised \$3,000 through its head-shaving event, which attracted more than 100 people. Junior Rachel Hart said APO gave the money to St. Baldrick's, an organization that raised money to find a cure for children's cancer.

According to the St. Baldrick's Web site, the organization originated in 1999 when a St. Patrick's Day party turned into a charity event. To raise money for children's cancer research, the three founders shaved their heads like cancer patients.

Since its start, St. Baldrick's has raised more than \$12 million for childhood cancer research, according to its Web site, and in 2006, APO helped raise that number.

Hart said she collected \$650 in donations from passing around a brown paper bag in her classes. People could sponsor a specific person who was getting his or her head shaved, or they could make a generic donation through St. Baldrick's Web site. People also paid to shave heads at the event.

APO turned Ryle Lounge into a makeshift barber shop, Hart said. Barbers and hair dressers from the community turned out to cut hair. Through St. Baldrick's Web site, people also sponsored a specific barber.

Hart said APO raffled off hats and sunglasses donated by St. Baldrick's. Spectators also voted on the "Hottest Bald Man on Campus," crowning sophomore Clayton Davis the winner.

Sophomore Kelly Thomure said APO had never fundraised for St. Baldrick's before, but she got the idea from an alumnus who was doing it.

"It was one of the most surreal experiences in general," Thomure said. "My hair was just barely long enough to donate to Locks of Love. That was the best feeling ever - a lot of emotion, but it was all happy tears."

All the cut ponytails were donated to Locks of Love, a separate organization that made wigs for children with hair loss.

Hart agreed that emotions were high that day.



Senior Adam Bezinovich smiles during his haircut. As of May 2006, St. Baldrick's had 9601 male shaves and 903 female shaves registered.  
Photos submitted

## APO supports cancer research through St. Baldrick's event

"My mom came up to cut off my ponytail and she started crying," she said. "... So that made me cry, and that made another girl cry."

Hart said getting caught up in the moment caused a few students to decide suddenly to go bald.

"One girl stepped up right then and was like, 'If people raise \$100, I'll shave my head,'" Hart said. "[Freshman] Daniel Potts has this huge beard, and he was always saying he would never shave his beard ever, but he got caught up in the moment and said that if we raised another \$100, he would do it, and he did."

Potts said he initially shaved his head to honor a friend who had passed away from cancer.

"While the head was getting shaved, someone asked how much for the beard," Potts said. "I didn't think they would get \$100. I thought we'd just get an extra \$80."

He said losing his beard of five years was nothing compared to what the girls lost by shaving their heads.

The girls, however, carry no regrets about losing their hair.

Junior Andrea Rhodus said her head attracted a lot of head rubbing, but her morning routine started taking only five minutes.

"Your showers are only two minutes long," Rhodus said. "You just put on clothes and makeup."

Hart said feeling her hair go was weird at first, but a bald head suited her.

"It's just so totally different," she said. "It's awesome. I love it."

--Laurie Hahn



Junior Andrea Rhodus, sophomore Kelly Thomure and junior Rachel Hart pose for a photo before they donate their hair. St. Baldrick's also accepted donations of cell phones and cars.

Thomure, Hart and Rhodus admire their newly bald heads. The money raised by St. Baldrick's went to CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation.



# Spicing Things Up

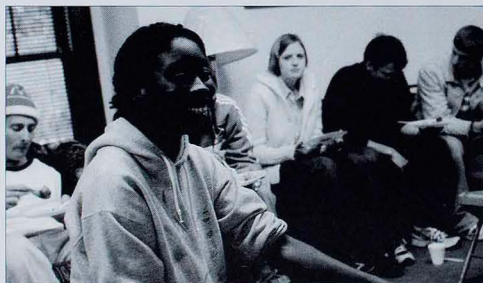
## students get to experience african culture through food

**K**irksville never was mistaken as the cultural capital of the world. Since the city was situated in rural northeast Missouri, sometimes students missed out on learning about alternative cultural traditions, with the exceptions of dry explanations in textbooks and lectures. Fortunately, student organizations at Truman State University like the African Students Association offered students the opportunity to experience out of the ordinary cultural events.

The African Students Association sponsored the first-ever African Food Festival Oct. 22, with the Multicultural Affairs Center acting as host. ASA member junior Jeremiah Gititha, a native of Kenya, organized the event.

"The last two years we went to University of Missouri-Rolla, and they had an African Food Festival with food from all over Africa," Gititha said. "Since we don't have a fall event, we decided to experiment with having our own festival."

The festival was a time for African students to share their culture with the University. Through socializing and trying different foods with unfamiliar spices, students learned about African culture. No one specific flavor for African food exists because of the multitude of cultures throughout Africa, and Gititha helped explain this by talking



Senior Anu Orehiyi and others discuss African cultures while eating. Orehiyi was the vice-president of the African Students Association.  
Photos by Colin Ellis

about Africa's diverse countries.

"In Africa there are a lot of different countries," Gititha said. "The food that is cooked in West Africa is very different from the food in my home of Kenya."

University students benefited from this unique event. To Africans and non-Africans alike, the festival presented a taste of the flavor and a feel of the vibe of Africa through food and music. ASA member senior Anu Orehiyi, a first-generation American with Nigerian roots, said she thought the Festival gave people more exposure to diversity.

"We believe that back home in Africa there is a lot of awesome things that we want to share with the people around us," Orehiyi said. "I think that in us sharing [African culture] with others, it gives them an idea of what is going on outside the U.S. and other parts of the world and therefore makes us all more well-rounded."

International students from different parts of Africa constituted most of the ASA. Students formed the organization in 2001 as a support group for African students. The



A variety of African food sits on the table waiting to be eaten. At the University, African students had come from 17 different African countries in the previous four years.

ASA's biggest event, "Sights and Sounds of Africa," included performers, speakers and food and gave students a glimpse of African life. Former president of the ASA and University alumnus Oseyi Ikuenop said the organization was a support for him, and seeing it grow during his time at the University was enjoyable.

"We are in Kirksville, and I believe that [the ASA] helps to expose people at Truman and this small town to African culture," Ikuenop said.

The ASA was not only for Africans but also for anyone interested in the culture. It met biweekly and looked for ways to unite the Africans on campus. Orehiyi said it could be scary for an African first-year student, so the ASA tried to help those students by making them feel at home.

"We try to put our best foot forward and welcome new African students," Orehiyi said. "We help them to realize that there are still people from home that care for them. That way it's not so hard to adjust, because they know that there are people who know their backgrounds."

A percentage of the money raised by the African Food Festival went to a scholarship fund for incoming African students to help defray the cost of studying at the University. The ASA hoped the scholarship would begin in the 2006-07 school year.

Orehiyi stressed just how much she believed in the ASA and its importance at the University.

"There are Africans here, and we want to share our culture with you," Orehiyi said. "We want you to be able to experience our culture because that is the first step for breaking down stereotypes. It unites not only cultures but also the entire campus."

--Caitlin Cummings

# Children of the Corn

## haunted cornfield maze promotes women's agricultural sorority



**D**ry straw crunched underfoot and adrenaline levels soared as people made their way through Sigma Alpha's haunted corn maze. Started in 2000, the maze became a Halloween tradition for campus and community members alike. Goblins, ghouls and witches gave visitors a festive fright Oct. 27-30.

Members of Sigma Alpha, a professional agriculture sorority, cut the maze out of a specially planted cornfield located at the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm. As with any large-scale event, plans for the corn maze started months before the actual work began.

"We started planning it in August, during the first week of school," junior Rachel Goldammer said. "Most of the work came through that final week of October."

Planned, funded, organized and created solely by Sigma Alpha members, the maze involved a lot of behind-the-scenes work for a scary night out.

Having run the event for six years, the women of Sigma Alpha found ways to improve the process.

"In the past, girls with machetes have cut out the maze," senior Catherine Zivnuska said. "This year we rented a mower, and it went a lot smoother."

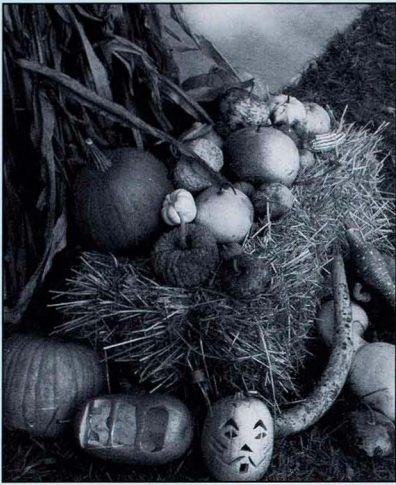
In addition to having visitors walk through a corn maze at night, Sigma Alpha members augmented the fright potential with scary scenes in alcoves throughout the maze.

"We usually have three or four open spaces that we decorate," sophomore Robin Sommer said. "This year we had a graveyard-and-witch scene and an alien-autopsy scene."

The number of people needed to take money, populate an entire maze with frightful creatures and make sure the event ran smoothly exceeded the 30 members of Sigma Alpha. Other organizations volunteered their time to man the maze, and they helped make it a success.

Sophomore Sean Waters walks through rows of corn. Scattered among the cornstalks, people in costumes hid and waited to jump out at passersby.

Photos by Colin Ellis



"We've had a couple of other organizations that always help us, and they usually help us the weekend of the maze," Zivnuska said. "The men of Alpha Gamma Rho have always helped us. This year we had some of the wrestlers that were also there. I believe we also had some girls from Sigma Lambda, and the Anthropology Club has helped us out for the last few years."

The corn maze was a primary fundraiser for Sigma Alpha. The funds went toward the sorority's formal, supplies for other fundraisers and philanthropy projects. The success of the corn maze pleased sorority members.

"We had over a thousand people through the maze [at] \$3 a head. It ended up quite nice," Zivnuska said.

The maze attracted members from the community as well as students from Truman State University and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. During the previous five years, turnout at the event had increased substantially. Numerous community members brought their children Oct. 30 for Kids' Day. Sorority members changed the maze to make it less frightening and friendlier to a younger audience.

"We do it during the light," Sommer said. "We usually hand out candy to them."

The purpose of Kids' Day was not to make money. Not only was it a service to the community, but it also increased publicity for the overall event.

"Admission is only \$1 per child, and we don't charge for adults, so it's kind of a service project," Zivnuska said. "Basically, we just want to recoup the money spent on candy."

Chartered at the University in 1991, Sigma Alpha was the only national professional agriculture sorority. Compared to many larger social sororities, Sigma Alpha was virtually unheard of.

"Most people think we're Alpha Sigma Alpha," Zivnuska said. "We're just Sigma Alpha, sisters in agriculture."

While the majority of members majored in agriculture, any women interested in agriculture could join. Majors in the group included biology, French and anthropology. The number of women in agricultural fields had grown significantly in the last decade. Some women chose agriculture to prepare for a veterinary specialty while others wanted a more rural career.

"A lot of girls are equine science majors and want to do therapeutic horsemanship or lessons or riding or breeding," Zivnuska said. "We have a lot of girls who do other animal science stuff, like pre-veterinary."

The frightful season came and went, but the chilling scenes and sounds led to many lasting memories for the patrons and organizers alike.

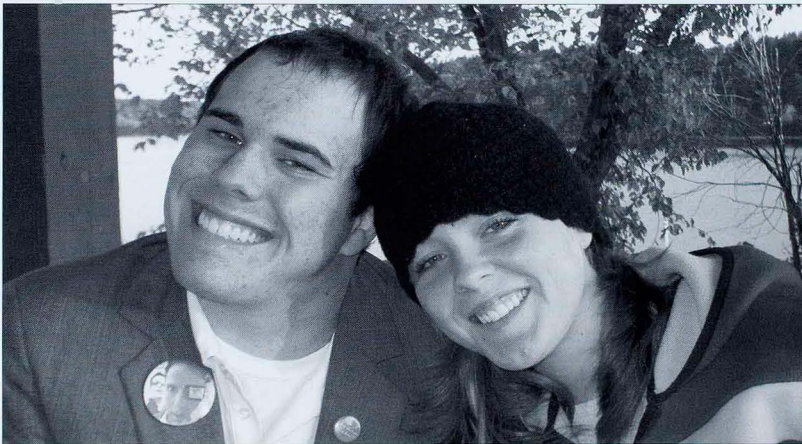
--Carolyn Minchik

**Above:** Students ride out to the maze on the hayride provided by Sigma Alpha. Nationally, Sigma Alpha had almost 50 other chapters.

**Left Above:** Gourds and carved pumpkins mark the entrance into the maze. People from the community as well as students were invited to enter the maze.

# Going All 'Out'

prism kicks off month of awareness and acceptance



Freshman Theo Estes and senior Megan Rouse have fun at the Prism and Damascus Road mixer. Coming Out Day commemorated the march in Washington D.C. for gay and lesbian rights on October 11, 1987. About half a million people participated in the march.

Photos submitted

**Q**ueer, Jewish, and funny as hell!" These words advertised the Oct. 5 appearance of comedian Lorne Newman at Truman State University. Newman's appearance launched a month of activities sponsored by Prism, the University's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight alliance. The month of awareness and acceptance centered on a week of events termed Coming Out Week, which took place Oct. 10-13, 2005.

"It's to raise awareness and to also show people who are homosexual, bisexual, transgendered [and] closeted that there are other people out here who are already out, and they have a support structure," said junior Greg Wisa, Prism social chair. "Its main purpose is to give people who are in the closet more support in their decision to come out, if they decide to."

National Coming Out Day, occurring Oct. 13 each year, was the inspiration for Prism's events. The group members decided to emphasize awareness not just for a day or a week, but for an entire month, beginning with Newman's performance.

"We decided we wanted to kick Coming Out Month off with a laugh," Wisa said.

Prism advertised Newman's appearance across campus, and Wisa said the members were pleased with the turnout of about 150 people.

Activities filled the week following Newman's performance. Prism sponsored fun events such as a symbolic door on the Quad.

Freshman Elizabeth Koballa comes out of the door on the quad. Rob Eichberg and Jean O'Leary thought up the idea to celebrate Coming Out Week.



Junior Greg Wisa poses in front of the door on the quad. Eighteen states celebrated the first Coming Out Day.

Freshman Matt Gowin presents the Coming Out Week door on the quad. In 2005, the Coming Out Week theme was "Talk About It".

"[It] was funny, so that people could actually 'come out,'" Wisa said.

However, the addressing of serious issues accompanied the entertaining activities.

"This year we had Questions on the Quad, where you could come and ask questions of openly GLBT students," said Prism member senior Erin Roper. "We also had Movie Night where we showed a movie that dealt with sexuality [and] preference, and we had questions after. It's a lot of things that we just do for fun, but also if you are questioning or just want to talk to someone with a different viewpoint, you can come hang out and ask them stuff."

Prism also hosted a gym night at the Student Recreation Center on Coming Out Day. Oct. 12 was Movie Night, and the group organized an informal game night Oct. 13.

Although the activities provided fun and an opportunity for members of the University's GLBT community to get together and support one another, Prism members saw a higher purpose for the month of events.

"My personal opinion of the purpose of Coming Out Week is for people to show the rest of the community that we're not scary — we're just normal people who just happen to be attracted to same sex or what not," said Prism historian junior Greta Noack. "We're just a little different than what's seen as the norm."

Roper said Prism's events served to raise awareness about the prominence of GLBT students and the fact that they were "just normal people."

"[Coming Out Week is] just there to show you that people with other preferences are just like everyone else," she said.

For Elizabeth Koballa, freshman Prism Web chair, Coming Out Week had personal meaning.

"Coming Out Week is not exactly a celebration, but more a push for awareness of the gay community as a whole," she said. "It gives us a sense of pride: 'This is who I am, and I believe in that.'"

--Amanda Gardner, Head Copy Editor

# Big Kids Gain Little PALS



Seven-year-old Cassie Combs tries to catch a bubble at Brashear Park. The pairing of bigs and littles was one of the first events that Campus PALS hosted during the school year. Photo by Katie Poland

Children in the Kirksville community got excited when they knew it was finally the day that they got to hang out with their campus pal.

These special children were known as “littles,” and each had their own “big” — a Truman State University student. The littles were part of Campus PALS (People Acting Like Siblings), an organization that matched adult volunteers from the University with at-risk children in mentoring relationships. The main goal of the program was to pair a big with a little for as long as the big was at the University and also for both to have fun.

Sophomore and secretary Natalie Gorski got involved in the organization her freshman year because she enjoyed spending time with children.

“Once I came here, I missed having interaction with kids,” Gorski said.

Gorski then signed up to become part of Campus PALS. Gorski and her little, 10-year-old CJ Bunch, soon became friends.

“We generally had the most fun when we made cookies,” Gorski said. “She was really into making cookies. She would always eat all the cookie dough.”

Around Valentine’s Day, Gorski and Bunch made valentines for each other and all of their friends. Gorski said Bunch got to know all of her friends.

From coloring and baking to watching movies and playing video games, Bunch had enough activities to keep busy. However, Bunch’s favorite pastime was going to the dining hall. Bunch said she could not pick just one favorite food from the dining hall because she enjoyed all the food there.

# Truman students and local children pair up for a day of fun and games at Brashear Park

Gorski also braided Bunch's hair during their time together.

"Once she found out I could braid hair, she would come see me right before basketball practice," Gorski said.

Bunch had been a Campus PALS little for four years and said she had really enjoyed it.

"It has helped me to have a big sister," said Bunch, who had three younger sisters.

In 2005, Gorski persuaded her roommate to get involved in Campus PALS because Bunch's seven-year-old sister's big graduated. Gorski and her roommate, sophomore Kacey Burk, paired up and hung out with the two littles together.

"Doing it together would be easier because they would come together," Burk said. "It would be easier for their mom to come just once."

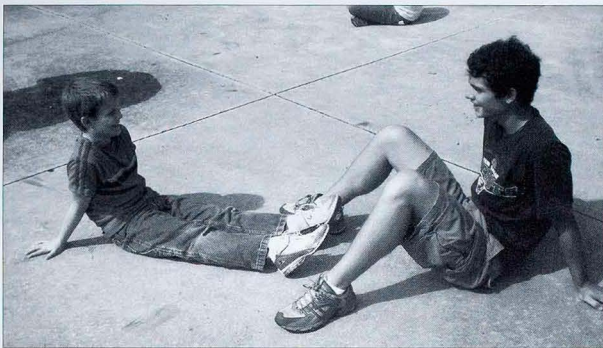
Burk met her little, Kris Bunch, at the pairing party in September at Brashear Park. The pairing party was a way for the bigs to get acquainted with their littles. They bonded by eating pizza and playing games.

The littles and bigs were paired up by their interests and the preference of gender and age of the big.

"It's fun to look at the profiles of students and the profiles of kids and based on that and their interests try to pair them," Gorski said. "[Campus PALS executives] were calling me the matchmaker."

Whether the successful pairings were due to Gorski's matchmaking skills or just pure luck, the people of Campus PALS shared a great deal of love and good times.

--Jenna Keeven



Sophomore Ben Coates takes a rest with his campus pal Michael Chistman, age 7, after a day of hanging out. Brashear Park offered a playground and picnic area for the bigs and littles to enjoy.  
Photo by Alana Webster



Junior Laura Gantner watches her little play on the playground. Campus PALS also sponsored a winter event for their pals.  
Photo by Katie Poland

# For Support and A Lift

## unmentionables used to spark discussion and raise awareness

**W**ith decorated bras hanging from a clothesline on the Quad, heads were sure to turn. Alpha Sigma Gamma's Show Your Support campaign kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ASG's fifth-annual campaign occurred during the first week of October on the Quad.

Senior Kelsey Underwood, ASG's Breast Cancer Awareness Week chairwoman, said the campaign revolved around raising awareness about breast cancer and raising money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"We have fliers, handouts, [information about] how to do a self breast exam, as well as the breast cancer dictionary," Underwood said.

Their table also had two small breast replicas for passersby to try to find the lump.

"I know that we're just kind of in cooperation with a bunch of people who are trying to get the word out about the importance of breast cancer," Underwood said. "I think it's really important for young women to know what they're up against."

Underwood knew the seriousness of breast cancer and the importance of raising awareness from experience: The mother of her best friend from home had breast cancer.

"She had a mastectomy, and so she's dealing with that right now, dealing with the loss of something really, you know, important to her womanhood," Underwood said. "She's very supportive of [ASG's] week."

ASG's Breast Cancer Awareness Week consisted of Bras on the Quad, a bra-decorating contest and T-shirts for sale at the booth.

Senior Gina Stierwalt, fundraising chairwoman for ASG, said the bras were on display all week.

"We have bras on display that different organizations decorated," Stierwalt said. "People can vote on their favorite bra."

Decorating a bra cost \$3 for an individual and \$20 for an organization. After the week of voting, the winning bra's owner received a free pizza party, which was donated by an area restaurant.

"All the money we make, anything like donations, we're making a few dollars profit off of each T-shirt, and all of it goes straight to research, like breast cancer awareness stuff," Stierwalt said.

The T-shirts for the 2005 campaign differed from past years. Everyone who purchased a shirt could choose to have "hope," "endurance" or "courage" on the front of their shirt.

Underwood came up with the idea for the shirt from a Breast Cancer Awareness bracelet she had which read "hope, endurance, bravery, courage."

"I just thought it would be really fun for girls to be able to pick what their favorite part about surviving breast cancer is," Underwood said. "The fact that there is the hope, and you have the courage and endurance to survive such a life-threatening disease."

The 2005 campaign also introduced men's T-shirts and the awareness table distributed cards regarding men and their risk for breast cancer.



Sophomores Kristina Anderson and Lauren Peterson decorate a bra during Breast Cancer Awareness Week. ASG provided the bras that the participating groups designed.

Photos by Katie Poland



A banner stands outside of the library to promote the cause. Individuals and organizations were allowed to decorate bras for a small fee. The proceeds from the bra decorating went to support breast cancer awareness. The bras remained on the quad for a week to show support.

“My thought was to get guys on campus involved by offering them a shirt that they would like and they would buy,” Underwood said. “At the same time, they know that their money is going towards helping their mother or their sister or their friend’s mother or somebody or perhaps their father because men get breast cancer, too.”

ASG scheduled a speaker for Wednesday and a vigil for Thursday. The speaker talked about what it was like being a young woman with breast cancer and how difficult it was to detect. Thursday’s ceremony, known as the Chair Ceremony, consisted of several pieces, including a table, a white tablecloth, a chair, a pink ribbon and a candle.

“We go through what each [piece] symbolizes, and then everyone can go write a name or a quote or an I love you to somebody they know who has lost the battle to breast cancer or who has survived the battle,” Underwood said. “So it’s a pretty moving ceremony, and it’s short but sweet, and it’s really nice.”

Junior Jenn Heath, ASG member, found the campaign particularly poignant. Her aunt lost both breasts to cancer within seven years. “I think she’s like a role model for every woman who’s ever had breast cancer, you know,” Heath said. “Survive it twice and still be like the most positive person ever.”

Heath said she now conducts regular self breast exams because of her aunt’s experience.

“Because you never know,” Heath said. “Anyone could get it.”

Before her aunt, there was no history of breast cancer in her family. Heath said she thought what ASG did for breast cancer awareness was great.

“[[It’s] awesome,” Heath said. “All these women uniting to raise money for our own benefit. It’s great.”

--Mandi Sagesz

# Moon Cakes and Myths

## mid-autumn festival brings people together



Senior Justin Smith shares a moon cake. Traditionally the moon cake had clouds, the moon or a rabbit on top. In Chinese fairy tales, a man named Chang E and his pet rabbit lived on the moon.

Photos by Colin Ellis

**G**iving thanks for food, family and friends might sound like the traditions of an American holiday celebrated at the end of November. For some people at Truman State University, however, this celebration was not Thanksgiving; it was the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, or Moon Festival as it was also known, was a celebration that originated thousands of years ago in China. It normally occurred during the later part of September or early October, around the time of the autumnal equinox. The tradition began as a celebration of the harvest but later translated to hold other meanings as well.

Julie Minn, instructor in Chinese, and senior Christopher White helped plan the event and talked at the Mid-Autumn Festival about some of the myths surrounding the moon that were often told during the holiday. They also made information regarding the University's Chinese major and minor available.

The festival normally was celebrated while the moon was at its brightest, and was a time for families and friends to gather to celebrate family and give thanks. The festival remains celebrated in China in the present day.

"It's normally a time to get together with your family," senior Steven Chau said. "It's a lot like Thanksgiving. I'm from St. Louis, but my family is originally from southern China. I've never really seen a full-blown Moon Festival, so this is my first one."

The Society for Sino-American Studies, an organization that consisted of about fifteen active members, sponsored the celebration.

"The goal for the organization is spreading Asian awareness and Asian cultural things," senior Greg Wang said. "This is a good way to do that."

Planning for the Mid-Autumn celebration be-

gan in April 2005. Finding a clear place for moon-gazing was essential.

"We reserved [a pavilion at] the lake, got lanterns, posters, we got advertisements out the week before," Chau said. "We advertised all of the free Chinese food but had no idea how many people would show up."

Members of the Society for Sino-American Studies worked hard to ensure the Moon Festival's success.

"I got there early to help set up and then [helped with] constructing lanterns and making decorations and making sure everything was there on time," Wang said.

The Moon Festival took place in the evening at Thousand Hills State Park on Sept. 18. Guests could munch away on Chinese food while listening to Chinese stories and watching the night sky.

"The Mid-Autumn Festival, when I was younger, all I remember was boiled chicken, candy and these moon cakes that are really, really expensive, but I wouldn't eat it," Chau said.

Local Chinese restaurant China Palace catered the event, and there were plenty of moon cakes for all. The other food did not last long, however, due to the large turnout.

"We expected about 40 to 50," Wang said. "We ended up getting way too many, but that's a good thing. We had no idea what kind of interest there would be, what kind of turnout to expect. We at least set a precedent for [the] future, and hopefully we can get maybe [Funds Allotment Council] funding for next year."

Chau echoed Wang's hopes.

"We are hoping to make this an annual thing," Chau said. "We also want to get some other Asian holidays going on at Truman too.

--Erin Kolley, Organizations Editor

Students help themselves to Chinese food. Traditional foods served at Moon Festivals included tea, moon cakes and pomelos.

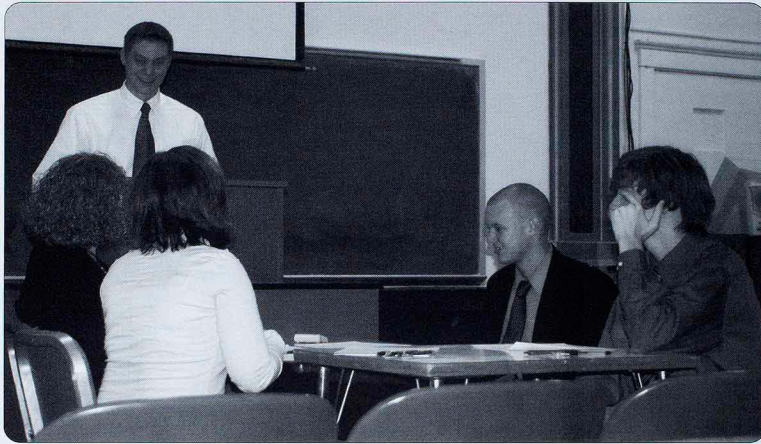


**Above:** Instructor of Chinese Julie Minn shows sophomores Kip Raske and James Ginn how to play Chinese Chess. Chinese Chess was also called Xiangqi and meant "Elephant Game."



# Truman Speaks

## debate team discusses u.s.-u.n. relationship



Instructor Shane Puckett serves as moderator over the scheduled debate. Juniors Stefani Wittenuer and Sara Archer, and freshmen Justin Nichols and Kevin Haynie were all active members of the debate team.  
Photo by Katie Poland

**H**ecklers are allowed here,” said Shane Puckett, instructor in communication and assistant coach of the Truman Forensic Union. The Forensic Union, Pi Kappa Delta and the Division of Language and Literature sponsored the Truman Speaks Debate Series, which ran from Sept. 28 through Nov. 15. These debates gave students, faculty, staff and members of the Kirksville community the chance to experience a public debate.

The Truman Speaks Debate Series was a part of the international “The People Speak 2005” series. The program brought discussion about foreign policy to hundreds of thousands of Americans and international citizens in churches, schools, clubs and homes around the world. The theme of “The People Speak 2005” was “Building a Safer World: Defining the U.S.-U.N. Relationship for the 21st Century.” A small grant from the International Debate Educational Association made the debates possible.

“IDEA is essentially a small grant from the United Nations in which [the Truman Forensic Union] have debates that deal with the U.N. and international issues,” said Forensic Union member sophomore Miriam Savabi. “The debate educates the audience, and the more people that come to the debate, the more grant money the Forensic Union receives.”

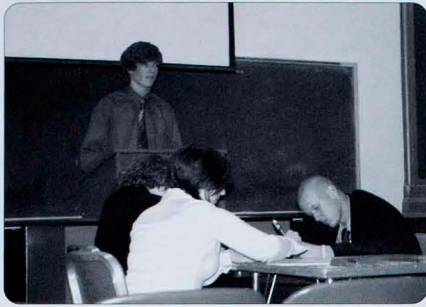
Savabi played an active role as the vanguard of the University’s efforts to prepare debate teams for international debate competition and the program’s first appearance at Worlds in 2007. Savabi faced the challenge of debating members of the British National Debate Team on Oct. 3. The audience laughed at the quick wit of British-born Siôn Owen and Scottish-born Kenneth Flemming, with whom Savabi and senior Ben Holley battled in debating the topic “United States soldiers should agree to wear the ‘Blue Helmet’ [in peacekeeping operations of the U.N.]”

Senior Cathy Clark, Forensic Union member, was a spectator at the international debate and said she felt more knowledge about the world was beneficial.

“I enjoyed having international students being a part of the debate and having their different perspectives on issues,” Clark said.

The debate series was an excellent way for students to listen and form opinions on current topics that concerned the United States. Forensic Union member sophomore Dylan Rothermel said he felt people do not get the opportunity to form well-rounded opinions in the present-day world.

“I think that people form their opinions from the major media such as television and radio,” Rothermel said. “They receive a five-minute analysis on a piece of news and it is very biased. [At the Truman Speaks Debate Series] there was an hour-long discussion on one specific issue, and the



Kevin Haynie speaks during his individual event. Students could participate in any of the 11 individual events.

Photo by Katie Poland



Shane Puckett presides during the debate series. Between September and March, the team also traveled to other universities to participate in debates.

Photo by Katie Poland



Sara Archer debates while Stefani Wittenauer writes her reflection. During individual events, students were given between eight and 10 minutes to deliver a solid speech.

Photo by Lauren Miller

surface of it wasn't even scratched."

The debate series used the National Parliamentary Debate Association format. In this format, debaters received a resolution, which was a general topic on current affairs or philosophy. Two students represented the government, while two students represented the opposition. All members of the government and opposition sides gave a construction. One member of each side gave a rebuttal to close the debate. Savabi said using NPDA style forced people to be very knowledgeable about what was going on in the international community and even domestic issues within the U.S.

"With NPDA style, you get your resolution and you have 15 minutes to prepare to debate for an hour, so you really have to make those 15 minutes go a long way," Savabi said. "You have to be really quick on your feet, but it's a lot of fun."

During the debate series, the audience had a very active role in the debates. The audience members, when agreeing with a point brought up by debaters, knocked loudly on chairs. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and voice opinions based on the arguments presented and their own knowledge of the subject. Freshman Mike Eberle came to the debates as a spectator because he had participated in debate throughout high school.

"I thought that the Truman Speaks Debate Series created a dialogue about issues that aren't discussed a whole lot like the U.N.," Eberle said. "It doesn't receive a whole lot of attention here at the University. It created a discussion among students and made you think in your mind about those issues."

The Forensic Union participated in debates and international events throughout the whole year. These competitions took place at joint invitational tournaments throughout the season, culminating in three separate national championship tournaments in the spring. Individual events included impromptu speaking, informative speaking and rhetorical criticism.

There were seven total debates in the series. They benefited not only the students who participated in the debates but also the spectators. People left the debates with a broader understanding of the diverse opinions that existed in our world.

"I hope that through the Truman Speaks Debate series, people gain a deeper understanding of what the U.N. does and the United States' relationship to it," Puckett said. "These are all issues that affect us in our world today."

--Caitlin Cummings

# Run, Truman, Run



Freshman Aaron Crouse dressed warmly for the race on Saturday. Once the race was finished, many runners went over to friends holding their cold weather clothes. Photos by Colin Ellis

Runners awoke early on Oct. 22 to run in 40-degree weather for the annual Homecoming 5K. The course started at Barnett Hall, where runners raced down Franklin Street, turned right at Halliburton Street, took a right at Sheppard Street, made another right onto First Street and a final right onto Randolph Street before making a left back onto Franklin Street. The runners concluded their race at the finish line in front of Centennial Hall.

Cardinal Key National Honor Society and Phi Epsilon Kappa sponsored the 5K for their 20th year, and Cardinal Key members said they enjoyed doing so.

"I was pleased with the turnout," said junior Katie Wertz, Cardinal Key Homecoming chair. "We had a lot show up [on the day of the 5K] that hadn't pre-registered. About 40 showed up."

Wertz said the 5K was not a fundraiser. The registration fee the runners paid went toward the runners' T-shirts and insurance for the race. Cardinal Key continued to sponsor the 5K because the race was a tradition.

"We have fun participating in Homecoming, not as a competing organization, but being able to sponsor the 5K and contributing to what is going on on campus," Wertz said.

The 5K was open to anyone and everyone, including Truman State University students, A.T. Still University students, alumni, faculty and those from the Kirksville community.



Runners take off at the sound of the cannon at the start of the race. The ROTC fired the cannon to mark the beginning of the race.

## students lace up their running shoes for a brisk 3.1-mile morning run

"It's a great event for not only students but alumni to come back and participate in," Wertz said. "We have a lot of fun doing it."

Alumnus Mike Tripp, class of 1980, said he drove up from Columbia, Mo., to run in the race because he enjoyed running.

"I've got two daughters in college here so at least while they're here, I'll be back," Tripp said.

His daughters did not come out to cheer him on, however.

"They're not awake yet," Tripp said. "They're students. If they were journalism majors, maybe they would be here."

Tripp said the turnout was about the same from recent years, with the fast college men in front and the same tough course ahead.

Freshman Daniel Leatherman also said the course was challenging.

"The course was pretty difficult, actually," Leatherman said. "I was expecting one big hill, but it was kind of just rolling the whole time. That was really different for me. I've never run a course like that before."

Leatherman said he made the mistake of staying up until 2 a.m. the night before the race eating pizza.

"It's not a good thing, but I survived the race," Leatherman said.

He reached his personal goal of finishing the race in just under 20 minutes.

After runners finished the race, they rejuvenated their bodies with refreshments Cardinal Key and Phi Epsilon Kappa provided, including bananas and bagels as well as plenty of water.

The awards ceremony started after all runners finished the race. Members of Cardinal Key and Phi Epsilon Kappa handed out medals to the first-, second- and third-place winners in each age bracket.

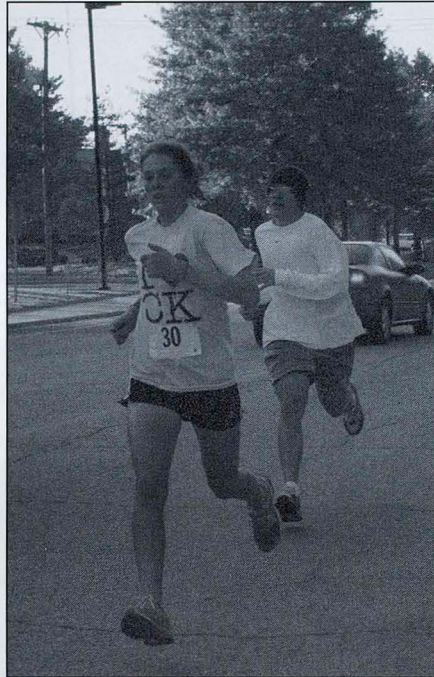
Members not only helped during the awards ceremony, but they also helped during the actual race. Junior Lauren Hamilton and senior Katie Gilbert, members of Cardinal Key, stood at a post during the 5K to point the runners in the right direction in the chilly weather.

"It's the first time that I ever got to observe or be a part of the 5K, and the best part was to see both the students and the community come and run in it together," Hamilton said.

Gilbert said she was impressed with the number of students willing to get up early and run on a Saturday morning.

"Kudos to them," she said.

--Jenna Keeven



Juniors Alana Walker and Paul Strauss head into the finish in front of the SUB. In 2005, 101 runners participated in the race.

# What a Vision

## Truman's hip-hop dance team moves to its own beat

**I**llusion, a multicultural student organization, mixed jazz, funk and hip-hop to entertain Truman State University students and promote diversity. With its unique style, Illusion set itself apart from any other dance group at the University.

Illusion organized two tryouts—one near the beginning of the academic year and one at the end. Membership was open to all University students with a GPA of at least 2.0. Hopefuls were judged based on dance technique, overall impression and style. Aspiring members also learned that the ability to catch on to dance moves quickly was essential.

"It was hard because we learned the dance in one day," freshman Dainielle Fox said. "They just showed us the dance, and they broke it down a little bit. But the next morning, we did have review for three hours, so that's when we really started to understand the dance and perform the dance the way they wanted us to. It was kind of tough, but it wasn't that

bad."

The tryout also required a mini-routine that all hopefuls had to personally choreograph and perform. They were asked to use this routine to highlight their strongest skill, whether that was ballet, hip hop or tap.

Although the team was unisex, it never had had any male members. The team hoped to attract more men to try out and add to their diversity.

"We actually had some guys co-dancing with us last year for Homecoming, but we haven't been able to get any to become members," sophomore Kia Washington said. "So we're hoping to get some guys to try out and be with us."

The dance team, sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Center, believed diversity was very important. It tried very hard to make it known that a person of any race, ethnicity or background could be a part of the group.

"This year we have mostly black [members], but in the past we've had black, white and Puerto Rican [members]," said Illusion captain senior



Freshmen Andrea Giles, Dainielle Fox and senior Leslie Blanehard practice a dance in preparation for an upcoming performance. The team choreographed dances using a multitude of dance styles.  
Photos by Davina Horton



Freshman Amanda Roberts, senior Carla Tillman and freshman Andrea Giles bust a move at Illusion practice. Illusion practiced twice a week in the Pershing dance studio.

Auriel Monroe.

Illusion was available to give performances for University groups. People interested in having the group perform at an event filled out a request form. One of Illusion's biggest events was the National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming Step Show.

"I'm looking forward to Homecoming the most," Fox said. "They said it would be our biggest performance, and it'll be our first performance. Our parents will be there to see, and everybody will finally see the three new girls that are on Illusion. And it's really good because we're all freshmen, so that's going to be exciting."

The new freshmen had to put in a lot of work to keep up with the standards of the team. Most of the girls came with some dance background and the aspiration to continue dancing in college. New members helped secure the longevity of the dance team and brought fresh ideas.

"Well, at first I was a cheerleader in high school, and then I came here," Fox said. "I didn't do cheerleading, and I knew [co-captain] Leslie [Blanehur], and I talked to her about it. I thought I'd be interested so then we just tried out and we made it."

The women worked together to come up with all their routines and music. Everyone contributed to making the team dances unique and entertaining.

"We actually all collaborate [on] the dances, so somebody may bring one part and another person brings another," Washington said. "So we kind of mesh them together. Everybody puts in ideas for the music, and from there we cut them down to maybe three or four songs per performance."

The team consisted of three seniors, one sophomore and three freshmen. The members came together outside of practice to build unity and a strong bond.

"After practice, we'll go sit and talk for hours, which isn't good because we practice really late," Fox said. "But we'll go sit and eat because we're always hungry. And on the weekends we end up hanging out together."

Whether moving to music on the dance floor or relaxing with each other in a restaurant, Illusion kept on grooving.

--Davina Horton



# Global Dining

## international dinner gives students a taste of other cultures

Kirksville residents mingled with Truman State University students, faculty and staff Nov. 6 for a night of food, friends and entertainment in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. At the 55th annual International Dinner, sponsored by International Club, more than 455 people gathered to sample ethnic dishes and enjoy performances such as dances, songs and even a magic show.

Entertainment committee head junior Lachhita Neupane, who was in charge of planning the dinner, said the IC hosted the dinner for a few reasons.

"First of all it was a tradition, and secondly, [it was] just to help in the diversity on campus," she said.

IC secretary sophomore Sarah Martin cited the educational value as well.

"It's a chance for the Truman and Kirksville community to get to see, to get to experience various aspects of a another culture," she said. "They get to have the food, they get to see the different entertainment which is provided, they get to see the outfits, and some of the Americans actually get to wear the outfits, which is really fun."

Melanee Crist, assistant director of international student affairs, also said she appreciated the opportunity to experience diversity.

"You don't get to see [international students] on a daily basis dressed in their beautiful traditional clothing," she said.

Crist said the dinner benefited both international and American students alike.

"[IC] puts on International Dinner in order to share culture, to share the things from home that [international students] miss ... and to bring it to their friends at Truman," she said

Martin also said the event provided a chance for all students to meet other people they might not have met otherwise. She said that in looking at the crowd, she saw people she had never met before.

Senior Shino Saito, former IC president and current member, said she thought this was one of the more interactive IC events.

"This is actually more interactive because you're so within close proximity of different people and you get a full experience," she said.

Even planning the dinner improved interpersonal relations. Senior Becky Vice, cooking committee chairwoman, said that working with so many different cooking teams gave her a chance to get to know many interesting people as well as taught her about international cuisine.



Samuel Edeh gives a speech at the dinner. In the spring, the International Club also participated in University intramurals, such as badminton.

Photos by Colin Ellis



Japanese students perform a disco techno dance. In 2005-2006, the International Club had about 50 members on its membership roll.

Students worked for other reasons. Neupane said another of the dinner's goals was to provide good food and international entertainment to all crowds.

Crist said she enjoyed having everyone make it through the banquet line and hearing the compliments on the food, the success of which she attributed to the various cooks.

"It's pretty amazing to put on a banquet for 455 people," she said.

Vice agreed. Although she enjoyed tasting the food, the dinner's successful completion satisfied her the most, she said.

"I think it's really fun to watch [the people] look at all the dishes and look at where it's from," she said. "I like watching people enjoy the food."

Vice attributed the dinner's continuing appeal to its welcoming nature.

"I don't think there are a lot of very formal events that aren't exclusive to certain groups like sororities or fraternities," she said. "This is a campus-wide formal event. It's nice to get dressed up, it's nice to go to a nice dinner, and the atmosphere is really great. ... It's just a really nice mix of people."

Martin said she thought the variety enticed people to return.

"People keep coming back to see how it changes and evolves," Martin said. "That, combined with the fact that it's such a fun event and such an interesting event, makes it have a lot of staying power."

Saito agreed with Martin.

"Once you come to one," Saito said, "you want to come back to it."

--Sadye Scott-Hainchek, Assistant Copy Editor



Freshman Alessandro Del Signore plays a violin solo. Del Signore was from Italy and also tutored Italian.

# Sleeping and Reaping

## fraternity raises money to help fund alzheimer's research



Junior Jon Baker sits out on the Mall to benefit Alzheimer's research. Former U.S. president and TKE alumnus Ronald Reagan developed Alzheimer's disease in the later years of his life.

Photos by Lauren Miller

Members of social fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon had slept on campus for the past six years for a good cause. Walking by, students pondered the purpose of the TKE Sleep-A-Thon on Oct. 26-28 and wondered why they should donate money to the daytime dozers.

"The Sleep-A-Thon is a great way for us to get donations for the Ronald Reagan Foundation," said TKE chaplain sophomore Zach Boucher.

President Reagan, a former member of TKE at Eureka College, suffered from Alzheimer's disease in the last years of his life. The foundation collected funds and helped research a cure for Alzheimer's. Because of Reagan's affiliation with the fraternity, the TKE national philanthropy switched to the Ronald Reagan Foundation roughly six years ago.

Members noted that, on the whole, passersby were willing to pitch in for the cause.

"I think sometimes it's a little hard to get people to donate even a quarter, which every little bit helps, but overall people were pretty generous," said TKE historian junior Kevin Frey. "As far as faculty and staff goes, pretty much anytime a faculty member or staff member walked by, they pitched in loose change."

Donations might have been a challenge to receive on campus, but people provided plenty of encouragement.

"It was nice to get out there and have the opportunity to talk to a wide variety of campus, and we really got to see people donating to a good cause," Boucher said.

Friendly smiles, donations and hot chocolate encouraged the members of TKE to keep up the good work.

"I think that most people enjoy it," said junior Chris Peterson, TKE vice president. "We were out there playing chess, and at one point I had my mandolin out trying to play some tunes."

The Sleep-A-Thon fundraiser ended up doubling as a brotherhood event.

"We had people that weren't even scheduled to work there that would come over to hang out with the guys, and generally we try to have a minimum of two guys at the site at all times, but quite often we have at least four or five, which gives a better sense that we're all working for this," Peterson said.

Each TKE member sat on the Mall for at least eight hours during the 48-hour time span of the Sleep-



**Above Left and Right:** The chalking advertises the Sleep-A-Thon. There were an estimated 4.5 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease in 2005.

**Left:** TKE's carved pumpkin supports Alzheimer's research. According to a 2005 Gallup poll, 1 in 3 Americans knew someone with the disease.

A-Thon. Those who worked night shifts did not seem to be concerned about safety issues.

"Last year it was held in the Quad, which is a little bit less lit up than the Mall, but it's a little bit scarier there [at night], but I didn't have any qualms about it," Frey said. "I thought it was completely fun other than the fact that I woke up completely wet and freezing."

TKE hoped to collaborate with another organization in coming years reach its goal.

"Unfortunately that was one of the things I didn't get to, which was contacting sororities to see if they wanted to help out, but hopefully in the future we will be doing that more," Peterson said.

A few members of Tau Lambda Sigma and Sigma Kappa did help unofficially, however, during the Sleep-A-Thon by simply coming and hanging out.

TKE also hoped to involve the Kirksville community.

"We're trying to get people to either match us or give half of what we raise, and we're going to try to get a lot more publicity," Frey said.

The TKE Sleep-A-Thon raised about \$230, but the fraternity hoped to increase this in the future.

"Even we contribute to society," Peterson said. "I know that there is the stereotypical fraternity image, and not that we are trying to break away from that or fill it in in any sense. We lately have been trying to get more in touch with the community, so the Sleep-A-Thon is our event that we do. We hope to continue to give to the community, and I just hope that one day we can change the stereotypical Greek image."

--Meredith Wells



# Students Saddle Up

## equestrian team hosts first stock horse show

**H**orse showing, a widespread but little-known sport, made its debut at Truman State University on Sept. 24-25 when the equestrian team hosted its first show at the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm.

"We've put on shows in the past but never at Truman," said equestrian team treasurer senior Sarah Tucker. "They've always trailered horses down to Columbia because we didn't really have the proper facilities, but we do now."

The team put on the show to fulfill its responsibility as part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The IHSA asked each of its teams to host one show, provided it had the necessary facilities and enough horses.

The show required several months of planning from the team members, and preparations began during spring 2005. Those involved noted how much time and work hosting the show took.

"You have to organize the judges, make sure you have the proper facilities, equipment, bleachers, chairs, tables," Tucker said.

The team put a great deal of work into preparing the horses in addition to the organizational work. Not only did the team members groom and bathe the horses immediately before the show, but they also spent many months training them so the horses would have the stamina to work with the riders throughout the two days of showing. After such hard work, the show's success pleased the organizers.

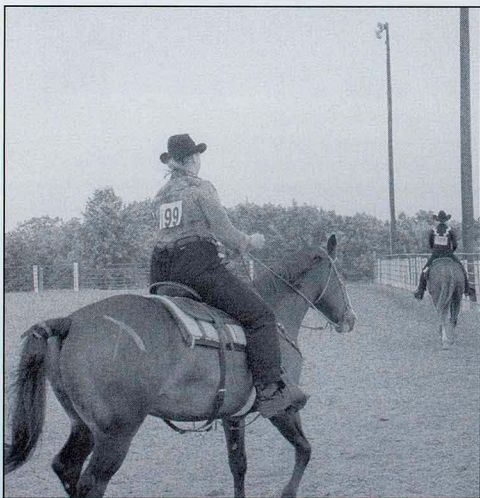
"We had a pretty good show this year," Tucker said. "It was a stock show, so it was Western riders from Truman, Kansas State [Manhattan, Kan.], Missouri State University [Springfield, Mo.], Northwest Missouri State [Maryville, Mo.], Iowa State [Ames, Iowa] and Black Hawk [Kewanee, Ill.]."

The team competed against other schools in two types of shows: stock and hunt. Each displayed a different sort of riding with its own particular regulations.

"Stock is Western," Tucker said. "It's where you have the cowboy hat and the chaps and the cowboy boots and the western saddle with the big horn and the larger pommel. And the hunt is English, the more refined [style]. It's basically a different type of tack, so there's a different riding style involved."

The show's organizers chose to host a stock show instead of hunt because the University's horses, which all riders in the show rode, performed better under Western saddles than English ones. However, the team, which numbered more than 60 riders, included a nearly equal division between stock riders and hunt riders. Team members had varying levels of riding experience when they joined.

"Our team is really large this year," sophomore Allison Meadows said. "We have people who have never shown before and people who are brand new riders. Then we have people like me and some of the hunt girls who are or have been riding for a very,



Sophomore Kelly Limberg and her horse gallop around the arena. The equestrian team had 35-40 members.

Photos by Jackson Groves



very long time, so it's really for anyone who is interested in being on the equestrian team."

Many of the new members were freshmen seeking campus involvement, like freshman Abby Broyles, who had never shown horses before coming to the University. University students eager to ride horses could choose between the equestrian team or the Horseman's Association, another popular equestrian organization on campus that rode only on the weekends.

"I chose the [equestrian] team because I wanted to get involved in something," Broyles said. "I thought that showing would be kind of cool, and I wanted to ride more than just Saturdays."

Other more experienced riders joined the team to improve their horsemanship skills while they attended college.

"My favorite part is that I can ride any weekday," freshman Rebecca Hein said. "You get pretty much lessons for free because the dues are really cheap -- it was only \$35 -- and you can really improve your skills by riding that much and getting that much coaching."

The team required its members to attend three practices in the two weeks before the show they wished to enter. Although they put a lot of work into their horse shows, the team members spent practice time in other ways as well.

"We'll have fun game nights when we're not preparing for a show," Meadows said. "We'll play Red Light Green Light, and some crazy people play tag on the horses, which I don't suggest, but we go out and we just have a good time riding."

Besides just having fun at the practices, the riders identified many benefits of being on the team.

"[I like the equestrian team because of] the opportunity to get a break from the intensity of Truman and the classes," Tucker said. "The opportunity to go out and ride and improve my skills while also building relationships with these other people, these great people. Just the whole thing as a whole is a great thing."

--Lauren Walter



**Top:** Junior Anna O'Brien and sophomore Kelly Limberg promenade around the arena. To prepare for the show, the team organized practices every night of the week before the show.

Sophomore Brandon Hall canters around the arena at the horse show. This was the first show the equestrian team hosted.

# Bolivian Goods

## sigma lambda gamma promotes fair trade



Piles of clothing are displayed on tables outside of Pickler Memorial Library. The sale took place during the week of October 31.

Photos by Katie Poland

Vivid colors and intricate designs greeted those who walked through the Quad, a welcome change from the dull browns that painted campus in early November. Sigma Lambda Gamma, a multicultural sorority, organized a clothing sale that brought homemade Bolivian clothing and weavings.

The winter-clothing sale marked the second year Bolivian residents Mario Andrede and his partner Rodolfo Adela displayed and sold clothing on campus. Andrede and Adela spent several months driving from campus to campus across the United States. Their cross-nation tour started in Florida and reached Wisconsin, Oregon and Texas by the end.

“We’ve been working with [SLG] for the past 12 years,” Andrede said. “They get us into other schools.”

Made from alpaca and llama wool, the clothes’ versatility made them a big hit on campus. Despite slow sales caused by unseasonably warm weather, students still bought many winter items — scarves and mittens being the most popular. Some students purchased the products as gifts.

“I’m looking for a Christmas present because it’s kind of a unique idea,” freshman Josh Hirner said.

The clothes sold at fair trade price, which meant the makers generated a profit from them. The prices led to some bothered students and others who misunderstood the reasons behind the prices.

“It bothers me a little when students come up and ask for discounts,” senior Nohemi Alvarez said. “It is designed — and they work really hard — to go back to their communities and put the money back into the communities.”

The majority of students understood the goal behind the sale, or they rationalized the slightly higher prices in various ways.

“I think the whole concept, actually, is pretty neat,” Hirner said. “I wouldn’t buy something for myself that’s this expensive, but if it’s a present for somebody, then it would be worth it.”

Started 30 years ago, the alpaca- and llama-clothing business expanded with the desire for the product, and need for a greater market increased.

“It started just like a store, and when I went to Bolivia, I started to form co-ops,” Andrede said. “Once the co-ops formed, we had to start moving.”

The intricacy of the pieces and the type of fibers used determined the amount of time each article of clothing took to complete.



Senior Robin Jones tries on a patterned cap with Mario Andrede. The clothing on sale was available in rich colors with unique designs.



**Far Left:** Heather Jones browses through the clothes. The clothing for sale was made from alpaca and llama fur.

**Left:** Liz Gallagher peruses the cap selection. Students were able to browse through the merchandise all week long.

"A glove will take four hours," Andrede said. "A sweater might take a day and a half. A weaving might take a week."

Andrede balked at the stereotyping of Bolivia, which students often viewed as a South American country in political turmoil.

"The country is very nice," Andrede said. "It's an underdeveloped nation, and it's trying to develop itself. It's very peaceful."

SLG had to rush to promote and prepare for the event because the sorority had few members and short notice for the event.

"We didn't know until the last minute if they were for sure coming," Alvarez said. "We put it on TruView. We cut out probably 100 fliers — and all by four people because we only have four members."

When SLG began in 1990, the sorority set a goal to raise cultural and religious awareness among students through various events.

"[SLG] was started by five Latin women," Alvarez said. "They had the aim and purpose to just bring all kinds of women from different backgrounds — religion, economic status, everything — and just bring them together and empower them. To give them a voice and let them shine."

Despite low membership, the diversity aspect of the club drew spirited students, like senior Laura Corona.

"Part of the reason I joined was to not just hang out with one type of person, but to try and meet as many people from as many different cultures as possible," Corona said.

SLG accomplished this goal through cooperation with Andrede and Adela. And although they packed up their wares and drove off for the year, Andrede seemed excited to return in future years.

"We're trying to help our people," Andrede said. "The people in Kirksville, the students, are very good, and they like us — we spend more time with people who like us."

--Carolyn Minchik

# Competing for a Cause

## fraternities step up to the plate to raise money for research

The bats swung, and the crowds went wild at Frats at Bat on Oct. 29. Social sororities Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta sponsored this annual event. Eager fraternity men and sorority women joined on this day to raise money for Alzheimer's research and diabetes research.

Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Lambda paid to participate in the event. The Betas brought three teams to the competition. The Phi Taus and the Sig Eps each brought two.

Frats at Bat started early Saturday morning. Getting the players together proved to be a difficult task for Sigma Kappa member junior Courtney Floro, who was in charge of coordinating Frats at Bat.

"My favorite moment was getting there in the morning and not having all the guys' teams there," Floro said. "It was interesting rounding all them up."

Nevertheless, the fraternities arrived and played softball game after softball game throughout the day. Beta member freshman Christopher Theiling participated in his first Frats at Bat. Theiling said he liked the good-natured competition among the fraternities.

"I thought it was really friendly, and everybody was really relaxed," Theiling said. "No one really cared who won because of the fun we were having."

Beta member sophomore Clint Hall also said he loved the fun atmosphere of Frats at Bat and enjoyed getting to play against Phi Kaps and his fraternity's pledge class.

"I don't really play softball much, but it



Senior Sean Foley takes a swing at the Oct. 29, 2005, game. The event began at 9 a.m. and did not end until later in the afternoon.

Photos by Colin Ellis



A Phi Kappa Tau waits for the throw from a teammate. Frats at Bat was an annual event at the University.



A Phi Kappa Tau slides into third base. The money made at the event went to further medical research.

was fun to actually play guys that were just out there to have a good time,” Hall said. “Getting beat by our pledges was pretty embarrassing.”

Floro said it took about a month and a half to plan the event.

“We had to get contracts with the city to get softball fields,” Floro said. “We were in charge of getting ahold of the fraternities to get teams together and getting their money in on time. We ordered T-shirts for all the teams that played and trophies for the winners. We also went to local businesses to get donations for Frats at Bat.”

The AGDs and Sig Kaps worked as liaisons for the fraternity teams. Their roles included buying drinks and snacks for the men as well as being there for moral support. Sigma Kappa member freshman Erin Randall worked as a liaison for the Betas. Randall said she loved the chance to hang out with the Betas and serve them as their liaison.

“I liked getting to be real laid-back,” Randall said. “There wasn’t any real coaching on our part. We just cheered and gave our guys food. I had a lot of fun with the guys.”

The Betas and the Phi Kaps played each other in the championship game. Phi Kaps emerged as champions for the 2005 Frats at Bat Softball Tournament.

Sigma Kappa member junior Alyssa Graybeal said she thought it was great to see the Greek community work as one cohesive group to raise money for charity.

“I think Frats at Bat gives an opportunity to Greek organizations to get together ... and get involved,” Graybeal said. “We don’t usually have an opportunity to get together like that as a group.”

At the end of the day, it did not matter who won. Those who participated from the fraternities and sororities agreed the day was about having fun and playing softball to raise money for a good cause. Phi Kap member senior Andrew Brown noted how great it was to see so many people participating. Brown was a first-time Frats at Bat player and a member of the winning team.

“There was good atmosphere all around,” Brown said. “It wasn’t as competitive as [intramurals]. Getting guys together to do stuff is hard. Frats at Bat brought people together for a good cause.”

*--Caitlin Cummings*

# Light Up the Night

## students enjoy the holiday season with hot chocolate and carols

Some students would have done anything for free hot chocolate and performances from three of Truman State University's vocal music groups — including braving painful sub-zero temperatures. This was the case at the University's Holiday Lights event Dec. 6. The festivities, which the Student Activities Board hosted, took place outside the Kirk Memorial building, directly followed a production of "A Christmas Carol" in Baldwin Hall.

As students trekked to Kirk Memorial, free refreshments that the SAB provided awaited them as did sizzling performances by Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir, Minor Detail and True Men. White Christmas lights set the scene around Kirk Memorial.

"[Holiday Lights is] just like a little holiday Christmas carol/holiday music event," said Minor Detail member sophomore Nina Lane. "A bunch of people came out and listened to us sing and got into the holiday spirit."

Minor Detail's set list for the evening included "Little Drummer Boy," "Joy to the World" and "Carol of the Bells," said member junior Hana Schneider. Keeping in the holiday spirit, True Men sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," "O Holy Night" and "12 Days of Christmas," among others, True Men member sophomore Graeme Allen said.

Although this was not the first time Holiday Lights brought yuletide cheer to students, participants agreed 2005 brought an unusually frigid setting.

"It was a lot colder than last year," Allen said. "It was freezing. It was really nasty out."

Lane noted that students bundled up accordingly.

"It was freezing cold, and everybody looked like big dorks in coats with, like, scarves and hats and all that," Lane said.

Despite the temperatures, students left the coziness of the indoors to hear the groups' performances and enjoy the warm beverages. The turnout impressed Schneider.

"I was kinda surprised," Schneider said. "It was really, really cold this year, [but] there were a lot of students out there, so that made me really happy."

Lane agreed the size of the audience was a pleasant surprise.

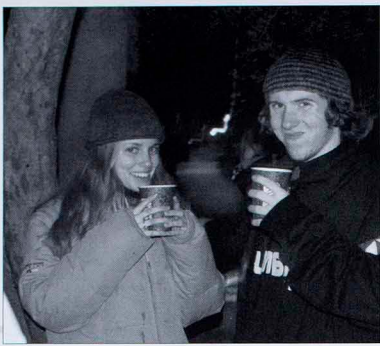
"For as cold as it was, there were a lot of people," Lane said. "It was freezing."

Performers' favorite parts of the program varied. Lane, who was performing at Holiday Lights for the first time, said there were some major perks.

"Honestly, the hot chocolate [was my favorite part]," Lane said. "And I really liked just singing and people cheering us on — I didn't think there would be that much support."

Allen said he enjoyed singing alongside Unique Ensemble and Minor Detail.

"[My favorite part was] just being able to perform, especially with the other groups because we don't get to do a whole



Sophomore Jessica Hejnal and freshman Steven Ballard try to stay warm in the bitter cold by sipping hot drinks. Students who braved the freezing temperature were treated to performances by three University vocal groups.

Photos by Kate Gallen



The crowd contents itself with hot cocoa and cookies as it waits for the performances. True Men's Christmas CD included six holiday songs and was released in December 2002.



Members of Minor Detail sing their hearts out for their audience at Holiday Lights, sponsored by the SAB. Minor Detail had 11 members in 2005.

lot with them," Allen said. "So it's always good when you can get together — and everybody likes Christmas songs."

For Schneider, the impressive crowd size stood out as a highlight. She credited the University's innovative planning.

"I think that's one of the really good things about Truman, is that they find ways to get all the students to come together at certain events," Schneider said. "I thought that was probably my favorite thing, just seeing how many students were there, because the turnout was really good."

The performances went off without a hitch, and the groups successfully rang in the holiday season, despite the wintery weather.

"I think it went really well," Schneider said. "It went really smoothly, especially since it was so cold."

Allen agreed Holiday Lights was a success.

"We all got really positive feedback," Allen said. "I think it was pretty successful, given the freezing circumstances."

--Amanda Gardner, Head Copy Editor

# Costumes For Cash

**club gets targeted for a unique fundraiser**



Sophomore Eric Scott tries to protect his face from oncoming coins. Eric was also known as LoFro the Pirate.

**T**he Role Playing Games Club on campus was small in comparison to other organizations, yet their imagination skills were far from miniscule. While the Funds Allotment Council supported them, the RPG Club had a unique way of collecting other needed monetary resources.

"I don't know how or when this started, but basically the treasurer of the club during the officers' reports says whatever he or she needs to say and then when their report is over everyone in the room throws their change at the treasurer," president junior Harry Althoff said.

While this practice was not common among other groups on campus, the treasurer found it somewhat of a joke.

"I ran for treasurer because the idea of having change pelted at me appealed to me immensely," sophomore Eric Scott said. "I don't know why I decided to do this, but at the first meeting that I was treasurer I decided it would be hilarious if I put on every piece of clothing I owned and after that I started doing weird things."



Members of the RPG Club hurl their spare change. All of the members showed their support for the group by contributing money.  
Photos by April Swagman.

Scott proved his tradition of costume-wearing to be an extension of his creative power, as past outfits have included a samurai armor made out of a cardboard box, taping himself to a chair and a pirate version of Elvis.

“We more than doubled our treasury my first semester as treasurer, so I think people like the costumes,” Scott said.

A handful of change may not have seemed like a sufficient amount of dues from each member of the group, but pennies did add up.

“Everyone contributes about \$2, so that equals about \$60 a year just in change if people throw 10 cents at a time,” graduate student Matt Lagemann said.

Lagemann co-founded the organization in spring 2003 and was the RPG Club’s first president.

“When we first started off we thought about having dues, then we thought, ‘oh, we’re college students, we usually spend money on other things,’” Lagemann said. “We were, at one point, involved in another organization that threw change, and it was a nice way to collect money because everyone always has change in their pocket.”

In wake of Hurricane Katrina, a special donation was set up within the club. For every penny donated by the members during the treasurer’s report, the club’s treasury would double it for a donation to hurricane relief.

This social concern showed that while members of the group chose to live out wild adventures through role-playing games, there was no confusion between reality and imagination – which was what most of the gamers’ time consisted of.

“I think it’s a lot better for you than TV because it actually encourages you to use your imagination,” Althoff said.

Though such role-playing games as Dungeons and Dragons have gotten a bad name due to exaggerated movie plots, the RPG Club had a very strict no-violence rule.

“No actual weapons are brought over; not anything that even looks like a weapon is allowed,” Althoff said. “The person running the game usually tells the players what will work and what won’t, and violence never works.”

Gaming strictly prohibited any kind of violence, yet the treasurer still found humor in currency being thrown at him during every meeting.

“It formed the basis of most of my friendships in college, and I couldn’t be happier about that,” Scott said.

--Meredith Wells and Jenna Keeven

# Acquiring Knowledge

**I**n 2005, five people died from AIDS every minute. While the world, and Truman State University students, might have believed they knew about AIDS and the necessary precautions against it, the magnitude of the disease was as startling as the gap in knowledge students actually possessed about the fatal disease.

Two student groups worked to bring the truth about AIDS into the spotlight at the University through a day of awareness titles World AIDS Day. Both groups aimed to raise awareness and increase correct knowledge of the disease and its devastating effects.

Members of the Rural Public Health nursing course organized a candlelight vigil in front of the Kirk Building Dec. 1. The members also spread the word about AIDS through other means.

"We had a table in the SUB, and [we] were handing out red ribbons and condoms," senior Jennifer Anderson said. "We had a banner up to promote the vigil."

Despite the frigid temperatures, the vigil drew a handful of students.

"We read statistics about HIV and AIDS, and we told stories, true life stories of other people who live with HIV and AIDS," Anderson said. "We held a moment of silence and did a walk around the Quad."

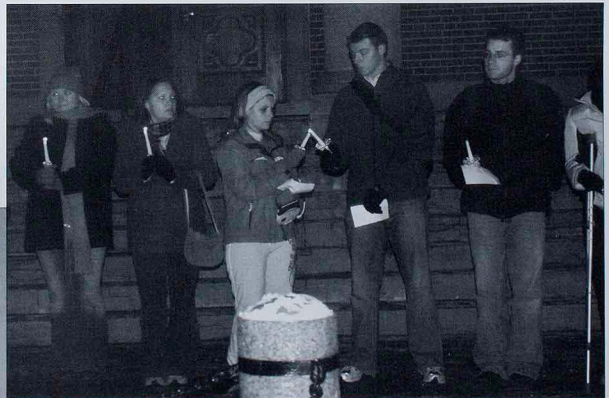
The vigil, which takes place annually, aimed to bring the subject of AIDS closer to home for University students.

"We really want to promote awareness," Anderson said. "That's why we do this every year. It's not something that people talk about very much."

In addition to the nursing students' vigil, the student group Stonewall organized an event to promote awareness of AIDS. Stonewall formed to support minority, especially gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender, rights. Organized Dec. 3 in the Student Union Building, Stonewall's program consisted of a panel of speakers and a movie that attempted to reveal the lack of knowledge many people had concerning AIDS. The program also brought to light the magnitude of the disasters AIDS inflicted and demonstrated how personal the disease has become to many people.

"We had a woman whose father had died from AIDS, a girl who had gone to Africa on a mission trip to teach AIDS patients and another student who's from Africa who talked about the effect of AIDS on his family and friends," said Stonewall president sophomore Sam Hodge. "The movie followed a couple from the time they got AIDS until the time when they passed away from

Sophomore Paige Aberasturi speaks during World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day was initiated in 1988 to promote awareness and increase education of the disease.  
Photo by Kate Gallen



A group of students light candles during the evening vigil. In 2005, the total number of AIDS deaths was an estimated 3.1 million.  
Photo by Erin Hickman

## students organize campus vigil for remembrance and support



The Centennial Flame glows brightly to mark World AIDS Day. A small number of students attended the vigil held Dec. 1.  
Photo by Erin Hickman

AIDS. It was horribly honest in its depiction of what AIDS does to the body, to the mind and even what it does to relationships of love.”

The reasons students attended the event ranged from personal experience to general interest.

“A friend of mine was coming, and she said it’d be interesting, so I decided to come with her,” sophomore Eneda Hoxha said.

The movie elicited strong reactions from students, and the event as a whole demonstrated the general population’s lack of knowledge about AIDS. The majority of students knew the general facts about AIDS, but a large number of students knew either little or incorrect information about disease transmission.

“That’s one of the reasons I think the AIDS program was so big,” Hodge said. “There’s a large knowledge gap on campus, and a lot of people wanted to know a little bit more and see what AIDS actually does, because they don’t tell us that in our senior year health classes.”

Experts had long known that the lack of education about HIV, the cause of AIDS, contributed to the skyrocketing infection rates. Despite years of probing, researchers had not yet found a cure for AIDS.

“It’s going to be the most destabilizing effect to the world for the next 100 years,” Hodge said.

If nothing else, World AIDS Day served to educate students about the urgency and significance of a disease that permeated our society.

--Carolyn Minchik

# Hello Nepal

About 8,000 miles separated the country of Nepal from Kirksville, Missouri, but with the help of a student organization at Truman State University, those miles seemed to disappear.

The second annual Himalayan Night took place Nov. 21 in the Student Union Building. Namaste Nepal, a student organization that began in 2004, put together the show.

"[Namaste Nepal] is an organization to promote the cultural diversity of Nepal at Truman State University," said Mark Campbell, assistant professor of agriculture and faculty adviser of Namaste Nepal. "It serves to help increase awareness about Nepal in the community and serves as a resource for students from Nepal and brings forth issues of Nepal to Truman."

The Himalayan Night program featured traditional music, students performing Nepali dances, a showcase of artifacts and guest speakers. During the program, students in the club received commemorations for their achievements. The event also featured Nepalese food for all in attendance to taste.

"Basically, we have this annual event to showcase the cultural aspects of Nepal to the Truman community and [the] Kirksville community," said senior Biplaw Rai, founder of Namaste Nepal.

Free to attend and open to all students, Himalayan Night had a reputation of attracting a variety of people.

"In the past years we have had diverse crowds from professors to local host families to Truman students," Rai said.

Namaste Nepal member junior Raghav Chhetri said diversity continued to be an important aspect of the event in 2005.

"The Himalayan Night in [2005] was only the second time the event was organized since Namaste Nepal came into effect," Chhetri said. "The turnout of people at the event is what I think was so special about it. It feels good to know that our Truman community is really eager to learn more about other cultures and communities."

The primary purpose of the event revolved around providing a fun-filled and informative environment. Chhetri said the Himalayan Night offered a snapshot of Nepal, its people and the culture.

Junior Jyoti Bastola greets guests at the front door of the Activities Room in the Student Union Building. Namaste Nepal attracted the Truman community with music, trivia and food.

Photos by Grace Mattie



Sophomore Reeta Upreti shares a moment with junior Kate Johnson during the introductory speech at Himalayan Night. About half of Nepal spoke Nepali, and many business professionals and government officials could also speak English.

## nepalese students share their culture with the community



Freshman Soniya Bhari dresses the part for the Himalayan Night celebration. Fifty-six Nepalese students attended the University in 2005-2006.

"I also see this event as a great opportunity for the Nepalese students to expose their hidden and unique talents which may have gone unnoticed in the new world," Chhetri said.

Rai said the word namaste means "good morning" or "hello." This gesture, made by bringing both palms before the heart and lightly bowing the hands, also signifies perfection because all ten fingers touch.

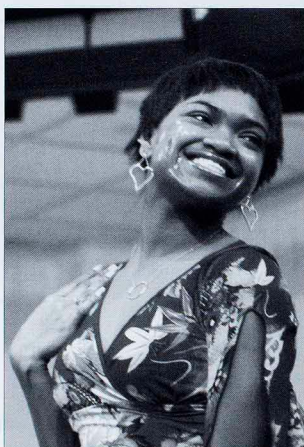
Namaste Nepal displayed this friendly, welcoming atmosphere by helping the international education program at the University. Each year, international students not only from Nepal, but also from countries around the world attended the University.

Through organizations such as Namaste Nepal, foreign students felt more at home in Kirksville while also being able to adapt better to their new surroundings. Himalayan Night offered students and the Kirksville community an opportunity to learn and experience a different culture.

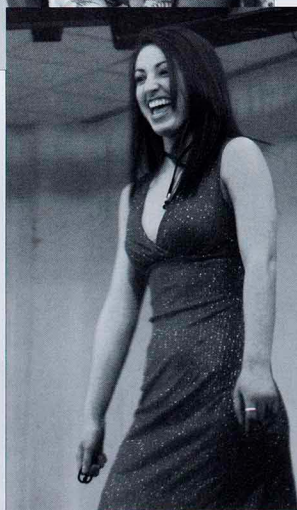
--Jillian Knurr

# Runway Attitude

## group's fashion sense pays off in the end



**Top:** Sophomore Brandy Holmes strikes a pose. Holmes committed a faux pas by wearing a mix of different prints. Photos by Evangeline McMullen



**Bottom:** Freshman Sarah Feeley reacts to the cheers of the audience as she models an evening dress. The models each donned several outfits during the course of the night, keeping the event varied and fresh.

**D**iversity, fashion dos and don'ts and an auction all rolled into one to make for an interesting and successful night at the annual Coalition of African-American Women Fashion Show.

Friday, Feb. 10, the coalition organized its yearly event. Two different sections comprised the event – an auction and a fashion show. Co-chair of CAAW sophomore LaShonda Mackey said the event had various purposes.

“[We had the fashion show] first and foremost to raise money and have an event in February to get together, congregate and have fun,” Mackey said.

To get the contestants for the auction Mackey said the organization employed hiring tactics.

“We asked people we knew and people we didn't know,” she said. “We introduced ourselves and our organization and what we were doing.”

Thirteen people signed up for the auction section of the show. Bidding began at \$1. The fashion show presented both dos and don'ts. While the participants of the dos and don'ts section walked the runway, an announcer explained to the crowd what they were wearing and why this was a great fashion statement or a fashion no-no.

To keep the crowd interested, Mackey said the organizers alternated between the auction and the fashion show. She said about 50-55 people attended the event and that she thought the coalition succeeded in getting people from all different backgrounds to participate.

“I was very excited, very pleased,” Mackey said. “We increased the participation within the event and the audience participation.”

By the end of the night, the organization had collected \$100.

“We made three times as much as what we made last year, so it was really successful,” Mackey said.

Freshman Keisha Palmer, head of the fundraising committee, said she agreed that the event was a hit.

"The people that were at last year's event were excited because we made more money than we did last year," Palmer said.

To make the event successful, Palmer put a sign-up sheet in the Multicultural Affairs Center and talked to businesses around Kirksville to get coupons.

"I was very pleased," she said. "I was actually impressed. I didn't think [the event] would go as smoothly as it did."

Sophomore coalition member LaTanya Mackey shared the other members' enthusiasm for the event.

"I think we did very well," LaTanya Mackey said. "We had a very integrated audience and people had a lot of fun."

The money helped support future service projects, a game night, and other events. In early March, the organization organized a forum discussion dealing with minority issues and in April, it organized its annual Women's Weekend.

The coalition, in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Alpha, also organized a vigil to commemorate the life of Coretta Scott King.

The organization, which began in 1993, helped unify African-American women on campus.

"We provide a way for African-American women to be recognized on campus and a support group for each other," Palmer said.

The organization also supplied the campus with a unique opportunity.

"I think we bring something different," LaTanya Mackey said. "We are an excited group of young ladies. We support women and have fun."

Three committees within the coalition organized and supported these events. These included service, fundraising and social committees.

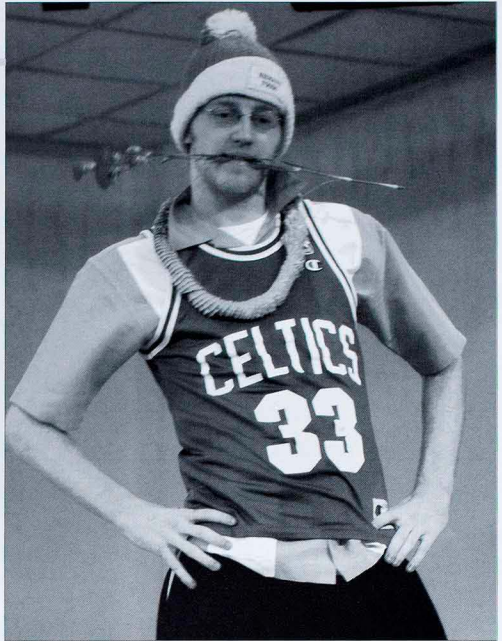
Coalition member freshman Victoria Miller said she had a lot of fun participating in her first fashion show. Miller sported basketball shorts and a winter sweater during the "fashion don't" section of the show.

"Everyone just tried to have fun with it," Miller said. "Everyone picked out their own [outfit]."

Miller also sat on the service committee throughout the year. She explained the coalition's overarching purpose.

"We do service projects, fundraisers for not just ourselves but for other causes," Miller said. [We] do things to keep students on campus involved and aware of other issues out in the world."

---Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



Freshman Blake Niemann models what not to wear. The show, organized by CAAW, blended elements of both a date auction and a fashion show.



These boots are made for walkin' – at the CAAW fashion show, that is. While some articles of clothing modeled at the event struck a fashion discord, these boots were a style hit.

# Preparing For Life

## SIFE organizes projects to aid local businesses

**S**tudents acting as teachers, consultants, mentors and entrepreneurs coalesced to empower and influence the greater community.

In fact, community emerged as a strong component of the Students in Free Enterprise organization. “[Community] is one thing we love,” junior treasurer Jeni Long said. “We love to get together and eat.”

Yet the organization acted as more than a gathering of students connecting with one another. SIFE mobilized students to solve problems and create economic opportunities for people throughout the world.

SIFE was present on more than 800 college campuses throughout the United States but had only been on the Truman State University campus since March 2003. Despite the organization’s youth, top companies had already offered students jobs and internships because of their involvement with the organization.

“[SIFE] is a really fulfilling experience,” senior president Todd Smith said. “I have been truly touched through our projects.”

One of these projects involved restructuring Stagecoach Pizza, a failing local business.

Sophomore Bernie Nunn came across the opportunity while walking around downtown Kirksville with her boyfriend. She noticed that the business was in need of assistance to reach its potential, and she brought this to the organization’s attention.

“Communicating with the owner and seeking out his issues with his business has been one of my biggest learning experiences,” Smith said.

This fits perfectly with SIFE’s main objective: enabling members to bring in original ideas, make connections with other organizations and help businesses achieve success.

The organization sought to serve the student body as well. During the spring 2006 semester, SIFE taught people how to sell their possessions on eBay through a seminar called “eBay Entrepreneurship.”

Another project focused on drawing the growing problem of piracy into the spotlight. Working with the Motion Picture Association, members created a 60-second commercial spot that aired on area media in spring 2006.

“The amazing thing about SIFE is the random things that [the organization] enables you to do,” junior technology leader Bethany Nichols said. “It’s everywhere.”

From organizing projects to building a strong sense of group community, SIFE focused its attention on creating memorable experiences for its participants while fostering life-long skills that students would utilize throughout their careers.

In addition, the regional and national competitions SIFE took part in provided valuable learning experiences for organization members.



Members of SIFE stand their ground. In 2006, SIFE had organizations in 42 countries at over 1,700 universities.

Photo Illustration by Derek Wilhelm



The University's chapter of SIFE displays its winning trophies. In 2005 the organization won the USA Regional Competition. Photo by Derek Wilhelm

"[Presenting at competition] really helped me get over my fear of public speaking," Long said.

SIFE competitions highlighted the organization's work and presented the ways companies, people and organizations have benefited from its projects. The University's SIFE team won the regional championship in 2004 and 2005.

The challenge of the project involved incorporating all educational aspects into the final product. These aspects included market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics. Members worked together to achieve personal, group and community goals. Long said group interaction separated this team from many other organizations on campus.

"The one thing that sets SIFE apart is that I know all of the members," Long said. "We love to get together."

Open to all majors, SIFE required no dues and no minimum time commitment.

"We want this organization to be whatever you want it to be," Nichols said. "You can involve yourself in as much or as little as you want."

Each member possessed the ability to present new ideas, do research, obtain information and make connections with various companies around the world as well as locally. Past projects enabled SIFE students to work with middle and elementary schools and teach junior high and high school students how to write and endorse checks, as well as balance a checkbook. SIFE had also collaborated with business fraternity Beta Alpha Psi in the past to teach students and Kirksville residents how to do their taxes.

SIFE's focus centered on addressing problems hands-on rather than talking about how to solve a problem. SIFE members took an active role to personally work with companies to reach previously unattainable goals.

"The aspect most enjoyable to me is to go in there and watch people's faces light up as we begin to help them," said junior Allison Atchley, director of marketing.

This dedication to assist anybody in need of economic assistance demonstrated SIFE's mission to help the individual, the community and the world. The organization committed itself to effecting change and making a positive difference.

--Shannan Anderson



# Philanthropic Ventures

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Walter Ruther once said, “There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.” This sentiment exemplified the various service projects performed by Truman State University organizations throughout the year.

Services to others, also known as philanthropies, were commonplace on the campus and in the organizations of Truman State University since its inception. Anyone who chose to join a Greek organization also pledged to make a difference in their community, as all Greek organizations had mandatory philanthropy hours for their members. Service organizations, by definition, focused on serving others.

Because of the long-standing commitment to service, many University groups worked with the same outside organizations year after year, in addition to hosting the same fundraisers.

Junior Megan Hasse, Delta Zeta officer of philanthropy, explained one benefit of such a collaboration.

“When an organization is paired with a particular project, as Delta Zetas are with Sound Beginnings or Cardinal Key and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, the work becomes more meaningful,” Hasse said.

DZ, a social sorority, sponsored several philanthropy events annually, such as the Big Man on Campus “Male Beauty Pageant,” a golf tournament and a silent auction.

“All proceeds from these events benefit our National Philanthropy—Sound Beginnings, which is DZ’s own program that works to support hearing impairment detection in babies,” Hasse said.

Members of Beta Theta Pi, a social fraternity, spent a busy February hosting multiple events and raising \$1,700 in the process. The Betas took a slightly different approach to philanthropy than other organizations, influencing how members viewed the requirement.

“The way Betas look at philanthropy is this: We know we’re doing it for a good cause, but we try to have as much fun as possible while we’re doing it,” said junior Kyle Bybee, Beta philanthropy co-chair.

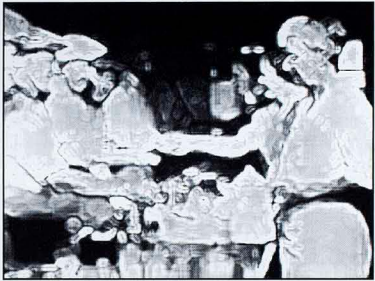
The members of Beta Theta Pi organized several events during the 2005-06 school year, such as the Beta Theta Spike volleyball tournament. In addition to the more social events, members of the fraternity performed highway cleanup and played cards at Twin Pines Retirement Home. Members also wrote letters asking parents for donations, and they donated all the proceeds from their events to Hope’s Kitchen, a local community free meal project.

Service organizations had active philanthropic schedules. Some of the better-known service organizations on the University’s campus included Blue Key, Cardinal Key, Tau Lambda Sigma and Alpha Sigma Gamma, although more existed.

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**campus organizations  
support charitable causes**

**Twin Pines Retirement Home  
Hope's Kitchen**



**Juvenile Diabetes Foundation**

**Sound Beginnings**



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Delta Zeta

Beta Theta Pi

Cardinal Key



# Philanthropic Ventures

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Blue Key had a long-standing relationship with the Salvation Army and hosted multiple community-wide food drives per semester, as well as hosting a Red Cross blood drive.

"My favorite service event was our 'Rockin' Sunshine for the Gulf,' a band fest to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina by raising money and food for the Salvation Army and Red Cross," said senior Lukin Murphy, Blue Key service chairman. "It was a wonderful concert on the Quad."

In addition to local projects, such as serving the Humane Society, members of Tau Lambda Sigma often teamed up with the American Cancer Society. ACS was the obvious choice for the service sorority as one of their alumnae battled cancer years ago. Active with organizing and participating in Relay for Life, members of Tau Lambda Sigma also raised money for the event with their "Lincoln for Lincoln" campaign in which they sent out a nickel and a letter. The letter explained what Relay for Life was and asked for \$5 in return for the nickel. Members of Tau Lambda Sigma had the requirement of 15 hours of philanthropy per semester.

Finding the motivation to give up one's own time was sometimes hard. Many individuals could relate to youth projects that involved endless hours of leaf raking or picking up trash from creeks. While students' schedules remained busy, the importance of serving others, as well as different organizations' requirements, helped motivate students.

"The opportunities aren't hard to find, the motivation is," said junior Becky Hadley, Tau Lambda Sigma service chairwoman. "Schedules always conflict, and it's hard to make philanthropy the main priority sometimes."

Regardless of the reasons behind the actions, the result of philanthropies never failed to leave a lasting, positive influence on the lives of many others. Along with showing the greater Kirksville community that University students cared about the greater good of the lives and aesthetics around them, the students said they also gained a greater sense of self-worth through the activities.

"Doing philanthropies gives you a good sense of self-accomplishment, a feeling of helping the needy," Bybee said. "We get nothing financially. It's just goodwill because we are good people."

*--Carolyn Minch*

## campus organizations support charitable causes

Tau Lambda Sigma

Salvation Army  
Red Cross

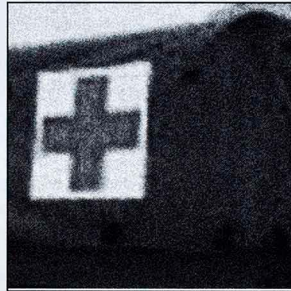


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Blue Key

Push America

Humane Society of America  
American Cancer Society



Photo by Katie Poland.

Pi Kappa Phi

# Pedal Pushers

The sounds of bike wheels whizzing past pedestrian students was about to get louder.

Sophomore Stephanie Kimball, co-president of the Environmental Campus Organization, used her bike to get everywhere, from morning class to the seemingly-long journey to Wal-Mart.

"[The bicycle] is a good way, a faster way of getting places [I] need to go," Kimball said. "It allows for a lot more freedom of movement around town."

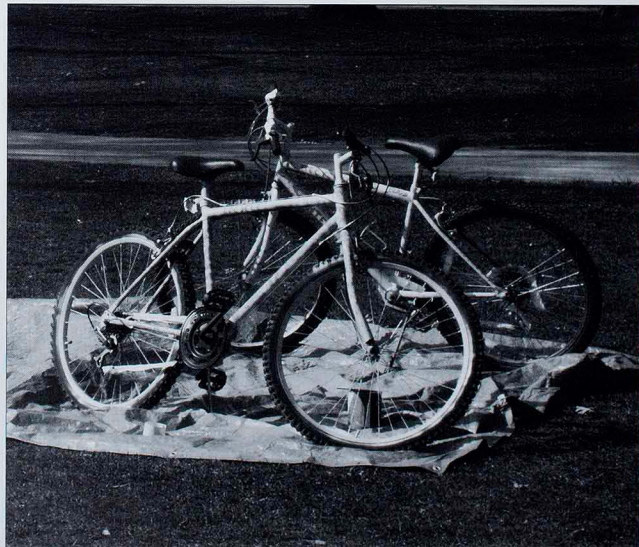
ECO and the Mountain Biking Club organized a bike-sharing program on campus to promote biking among students. In a small town like Kirksville, getting to and from places could be accomplished easily with a bike, Kimball said.

"I think with a small campus like Truman, it's probably not as important as with a bigger campus where you might actually need a bicycle to get to classes and things like that," Kimball said. "But as far as getting to places around the town, I think it's at least going to be a valuable program for enabling people to have a way to get out if they don't have a car."

The program was set to begin March 22 but snow forced ECO to postpone the kick-off until March 29. To begin the program, ECO gave each sponsoring organization the chance to decorate their bike and offered

Two bicycles stand on the quad after receiving a fresh coat of paint. One of the aims of the program was to encourage people to fix up their old bicycle to promote their use.

Photo by April Swagman



## groups team up for community bike sharing

students the opportunity to sign up to participate in the program.

Sophomore Michelle L. Brown, member of ECO and the Mountain Biking Club, said the opportunity enabled students to obtain alternative transportation without cost. The only requirement was that students register and return the equipment within a 24-hour period, she said.

"[The program] provides on-campus ... and off-campus students with transportation," Brown said. "If they need to run errands downtown, instead of taking a car, they can ride a bike or take [a bike] to class."

ECO and the Mountain Biking Club hoped to see this program last beyond spring 2006 but recognized the obstacles involved in the bike program as well. The Department of Public Safety warned the organizations that, even with locks, theft would be an issue. However, senior Shaine Griggs, member of ECO, said he did not foresee a problem.

"Hopefully since we're not going to have anything really invested in it, it's not going to be a gigantic loss if we lose a bike that's been given to us for free," Griggs said.

Despite the possible problems, both organizations saw this as an opportunity to make a difference on a local level by making sure students did not have to use cars as often and burn fossil fuels, among other purposes, Griggs said.

"[Beyond the issues of fossil fuel], there are good purposes in terms of increasing cardiovascular fitness," Griggs said. "I think that [the program] also ideally would help to facilitate more interaction between students and our community. They would have better means of getting around."

That remained the primary goal of the bike-sharing program: enabling students to get around campus and Kirksville and promoting the use of bikes to accomplish that goal.

--Shannan Anderson



Senior Lauren Jackson enjoys an afternoon on the quad among the many participants in the bike sharing program. The program began in the spring of 2006.

Photo by Emmy Thomson

Meghan Utterback puts some finishing touches on a bicycle. Each sponsoring organization had the opportunity to decorate the bicycles.

Photo by Jenn Sternecker



# Until Proven Guilty

## mock trial team goes to court for fictional kidnapping case

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are here tonight because ... the defendant had a promise to keep and revenge to seek," senior Kevin Chase said in his opening statement during the Mock Trial Team's premiere exhibition event, "Who Kidnapped Bailey Reynolds?"

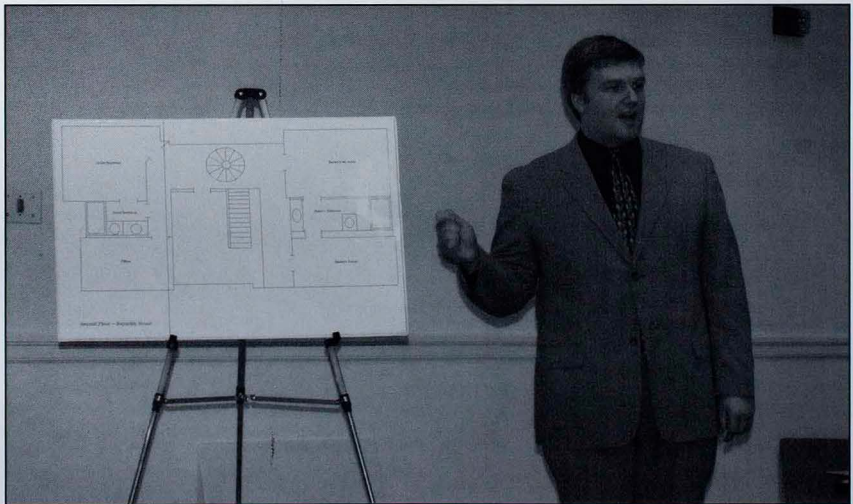
In its fourth year, the competitive team approached its first trip to the national tournament. Mock Trial Team president senior Joshua Jones said the exhibition allowed them to show Truman State University students exactly what the team did.

The American Mock Trial Association, which governed the University's own competitive team, submitted a fictional case each year, Jones said. For the exhibition, the team presented the AMTA kidnapping case *State of Missouri v. Tyler Perry*.

"We're going to remove a lot of the procedural junk that you would have to do in Mock Trial competition," Jones said. "We're going to have our witnesses play up their roles a little bit to try to make it more like [the television show] 'Law and Order' rather than a real trial, but it's still going to keep the same basic elements, and it's still going to be a lot closer to reality than you would see on TV."

Team members acted as legal representatives and witnesses, and the audience served as the jury. After the prosecution and the defense presented their cases, the jury deliberated.

"There's always the assumption of innocence," juror sophomore Daniel Poindexter said. "The prosecution never presented hard evidence that [the defendant] had actually committed the crime, so my initial assumption didn't change."



Senior Joshua Jones addresses the court. Jones served as the Mock Trial Team's 2005-06 president.  
Photos by Alana Webster



Audience members, a.k.a. the jury, watch the trial of Bailey Reynolds unfold. The American Mock Trial Association was formed in 1985.

Audience members shared Poindexter's theory as they unanimously returned a verdict of not guilty.

Much hard work contributed to the outcome of the event. Chase said about 17 people participated in the University's Mock Trial Team, and vice president sophomore Bryan Gelecki remarked on the variety of majors represented such as political science, justice systems, anthropology, biology, math, economics and communications.

"There [are] people who appreciate the law aspect of it [and] people who appreciate the theater aspect of it," Gelecki said.

While students gained valuable skills on the team, their faculty adviser guided them with his own experience. H. Martin Jayne, associate professor of justice systems, acted as the judge for the event, and Chase noted his qualifications for the role.

"He's worked for 27 years as ... a judge advocate general in the Air Force, and during that time he was a prosecutor, a judge and a teacher at the Air Force Academy," Chase said. "He helps us to learn good trial technique and to properly interpret the rules of evidence, which he's used for years beforehand, so he knows them quite a bit better than we do."

For one evening, these efforts helped bring the courtroom to life for University students.

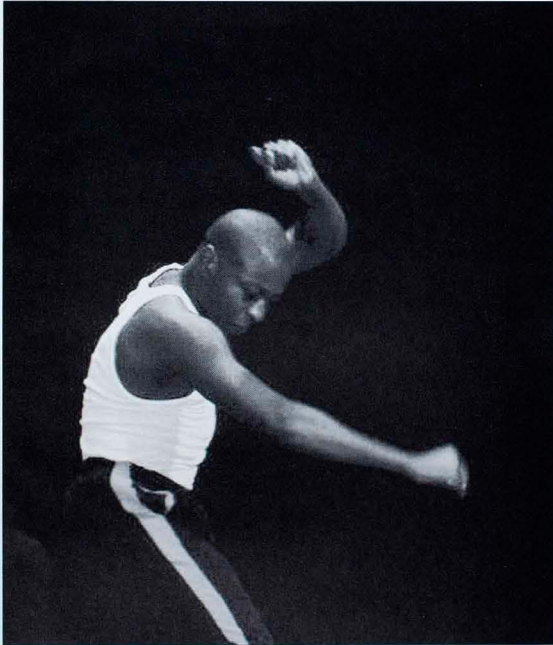
*--Hope Slaby, Copy Staff*



The witness, freshman Amber Jones, gives her testimony. The AMTA's first tournament was in Des Moines, Iowa.

# International Idol

## students show off their diverse talents



Senior Samuel Edeh performs a dance before an audience. He was a chemistry major from Enugu, Nigeria.  
Photos by April Swagman

It took a little longer than junior Sarah Martin and sophomore Alexandar Udev expected to announce the night's winners.

The fourth annual International Idol competition, which took place March 30, 2006, in Baldwin Auditorium, proved to be too close to make a quick decision. It took about 10 extra minutes for the event's organizers to tabulate the judges' scores.

When the judges finally made their decision, the Japanese group came out in front, winning the competition and a \$100 gift certificate to the Truman Bookstore. Their performance of So-Ran Bushi, a rendition of a fisherman's dance, moved many members of the crowd to cheer and whistle as the group rhythmically stomped and shouted onstage.

"International Idol is a chance for international students to be able to show off their talents," said sophomore Maha Ahmed, International Club public relations chairwoman. "A lot of [international students] are intimidated to join dance groups and things like that. This event provides a way to express their culture and express their abilities."

Contestants represented Indian, Chinese, African, Nepalese and Japanese cultures through song, dance and dress. The only criterion called for performers to be either international students or performing with international students.

Truman State University faculty comprised the panel of judges. It based its scores on factors such as presentation and cultural expression.

Other performances included a piece from a Chinese opera, an African song and the "Red Chilly Girl" dance from China. Although not part of the competition, the University Swingers, the High Street Dancers and the Showgirls also participated in the event.

The event's co-organizers, Martin and Udev, began planning the event at the start of the spring semester. They said they found the process rewarding and enjoyed working with so many different people.

"The most challenging part of planning was getting things done on time," Udev said.

Martin and Udev coordinated everything from performers to stage hands to multiple committees.

"It was a huge relief getting through dress rehearsal," Martin said. "It was fun to see everyone, though. All of the performances were so unique."

International Idol was part of the University's Diversity Week, which included other programs such as a transgender speaker and a presentation on Islam.

"I think International Idol is important for Diversity Week," Udev said. "It's a huge event, and you get to know people and experience different cultures."

Junior Ashley Richards, who heard about the event from friends in IC, came for just that reason.

"I think this event is a good thing," she said. "It helps people discover other traditions."

Freshman Becky Ewing, who attended the event with her roommate, said she had a more specific reason for coming.

"I wanted to see all of the different attire," she said.

She was treated to a bonus: the delay in announcing the night's winners allowed for an impromptu fashion show as some of the contestants modeled their native dress. Some members of the audience also showed up for the event in traditional costumes.

"It's a very colorful event," Ahmed said. "Everybody's dressed up."

In addition to putting on this and other events, IC provided support for international students, Ahmed said.

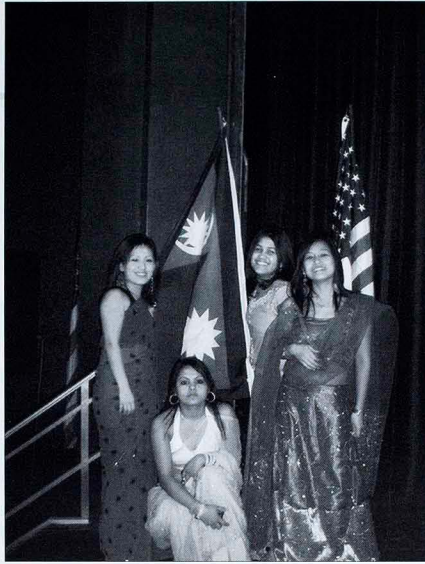
"The club allows us to share our culture and enrich Truman's campus," she said. "Some of us are from the same part of the world, and it's good to know that you're not the only one. It just helps out a lot."

Both international and American students made up the IC's roughly 45 members.

Udev said he hoped the club would continue to host International Idol.

"I hope to do this next year," he said. "I'm happy to be one of the organizers."

--Erin Musko



Above: Some of the participants in International Idol show off their outfits. The competition was modeled after the hit TV show American Idol.

Below: Participants in the 2006 International Idol competition pose for a picture. International Idol began in 2002.



# Diversity University

To allow students the opportunity to explore fresh perspectives, Student Senate presented Diversity Week from March 26 to April 1, 2006.

“Diversity Week is a program that Student Senate has been doing for quite a while now,” said senior Matthew Seibert, chairman of Senate’s campus diversity subcommittee. “It’s our attempt to get different organizations to promote an atmosphere of knowledge and acceptance of the type of diverse culture that we have here at Truman.”

The program served as a supplement to ongoing diversity awareness efforts, which aimed to enrich the liberal arts education at the University.

“Many organizations support multicultural events throughout the academic year,” said Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of multicultural affairs. “The advantage of [Diversity Week], I think, is making sure that everyone — faculty, staff, students and the community — understand that this week we are really going to concentrate on this issue that is critical through the whole academic year.”

Campus groups sponsored activities to promote awareness of several different types of diversity.

“It wasn’t just diversity in terms of religion or the color of your skin,” said junior Lina Khan, vice president of the Muslim Students Association. “It was also expanding your surroundings, so that was really neat. You got to learn more about other people’s perspectives, about things you disagree on.”

The week started off with the MSA’s events focusing on religion. On March 26, the MSA sponsored a showing of the movie “Kingdom of Heaven” and held a discussion of how Hollywood portrays Islam after the movie. Events during the following days also aimed to help non-Muslims understand the religion better.



International students gather on the mall with flags to represent their nationality. In 2005, the University hosted 213 international students.

Photos by Alana Webster

## organizations promote multicultural awareness

"We had a speaker [Imam Mohammed Nabeel Khan] from the mosque in Columbia, so that was a good chance for students who didn't understand to ask questions about Islam," Khan said. "[Another event] was an Interfaith Discussion, which was a really good chance for different religions to talk about similarities."

On March 29, the focus shifted from religion as Students Together Educating Peers hosted an interactive diversity awareness display. Alpha Phi Alpha, a social fraternity, also sponsored a discussion forum at which minority students had an opportunity to express themselves.

"The kids who were African-American or gay or lesbian actually talked about how they felt," Khan said. "They didn't have to pretend to be something they weren't. They could just be themselves, and that was pretty cool."

Prism sponsored two events that promoted awareness of sexual orientation, including the popular semiannual Prism Dance on April 1. It also presented a speaker March 30.

"We were treated to the story and experiences of Debra Davis, the transgender person, and so there was a focus on helping people gain an understanding of orientation," Thomas said.

The climax of the week had the International Club, in conjunction with the International Student Affairs Office and the Center for Student Involvement, putting on the fourth-annual International Idol on March 31. About 600 to 700 people attended the program, which showcased 15 performances that represented six different countries.

"A lot of people attended the event, so a lot of people are aware of international students," said senior Jyoti Bastola, president of International Club. "We want to recognize that internationality is wanted, is needed [at the University]."

The performers shared a part of their culture with the campus.

"I think they liked my dance because people told me, 'I've never seen a Chinese dance before,'" junior Wei Xie said. "I made the audience realize there is something different from what they know about my country."

Diversity Week's organizers hoped this type of programming made students and others recognize the diversity of the University's population.

"There's a misconception about this school that it's just a homogenous group of white kids from Missouri, and I don't think that's the case," Seibert said. "We have a really diverse culture here, and I think people need to appreciate that."

--Lauren Walter



Several international students hold their flags and wear the native dress of their respective cultures. The University had celebrated diversity week since 2003.

# A+ Education

With a five-word title, one organization proved to be quite a tongue-twister. The members of Truman State University's chapter, however, found the organization to be well worth the time taken to say its name.

"S-MSTA stands for the Student-Missouri State Teachers Association, and once you can get past that, ... we're just a branch of the Missouri State Teachers Association," president senior Lindsay Kempker said.

The student organization brought together education majors and helped equip them for their future careers.

"[S-MSTA] provides a lot of opportunities for its members to gain some professional experience and also to help prepare for teaching," member junior Paul Strauss said. "For instance, there are a lot of speakers and ... programs that are available in education."

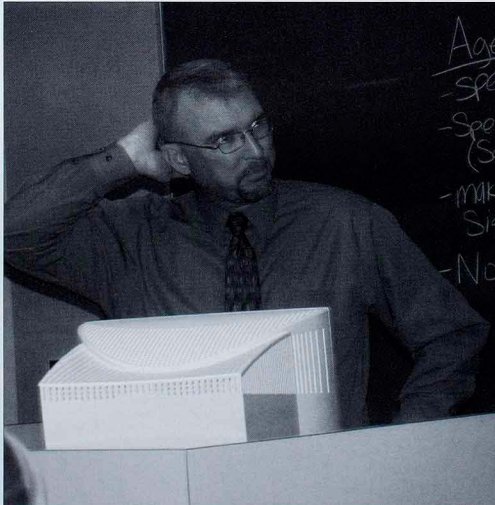
The group met bi-weekly and brought in speakers who addressed issues relevant to a future in education. Secretary junior Katie Simonds said guests ranged from professionals in the education field to Masters of Arts in Education faculty from the University.

Kempker noted that members' concerns played an integral role in the choice of speakers.

"We get input from our members, like, 'What do you need to hear about? What do you want to know about?' ... and then we bring in speakers according to them," Kempker said. "Knowing our members and knowing what they want to hear about [is important]."

Those involved in S-MSTA joined the group for a variety of reasons. Strauss said he felt that it was a smart career move.

"I heard about [S-MSTA] from my teachers at home," Strauss said. "[I joined for]



Randy Mikel, Kirksville High School assistant principal, spoke about what schools look for when hiring teachers. He was elected to be principal in the 2006-2007 school year.  
Photos by Amanda Gardner

## future teachers focus on careers and caring

help in trying to become a professional in education and to gain some career networking.”

Simonds, who joined S-MSTA her freshman year, wanted to be a part of a group with a common goal: teaching in Missouri.

“I joined S-MSTA for the community of people,” Simonds said.

That community’s localized concentration set S-MSTA apart from other education groups.

“It is a little bit more focused on Missouri as opposed to more national organizations,” Strauss said.

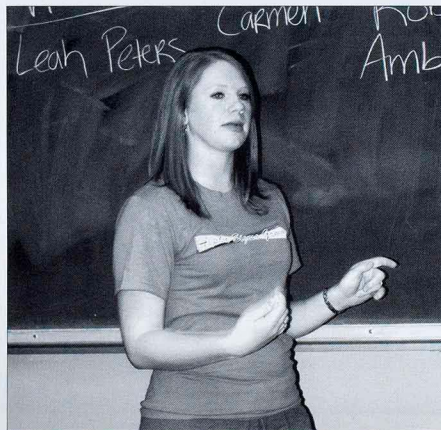
The group sponsored several activities for its members, such as organizing a social event with education faculty and volunteering at an activities night at Ray Miller Elementary in Kirksville. Kempker cited a deeper involvement with young students and more group activities as goals toward which S-MSTA strived in 2005-06.

The chapter’s first Web site debuted in 2005, Kempker said.

“We were actually the first S-MSTA chapter to ever have a Web site, and so MSTA was so excited that we had this and did an interview and put something in their magazine about us — our chapter — so that was really groundbreaking for us,” Kempker said.

While S-MSTA continued to grow and form new goals for the future, some members simply enjoyed the group’s passion for teaching.

“[My favorite thing with S-MSTA is] just going to the meetings and seeing how excited everyone is about education,” Strauss said.



Senior Lindsay Kempker speaks to the organization at a meeting. The Missouri State Teachers Association was formed in 1856.

--Amanda Gardner, Head Copy Editor

# New Start in New Orleans

When midterm break arrived in March 2006, Truman State University students headed to a variety of locations. One of the more unusual destinations was New Orleans, where a group of students drove to complete a week of hurricane relief work.

About 100 University students traveled to New Orleans on March 10, surrendering a week of lounging and extra sleep in favor of physical labor. The trip, organized by Campus Crusade for Christ, afforded volunteers the opportunity to help those whose lives were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

"The purpose of the New Orleans trip was, first of all, to go down and just help some of our neighbors to the south in their time of need, help them rebuild their lives and get things back to normal as best they could," sophomore Devin Tressler said.

Freshman Christopher Stone, who heard about the trip through sidewalk chalk and flyers, said the midterm break trip provided the opportunity for something he already desired to do.

"I hadn't volunteered very much, and I'm usually big on volunteering," Stone said. "I was always too busy to do stuff, and I was like, 'Well, you know, here's my chance to do something that I've been wanting to do for a long time but just haven't had the time to.'"

The group of University students that drove to Louisiana included members of CCC, service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma and students who were not affiliated with any particular group, Stone said.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, the group resided in a rebuilt hotel, ventured around the city and received work assignments.



Some of the destruction left in the wake of hurricane Katrina is captured in a photograph. The American Red Cross estimated that the relief efforts for hurricane Katrina would exceed 2 billion dollars. Photos submitted

A house stands amid the many ruins left in Katrina's aftermath. Over 90,000 square miles were affected by hurricane Katrina.



## groups use break to lend a hand in disaster areas



**Above:** A street sign faces upward in an area of New Orleans affected by the hurricane. Hurricane Katrina became the 4th most intense storm on record.



**Right:** (clockwise from top left) Junior Brian Easley, sophomore Dustin Carmack, Jason Hoang, and junior Will Rearick take a break after working at the site. The trip enabled university students to help rebuild in areas of destruction.

Students saw hurricane damage firsthand and labored to repair homes and communities rocked by Katrina.

Tressler said one image of destruction stuck out in his mind.

"The most memorable thing was the giant piles of crap in front of people's houses because that really represented the idea [of] how temporary things are," he said.

Sophomore Anna Koch noted that the sheer devastation of the city was shocking.

"The main thing [was] the destruction — just seeing, knowing how far it went out and just seeing what a hurricane can do to a community," she said. "I didn't know it had that much force ... and also just that they still were looking for bodies, and there are going to be houses in five years that are not going to be able to be gutted until then."

Tressler agreed that the longevity of the damage was stunning.

"The long-lastingness of the destruction [surprised me], how everything was still terrible," he said. "I think that's what surprised everybody."

Noting the amount of work yet to be done, Stone expressed a desire to return to the city.

"I'll definitely go down again, if the opportunity arises," Stone said.

The art of service made for a memorable and meaningful midterm break for many University students.

*--Amanda Gardner, Head Copy Editor*

# Brake Time

Many students made plans for midterm break 2006, but generally those plans did not involve car crashes. Eta Sigma Gamma, the health science honorary fraternity, reminded Truman State University students about safe driving during its annual SAFEBRAKE Week March 3 to 10, 2006.

"Just bringing [safe driving] to mind and getting people to think about it more maybe helps," said Eta Sigma Gamma guide sophomore Emily Krogmann, who supported the group's new members.

Krogmann said between 1995 and 2005, 11 University students died in car accidents, an average of two per year.

The highway safety awareness campaign had possibly helped to save lives.

"In 2005, not a single student's life was lost on the road," Krogmann said.

For Eta Sigma Gamma members, SAFEBRAKE came too late. The campaign began after an Eta Sigma Gamma member's fiancé died in a car accident in 1998. In 1999, SAFEBRAKE Week became an annual event the week before midterm break, Krogmann said.

Activities began March 3, 2006, with a rollover car simulation by State Highway Patrol Sgt. Brent Burnhardt.

Historian senior Emily Forsyth said the simulation showed the effects of not wearing a seatbelt during a car crash.

"It shows a dummy being ejected from the vehicle," Forsyth said. "The dummy slams against the ground, and it shows the car rolling over him."

Vivid images continued to appear when Eta Sigma Gamma hosted speaker Penny Bailey, assistant director of THINK FIRST Missouri. THINK FIRST Missouri, a health promotion program, taught adolescents how to prevent brain and spinal cord injuries.

Bailey spoke about the car accident that left her paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 17.

"Don't just tell [friends] to wear the seatbelt," Bailey said. "Tell them to wear it the right way. It's all about the choices that we make."

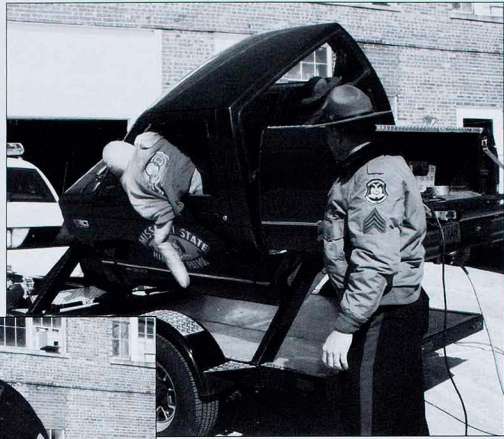
Bailey's story, as well as other stories, motivated junior Allie Filla to reconsider her driving habits.

A dummy lies under a truck. The average seatbelt usage increased from nine to 14 percent when states passed a primary seatbelt law.

Photos by Katie Poland



## eta sigma gamma promotes safe driving



**Above and left:** Officer Brent Burnhardt looks on while a dummy and rotating trunk demonstrate what happens during a rollover. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 75 percent of passengers killed in rollovers were not wearing seatbelts.

"I didn't wear my seatbelt to come here, but I'm going to wear it going back," Filla said.

Also on March 6, 2006, Eta Sigma Gamma lit the Centennial Flame in honor of those who lost their lives in automobile accidents. Students, faculty and members of the Kirksville community placed flowers around the flame throughout the week.

All week the organization passed out grey ribbons, symbolizing a road, at an information table in the Student Union Building. The table also included a driving obstacle course.

Students drove a remote control car through the course two times: once without any distractions and then while fiddling with a cell phone, Forsyth said.

"We try to make them realize how their driving is affected," she said. "Then there are little surveys about, 'Do you do this when you drive? Do you honk at people when somebody cuts you off?' just to see what kind of a driver you are."

Although it only was a campuswide campaign, Forsyth said Eta Sigma Gamma hoped to open the campaign more to the community next year by visiting local high schools.

"The [Kirksville district] schools have the same spring break as we do," Forsyth said. "It'd be nice to raise awareness to them so they can try to practice safe driving when they're out on the road."

--Laurie Hahn

# Green Thumbs

## agriculture week draws attention to local roots

The week after spring break, Truman State University looked like a barn yard — literally. With people dressed in cow costumes, baby animals running around and a big tractor sitting out in front of Magruder Hall, National Agriculture Week let students know just who the caretakers were.

Junior Rachel Goldammer, Sigma Alpha alumni chairwoman and co-planner of Truman's Agriculture Week, said people seemed to take note.

"Monday in Magruder, there was an agriculture table with trivia, candy and information about the agriculture fraternity and sorority, Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha," Goldammer said. "A lot of people stopped by to get candy, if nothing else."

From informational booths to a live petting zoo, Goldammer helped plan several events to draw the crowds.

"The Career Center [set up] a table about careers in agriculture, internships and alumni information," Goldammer said.

Bad weather cancelled Wednesday's Goat Bingo and a barbeque with lamb brats on the Quad, but Thursday's petting zoo held strong when it relocated to Magruder.

Goldammer said the petting zoo was made up of baby animals such as lambs, piglets, puppies, snakes, turtles and rabbits.

All animals were supplied by either the Humane Society, the University Farm, students or faculty.

The zoo drew a diverse crowd.

"Teachers' kids, people from the community and students came to pet the animals," Goldammer said.

Glenn Wehner, Sigma Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho adviser, helped Goldammer and her co-planner, senior Steven Webb of Alpha Gamma Rho.

"We've tried to plan things that would be fun and educational at the same time — things that would draw attention to us," Wehner said.

Wehner explained that because most people do not think about their meals, they don't realize the importance of Agriculture Week.

"With the economy and spending power, we're not a hungry nation," Wehner said. "We don't think about agriculture as we used to."

Freshman Brenna Race feeds a young goat. Besides hosting a petting zoo, other activities for the week included a fun trivia table and an informational table for students interested in a career in agriculture. Photos by Katie Poland



Wehner hoped that Agriculture Week would draw people's attention back toward the production of their food and fiber.

"Most people are at least two generations removed from a family farm, so we've lost the cultural taproots where food comes from. ... It's in a can, it's frozen, and we go to Wal-Mart or Hy-Vee to get it," Wehner said.

Four women from the Capstone Agriculture Science 490-1 class designed a project called "Four Girls and a Goat" to learn how to manufacture different types of cheese. Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture, explained their project.

"[The women] used cow and goat milk to produce nine different varieties of cheese — some fresh and some aged," Seipel said.

The cheese the girls manufactured became an event for the University's Agriculture week. On Friday, "Four Girls and a Goat" gave students the opportunity to taste and order different kinds of cheese.

"Their cheese is really good," Seipel said. "They've gotten high marks from people who've tasted. [The booth] went well. It was something different. Most people don't get the chance to taste locally made cheese."

With several events and information about agriculture posted around campus, Goldammer said it was an important week to remind people that agriculture majors could do more than farm.

"I just think it's a good tradition we have here at Truman because not a lot of people see agriculture as a science, and if they find out you're an agriculture major, they automatically think you want to be a farmer," Goldammer said.

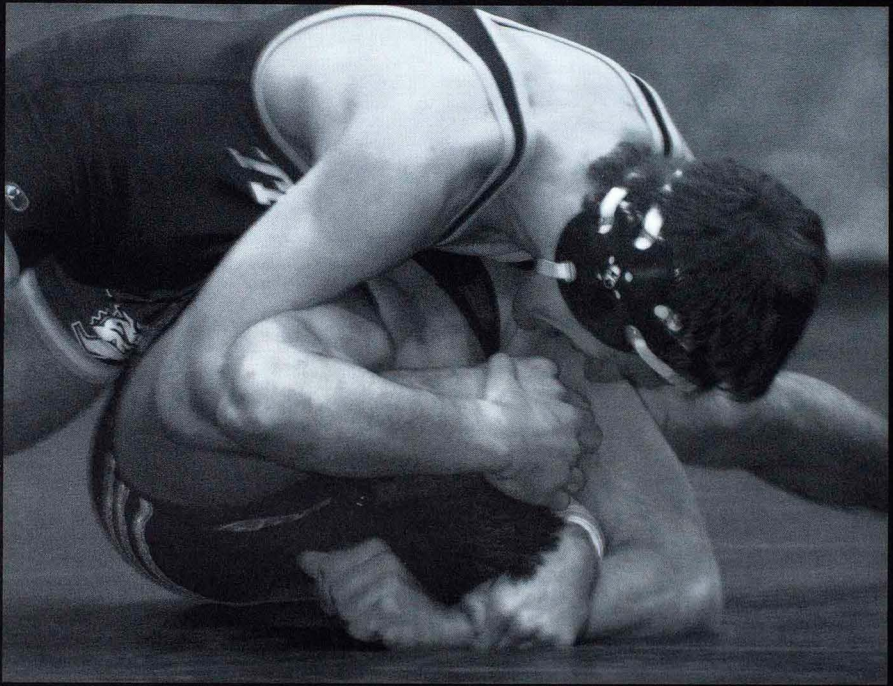
Wehner said he considered National Agriculture Week not only as a week to educate the masses but also a week to involve the community.

"It runs the same as any other celebration to reflect back on, like President's Day or Valentine's Day," Wehner said. "Agriculture Week was to think back on things we've lost touch with and draw us back to where we came from — because when you eat, you're involved."

*--Katie Monaghan*



Junior Rachel Goldammer feeds a pig. National Agriculture Week was intended to educate and inform the campus about agricultural issues.



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# Season of Emotion

A 14-hour road trip concluded the 2005 football season. After defeating Oklahoma Panhandle State University 49-17 to finish the season 2-9, the Bulldogs embarked on a long trip back to Kirksville.

"It felt good to score 49 points, but it was also really frustrating," center junior Mike Shelden said. "We came so close against so many other teams, and we were better than the year before. A lot of players said we should be returning home with an 8-3 or a 6-5 record, not 2-9. It was just a frustrating experience."

The season, which had started four months earlier in the August heat, seemed very promising. The squad returned multiple key players, including 10 offensive starters. After weeks of practice, the team opened the campaign against No. 16 Winona State University.

The Warriors had crushed the Bulldogs the previous two seasons, but the purple and white pulled off one of the biggest upsets in college football, winning 21-16.

"We had a month to prepare for the game," safety/kick returner senior Jason Douglas said. "We knew all their plays, and everyone from the water girls to the coaches thought we were going to the win."

Still, the team could not achieve more goals and continue its initial success, dropping its next nine games before winning the final contest of the campaign. The two wins equaled the total in head coach Shannon Currier's first year as Bulldog helmetsman. Currier said the team fell short of expectations.

"We expect to win all of our games every year," he said.

Quarterback sophomore Jonathan Duffy looks downfield for an open receiver. The team averaged 218.6 yards in passes during the 2005 season.

Photos by Katie Poland



Both of the wins came outside of conference play as the squad finished 0-8 in the MIAA – the first time in 40 years the 'Dogs finished winless in the conference.

After the Winona victory, the offense hit a rut as the Bulldogs averaged fewer than 11 points during their next four contests.

"I'm not going to call out any of my teammates," center junior Mike Shelden said. "We made some mental mistakes on the offensive line, and we had a lot of young players who were learning the system. Next year, they can step in and play right away."

Then tragedy struck the Bulldog program Sept. 27, 2005. As the squad began its week of preparation for Missouri Southern State University, former Truman head coach John Ware, who was coaching Missouri Southern at the time, suffered a heart attack and passed away.

The two teams still played the following Saturday, but the effects of Ware's death were evident on both sidelines. As memorials adorned the field and the helmet of every player, the Lions won an emotional game 41-17.

"A lot of guys were really heart-stricken," Douglas said. "We didn't really feel that football was even necessary when we heard the news."

Two weeks later, the squad nearly pulled off a huge upset on the road against Washburn University, the eventual MIAA Champions. The 1-6 Bulldogs stayed with the Ichabods for three quarters before falling 21-14.

After a 66-14 loss to Pittsburg State University the following weekend in the Homecoming game, the 'Dogs nearly rebounded against Southwest Baptist University but lost in the final seconds 38-36.

"We were extremely disappointed to lose to SBU," Douglas said. "We hadn't lost to them in my four years here. Finishing the season winless in the conference also added insult to injury."

The contest yielded one of the best performances by quarterback freshman Michael Long. Long, who took over at midseason, threw for 296 yards.

The next week, Long tossed for 319 yards in the win against Panhandle. Overall, the conference's youngest quarterback finished the year with 1,546 yards and nine touchdowns.

"He did a great job," Shelden said. "The MIAA is arguably the hardest Div. II football conference in the country, and it's really hard to learn the system and read the defense as a freshman. I could never imagine starting my freshman year."

Long and the rest of the offensive playmakers benefited from a veteran offensive line that placed three players on all-conference rosters.

Tackle junior Pat Murray finished on the second team while Shelden and tackle freshman Jon Frantz earned honorable mention honors.

"Murray is one of our best football players," Carrier said. "Scouts have been coming to watch him play. He could play at the next level."

Douglas also earned second team honors defensively.

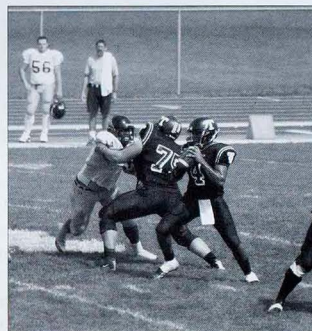
"This was my second year at safety," he said. "I was a lot stronger and faster and less hesitant on the field than I was the year before."

Four other players – defensive lineman junior Steven Holman, defensive lineman freshman Andy Swedenhjelm, linebacker junior Larry Giglio and defensive back junior Josh Mayson – earned honorable mention all-MIAA honors.

--Conor Nicholl



The Bulldogs offense lines up during a Sept. 24, 2005 game against Missouri Western State University. The team finished the season with a 2-9 record.



Offensive tackle junior Pat Murray holds off a Missouri Western player to give quarterback sophomore Jonathan Duffy a chance to pass the ball. Murray was the top offensive lineman for the University team in 2005.



The Bulldogs evade a tackle in order to better their field position. The University offense gained 178 yards during the game against Missouri Western State University.

# Focus on Unity

The Truman State University women's cross country team made it a point to focus intently on unity and improvement to achieve excellence throughout the 2005 season.

The Bulldogs began the season strong with a win at the Bradley Open at Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.) as six of seven runners finished in the top 10 at the event. It also marked the beginning of junior Jacquie Faust's impressive season. She finished second in the college division and ninth among all runners at the meet.

"Jacquie Faust had big improvements this year considering last year she was a sixth-place runner," head coach John Cochrane said.

Faust attributed her success to the previous spring semester when she studied abroad in Seville, Spain.

"My break abroad helped me," Faust said. "I trained and raced while there and fell in love with running again. It came through during summer, and I was ready to train and race in the fall."

At the Southern Stampede meet in Joplin, Mo., the Bulldogs finished sixth out of the 35 squads at the meet. The 'Dogs finished second overall at the Emporia State Invitational, falling just four points short of Emporia State University (Kan.).

These strong wins brought the players together to celebrate individual victories as well as the team's accomplishments. Freshman Danna Kelly said running at a collegiate level built team unity.

"I got to know the girls right away the first week before classes started, and I really enjoyed the team bonding," Kelly said. "These are the same girls you see at 5 a.m. [practice] twice a day. So on campus and hanging out, those are the girls I'm mostly with."

Faust said Kelly and the other freshmen runners were not afraid or intimidated to run with the older, more experienced girls. Captain senior Abbie Smith also noted the freshmen's contribution to the team.

"We had good freshmen this year who stepped up at the beginning," Smith said.

As the 'Dogs approached the MIAA Championship Conference and NCAA Division II South Central Regional, injuries and illnesses lingered among the players.

"That's how it always happens around the end of the season," Cochrane said.

The team came in third at the MIAA Championship in Abilene, Texas. The 'Dogs scored 89 points at the meet, placing behind Pittsburg State University (Kan.) and Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg), which was first with 40 points.

"We got third place in the conference, but we had hoped for second [place]," Cochrane said. "What we couldn't adjust to was the 90-degree Texas heat."

At the last race of the season the 'Dogs finished in sixth place at the NCAA Div. II Regional meet in Pittsburg, Kan. They finished third-best among the MIAA schools with 168 points, two points short of fifth place. Through the season's ups and downs, the bond this team shared helped it progress and grow as individuals and as a unified team.

--Renessa Foronda



Junior Jacquie Faust and freshman Danna Kelly run across a field. The team was named one of the All-Academic teams by US Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association after maintaining a 3.48 team grade point average. Photos submitted



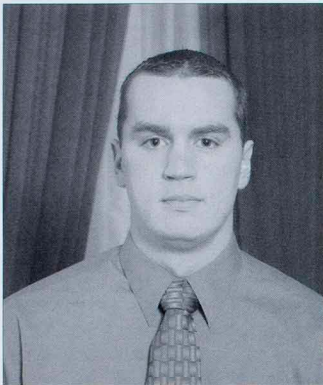
Kelly concentrates on maintaining her pace while running. At the NCAA Division II South Central Regional meet Kelly finished 20th.



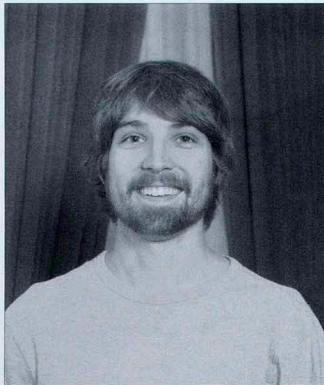
The men's cross country team prepares to run at the MIAA Conference meet hosted by Pittsburg State University. Senior Eli Kimek finished second at the meet.  
Photos submitted.



Juniors Erik Wittrock and Kurtis Werner ran at the Border Wars Invitational. The men's team led the MIAA schools with 69 points, giving them second place overall.



Senior Dan Zwilling



Senior Aaron Wells



Senior Trey Robinson

# Crossing the Finish

**S**weat, tears, blood, hills, endless practices, Saturday meets, sore muscles, stress fractures, worn-out shoes, teamwork and finish lines — cross-country runner senior Aaron Wells lived through all of this.

“I love cross country,” he said. “You get out and run on the grass. I think that’s what running should be.”

Difficulties filled the Truman State University men’s cross-country season in 2005. The team usually ran between 60 and 80 miles per week and this hard work paid off with excellent showings at several meets. However, the team fell short of qualifying for nationals. It also said goodbye to Ed Schneider, who had been the head coach since 1974.

The season consisted of seven meets and the NCAA championship. Early in the season the team was twelfth of 29 teams at the Nebraska Invitational. The following week at the Notre Dame Invitational, it scored twelfth out of 26 teams.

The beginning of October brought some much deserved success, with the team placing second out of 29 teams at the Border State Invitational. It had the best showing of the four MIAA schools at the meet, both as a team and individually. Sophomore Bryant England described the meet as his most memorable moment of the season.

“It felt like a lot of hard work paid off,” England said.

At the MIAA Championship in October, the team was fourth of six. When November came, the team placed fourth out of 15 teams in the South Central Regional Championship. This brought the season to an end with the team falling just short of the qualifications needed to compete in the NCAA Division II championship.

However, senior Eli Klimek qualified to compete in nationals as an individual. Nationals, held in Chino, Calif. brought together the best Div. II cross-country runners in the country. Klimek came in 66<sup>th</sup> place at nationals, an improvement from his sophomore year when he finished 115<sup>th</sup>.

“I tried as hard as I could,” Klimek said. “I know that this one event doesn’t determine the rest of my career.”

He credited Schneider with teaching him how to train.

“He trusted all of us to take part in our training,” Klimek said. “I worked well with that strategy because I like running by how I feel.”

England, along with his other team members and the University community, had similar feelings for Schneider.

“He was a great legacy and a great coach,” England said.

Schneider started running cross-country as a student at Truman in 1961 and served as the head coach for 31 seasons.

As Klimek and Wells said goodbye to their collegiate careers as cross-country runners, they both carried fond memories of their experiences. As for the returning runners, they readied themselves for another challenging and rewarding season.

--Katie Klein



**Left:** Defender sophomore Rachael Schmidt guards the ball against an opposing team member. The University had 11 members of the team, including Schmidt, named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, the most of any of the conference schools.  
Photos by Katie Poland



**Left:** Midfielder senior Maureen Bylina races to pass the ball before her opponent can strike. Bylina received her first MIAA Conference honorable mention during the 2005 season.

**Above:** Midfielder freshman Katie Buning begins to take the ball upfield while midfielder senior Lauren Cepicky looks on. Eleven of the 30 team members had freshman status.

# Great Expectations

For some, August might bring to mind images of poolside lounge chairs, tall glasses of lemonade, baseball games and barbecues. While most students basked in the rays of the hot summer sun, old and new members of the Truman State University women's soccer team worked hard for the upcoming season.

One of the new members of the team, freshman defender Kim Wolff, said the University caught her eye when she looked at different schools.

"I knew it was good academically, but I knew the [soccer] program was really good, too," Wolff said.

Members of the team devoted much time and energy to the practices, which began even before the school year did.

"We started two weeks before school started, and we would have two-a-days for those first two weeks," Wolff said. "After that we would have [practice] every day except Mondays. We usually had Mondays off because we would be playing on the weekends." Despite its busy practice schedule, the soccer team began the season more slowly than usual, with a few tough games early in the season.

"[One game] we lost 4 [to] nothing, and that was just like an awakening because in the past that just didn't happen," Wolff said. "Truman has always been one of the top teams. It was just hard watching the game slip away from one goal to two goals. But I think that through that we worked harder and knew what we had to do. We didn't want it to happen again."

The women's soccer team had quite the reputation to maintain in recent years. The team had claimed its seventh-consecutive MIAA championship in 2005. In addition, the team members had all maintained high grade point averages.

"Several people on the team ended up making the MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll," junior Lauren Davis said. "There are also [individual] awards for playing, too. We have all-conference and all-region, and we had several girls named to all-conference."

Team members did not anticipate breaking that tradition, either.

"We went into the season with really high expectations," senior Lauren Cepicky said. "We started off the season a little slow, and then we picked up momentum and were doing really well. We hit a few rough patches but ended the season on a really great note."

Exciting games throughout the season provided vivid memories for the team members.

"Our game at Washburn this year was memorable," Davis said. "We won it in double overtime, so that was exciting, and it was a big win for us."

Another win was the 5-0 victory against Missouri Western State College, one of the final games of the season.

"We pretty much knew going into that last weekend that we didn't have a chance of the season going any further in terms of post-season," Cepicky said. "We just did a really good job just making sure we went out with a bang."

Wins were not the only memorable moments that the women's team would take away from the soccer field in 2005.

"[My first year] was just really exciting," Wolff said. "I had just a really good time. The girls were really welcoming, and it just felt easy. It wasn't hard to get used to anyone."

However, playing soccer at the University proved tricky at times.

"It's difficult to balance sometimes," Davis said. "It's a lot of time to put in, and it does take time away from academics, but I think pretty much everyone is pretty good about bringing stuff with them on trips and making time for it because you have to — it gets away from you if you don't."

Cepicky summed up the team's sentiments regarding the 2005 season.

"Coming off of an undefeated regular season in the years past to this one was difficult," Cepicky said. "We could have easily folded early on and had a terrible record or given up, but we really did struggle through it and put our best foot forward in every single game."

--Erin Kolley, Organizations Editor



**Above:** Midfielder senior Geoff Brengle prepares to launch the ball down the field. The University missed advancing to NCAA Div. II quarterfinals because of penalty kicks.  
**Photos by Katie Poland**

**Right:** Defensive back junior Dan Gajewski heads the ball. A total of 2,093 people attended the University men's soccer games in the 2005 season.



# Coming and Going

All starting positions were up for grabs when the Truman State University men's soccer team returned from summer vacation with a new head coach, Duke Cochran, at the helm. The men knew this season would be different from previous years with former head coach Alf Bilbao.

"Coming into the season, we knew everyone had a shot at playing - everything was up in the air," freshman Chris Kirkweg said.

Although the two coaches used different coaching techniques, the team responded well to Cochran's dynamic style.

"They're both really great people, really great coaches," senior Jared Atwood said. "They're not a lot alike, but Cochran's really energetic."

Even with the head coaching change, the team had a strong base of 15 seniors - one of the largest senior classes that the University men's soccer team had ever seen.

While the team always aimed to do its best, the impending loss of members provided newfound motivation to have a strong season.

"It was more serious because a lot of people were graduating," Kirkweg said.

With three losses part of the way into the season, the team knew it needed to turn it around to guarantee itself a playoff berth.

"We couldn't lose a game if we wanted to get into the playoffs," Kirkweg said.

After a 1-0 loss against Northern Kentucky University midway through the season, the team came to an agreement.

"We decided we couldn't lose anymore if we wanted a berth," senior Geoff Brengle said.

From that point on, the University defense rose to the challenge to try to make it as far as possible into the NCAA playoffs.

"Our defense stepped it up," Brengle said. "They knew that the offense was there."

The only certain thing before the game against Rockhurst University toward the end of the season was that the team that emerged the champion of the game would be guaranteed a berth at the playoffs.

After achieving victory against Rockhurst, the team went to NCAA regional play-offs. The team made it to the sweet 16 but lost to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, finishing the season with a 17-3-2 record. Even though the team did not make it to the championship round, members still were pleased with their season accomplishment.

"I was really proud of the record," Brengle said.

Reflecting upon the season, the entire team felt it had accomplished its goal of having a successful season for the 15 graduating seniors, who had played together since enrolling at the University.

"We all came in together," Brengle said. "They're your first set of friends."

--Emily Gebhardt, Sports Editor



Midfielder senior Martin Clayes knees the ball. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America chose Clayes as a first-team All-American pick. Clayes is only the third first-team pick in school history.

# Bye Bye Birdie

Watching badminton birdies sail over nets put some people to sleep faster than counting sheep. Such images did nothing to promote a sport that claimed great popularity in other parts of the world. However, most American students were unwilling to disregard their visions of backyard badminton games in which the birdie touched the ground more often than the racquet.

Badminton did not have such a negative reputation in other countries. It proved its worldwide popularity during the 1992 Olympics when an estimated 1.1 billion viewers around the globe watched the eight-day inaugural badminton competition on television.

Still, intramural badminton was by no means a popular intramural sport at Truman State University. Freshman Thai Tran, however, said he sought to change that image.

Tran had played professional badminton in Vietnam for eight years before coming to the University. He was prepared to join the American badminton scene, explaining badminton was one of the determining factors in his choice to attend the University.

The intramural badminton courts might have offered Tran sufficient opportunity to practice his badminton game, but he said they hardly offered competition.

"Vietnamese people play badminton better than Americans," Tran said. "Badminton is very popular in Asia in general and Vietnam in particular."

Indeed, Asian countries dominated those first Olympic badminton games, and Tran did his best to do the same at the University. With very few people signing up to play badminton, Tran might not have improved his game, but he said he did not really have to worry about losing either.

"Badminton, like racquet sports in general, are much less popular than teams sports like basketball," said Karen Skoch, director of intramural recreational sports.

Skoch said the 11 men's open double, 14 men's open single, five women's open double and two women's open single badminton teams participated in intramurals. Numbers were down slightly from the 2004-05 season, but Skoch said she expected losses with badminton changing from a spring to a fall intramural sport for the 2005-06 intramural season.

Women's intramural badminton lacked a star like Tran, but the women's double champions had a unique ascent to the top.

Senior Molly Krans and junior Reeta Ale Magar chose to play badminton because they could play it as a team and because it was unique. They had played basketball previously and were ready for a change of pace.

"We wanted to play together [and] to exercise," Ale Magar said. "I learned [badminton] is not as easy as it looks."

But Krans and Ale Magar never got the chance to try out their badminton skills against other teams.

Their opponents forfeited every game by never showing up. Krans and Ale Magar waited around until forced to take victory by default. Then they would play against themselves or against the men's teams who took pity on them.

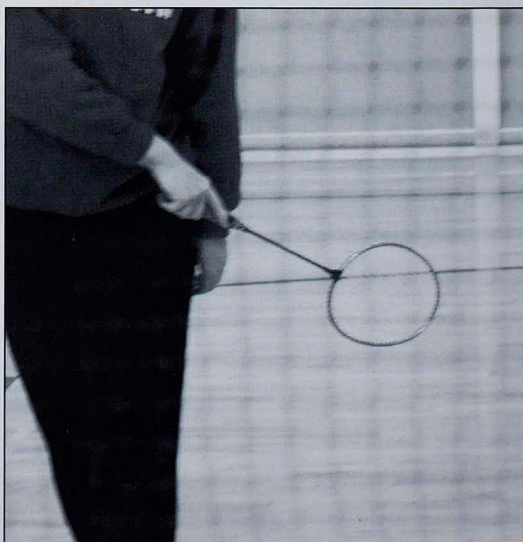
"We didn't play a single game, but we're still champions," Krans said.

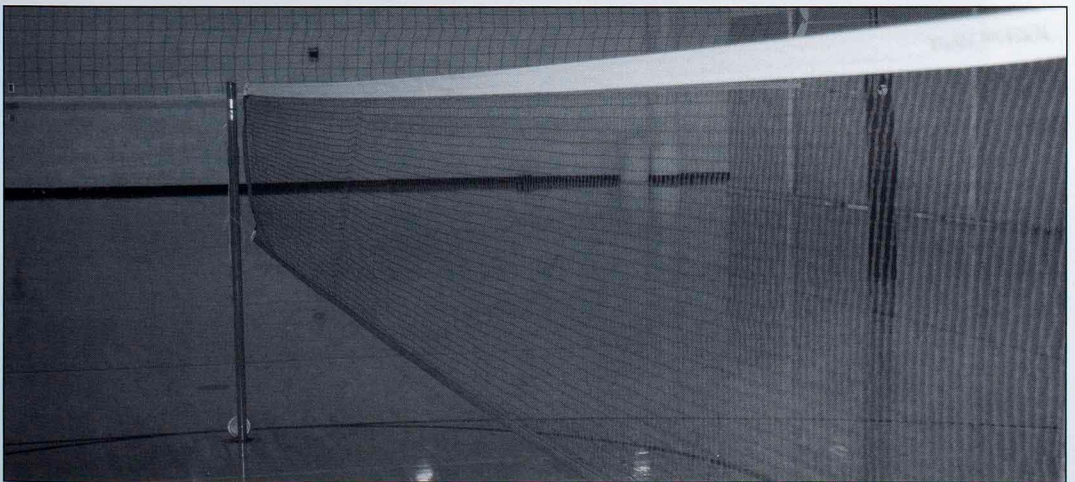
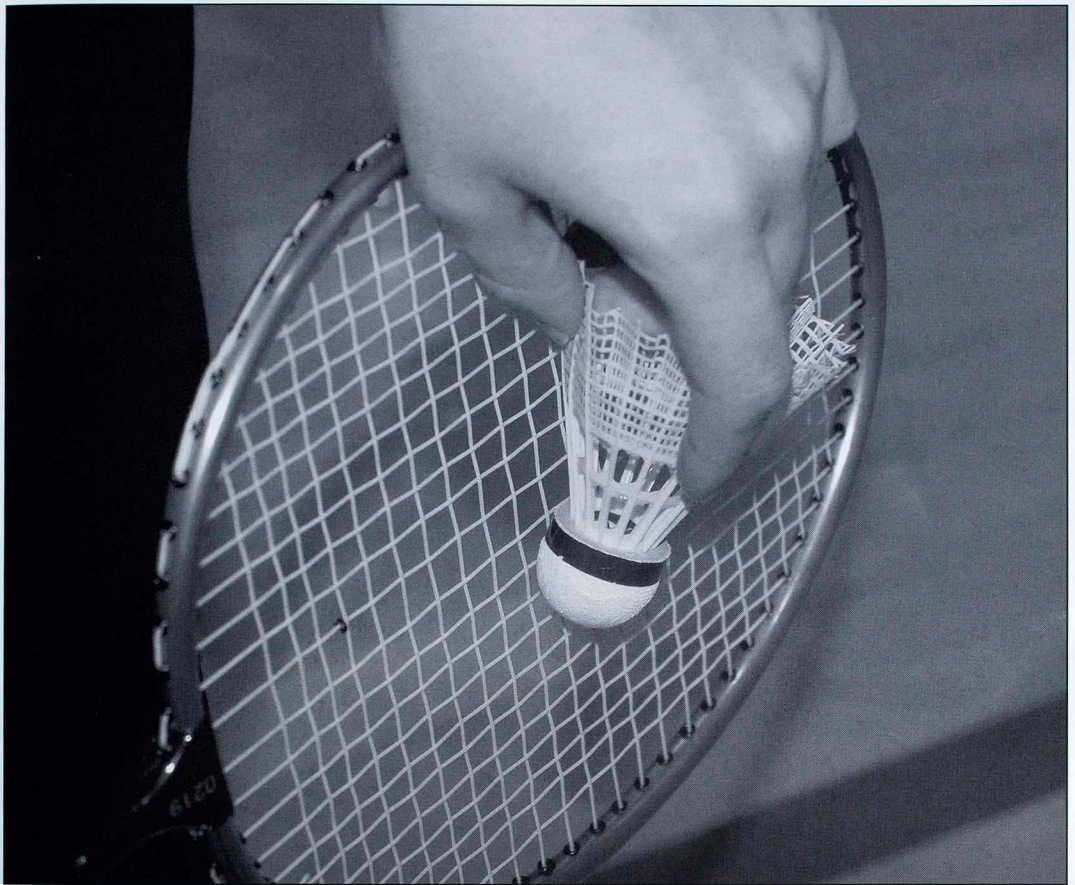
Krans said she figured out how to manipulate the system.

"If you really want to win an intramural championship T-shirt, go for a sport that no one else plays," Krans said.

--John Priest

Badminton is the world's fastest racket sport. The shuttlecock can leave the racket at a speed of almost 200 mph. The world's largest shuttlecock can be found at the Kansas City Museum. It is nearly 48 times larger than the real thing.  
Photos by Erin Hickman





# Building Up From The Bottom

**T**he Truman State University men's basketball team silenced critics who said it would finish last in the conference in the 2005-06 season.

This year we got picked to be last in the conference, and I think that's three years running," forward junior Andy Calmes said. "That always motivates us. This year we've won a lot of close games that we've lost in the past."

Coming off an 8-19 record in 2004-05, the Bulldogs rebounded successfully to post a 20-9 record.

Head coach Jack Schrader said it really came down to hard work paying off.

"I think the time, the effort and the work they've put into getting better the last two or three years [are reasons the team has been so successful]," Schrader said. "We build the program from the ground up. Guys come in here as freshmen, and if they work hard and strive to get better, they usually do."

Senior guard Matt Brock said experience in close games contributed to much of the Bulldogs' ability to win.

"We're all juniors and seniors for the most part, and we've been around the block," Brock said. "The main thing is we've found the way to win close games. We've always been in games and gone down to the wire and hit big shots at the right time and had defensive stops and rebounded at the right time."

In games decided by six points or fewer, the purple and white were 8-3. They began the season 13-2 and made a run for the conference championship only to fall short by two games.

Calmes, who averaged 13 points per game and slightly more than nine rebounds to lead the pack, said the 'Dogs' win in their first game of the new year really sent a message to the rest of the conference.

"After Christmas break ... we went down to Central [Missouri State University] when they were ranked 15<sup>th</sup> or whatever, and we knocked them off on their home floor," Calmes said. "We were down more than 10 at half and came back and beat them. That showed the conference that we weren't just a fluke."

The 'Dogs scored 49 points in the second half to win the game 77-69. In games like these, the purple and white did the little things right to win games in 2005-06. They shot more than 36 percent behind the arc and averaged 15 assists/game.

Schrader said the team's success proved beneficial on many levels.

"[Winning is] good, but it's most important for the players because then they can relate hard work, effort and teamwork to success for them, and that's not a bad formula to learn for life," Schrader said.

Brock said having a winning season was a great way to finish his college career.

"I really enjoyed being with my teammates and just spending the time with them," Brock said. "It was definitely a year to remember."

Schrader said if someone asked him in five years what he remembered from his 2005-06 team, he probably would not talk about basketball.

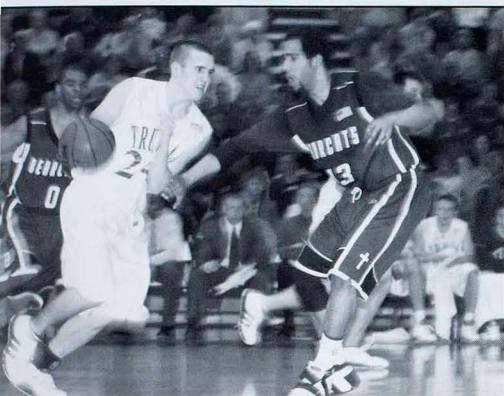
"I would say, 'Look at the players and what they're doing now,'" Schrader said. "A famous coach way before anyone's time named Amos Alonzo Stack was always asked, 'Was this year a success?' and he said, 'Ask me in 15 to 20 years, and see how the guys are doing.' Only if they learn whatever lessons they've learned to become successful and then carry them on to life ... that will make me happier than this [successful] season."

--John Weeks, Advertising Manager

**Opposite page:** Guard senior Chip Sodemann dribbles the ball down the court. Head coach Jack Schrader was named the NCAA Division II South Central Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Photos by Katie Poland

**Right:** Forward junior Andy Calmes shoots the ball over an opposing team member. Calmes was the team's high scorer in seven games.

**Below:** Guard junior Austin Kirby battles his way through Southwest Baptist University's defense. The University team made its first appearance since 1999 in the NCAA Division II Tournament.





Sophomore guard Carmen McGee concentrates before shooting a free throw. McGee managed 35 steals during the season.

Photos by Erin Hickman



Sophomore guard Katie Fowler passes the ball around an opponent. The average home attendance was 322 per game.

# A Winning Combination

For the first time in three years, the Truman State University women's basketball team advanced to the conference tournament. The team also recorded the most wins in four seasons.

The 2005 season started strong with four straight home wins. The team went into the first conference game with a 6-1 record. Conference play, however, did not begin as well.

"We started off so well in nonconference play," forward freshman Jennifer Franklin said. "Then we got into conference play, and I think we lost a couple of really close games, and that kind of ruined our momentum."

Despite a six-game losing streak in the midst of conference play, the Bulldogs made it to the playoff game to fight for the eighth and final seed in the MIAA tournament.

The Bulldogs pulled through in the playoff game against Southwest Baptist University, and the game came down to the final minutes. The Bulldogs had a one-point lead with a little more than one minute left on the clock. sophomore guard Candace McGee made a three-point shot, giving the 'Dogs some room. Junior Natalie Schupbach sealed the game with a goal, bringing the final score to 68-61.

The win advanced the team to the MIAA tournament where it faced the top-ranked team in the country: Washburn University. The Bulldogs fell to Washburn 63-36. Post players Franklin and freshman Georgia Mueller scored more than half the team's total points, each grabbing 10.

"I think some people weren't sure how we were going to play, but I think everyone's been pleasantly surprised how both of us have played," Franklin said.

Head coach John Sloop agreed, saying he felt the season went well despite the team's biggest weakness: inexperience.

"We lost a lot of seniors last year," Sloop said. "We had some new kids that didn't have much playing time last year, [but] they worked really hard throughout the year and showed up at every game with energy and enthusiasm."

McGee received an All-MIAA honorable mention. McGee was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.3 points per game. She also hit 74 three-pointers during the season and led the team in steals. In a game against Central Missouri State University, McGee scored five three-point shots, helping the 'Dogs break a team scoring record.

Sloop commented on how well the team worked together.

"There's a pretty good dynamic in terms of the number of kids we have this year," Sloop said. "I think they gelled together pretty quickly."

Franklin agreed the women made a good team.

"I think we have pretty good chemistry on the court, and we all get along off the court, so that's good too," Franklin said.

Overall, it was a successful season, because despite being a young team, the 'Dogs managed to make it to the conference tournament and break a record.

--Erin Hickman, Editor in Chief



Junior forward Natalie Schupbach evades the defense as she looks for assistance from other teammates. Schupbach was the leading rebounder in 16 games during the season.

# Rising to the Occasion

**T**he standard set by former coach Qi Wang was high but not unattainable for the Truman State University 2005-2006 volleyball team.

Under Wang, the last four teams enjoyed a combined 113-17 record, three straight 30-win seasons, three conference championships and two national runner-up finishes.

Fall 2005, Jason Skoch, a former assistant at Division I University of Mississippi, took over after Wang left for the University of Northern Michigan.

"I set a goal of 30 wins," Skoch said. "I thought that if we reached that number, we would get pretty far. I didn't know what to expect, though. At the beginning, I didn't think we could make it back to nationals. That changed as the season went along."

For the fourth time in five years, the volleyball team found itself at the national tournament at the end of the year.

It did not match the 2004 runner-up finish as it fell in the Elite Eight to eventual national runner-up University of Nebraska-Kearney. Still, the 'Dogs enjoyed a 32-6 record and finished the season ranked fourth in the country, the fifth-consecutive year they enjoyed a top-10 final ranking.

Outside hitter junior Sarah Shearman and outside hitter/setter junior Kelsey Wackerman each earned first team All-American honors – the first time in Bulldog history two players from the same sport earned first team recognition in the same season.

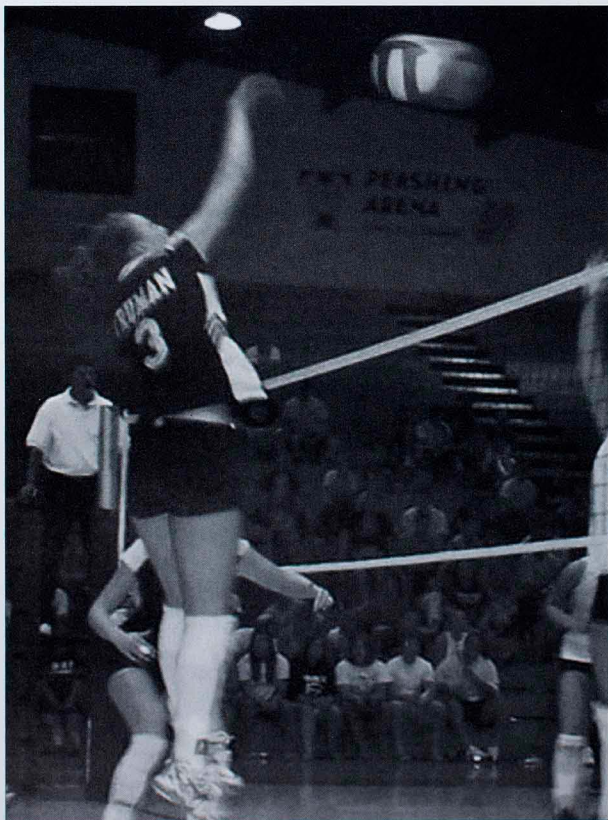
Wackerman, playing a multi-faceted role in a 6-2 offensive set, contributed 3.19 kills, 2.90 digs and 6.26 assists per game. She also earned MIAA Conference of the Year honors and collected a NCAA-best 14 triple-doubles.

"She had a pretty big load," defensive specialist freshman Whitney Boehler said. "Not a lot [of] people can do what she did."

Shearman, the 2003 National Freshman of the Year and 2004 second team All-American, was a consistent force throughout the campaign, averaging 3.84 kills and 4.0 digs per game.

"I didn't give Sarah enough credit," Skoch said. "She did a lot for this team. She hit, blocked, dug and hustled and was in on every play. She was the most consistent player we had."

Shearman and Wackerman delivered early and often, helping



Offensive hitter junior Kelsey Wackerman spikes the ball in a Sept. 14 game against Central Missouri State University. The Bulldogs went on to win the match 3-1.

Photo by April Swagman



The University prepares to bump the ball back to opposing team's side. The Bulldogs were ranked fourth in the final 2005 AVCA NCAA Division II coaches' poll, being listed in the top ten for the past five consecutive years.  
**Photo by Katie Poland**

the team win the preseason ultra-competitive Minnesota-Duluth Tournament. The 'Dogs' four opponents – including Wang's new team, the University of Northern Michigan — were all ranked in the top 11 in the country.

"We were trying to live up to expectations, and we're really nervous entering the season," Boehler said. "I was surprised by how well we played in the tournament. After that, we were a lot more relaxed and confident."

Shearman garnered the tournament MVP, and Walter earned all-tournament honors. Outside hitter freshman Eli Medina fashioned an impressive beginning to her Bulldog career, starting every contest and averaging more than three digs per game. "I really wasn't all that nervous," Medina said of her first matches. "The players were a little bit bigger than I was used to, and matches were longer, but I watched the teams play beforehand, and I thought, 'I can play with these guys.'"

Medina, along with the four other freshman members helped the team tremendously.

"We wouldn't have gotten as far as we did if it weren't for them," Skoch said.

Four wins later, the Bulldogs earned the No. 1 ranking in the country – the first time in University volleyball history. Skoch, though, kept his team focused on the result.

"We didn't have much of a chance to talk about it," Skoch said. "The season was nowhere near over."

The squad suffered its first loss of the season Sept. 10, but it ran its record to 20-1 before suffering three straight midseason conference losses.

"Our seniors got really involved," Medina said. "They sat us down in the locker room and said if we wanted to win, we needed to step it up right now. After the losses, we had really good practices and finally started playing up to our potential."

The squad started another hot streak, winning seven of its next eight matches to finish the regular season. Its first playoff match, the MIAA Conference Tournament semifinal, was against archrival Central Missouri State University.

The 'Dogs captured a 3-0 victory, helping to kick start a string of four straight victories that paved the way to the national tournament.

"The CMSU win was a big turning point," Medina said. "Everything clicked in that match."

The Bulldogs' Elite Eight match was against Kearney, the No. 1 team in the country and the host school for the national tournament. Before a then-Div. II volleyball record 4,412 fans, the purple and white put forth a sterling defensive effort but fell 3-1 to complete the season.

*--Conor Nicholl*

# Stroke for Stroke

The women's swim team was in for a surprise during the 2005-06 season.

Sophomore Molly Polette said the team did not learn who its coach was until August.

"We were very nervous about [it], and we weren't sure what to expect," Polette said.

Senior Whitney Jensen said having new coach Mark Gole was difficult at first.

"It took a while for us to get used to him and a little bit longer for him to get used to us," Jensen said, adding that he turned out to be a great coach.

Many fresh faces appeared on the scene. Not only did the team get a new coach, but also many of the team members were freshmen. The team had lost several seniors the previous season.

Three out of four freshmen qualified for Nationals.

"The freshmen in general, all of them, brought a lot [to the team]," Polette said.

Polette said Nationals was her most memorable meet. The team earned the University's sixth consecutive national title, and everyone who went to Nationals contributed to the win.

Jensen said she compared the meet at Nationals to the meet against Drury University (Springfield, Mo.). Although they lost at the meet at Drury, the Bulldogs beat Drury at Nationals.

"Showing them what we had to offer, it was an amazing feeling," Jensen said.

Overall the team showed great optimism during the season.

"Every single person stepped up," Polette said.

She added that Emily Pufall was one swimmer who showed outstanding improvement. Jensen also praised Emily Greenwood's success on the team.

"Just looking at her performances last year and this year, [she] contributed a lot to the team on relay, not just the individual events," Jensen said.

Polette said she personally gained a lot from swimming with the team.

"It was great to be a part of that team," she said.

Both Jensen and Polette thought the season went well.

"It's probably my most successful season over the four years, not just personally, but team-wise," said Jensen.

She also said the swim team would be interesting to watch in the future.

"I can see Truman swimming improve even more," she said.

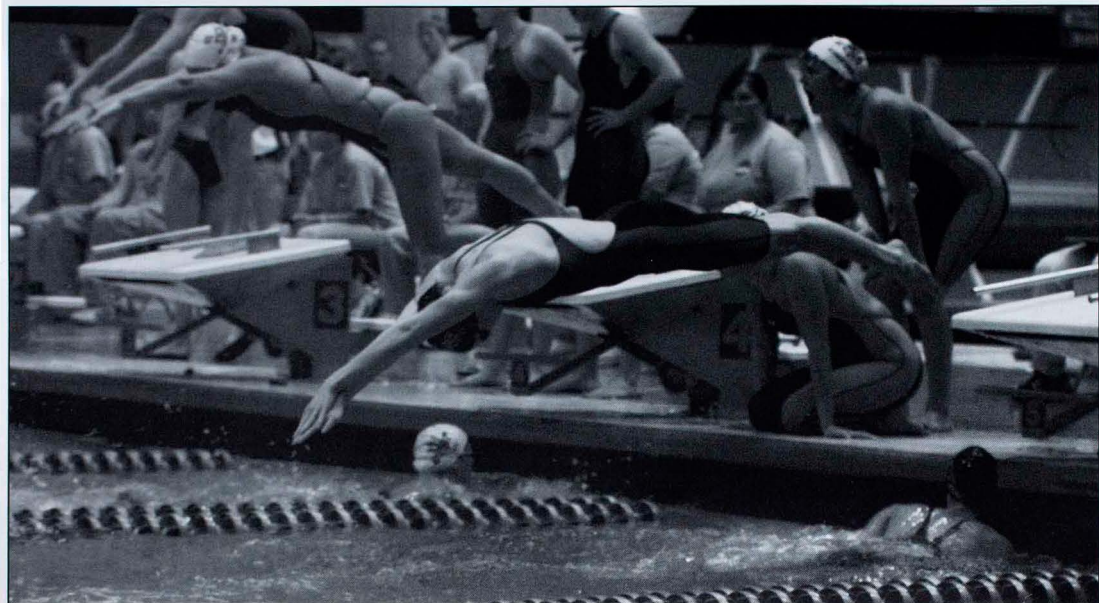
Whatever future meets would bring, the University's women's swim team demonstrated that it was up for the challenge.

--Sarah Carter, Assistant Organizations Editor



Senior Aimee Gregor watches the competition after completing a race. Gregor won three all-American awards at the NCAA National meet.

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Freshman Erika Anderson cools down after the 400 Medley Relay. Anderson qualified for the event with a time of 3:50.89.

Sophomore Molly Polette dives into the pool. Polette qualified for three events at the NCAA National meet.



Anderson competes in the breast stroke event. Anderson was one of three freshmen to be a part of the team that went to the NCAA national's meet.



# Picking Up Speed

**A** new coach, a rough start, motivating goals, broken records and in the end a strong finish. This characterized the 2005-06 season for the Truman State University men's swim team.

In early August, the University called then-Wayne State University (Mich.) assistant coach Mark Gole to interview for the position of head coach at Truman State University.

"I had known about Truman and was thrilled they had called me to interview," Gole said. "Before [the end of the] evening, getting back to Michigan, they were calling me up to make an offer, and I knew I would take it."

The team's adjustment to the new coach was difficult at first, and this was apparent in the Bulldogs' first meet at the University of Missouri Show-Me-Showdown in Columbia, Mo. The team finished sixth out of seven schools.

"We were used to speed training and not distance," said team captain senior Chris Brammer explaining the differences in practices.

Gole said he knew his first season would be a challenge not only to advance the progress of the team, but also to help it get acquainted with his coaching style.

"I focused training more on endurance rather than speed," Gole said. "The guys were physically up for the challenge, but mentally the workload seemed too much for them."

Brammer said practice underwent changes that helped the team in the end.

"The adjustment was difficult," Brammer said. "We had more distant-oriented training and really swam more yards than we were used to,"

The men's swim team hosted the first dual meets of the 2005-06 season against the University of Missouri-Rolla and Washington University (St. Louis). The Bulldogs defeated Wash. U. 138-124 but fell to UMR with a final tally of 175-86. At the next home meet, the 'Dogs lost to Missouri State University 57-38. However, the team members showed individual signs of improvement. Sophomore Tony Wolff swam a 49.03 to win the 100 free event, and team captain senior Josh Otis won the 200 free with a time of 1:45.

The 'Dogs performed well at the Notre Dame Invitational at South Bend, Ind., placing fifth among the Division I schools. Otis set a University record and qualified for nationals in the 200 individual medley, winning the event with a time of 1:52.65. This time was seven seconds faster than the previous University record in the event, set by Otis in March 2005. The new approach to training was beginning to have results.

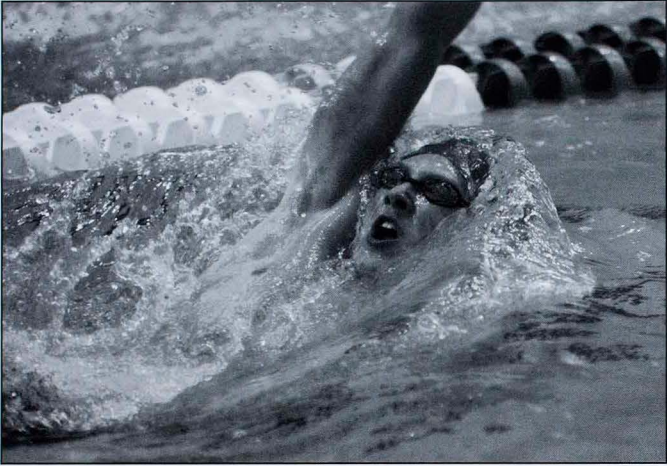
"A lot of the guys swam better than last year," sophomore Chris Pearson said. "[It] was change, and it worked out. We did well adjusting to his style. Our two captains were good leaders as well. They showed you what you need to do, and they kept you focused."

At the Div. II national championship at Indiana University (Indianapolis), sophomores Alex Totura and Ryan Ferrell earned five All-American awards at the meet. Another highlight from nationals was the sixth-place finish in the 400 free relay composed of Otis, Totura, Wolff and Ferrell.

Gole took over an extremely successful swimming program, which had seen five consecutive national championships for the women's team, and a top-10 finish at nationals from the men's team. While the team adjusted to the new leadership, Gole learned the team's characteristics. Both earned respect from each other.

"Swimming is an honest sport," Gole said. "If you don't work hard all season, you won't get the results you want. You work hard all season long doing 20 hours of training a week, not film reviews, but in-the-water training. The team GPA is high, and I'm impressed with how they manage. This is the strongest team I've ever coached."

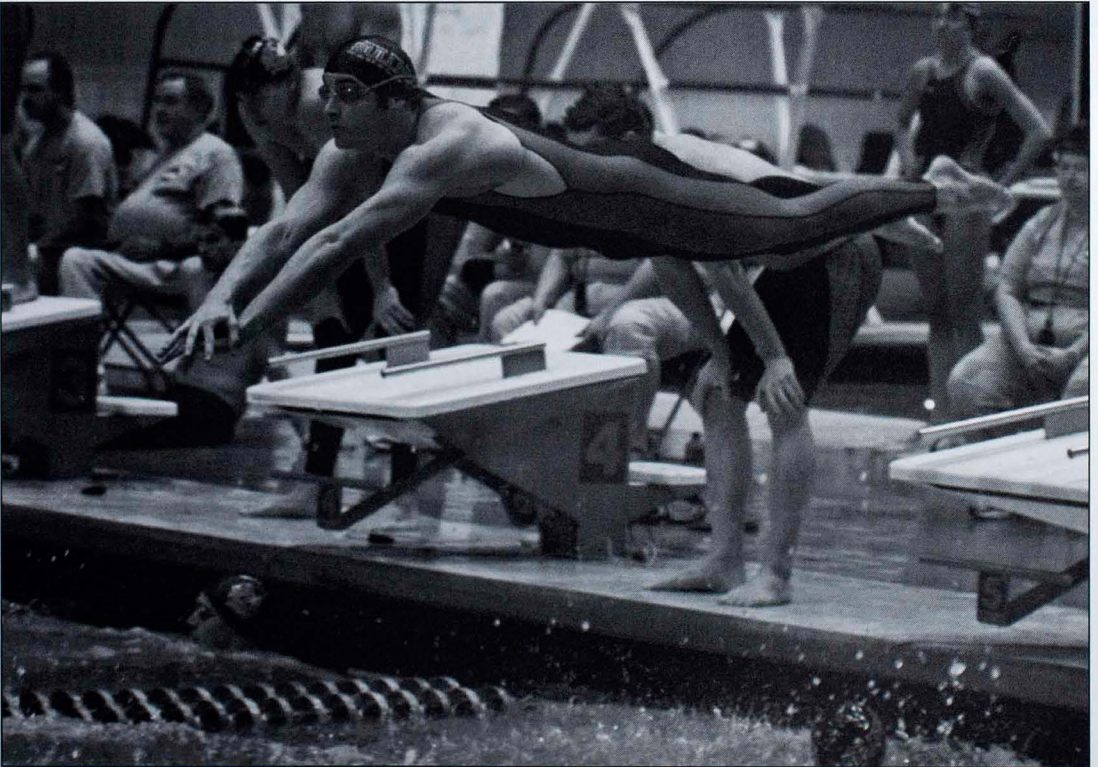
--*Renessa Foronda*



Junior Robert Fletcher backstrokes his way down the lane. Fletcher's record time in the 100-yard backstroke was 51.30 seconds.

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Sophomore Ryan Ferrell takes a leap off the blocks into the pool. Ferrell was a member of the 400-meter free relay team that came in sixth place at the NCAA Division II National's meet.





**Above:** Sigma Kappas dive to return the ball during a game against Alpha Sigma Alpha. Teams from Alpha Sigma Alpha emerged the champions in four different sports.

**Below:** Teams switch sides for their next match. With one event left in the year, Alpha Sigma Alpha led the women's standings with 521 points. Photos submitted.



# For the Fun of It

**W**ith only seconds left in the game, a player shot the basketball while the crowd held its breath. The ball swiveled around the rim and fell to the ground, and players heard both sighs of relief and disappointment among fans. A few minutes later, emotions died down with the realization that people enjoyed the intramural game — win or lose.

Intramurals began with the registration process in which individuals or organizations formed teams.

"It's really popular, especially with a lot of fraternities and organizations," said sophomore Nate Hoffman, a Student Recreation Center employee. "Not many people make their own teams."

Individuals who did want to play filled out a worksheet available at the rec center. Students listed the division, activity name and captain, and all members of the team had to sign a waiver.

Fraternities, sororities, religious groups and other organizations started the registration process with a different worksheet. They filled out the same requirements as independent teams in addition to a team name and one conflict day and time.

When both individuals and groups finished filling out the sheet, they dropped it into the Intramural Entry Box.

"Then it's sent to the office upstairs, and they get everything registered," Hoffman said.

Registration numbers differed depending on the sport. During the fall 2005 semester, the rec center offered 11 sports: sand volleyball, co-rec softball, softball, tennis, flag football, indoor soccer, table tennis, free throws, hot shots, badminton and three-on-three basketball. In the spring, it offered 10 sports: five-on-five basketball; co-rec basketball; punt, pass and kick; volleyball; co-rec volleyball; outdoor soccer; 3K run; racquetball; swim meets and bench press.

Although the rec center provided several intramurals, some received more attention than others.

"I would definitely say that most people who are coming to play intramurals come for basketball," Hoffman said.

The initial over-interest, followed by a lack of teams' dedication throughout the season, often posed a problem.

"A lot of times people will sign up for a team but won't show up, so a lot of forfeits happen, and that kind of makes people mad with the whole program," Hoffman said.

He also said problems with refereeing usually occurred between the teams at the top of the ladder, but usually not in the beginning of the season.

Sophomore Melanie Cole, a member of the social sorority Alpha Gamma Delta, agreed with Hoffman.

"A couple of times a few people got a little angry with their call," Cole said.

Although teams could not dictate the referees' calls, they practiced to perfect their game. However, Cole said AGD's teams often struggled to find available practice times.

"It's hard to find enough girls to play, and then when it comes to practices, to find a time when everyone can meet," Cole said.

Intramurals ran on a voluntary basis, making it easier for groups to find players with similar schedules.

"Basically we send around a sheet, and if you want to play, you sign up," Cole said. "If you're good, you can sign up for the A team, and we consider the A team to be the sporty girls. If you want to play for the heck of it, you sign up for the B team."

Having multiple teams allowed teams to separate members who played to win and those who only played for fun.

"Sometimes we are [competitive], sometimes not," Cole said. "It really just depends on who's playing. [AGD has] some girls who are very competitive, and we have some girls who just play for the heck of it."

Sophomore Jenna Dempsey, Alpha Sigma Gamma intramurals chairwoman, said she enjoyed the competitive nature of the games.

"That's the best part, though, to be competitive," she said. "It's fun. Afterwards you can say hi and stuff, but while you're on the court, it's different."

Despite the challenges that arose in the process of intramurals, Dempsey pointed out the overarching purpose.

"It's just like camaraderie," she said. "We get hyped up over it, and it's just a lot of fun."

--Tracy Knierim

# Changing Lanes

**W**ith a younger team, a new coach and a combined men's and women's team, the men's track team endured several changes during the season.

"This is the first time that [the track team] had been put together, the two genders," head coach John Cochrane said. "Basically, before they were as far apart as you could get."

Cochrane, the head coach for women's track for several years, also became the men's head coach for the 2005-06 season, which united the two teams for the first time.

Junior Adam Howell said the change of coach was good, and he definitely was not a step down. Both Cochrane and former head coach Ed Schneider succeeded as coaches.

"It was a transition," Howell said. "There at times I felt like a freshman all over again, not really knowing what was going on all the time. Coach Cochrane is a really good coach and knows what he is talking about."

Howell, who competed in the 4x100, 4x400 and open 400-meter relays, made three all-conference teams during the indoor season. "I was excited, especially the fact that it was relays is always good," Howell said. "I enjoy the relays as much if not more in the open events because you do get to share [it] with your teammates."

Howell said one of his highlights of the season included making it to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Our 4x4s and our relays are really starting to improve, which is a good sign, especially with being a young team," he said.

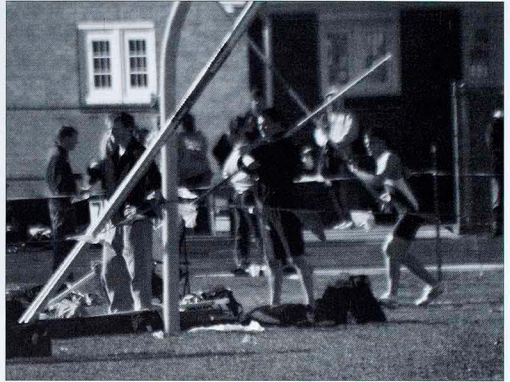
Other highlights for the Bulldogs included sophomore Sean Bergstedt's breaking the University's 44-year-old record in the 400-meter hurdles by a hundredth of a second at the Northwest Missouri Centennial Open.





**Left:** Junior Adam Howell manages to pull ahead of two competitors. Howell finished second in the 400-meters at the Truman Open.

**Below:** Freshman Jeremy Heiligwig prepares for the pole vault. Heiligwig's personal best was set at 3.90 meters at the Mule Relays.



"It was something that we wanted him to do," Cochrane said. "It was an old, old record. We have some old, old records that never will be broken, but that was one that we felt he could break because he wasn't that far off last year."

Bergstedt competed in the 400 hurdles, 4x400, 4x100 and the occasional 110-meter hurdles during the 2005-06 season.

"I ran it really well, and good things happened," said Bergstedt, who recovered from a hamstring injury after the indoor season.

Bergstedt also earned a NCAA automatic mark at the Dewey Allgood Invitational in Rolla, Mo., in the 400-meter hurdles, which qualified him for nationals.

At Conference during the indoor season, Bergstedt placed third in the 4x100-meter relay, fourth in the 16-meter hurdles and third in the 400-meter open.

"This year with Coach Cochrane coaching me, he's been really helpful, and I've dropped time on all of my events since he's been coaching me, but I can't really say much because I only got one year with Coach Schneider," Bergstedt said.

Both Howell and Bergstedt won an individual event and two relay titles at the Graceland Yellowjacket Classic at Graceland, Mo. The 'Dogs won six titles at the meet and finished second overall.

At the Truman Open, Howell placed first in the 400-meter race as did freshman Matt Olson in the 400-meter hurdles and senior Trey Robinson in the 5,000-meter race. At the beginning of the 1,500-meter race, the men's team honored Schneider, who retired in December, by naming the race after Schneider. Schneider holds the school's record for the 1,500 meter.

During a season for honoring old memories and making new ones, the men's track team celebrated success.

--Jenna Keenan

**Opposite:** Runners take off as the starting gun is fired. Sophomore Sean Bergstedt was named a MIAA athlete of the week during the 2006 season. Photos by Katie Poland



Freshman Nicole Moore concentrates on overcoming the next hurdle. The two hurdlers on the team were both freshmen in the 2005-2006 season. Photos by Katie Poland



Freshman Ashley Peters sprints to the finish line in the 100 meter dash. Peters was one of eleven freshmen on the team.

# Staying in Stride

**W**ith a young team and small numbers, the women's track team faced challenges, but nothing it could not handle. "I think we have a lot of talent," sophomore Christen Lauer said. "We just need some maturing yet, because we're so small. It's been hard, though, as a team to try to get points when we don't have very many people."

Lauer, a triple jumper and sprinter, made personal achievements throughout the season. At the Graceland University (Iowa) meet, she broke her personal record from high school. She also was able to attend all the meets, unlike the previous year when she sustained ankle injuries.

This season brought on a new dimension. By combining the women's and men's track, Lauer said it made for an enjoyable season.

"This season has been really fun when we combined teams this year with the men's and women's track," Lauer said. "It helped build team friendships and team camaraderie the whole time."

Head coach John Cochrane said the composition of the team was different from other years.

"Probably for the first time in a long time, we haven't had somebody who has been very dominant and very competitive on the national level," Cochrane said. "We usually have more than just one."

The women's team was short on sprinters. Cochrane said that during the past 10 years, the team had very decent sprinters, but that was no longer the case. However, Cochrane did point out junior Bridgette Carpenter, who was an MIAA athlete of the week.

"Bridgette has made provisional qualifying marks in both indoor and outdoor," Cochrane said.

Carpenter competed in shot put and discus hammer in outdoor events and shot put and weight in indoor. At the Truman Open, Carpenter made the list. She explained that if you throw so far, you get on the list. From the list, the top 16 compete in nationals.

"I'm on the list, but I have some work to do — a little farther to make it," Carpenter said. "It's an honor to be on the list in my opinion because it says you're the top in Division II."

Carpenter also received many first-place finishes at the majority of her meets.

"It's been a good season, and for the most part, I'm pretty happy with it, and I just hope I can keep throwing better each week," she said.

Carpenter summed up the team's mentality for the season.

"Every week is a challenge really," Carpenter said. "Every week you want to beat the conference schools when we go to the same meet. Even if you don't win, you still want to beat those girls that are in conference to show them what's up."

*--Jenna Keenan*



Junior Sarah Dacy lengthens her stride in order to catch up to the opposition. Dacy placed 15th out of 35 runners in the 200 meter dash at the Open.

# Getting a Grip

The Truman State University's wrestling team had a catch phrase they used all season as their motivator. When these Bulldogs asked, "Who's better than us?" they shouted, "Nobody!"

The Bulldogs won their first home dual against Central College (Iowa) 40-12. The wins became regular as the season progressed with the help of the team captains, seniors Allen Stokes, Gregg Nurrenbern, and Dustin Teeman.

"The captains were great leaders," freshman Blake Peterson said. "Gregg was the one who led by example, and Stokes always had motivating words."

Coach David Schutter credited the leadership as well.

"There was good leadership with the upper-class of Gregg, Teeman, Stokes and Cox," Schutter said. "Whenever you have returning All-Americans, it helps out the team."

The highlight of the 'Dogs' season was their two tournament wins. At the Simpson College Invitational in Iowa, the 'Dogs finished in first place against 30 teams. Nurrenbern, Peterson and sophomore Matt Craig had individual wins. The Wheaton Invitational in Illinois was the second tournament win against 15 teams. Peterson and junior Adam Vogt and both won individual titles as well.

The 'Dogs were pressured not only to succeed and win but also to prove their sport was worthy to remain a part of the University's athletics program.

"This year brought changes to light at Truman State athletics," Schutter said. "People have seen wrestling as a strong program this season, and we solidified the change. One thing people don't realize about the wrestling program here is that we don't have a wrestling room. We're a top-20 program, and we have no room."

The team used the added pressure to prepare and push itself to do better.

"We don't let the pressures get to us," Stokes said. "Coach [Schutter] does a good job using it to motivate the team."

Wrestling was often on the chopping block as one of the next programs to be cut, yet each year the 'Dogs proved why the sport should stay. The 'Dogs consistently made progress each season by sending at least one player to nationals, and 2005-06 was no letdown as four team members were sent to represent the University.

"Nationals was surreal," Stokes said. "I wasn't nervous because I had reached the point where I was ready. I was in the moment. I gave 110 percent and had no regrets."

This was the first time to nationals for both Stokes and Peterson, yet their approaches to the pressure came differently.

"Nationals didn't go as good as I had hoped," Peterson said. "I was nervous, but it was my first time competing. We had two All-Americans this season, and we know we can do better. That says a lot."

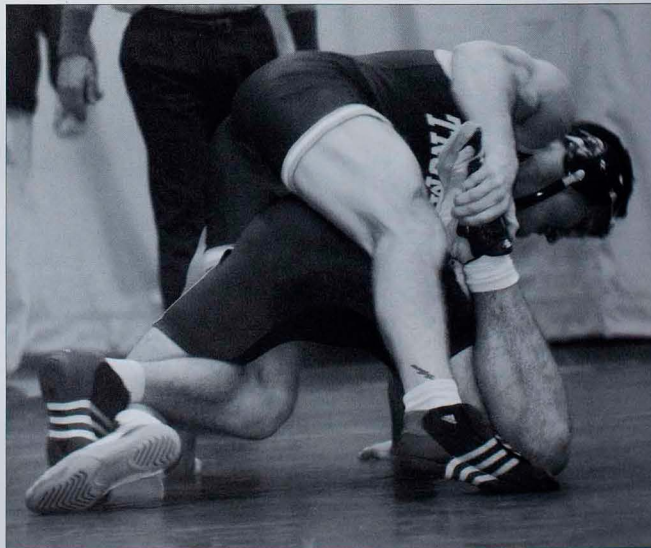
Schutter said he was satisfied with the season, yet looked forward to the team's progression.

"In my 16 years [of coaching] this has been one of the best [seasons] we've put together," Schutter said. "We were a strong duals and tournament team. We were consistent through the season, a strong start and end. We did best at regional than ever before."

--*Renessa Foronda*

Senior Gregg Nurrenbern attempts to pin his opponent. Nurrenbern was one of two named to the first team of the Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

Photo by Erin Hickman





**Above:** Senior Allen Stokes and opposing team member lock heads. Stokes faced uncertainty in gaining a berth at the NCAA Division II National meet before breaking his losing streak.

**Photo by** Evangeline McMullen



**Left:** Senior Dustin Teeman attacks his opponent from behind. Teeman had a strong finish at the NCAA Division II Championship placing 5th.

**Photo by** Erin Hickman

# Following Through

Golf was not just an old man's sport anymore. The men and women of Truman State University's golf teams proved that they could swing it with the best during the 2005-06 season.

The women's golf team took first at the Bulldog Classic for the first time since the tournament's inception nine years earlier. Freshman Julie Williams placed first in the tournament, shooting three over par.

The team's win at the tournament surprised women's coach Sam Lesseig.

"It's not that I didn't think they could do it, but we hadn't done it [before]," Lesseig said. "It's one of those things you have to get over that hump of knowing, 'Alright, yeah we can.'"

Senior Katie Martinek said winning the tournament was the highlight of the year. Her most memorable moment also came from that tournament.

"I think my very last hole for the Bulldog Classic and having my birdie putt just barely lip out ... was memorable," Martinek said. "It was a good way to finish my college career with an almost birdie."

The team came out of the fall season with second-place finishes in three of its seven tournaments. The spring season started off well with the win at home. In the last tournament of the year, the women placed seventh out of 10 teams.

When the team was not playing on its home turf, it had extra preparations to go through. To get a feel for a new course, the team traveled there early to play a practice round. Lesseig said that it was hard to prepare the team for those new courses. He tried to make members more aware of potential problems and how to avoid them.

"You're trying to get them to think their way around the course," Lesseig said.

There was more to golf than just getting the perfect swing. Kevin White, men's co-coach, said golf was a mental sport. White said mental weaknesses were the men's team's biggest fault.

"[It is] just making good decisions on the golf course and not beating themselves up mentally is the whole key to the game," White said.

The men's golf program was revamped with the addition of a new co-coach. White helped the team the previous year after they lost their head coach. For the 2005-06 season, it hired Jim Berrey to help the team with technical aspects of the game.

"He's more of the nuts and bolts person as far as who the guys can go to for swings," White said. "He gives them practice drills and stuff like that, so he really works with them."

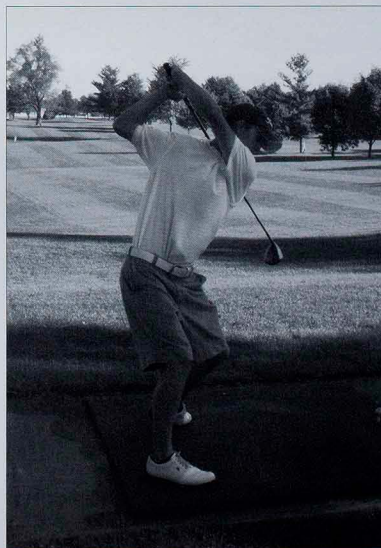
Senior Kyle Kahlenberg said it was good to have Berrey as a co-coach.

"He's more of the golf guy," Kahlenberg said. "It's nice having two different views on things."

The men's team qualified for the final spot in the NCAA Division II Regional tournament in Lockport, Ill. Despite two hole-in-ones by Truman, the team fell to last place on the third day of the tournament.

Junior Jesse Helms was named All-Conference. Helms was just one of two players not from the top three schools in the conference to receive the honor.

--Erin Hickman, Editor in Chief



Junior Tyler Phillips prepares for a practice drive. Phillips shot a hole-in-one at the NCAA Division II regional tournament.  
Photo by Katie Poland



**Above:** Golf balls are often lost in the woods or water hazards. A ready supply of golf balls was necessary for practicing.  
**Photo by Katie Poland**

Sophomore Jenn Sternecker attempts to hit the ball across the water hazard. Sternecker averaged 100 strokes per tournament.  
**Photo by Erin Hickman**

# Going National

The 2006 tennis season brought something that had not occurred for quite some time – a trip to the MIAA Division II national tournament for both the men and women’s teams.

“We’ve been [to the national tournament] the past three years,” said junior Ryan Cope of the men’s team. “It’s always pretty exciting.”

The men’s team filled the tournament’s fifth spot and played fourth seed St. Cloud State (Minnesota) on May 4, 2006 in Kearney, Nebraska.

In the two prior consecutive years at the tournament, the men’s team had not made it past the first round, but hopes were a little higher in 2006, Cope said.

The men, who went 14-7 overall and 2-5 in conference, lost three seniors at the end of the year: No. 1 spot Tyler Wood, No. 2 spot Brad Martin, and No. 4 spot Sean Cooper.

The men’s team voted Wood 2006’s Most Valuable Player.

Cope occupied the No. 3 spot, with freshman Devin Williams and sophomore Cody Pusateri rounding out the top six spots.

The No. 2 doubles team of Martin and Cooper received the second-team all conference honor. Martin, Williams and freshman Mark Marifian were singles all-conference honorable mention picks.

“We’ve got a great group of guys,” Cope said. “It’s just been fun to be around them and cheer them on.”

In his 40th year of coaching, head coach Pete Kendall said his favorite part of coaching the team was the interaction he had with the players.

“We are with one another all the time,” Kendall said. “We need to have good relationships.”

With the women only losing one senior, Kristine Grajo, Kendall said he had high hopes for the future of the women’s team.

“[No. 3] Freshman Lindsay Blair was voted MIAA Co-Freshman of the Year and the North-Central Region Rookie of the Year,” Kendall said. “The women’s team also voted her MVP.”

Blair went 19-2 overall, with a perfect 5-0 conference record.

“Those are great statistics for such a young person,” Kendall said.

Finishing the remaining five spots were No. 1 spot sophomore Jennifer Salmon, No. 2 spot freshman Courtney Walther, No. 4 spot sophomore Whitney Hamilton, No. 5 spot Grajo, and No. 6 spot switching between juniors Hannah Wittmer and Jessie Krause.

The No. 1 doubles team of Salmon and Hamilton were named to the honorable mention all-MIAA team.

With a 14-7 overall record and a 2-6 conference record, the women were not too discouraged, Hamilton said.

“We’ve had a lot of big wins this year,” Hamilton said. “We’ve done fairly well.”

Camaraderie is what Salmon believed kept the team going through the season.

“These girls are awesome. They are my best friends,” Salmon said. “We’re together so much that you have to be, really, or else it won’t work.”

There were many advantages to having a young women’s team, Salmon said.

“The traveling schedule is intense,” Salmon said. “We are gone almost every weekend and a lot during the week as well. The younger girls tend to be more focused because they are all still in the competitive mode that sometimes goes away after going through a couple of years in college and having priorities change.”

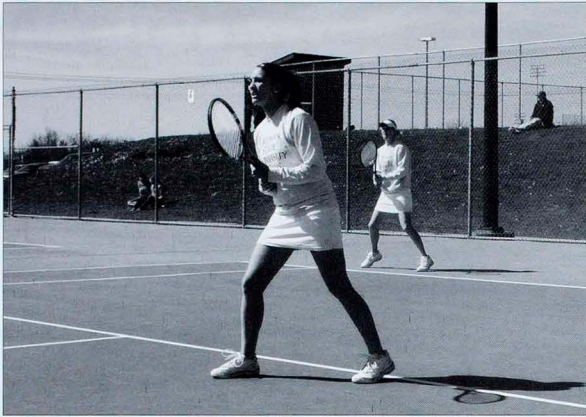
The women’s team entered the NCAA national tournament as the eighth and final seed of the region, and played first seed, and rival, Northwest Missouri State on May 4, 2006 in Maryville, Missouri. The women’s team ended their season with a 0-5 loss to Northwest.

--Alyson Watkins



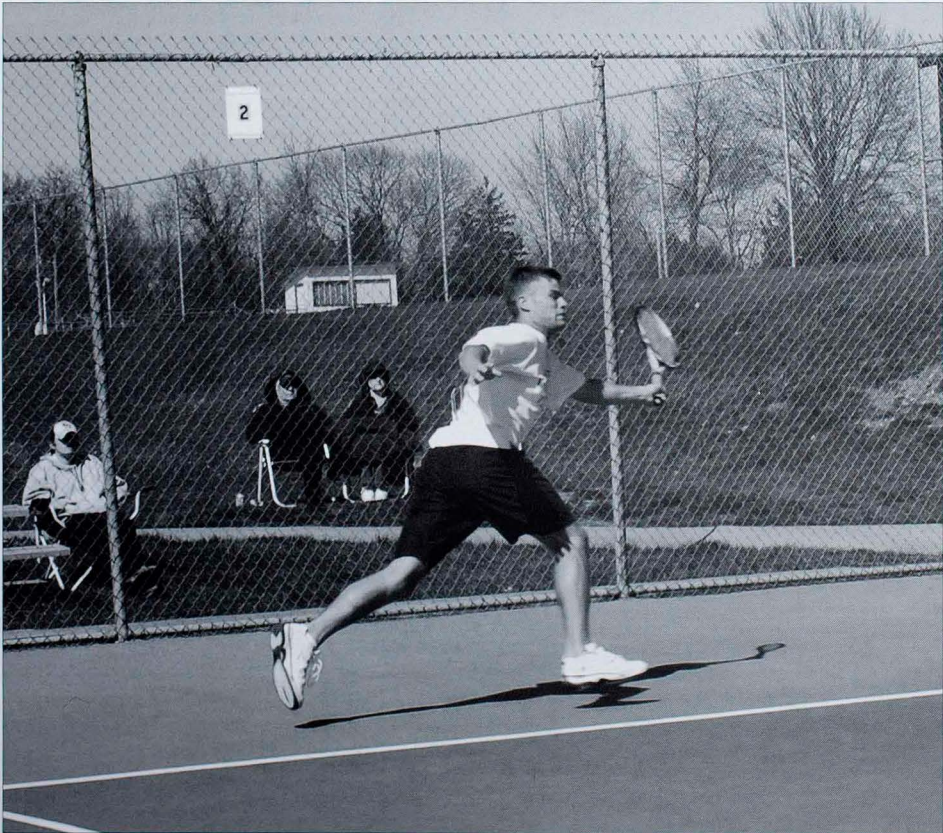
Sophomore Hannah Wittmer plays close to the net while her partner senior Kristine Grajo takes the back. Grajo helped the team break a losing streak late in the spring season.

Photos by Alana Webster



Freshman Courtney Walther carefully eyes the opposition. Walther and partner freshman Lindsay Blair were ranked 10th in the region at the end of the fall season.

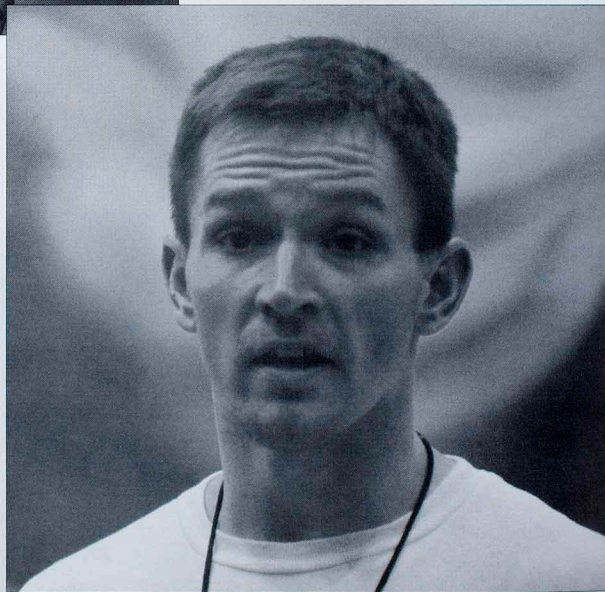
Junior Ryan Cope reaches to return the ball. In the final home game of the season, Cope and partner senior Tyler Wood were the only doubles team to pull ahead of the opposing team.





**Left:** Head men's and women's swimming coach Mark Gole consults with a teammate at the NCAA Division II National's meet. Gole helped the women's team achieve a phenomenal sixth consecutive championship title.  
**Photos submitted**

**Right:** Head volleyball coach Jason Skoch watches his team from the sidelines. Skoch was the eighth head coach in University history.



# Welcome to the Family

**V**ictories. Undefeated. National championships. The pressure was on when new coaches joined Truman State University's athletic family.

Both volleyball and swimming acquired new head and assistant coaches in the 2005-06 season. With both teams' successful history, students and faculty wondered if these new coaches would live up to the teams' reputations.

Volleyball head coach Jason Skoch was up for the challenge. Skoch admitted he did feel pressure, but not from the administrative side.

"Ninety-nine percent of the pressure was myself," he said. "Me and the swimming coach talked about this. We wouldn't have taken the jobs if we didn't think we could do it. We like it. We want to succeed."

Skoch took the challenge after leaving his assistant volleyball coach position at Mississippi State University. Skoch said he liked Truman State University because of easier recruitment with great academic reputation, and for volleyball, it was the best conference and top region in the country.

When Skoch came to the University, he altered what the team was used to, changing the offense and allowing more individual variations as far as technique.

"On certain things I was very patient because I realized, since we did not have a spring together, I had to allow certain things to keep going ... for the team to gel [and] to play good ball," Skoch said. "So I had to pick and choose what I thought was really most important ... to change immediately."

While implementing new techniques, the team lost three consecutive games during the middle of the season. Losses were not familiar to the volleyball players.

"When the players started complaining, I just pointed the finger back at them and said, 'Well you guys chose to practice like this. You guys chose to take the easier route, so don't be surprised when we struggle,'" he said.

Not only did the volleyball team have to get used to the new head coach and a few losses, but also a new assistant coach, Ben Briney, whose demeanor was completely opposite of Skoch.

"[Briney's] very laid-back, and I'm very intense," Skoch said. "It's like fire and water."

Briney left St. Andrews Presbyterian College (N.C.) to coach the Bulldogs. Briney wanted the University job for the volleyball program's reputation and its proximity to his hometown of St. Louis.

Just like Skoch, Briney said he felt more pressure from himself than the administration.

"Obviously you don't want to be with the coaching staff that [makes the team] deteriorate, but I think that most of the pressure at least for me was on myself," Briney said. "It wasn't necessarily from outside because I am so driven, and to be at a place like this, to where you have the opportunity to play for national championships every year."

The new swimming head coach, Mark Gole, also placed pressure on himself when he came to the University after leaving his assistant coaching position at Wayne State University (Mich.).

However, Gole proved himself to the University and to himself when the swim team won its sixth consecutive national championship.

Gole coached very intense practices where the teams swam hard for two hours straight. Gole said he was surprised that such a successful team had not been practicing that intensely.

"It was rough in the beginning because I guess I didn't realize I was ... changing drastically how they trained before," Gole said. "There were a lot of people who were unsure of things, but based on how they swam this year, everyone will be on the same page next year, and it will be easier next year."

The success both teams endured with their new coaches showed that their long-term success would continue to flourish.

--Jenna Kevan

# Keep Swinging

In the middle of the season, the men's baseball team just could not seem to pull itself out of a drought. However, at the end of the season, the team saw some light.

"[After spring break] we went on a bit of a losing streak partially due to the fact that we were playing some of the best teams in the country," senior Greg Mundy said. "We played hard, and we stayed with it."

Mundy, the team's relief pitcher, said he was proud of the way the senior class stuck with it and helped develop the relatively large freshman class.

"I feel like everyone from freshman to senior has been beneficial for the team and [has] produced for the team, which is definitely a plus," he said.

Mundy pointed particularly to freshmen Neil Bleish and Derek Maropis, who came through with a lot of clutch hits, as well as senior Josh Rubin.

"[Rubin] is a quality senior that has put in four years of great work," Mundy said. "[He was our] No. 1 pitcher and one of our best hitters on the team."

The team started on a high note when it beat University of Missouri-Rolla 10-0 on Feb. 25.

"It was our first shutout our program has had in a long time," Mundy said. "[It was] a good statement and confidence builder."

The team's first conference win against Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph) on March 10 helped propel the team into midterms break, he said. After break, however, the team experienced a 20-game losing streak.

"All of those games were relatively close," Mundy said. "[We couldn't get] that one run or that one out we needed to lock up the victory, and we ended up losing. That's tough for a lot of guys to take."

Mundy said that in his two years of playing for the University, he developed a great connection with many players.

"When you compete with a bunch of people so long, you develop a certain bond that is hard to find anywhere else," he said.

Senior Sean Zaborowski, first baseman and pitcher, also said he would miss being in a team setting.

"I think [I'll miss] being around the team and being around teammates and going on road trips and having fun," he said.

Zaborowski said it was tough that the team could not have won more games in the middle of the year.

"Our team was a lot better than what our record indicated," he said. "We lost a lot of close games."

Head coach Larry Scully said Zaborowski was a leader not only in his play on the field, but also as a leader in developing the younger players.

"Rubin, Mundy and [senior] Adam Davis have all stepped up to the plate in one way or the other to add to the progress over the year," he said.

As the season went on, the team progressed, but it had a lot of growing pains, Scully said.

"The biggest struggle the baseball has had in its 23-odd years of existence is just depth," he said.

Throughout the season the younger players adjusted to playing at college-level speed and angle, Scully said. Progress paved the way for a bright future.

"Bleish has a lot of potential and could be an all-conference player someday," he said.

Individual and team efforts would pay off. In one of the last weekends of play, the team won three out of its four games against Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) and ended the season 10-33.

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



Sophomore Matt Over connects with the ball. Over was one of seven sophomores that would be stepping up after the team lost eight senior members.

Photos submitted



Sophomore infielder Jason Thomas assists senior Denry Foster tag out an opponent. The Bulldogs held a 4-24 conference record at the end of the season.



Senior Randy Beilsmith successfully slides into the base. Beilsmith received the Truman State University award for outstanding undergraduate in business administration-finance.



**Left:** Senior pitcher Loni Wedemeier in the power K position pitches in the game versus Emporia State University. Wedemeier was the lone senior on the team.

**Photo by Emily Gebhardt**

**Below:** Sophomore catcher Ashlie Miller hopes to catch a strike during the game against Emporia State University. Wedemeier struck out seven Hornets during the game.

**Photo by Emily Gebhardt**



# Sliding into a Groove

During the 2005-06 season, members of the women's softball team were not just teammates on the field — they bonded as family. For senior pitcher Loni Wedemeier, it was a goodbye season to her teammates, who were her closest friends. “[I’ll miss] being able to see my closest friends all the time and knowing that they’re there,” she said.

The team, which consisted of many underclassmen, struggled with nerves throughout the season, Wedemeier said.

“They all wanted to play well, and they get upset when they don’t play as good as they think they can,” she said.

As the only senior on the team, Wedemeier said she tried to lead them through their struggles.

“I tried to set myself as an example for what they should be working towards,” she said. “I tried to help anyone on the team.”

Assistant coach Elizabeth Economon, a former Bulldog softball player, said Wedemeier was the team’s go-to player.

“[Wedemeier] is obviously our leader by example,” she said. “She does everything right and works hard all the time.”

Backing up Wedemeier at the pitcher position were juniors Ashley McDougal and Kelly Walsma.

“[They were a] good one-two-three punch,” Economon said. “They’ve been dominant.”

One player in particular Wedemeier pointed to was catcher sophomore Ashlie Miller.

“She is the rock on the field,” Wedemeier said. “She gets back there, and she doesn’t let anything get her down.”

Other players stood out as well for their performances. Wedemeier and Economon said right fielder sophomore Christen Belcher was a standout offensive player, especially for her ability to steal bases and score. Belcher broke the University record for stolen bases during the season.

“[Belcher] is doing everything we ask her to do,” Economon said. “She is a nightmare to the defense. She has a great team attitude. She will do anything for the team.”

Two games in particular stood out in Economon’s mind: the 7-0 win against St. Cloud State University (Minn.) early in the year and the 10-0 win against Augustana College (S.D.).

“We beat [St. Cloud] pretty handily and the morning after they beat Emporia State,” she said. “We just dominated them, and our offense just exploded.”

The fact that Emporia State lost to St. Cloud was significant because Emporia State was one of the premier teams in MIAA conference.

“Every conference school we play is going to be equally important because our conference has become one of the most dominant in the country,” she said.

The Bulldogs’ success, spread throughout the season, was not as consistent as the team would have liked, Economon said. The weather could have been a reason for this.

“It’s been interesting because we’ve had bad weather,” she said. “It’s the worst weather I’ve seen in six years. We’ve had to reschedule a lot of games.”

Sophomore Hallie Blackney, who played catcher, third baseman and designated hitter, said rescheduling made it hard to get in a rhythm at the beginning of the season.

“It seemed almost hard sometimes to get into a flow because we played a few games, and then we’d get rained out for the next couple games,” she said.

Coming into the season, the team had high expectations, Blackney said.

“Things haven’t gone exactly as we planned them to, but we’re still doing what we can and sticking together,” she said.

For two years in a row, the team had been very young. During the 2005-06 season, eight of the nine starters typically were freshmen or sophomores, Blackney said.

“Of course, it’s all about chemistry and trying to get people used to playing next to each other,” she said. “With any team that’s going to take time, and with new people you need time to put it all together, so that’s what we’ve been doing this season.”

On and off the field, Blackney said the team got along and often hung out together.

“It’s our second family,” she said. “It’s our family away from home.”

--Loretta Palmer



Sophomore second baseman Sherri Johnson warms up in between innings. On average, 92 fans attended home and away games.

Photo by Erin Kolley

# Snatching A Spot

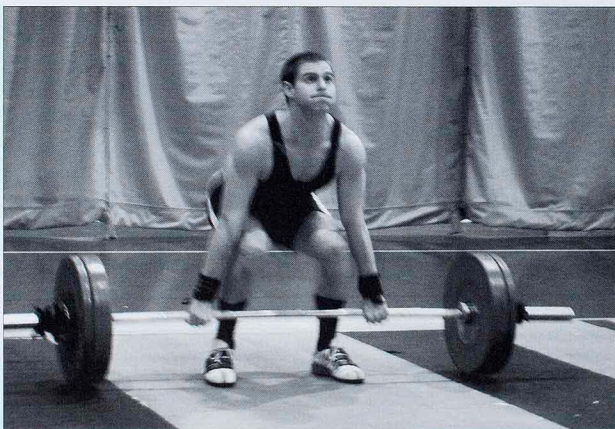
**I**ron Dogs took a bite out of the competition in 2005-06.

Participation in Iron Dogs, created in 2001 by three Truman students, swelled to as many as 25 students. The increased popularity allowed the group to sponsor three weight-lifting meets on the University campus.

Sophomore Lesley Lovesee, the secretary of Iron Dogs, said people's stereotypes of weightlifters, especially female weightlifters, created incorrect images.

"Don't think that girl lifters are all nasty and big," she said. "I'm skinny and don't look like I could lift anything, but looks are deceiving."

Instead of power lifting, most Iron Dogs members focused on Olympic lifting, which included a series of two lifts: the snatch and the clean and jerk, which worked the entire body.



Lovesee said that Olympic lifting was more about technique than strength. Senior Elizabeth Swartz, president of Iron Dogs, agreed.

"If you don't have the technique, you'll never be a good lifter," Swartz said.

Motivation to lift varied for each member.

"All the girls in high school were really scrawny and could barely lift the bar," Lovesee said. "That drove me to be stronger."

Swartz said that the 2005-06 Iron Dogs members were younger and less experienced than previous years, but she said that did not stop them from succeeding. She said six Iron Dogs members qualified for Collegiate Nationals.

Both Lovesee and Swartz qualified as did freshman Ambrose Serrano.

Faculty mentor and exercise science professor Alex Koch had been involved with Iron Dogs from the beginning and said that the 2005 season made waves

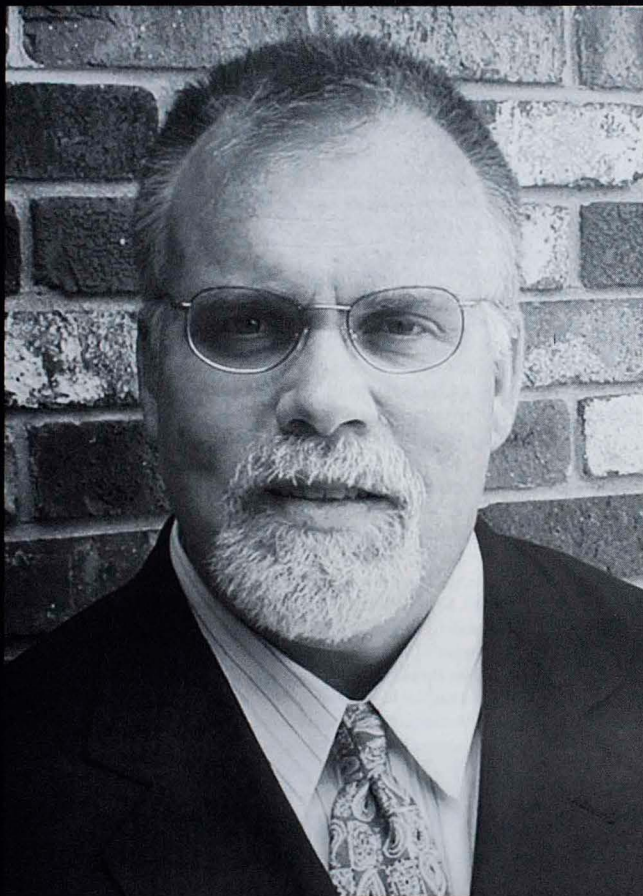
"It's the biggest thing we've had yet," Koch said. "With impressive underclassmen, the Iron Dogs are going to be a group to watch in the future."

--John Priest

**Top:** Senior Mike Landram begins a dead lift at the spring 2006 power lifting event. Landram was one of the 29 team members.  
**Photos by Alana Webster**

**Bottom:** Freshman Aaron Horschig performs a snatch lift during a meet. Horschig's personal all-time best record for the snatch event was 80 kilograms.

# Deep Impact



Ware became a full-time staff member during the 1986 season. The team won 54 games during his tenure.  
Photo submitted

Truman State University lost a member of its Bulldog family when former head football coach John Ware died from a heart attack Sept. 27, 2005. He was 46 years old.

"It was such a shock," Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said. "Especially at such a young age."

Wollmering worked closely with Ware for nine years.

Ware started at the University in 1985 as an assistant football coach. Named head coach in 1995, he remained at that position until 2003 when he took the head coaching job at Missouri Southern University.

"It was ironic that we played Missouri Southern the week Ware died, but it was like it was meant to be," Wollmering said. "Both teams came out together to honor him. We hope to one day be able to visibly recognize Coach Ware for his contributions."

Ware recruited many of the upperclassmen on the team. Current head football coach Shannon Currier said they bussed any interested students to Ottumwa, Iowa, the site of Ware's funeral.

"Many of the younger guys didn't know him, but it was still a sad event for all," Currier said. "He put a lot of time and effort into the football program over his 19 years here."

Ware also participated in Iron Dogs, a weightlifting organization at Truman, while he was an assistant coach.

"John was the first man to exceed the impossible 2,425-lb total in power lifting," senior Michael Landram said. "He was a deserving recipient for the title of world champion in 1991. He also won five national titles."

Ware's wife, Melissa, created the John Ware Scholarship fund. It goes to an incoming football player at Truman State University, Mo. Southern, or Drake University (Des Moines), where Ware played college football.

Currier noted the influence Ware exerted over those who knew him.

"Coach Ware shaped many of the player's lives and gave them such a positive influence," Currier said.

--Jill Kneurr

# Eyes on the Prize

The consensus is in — Truman State University's roller hockey team was upset because of the 2005-06 national competition, but this only made its desire stronger. After the University placed second in the region during the regular season, the nationals selection committee did not pick the University's team to continue on to Nationals.

"I think we are all very happy with our season, but at the same time I guess [we] kind of got screwed since we couldn't go to nationals," said team A freshman forward Drew Vandas. "During semi-finals we lost to the No. 1 team in the country, and it just stinks for us because no one knows about our region, and I guess others tend to vote for east and west coast teams."

After being ranked in the top 10 throughout the year, the team got picked at No. 18 with only the top 16 teams attending national competition.

Junior Jimmy Cruse, team A defenseman, said he thought the situation was complicated, especially because a committee picked some of the national qualifiers.

Six regions voted with every region receiving an auto-bid, usually its No. 1 team. Ranked first was Washington University (St. Louis), with University of Missouri-St. Louis second. UMSL received the nationals nod instead of Truman.

"You could say that we were, like, third," Cruse said. "It is kind of frustrating to do so well and then have a committee decide you aren't good enough."

Cruse, one of the older members who acted as a coach, said that despite the nationals situation, the team did well. He said one of its greatest accomplishments included turning around its winning percentages. The team went 13-4-1 in 2005-06 compared to 10-10-1 the previous year.

Team B freshman goalie John Pecher said his personal highlight was Team B beating the University of Illinois-Champaign. He said that during the game he saved about 95 percent of the opposing shots.

Being a freshman created a desire for Pecher to do his best, he said. He said he wished he had obtained certain knowledge and skills during high school because he would have been a lot better then and during his first season of college hockey.

"Coming from high school hockey to college hockey was a big change for me," Pecher said. "I think I've gotten a lot better, and I hope to keep on improving myself."

Team chemistry played a large part in the teams wins, Vandas said. Many roller hockey teams did not always work well together. This year, however, the team was a lot better, he said. Having older players coach helped create the team camaraderie, Vandas said.

For Pecher, having the camaraderie and knowing his team had faith in him helped support him. He said the team had rough patches, however.

"About halfway into the season, we hit our low at winter nationals and played horribly," Pecher said. "Right after that, our team chemistry did a complete 360, with people making passes and finding open space, which helped a lot."

The team continued to have faith in itself despite being denied nationals. Pecher said that because most of the team would remain the following year, he was optimistic about its chance of playing at future nationals.

--Lauren Miller, Photography Editor

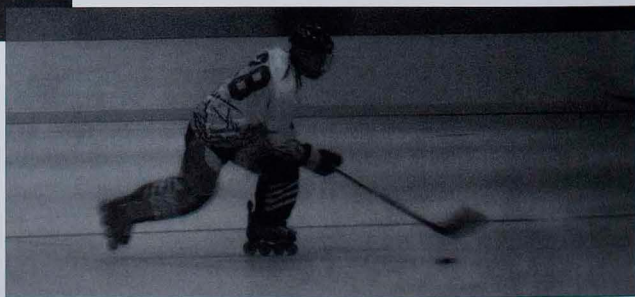


Members of the roller hockey team look on in support of their teammates. There were 27 players on the two roller hockey teams.

Photo by Erin Kolley

Freshman Jim Dougherty takes the puck down the court. The roller hockey team traveled to St. Louis in order to play.

Photo by Sarah Carter



# A Strong Foundation

Rugby might not have been the most popular sport at Truman State University, but several athletes at the University participated and enjoyed it during the 2005-06 season.

The Bullets, led by player/coaches junior eightman Natalie Gerhart and senior wing Krista Kastler, had a 5-8 record in the fall. Kastler said the fall season went really well.

"We took second place at a tournament in Memphis in mid-season," she said. "That really set the tone for the rest of [the season]."

Kastler said the team welcomed quite a few new players. One of those was MVP junior scrumhalf Juli Lommel, whom Gerhart said brought a lot to the team.

"She has a very positive attitude and knows what she's doing," Gerhart said. "Not only is she good at rugby, but she's an easy person to talk to, and the team appreciates both aspects."

Gerhart said one of the more memorable games of the season was Oct. 1, when the team lost to the University of Northern Iowa.

"They turned it into a track meet instead of a rugby match," she said. "They were insanely physically fit and would avoid us and run the whole length of the field."

However, Kastler said the team won by 60 points the next game it played. "It felt like we really learned from each game and built on it the next game," she said.

Besides practicing together, the men's and women's teams did not have much in common — except for the new faces. Bulls captain senior flyhalf Sean Foley said the men's team welcomed a lot of new players.

Freshmen Will Hullman and Michael Fitzgerald were outstanding, and returning junior back Tony Giubardo continued to excel, Foley said.

"Tony has always been a really hard runner," he said. "... He brings a large amount of intensity."

Energy like this contributed to the team's victories. The October win against the University of Arkansas stood out in Foley's mind, he said.

"They're a really good team, and it was a really close game, but we managed to win," he said.

Overall, the Bulls' season was a success since the team won all but one game in the fall and geared up for the playoffs during the spring.

New talent plus returning standouts made for an overall successful season for both the men's and women's rugby teams.

--Sadye Scott-Hainchek, Assistant Copy Editor



Truman's defense battles against the University of Northern Iowa. The Bulls defeated UNI, 30-26.  
Photos by Katie Poland

The rugby team works together to avoid an interception. The rugby team ended their season with 10 wins and 2 losses.



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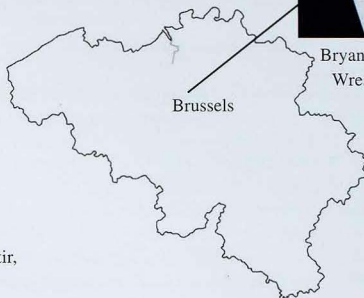


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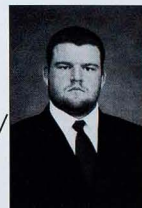
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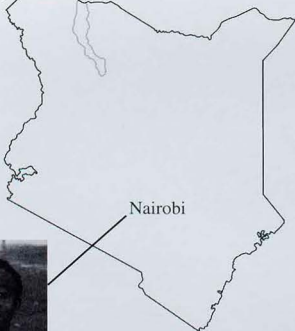
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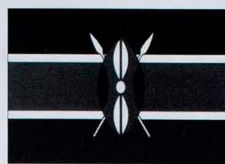
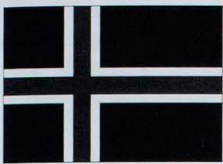


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# Playing Across the Pond

**J**unior Laban Kipkurui ran three miles to and from school every day in his native country of Kenya. "Some of the students would run home for lunch really fast because you had one hour for lunch," he said. Kipkurui took that experience and turned it into an opportunity to run for Truman State University's cross country and track teams. Kipkurui ran the 3,000- and 5,000-meter races in track.

"Running-wise it's been a challenge trying to balance studies, running and work," he said.

A normal day for Kipkurui began at 5:30 a.m. for weightlifting, followed by a five-mile run.

"Then at 3:30 we do speed work, then on weekends we go to track meets, and then on Sunday we usually have to do 70-80 minutes of running if you're feeling good," Kipkurui said. "If not, you can take a day off."

Initially, Kipkurui said running for the University was different because of the temperature differences, as well as the training style.

"I think it is very different," he said. "Back home we are not so intense. The intensity of training [here] is very, very high."

Kipkurui, who participated in high school competitions in Kenya, first heard about the University through its Web site and then the University recruited him, offering him academic and athletic scholarships.

"In general, I think I like [Kirksville]," he said. "It's a small town. Where I come from is bigger than Kirksville, but I feel comfortable in a small town like this."

Also hailing from across the Atlantic, senior Martin Clayes made his way to Kirksville from Scotland to play soccer for the University.

"We don't have, like, college sports teams in Scotland," he said. "We have professional or semi-professional sports. The only thing that has to do with college is club or recreational sports."

Clayes said the sport of soccer and the men on the team are similar to home. However, he noticed one difference.

"Sports are more serious over here," he said. "In Scotland we never trained all day."

The University's soccer team usually worked hard at the beginning of the week, with games played on the weekends August through November. Clayes looked back on his career as a Bulldog fondly, pointing to two successful seasons.

"We got to the quarterfinals my sophomore year, but last year we got to the sweet sixteen," he said.

Off the field, Clayes said adapting to the American educational system proved to be hard.

"In Scotland it is more lecture-based," he said. "You don't have as much busy work or homework."

For senior Asdis Finnsdottir, it was not academics that posed the problem but rather it was getting used to playing soccer in a different climate.

"It was a big shock coming from the summer over in Iceland, [the weather] being like [in the] 60s and 70s, and then coming [to Kirksville] where it's the 90s and humidity and everything," she said. "It was rough, quite an experience. I didn't think I was going to be able to make it with the running and everything."

Finnsdottir eventually acclimated herself to the weather change and began adjusting to being away from her family and friends.

"I guess as it went along I got to know the girls here on the team, and we got really close," she said. "They kind of took over that part of my life."

Finnsdottir pointed to the 2005-06 season as the one she will remember most, even though it might not have been the team's strongest season. Finnsdottir, who graduated in May 2006, said she would miss her teammates the most.

"I think we have all gotten really close, and they were my closest friends throughout these four years," she said. "That's going to be hardest thing — to leave everybody and move on to different things."

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



# Dedicated to the Game

**B**ehind the Truman State University tennis courts laid the athletic field, where the women's lacrosse team played the women of Kansas State University on April 1. In the final quarter, the score remained 7-10. Until the fourth quarter, the scores ran neck-and-neck.

"I'm nervous," screamed a fan in purple from the field sidelines. "It's not supposed to be like this. Let's go Truman!"

Opposing shouts resonated across the field.

"Less than a minute!" bellowed Kansas State's women's lacrosse team coach. "Don't let them score."

With 12 seconds to go, the ball landed in the hands of Truman's team and near the opponent's goal.

"I need help down here!" pleaded an anxious Truman lacrosse player.

However, as the clock ticked on, and time ran shallow, three more goals for the home team seemed unlikely.

Although Truman lost to Kansas State, the loss did not dampen the spirits and ability of the Truman women's lacrosse team, which played as strong as in past seasons.

"We really did come together as a team really well," senior Rachel Blake said. "We had some earlier games in the spring, and we played really well as a team."

The season challenged the women's lacrosse team in many ways. During the spring lacrosse season, the team played about eight games.

"Though we've been playing well, we have not been winning games," junior Maria Kaylen said.

Just two years ago, women's lacrosse had its most successful season with an 11-2 tally. However, many opposing teams have increased the pressure on the field since then.

"A number of other teams in the league have gotten much better in the past few years, making this season more difficult than past seasons," Kaylen said.

Senior Allie Giddings pointed to Lindenwood University as being the hardest team to beat. But the team had other obstacles to face as well.

Although the University sponsored the lacrosse team as an athletic club, the players continued to supplement rising expenses with several fundraising events. The money raised from these events paid for many things, including the gas the team needed to caravan to visiting games.

"We sell lacrosse shirts throughout the fall and spring seasons, and we do bake sales in Violette Hall when we are running low on money," Kaylen said.

"We also collect yearly dues from the players."

Unlike the dedication of the women's team, the lacrosse field was not as action-packed for the men's team this past season. Because of the lack of campus interest in the sport, the Truman State men's lacrosse disbanded early in the spring semester.

Across the board, the core lacrosse players felt disappointment at their loss.

"Unfortunately, there were only 11 people committed enough to show up consistently, and since you can sub on the fly in lacrosse, it's really easy to bog down a small team," sophomore Mark Hardy said. "It was pointless because we could lose every game very badly."

President junior Dusty Kelley helped establish the men's team. Among other things, Kelley worked with the Funds Allotment Council to reduce the dues his lacrosse team had to pay. Still, few remained committed.

"We scheduled all our games, went to the league meetings, found a coach for the first time, and got funding from the FAC so it would have been free for all the players," Kelley said. "I honestly don't see a team developing here again for a while."

Despite disappointing seasons for both teams, lacrosse fans at the University awaited the success and rewards of future competitions.

*--Richard Boggs*



**Left:** Truman women's lacrosse team member runs up the field in preparation to assist teammates. Lacrosse is a club sport at many schools. **Photos by Katie Poland**

Truman team members defend their goal. The sport of lacrosse began as preparation for Native Americans to go to war.

A Truman team member races to intercept the ball from the opposing team. Each team had ten players on the field at a time during a match.



# Building Momentum

At some point or another throughout the season, athletes probably disagreed with a call a referee made. However, one sport at Truman State University involved only two teams and a Frisbee, with no referee interference. The men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee teams each began practices in August and continued play all the way up to the last weekend in April.

"[There are a] couple tournaments in the fall to get people familiar with the tournaments and the atmosphere of the tournaments," senior Blake Larson said.

Larson, men's team captain, said the other tournaments counted toward the team's rank, which determined where they would play in sectionals and regionals.

The men's team went into sectionals ranked ninth and came out ranked sixth, Larson said.

"We moved up three places and there were only seven teams going to regionals," he said.

The team traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play in the regional tournament April 29-30. There the team placed twelfth out of sixteen teams.

"We were very proud of how we did and we expect to do it next year," Larson said.

Larson said he expected to participate again next year as a fifth-year senior. He pointed to co-captain senior Jeff Cohee as a standout player.

"He was the other captain and he shared responsibilities and he contributed to the sense of the team," Larson said.

The women's two captains, sophomore Christina Wirkus and junior Kate Sanders helped their team come together off the field. Often tournaments involved a party and a costume party, sophomore Amanda Carron said.

"I think that's always real fun," she said. "We seem to play real good when we all go out together and have fun."

Carron said another thing that helped the team this year was the team's coach, sophomore Eric Snyder.

"He has played Ultimate all through high school and knows a lot about the game," Carron said. "He pushed us and organized our practices and went to all of the tournament with us."

Carron pointed to the team's win at section in Fayetteville, Arkansas as a high point of the season.

"We were real excited about that," Carron said. "That was our turnaround tournament. We went undefeated during the tournament."

The team went into regionals in the third seed, and came out in third place as well. The team played better on Sunday than Saturday, however the team the women's team fell to the team that actually won regionals, Carron said.

"We played a real good game against them," she said. "We are only a second year team, where as the other teams have had teams for five or more years."

Throughout the season, Carron said the team worked on their endurance by running a mile before practice and performing sprints at the end of practice. This came in handy because the games sometimes lasted up to an hour and half, and the team could play up to six games in one weekend.

Carron said the team had a lot of new girls and because of so many players on the team, sometimes getting playing time for everyone was hard.

"We have a lot of athletic girls," she said. "[It] was hard getting to play together as a team and figure out what we were doing wrong, but then at regionals we started doing that."

Another struggle for the team throughout the year was trying to figure out how to play the mental game, Snyder said.

"Ultimate is such a momentum-based game," he said. "If your team is not [mentally] in the game you have a problem."

Snyder said the team had great unity throughout the season.

"We bring a lot of personalities and great trait characteristics," he said. "We can combine those and create a really strong team in Ultimate."

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



Senior Jason Showmaker dives to grab a frisbee. Ultimate frisbee became a medal sport in the 2001 World Games.  
Photo submitted

## Women's Cross Country

Bradley Open (Peoria, Ill.)	1st
Southern Stampedo (Joplin, Mo.)	6th
Emporia State University Jock's Nitch Invitational (Kan.)	2nd
Border States Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.)	6th
MIAA Championship (Pittsburg, Kan.)	3rd
NCAA Division II South Central Regional Championship (Abilene Tex.)	6th



Front Row: Meagen Robertson, Sarah Armstrong, Abbie Smith, and Jacque Faust. Back Row: Amanda Fuhak, Danna Kelly, Alle Baker, Grace DelNero, Samantha Dutrow, and Lauren White.

## Men's Cross Country

Iowa State Open (Ames)	*NTR
Woody Greene Nebraska Invitational (Lincoln)	12th
Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	12th
Border State Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.)	2nd
MIAA Championship (Pittsburg, Kan.)	4th
NCAA Division II South Central Regional Championship (Abilene, Tex.)	4th
NCAA Division II Championship (Chino, Cal.)	NTR

## Men's Basketball

Lincoln Christian College (Ill.)	92-42
Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau)	56-59
Quincy University (Ill.)	76-62
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	89-71
Robert Morris College (Chicago, Ill.)	83-56
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	62-53
Vennard College (University Park, Iowa)	69-35
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	82-86
Quincy University (Ill.)	81-77
University of Nebraska- Omaha	64-60
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	77-67
Harris-Stowe College (St. Louis, Mo.)	91-67
Wahsburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	87-78
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	77-69
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	64-52
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	55-68
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	49-69
Emporia State University (Kan.)	61-58
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	60-56
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	81-72
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	76-71
Emporia State University (Kan.)	68-67
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	57-80
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	81-76
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	68-67
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	62-66
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	72-82
Emporia State university (Kan.)	90-96
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	63-67



Front Row: Paul Hamilton, Derek Lindsey, Austin Kirby, Matt Brock, Chip Sodemann, Travis Kern, Matt Taylor, Banks Estridge, John Chognamiglio, and Nicole Summers. Back Row: Jack Schrader, Jon Hardy, Grant Agbo, Nick Certa, Andy Calmes, Garrett Grimm, Gavin Welker, Ryan Welker, Ryan Robinson, Tim Deidrick, and Garrett Bremer.

## Cheerleaders



Front Row: Shaunte Strong, Amanda Lenz, Jamie Krefl, Pamela Stephen, Samantha Crespo, Alicia Baker. Second Row: Erin Taft, Susan Steffes, Ashley Morris, Ashley Butler, Tara Holland, Sara Bender, Justyne Foster, Jenny Peters. Back Row: Erika Sterup, Julie Finazzo, Tiffany Johnson, Brittany Nast, Tim Evans, Mandi Sagez, Jen Cunningham, Lauren Nelson, Stefanie Varno, Brooke Sorrell.

# Football

Winona State University (Minn.)	21-16
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	24-63
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	0-17
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	17-69
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	2-24
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	17-41
Emporia State University (Kan.)	12-41
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	14-21
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	14-66
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	36-38
Oklahoma Panhandle State University (Goodwell)	49-17



Front Row: P. Hawley, B. Tubaugh, J. Williams, A. Nobles, D. Rodriguez, J. Bever, M. Patnode, C. Alarbe, J. Arundson, M. Pott, J. Freemyer, C. Terry, C. Poole, L. Warren, B. Floyd, and R. Burch. Second Row: T. Sarlina, N. Nathan, Aaron Bland, Mike Kelch, T. Long, D. Williams, D. Wornack, P. Henry, J. Kilcrease, S. Johnson, D. Stevenson, E. Littles, P. Kenney, J. Davis, and A. Van Delft. Third Row: A. Bujnak, P. Darby, K. Blessum, A. Schlamp, W. Kuchinski, D. Riley, A. Rasset, S. Currier, A. Vicko, M. Harris, C. Flohr, J. Thomas, M. Deckard, S. Knight, M. Long, M. Hastings, and J. Guthrie. Fourth Row: C. Jordan, C. Van O'Linda, J. Thier, E. Sternberg, J. Douglas, J. Cooper, J. LeVerson, A. Pitts, D. Sappington, L. Giglio, J. Perry, L. Moore, D. Riley, J. Sanders, D. Baker, and Z. Maas. Fifth Row: W. Hadler, B. Crader, R. Massop, K. Supianoski, K. Glenn, R. Branson, J. Terrian, D. Reddick, M. Yokely, J. Duffy, J. Lucas, C. Brunette, A. Heiligenstein, and A. Miller. Sixth Row: D. Davis, L. Hammers, J. Norman, R. Stovall, B. Eyles, K. Shimmers, M. Burel, R. Schroeder, M. Kampfoefner, D. Macke, O. Sullivan, D. Collins, G. Norland, A. Swedenhjelm, M. Caraballo, and M. Schumacher. Seventh Row: T. Esbrook, M. Rapken, R. Clark, T. Paytas, J. Thabuteau, R. Bonner, C. Voigt, M. Shelden, S. Holman, R. Williams, K. Napier, D. Carmack, J. Smith, A. Yount, and J. Foster. Back Row: C. Garner, R. King, S. D'Antonio, A. Lowe, P. Murray, J. Mayson, C. Lorren, J. Frantz, J. Walton, R. Mayson, A. Speropoulos, M. Devine, T. McCormick, G. Gaines, M. Versluis, J. Gialds

# Men's Soccer

University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)	4-0
University of Wisconsin- Parkside	1-2
Northwood University (Midland, Mich.)	3-0
Quincy University (Ill.)	4-1
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	0-4
Newman University (Wichita, Kan.)	2-1
Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.)	1-0
Iowa Wesleyan College (Mount Pleasant)	7-0
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	8-0
Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights)	0-1
University of Findlay (Ohio)	2-0
Mercyhurst University (Erie, Penn.)	2-0
Gannon University (Erie, Penn.)	1-0
University of Missouri- Rolla	2-0
University of Missouri- St. Louis	1-0
Rockhurst University (Kansas City)	6-0
Drury University (Springfield)	3-0
University of Central Arkansas (Conway)	2-0
Christian Brothers University (Memphis, Tenn.)	2-2
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	1-0
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	1-0
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	4-2

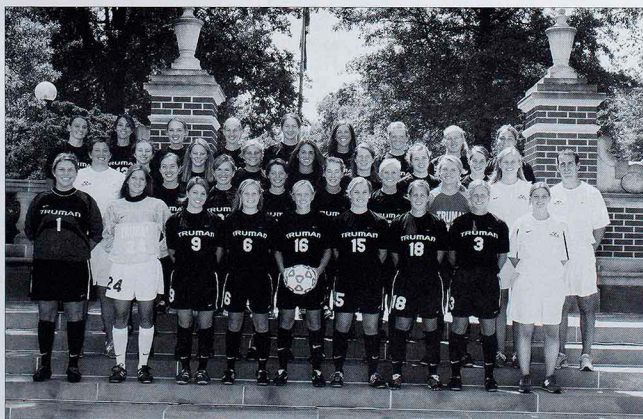
# Iron Dogs



Front Row: Ambrose Serrano, Elizabeth Swartz, Melissa Doosing, Alyssa Mayer. Second Row: Tonya Jackson, Kevin Sweeney, Kyle Mack, Chris Eledge, Erin Pinning, Jennifer Aubuchon. Back Row: Aaron Horschig, Jared Nichols, Matt Heimann, Michael Ceriotti, Nikos Papadopoulos, Michael Landram, John McGuire.

# Women's Soccer

University of Minnesota- Duluth	0-1
St. Cloud State University (Minn.)	1-0
South Dakota State University (Brookings)	0-2
Winona State University (Minn.)	0-2
University of Minnesota- Mankato	4-1
University of Nebraska- Omaha	1-2
Washburn University	1-0
Emporia State University	1-1
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	0-0
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	3-1
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	5-0
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	4-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	2-1
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	0-4
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	0-0
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	1-2
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	0-1
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3-1
Emporia State University (Kan.)	2-0
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	5-0



Front Row: Lauren Davis, Denise Childress, Ashley Sternquist, Molly Benson, Sara Ramza, Katie Buehler, Lauren Hawks, Robyn Mortenson, and Ellen Wright. Second Row: Emily Huyck, Rachel Ward, Maureen Bylina, Chayil Wiedeman, Kim Wolff, Emily Newsham, Emily Roark, Anna Sonderman, and Mike Cannon. Back Row: Brigitte Pohren, Lindsey Krieg, Rachel Schmidt, Katie Ruefer, Lauren Cepicky, Alaina Richarz, and Theresa Bauer.

## Women's Track

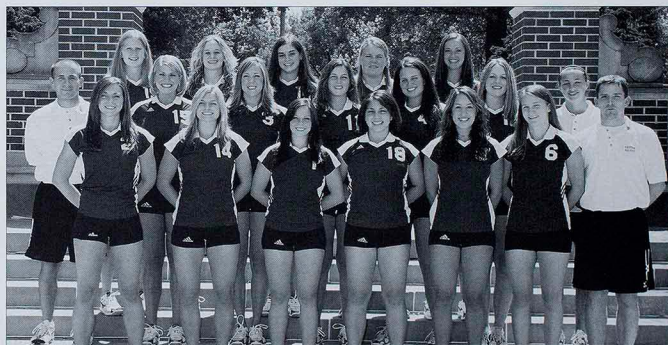
Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa)	*NTR
Iowa Hawkeye Open (Iowa City)	NTR
Central Missouri Invitational (Warrensburg)	3rd
Iowa State Open (Ames)	NTR
Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.)	2nd
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)	NTR
Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.)	2nd
MIAA Championships (Joplin, Mo.)	5th
Augustana Early Spring Open (Rock Island, Ill.)	2nd
Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville)	5th
Yellowjacket Classic (Lamoni, Iowa)	1st
Division II Challenge (Emporia, Kan.)	7th
Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)	NTR
UMKC Invitational (Kansas City, Mo.)	NTR
MIAA Outdoor Championships (Emporia, Kan.)	4th
ESU Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.)	7th
NCAA Division II Championship (Emporia, Kan.)	NTR



Front Row: Kevin Crean, Trey Robinson, Meagan Robertson, Kurtis Werner, Bridgette Carpenter, Matt Olson, Latoya Lawrence, Jeremy Hellwig, Charlie Brandhorst Second Row: Grace DelNero, Dan Zwilling, A.J. Peters, Jason Douglas, Sarah Dacy, David McLaughlin, Danna Kelly, Sean Bergstedt, Nicole Moore Third Row: Chad Pepmiller, Allie Barker, Aaron Schneider, Kristen Klesh, Bryant England, Samantha Dutrow, Eric Wittrock, Shannon Harbaugh, Danny Wilhite, Abbie Smith Fourth Row: Phillip Baughman, Adam Howell, Eli Klimek, Chris Nation, Sarah Armstrong, David Yonce, Ashley Bernard, John Dirnberger, Jason Simpson, Joseph Ackermann, Tad Dallas. Fifth Row: Christen Lauer, David Bayless, Lauren White, Steve Porath, Jacque Faust, Jacob Ackermann, Crystal Cunningham, Aaron Wells, Ashley Colon, Ryan Lewis

## Volleyball

University of Minnesota-Duluth	3-2
University of Concordia- St. Paul	3-2
California State University- San Bernardino	3-1
Northern Michigan University (Marquette)	3-1
Drury University (Springfield, Mo)	3-1
Alderson- Broaddus College (Philippi, W.V.)	3-0
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)	3-0
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	3-0
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	3-1
University of Missouri- St. Louis	3-0
University of North Alabama (Florence)	1-3
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3-1
Emporia State University (Kan.)	3-0
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	3-2
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	3-2
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	3-1
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3-0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	3-0
Missouri Southern State University (St. Joseph)	3-0
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	3-0
Quincy University (Ill.)	3-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	0-3
Emporia State University (Kan.)	1-3
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	1-3
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	3-0
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3-0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	3-0
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	3-0
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	3-1
University of Alabama- Huntsville	3-0
North Alabama State University (Florence)	1-3
Lincoln Memorial University (Harrogate, Tenn.)	3-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3-0
Washburn State University (Topeka, Kan.)	3-1
University of Alabama- Huntsville	3-1
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	3-0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3-0
University of Nebraska- Kearney	1-3



Front Row: Alex Baker, Sarah Shearman, Amanda Holliday, Erin Leavitt, Eli Medina, Marti Joyer, Jason Skoch. Row Two: Ben Briney, Christine Wagener, Kelsey Wackerman, Whitney Boehler, Megan Hornof, Tiffany Graham, and Jessica Sears. Back Row: Megan Remley, Dana Hanselman, Melissa Keck, Melanie Jones, and Micaela Walter.

## Women's Swimming

Show Me Showdown (Columbia, Mo.)	4th
University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kan.)	78-127
Washington University (Mo.)	138-101
University of Missouri-Rolla	119.5-142.5
University of Iowa (Iowa City)	57-38
Missouri State University (Springfield, Mo.)	2nd
Notre Dame Invitational (South bend, Ind.)	145-139
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	155-109
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	143-62
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	143-63
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	122-70
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	83-151
NSISC Conference Championship (Cleveland, Miss.)	1st
NCAA Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.)	1st

## Men's Track

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa)	NTR
Iowa Hawkeye Open (Iowa City)	NTR
Central Missouri Invitational (Warrensburg)	5th
Iowa State Open (Ames)	NTR
Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.)	2nd
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)	NTR
Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.)	2nd
MIAA Championships (Joplin, Mo.)	6th
Augustana Early Spring Open (Rock Island, Ill.)	3rd
Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville)	4th
Yellowjacket Classic (Lamoni, Iowa)	2nd
Division II Challenge (Emporia, Kan.)	12th
Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)	NTR
Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	NTR
UMKC Invitational (Kansas City, Mo.)	NTR
MIAA Outdoor Championships (Emporia, Kan.)	6th
ESU Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.)	18th
NCAA Division II Championship (Emporia, Kan.)	36th

## Women's Basketball

Stephens College (Columbia, Mo.)	81-52
Harris-Stowe College (St. Louis, Mo.)	85-36
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	77-50
Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.)	86-72
Quincy University (Ill.)	63-71
University of Illinois-Springfield	71-45
University of Missouri-Rolla	58-48
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	60-79
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	52-42
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	52-76
Washburn university (Topeka, Kan.)	64-74
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	71-77
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	59-73
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	88-76
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	68-74
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	83-78
Emporia State University (Kan.)	49-76
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	60-88
Washburn University (Kan.)	61-77
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	55-74
Emporia State University (Kan.)	59-70
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	48-57
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	63-54
Upper Iowa University (Fayette)	51-50
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	56-70
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	56-70
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	68-61
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	63-36

## Men's Swimming

Show Me Showdown (Columbia, Mo.)	6th
Washington University (Mo.)	138-123
University of Missouri-Rolla	86-175
University of Iowa (Iowa City)	82.5-176.5
Missouri State University (Springfield, Mo.)	38-57
Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	5th
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	164-111
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	111-94
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	125-79
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	116-77
University of Missouri- Rolla	85-117
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	73-145
NSISC Conference Championship (Cleveland, Miss.)	4th
NCAA Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.)	11th

## TSunami



Front Row: Amanda Carron, Christina Wirkus, Rebecca Easterwood. Second Row: Jessica Langford, Laura Halfmann, Emily Tobias, Allison Doores, Valerie Moyers, Sara James, Back Row: Noelle Peterson, Eric Snyder, Kate Sanders, Katie Jorgenson, Stephanie Maassen.

## Jujitsu



FRONT ROW: Matthew Smith, Jay Ougley, Ben Meyer, Bryan De Guzman. SECOND ROW: Andrew Stilianovic, Logan Johnson, Steve Lachance, Jeff Cohee, Ben Gibson, Jon Hall. BACK ROW: Brett Granlich, John Smith, Martin Schmidt, John Weaver, Ryan Brewer, Blake Larson, Marc Harmon.

## Wrestling

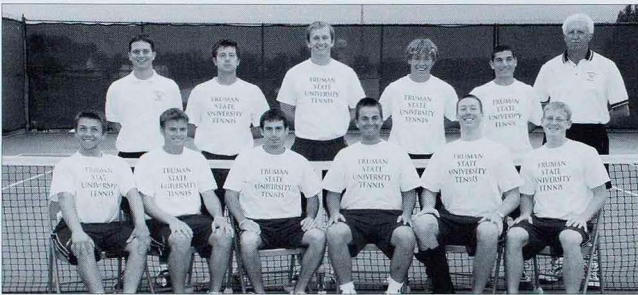
Lindenwood Open (St. Charles, Mo.)	*NTR
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	40-12
Central Missouri State Open (Warrensburg)	NTR
Simpson Invitational (Indianola, Iowa)	NTR
Simpson College and Northwest Missouri Club Team (Indianola, Iowa)	37-11
Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Mo.)	6-34
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	32-12
McKendree College (Lebanon, Ill.)	19-19
San Francisco State University (Cal.)	33-15
Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)	25-12
Minnesota State University-Moorehead	24-16
Southwest Minnesota State University (St. Marshall)	26-22
Missouri Baptist College (St. Louis)	40-10
Wheaton College Invitational (Ill.)	NTR
Missouri Valley College (Marshall)	18-29
Newman University (kan.)	38-12
Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.)	20-21
Upper Iowa College (Fayette)	22-20
Minnesota State University-Mankato	7-34
NCAA Midwest Regional (Jefferson City, Tenn.)	NTR
NCAA Championship (Findlay, Ohio)	NTR

# Women's Golf

- Bulldog Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.) 1st
- University of Nebraska-Omaha Invitational 6th
- Illini Classic (Urbana, Ill.) 13th
- Maverick Spring Invite (Waseca, Minn.) 7th
- Maverick Round-Up (Mankato, Minn.) 4th
- Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.) 4th
- Fighting Scots Invite (Monmouth, Ill.) 2nd
- Concordia Invitational (Lake Okoboji, Iowa) 8th
- Mustang Invitational (Marshall, Minn.) 2nd
- Prairie Fire Invite (Lincoln, Neb.) 2nd
- Kenneth Smith Tournament (Lee's Summit) 7th



Front Row: Sara Lloyd, Marta Samojluk, Amanda Senn, Julie Williams, Jennifer Sternecker, Jackie Franzen.  
Back Row: Sam Lesseig, Baillie Cloyd, Katie Martinek, Ashley Vincent, Laura Westensee, Lindsay Dodge.



Front Row: Brett Taylor, Ryan Cope, Tyler Wood, Sean Cooper, Brad Martin, Niklas Stubbendorff.  
Back Row: Cody Pusateri, Brett Andersen, Devin Williams, Mark Marifian, Ben Griffith, Pete Kendall.

# Men's Tennis

- Truman Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.) \*NTR
- Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) 8-1
- ITA Regional Tournament (Topeka, Kan.) NTR
- William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.) 9-0
- Quincy University (Ill.) 8-1
- Western Illinois University (Macomb) NTR
- Principia Tournament (Elsah, Ill.) NTR
- Colorado State University- Pueblo 8-1
- Metropolitan State College (Denver, Colo.) 5-4
- Winona State University (Minn.) 3-5
- Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 1-5
- Missouri Valley College (Marshall) 6-3
- Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 4-5
- Quincy University (Ill.) 8-1
- Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 8-0
- Emporia State University (Kan.) 8-1
- Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 1-8
- Central College (Pella, Iowa) 7-2
- Minnesota State University-Mankato 9-0
- Winona State University (Minn.) 5-4
- University of Missouri-St. Louis 6-3
- Emporia State University (Kan.) 5-1
- Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 5-0
- Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 5-4
- NCAA Division II Finals (Kansas City, Mo.) 2-5

# Women's Tennis

- Truman Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.) \*NTR
- Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) 9-0
- ITA Regional Tournament (Topeka, Kan.) NTR
- William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.) 9-0
- Quincy University (Ill.) 9-0
- Central College (Pella, Iowa) 8-1
- Colorado State University- Pueblo 5-4
- Metropolitan State College (Denver, Colo.) 9-0
- Winona State University (Minn.) 7-2
- Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 0-6
- Missouri Valley College (Marshall) 9-0
- Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 9-0
- Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 2-7
- Quincy University (Ill.) 9-0
- Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 5-4
- Emporia State University (Kan.) 3-6
- Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 4-5
- Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 4-5
- Minnesota State University-Mankato 8-1
- Winona State University (Minn.) 7-2
- Western Illinois University (Macomb) 6-3
- Emporia State University (Kan.) 0-5
- Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 1-5
- NCAA Division II Finals (Kansas City, Mo.) 0-5



Front Row: Pete Kendall, Leesa Weese, Kristine Grajo, Jessie Krause, Samantha McClure, and Cody Pusateri. Back Row: Whitney Hamilton, Courtney Walther, Hannah Wittmer, Lindsay Blair, and Becky Dinsick.



Front Row: Kevin White, Jesse Helms, Michael Spaulding, Kels Lovegreen, Blake Karls, Tyler Phillips, Scott Danielsen, Kyle Kahlenberg, and Adam Clatterbuck.

## Men's Golf

Missouri Invitational	13th
Bulldog Classic (Kirksville, Mo.)	4th
Maryville Invitational (Eureka, Mo.)	3rd
William Woods Invitational (Fulton, Mo.)	3rd
Heart of American Invitational (Warrensburg, Mo.)	6th
Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.)	7th
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	6th
Ironhorse Intercollegiate (Leawood, Kan.)	8th
MIAA Conference Championship (Blue Springs, Mo.)	6th
NCAA Central Regional (Lockport, Ill.)	8th



Front Row: Mary Kate Theriault, Lindsey Rock, Dani Mayer, Rebekah Shea, and Katie Noski. Second Row: Lacey Schanz, Kelly Walsma, Natalie Soltys, Ashley McDougal, Janet Bembnister, and Elizabeth Economon. Back Row: Gina Walsh, Jessie Shelman, Hallie Blackney, Sherri Johnson, Christen Belcher, and Ashlie Miller.

## Baseball

University of Missouri-Rolla	1-6/10-0
University of Missouri-Rolla	3-6
Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.)	8-9/9-10
Westminster University (Fulton, Mo.)	6-3/7-9
Westminster University (Fulton, Mo.)	3-2
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	8-10
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	4-3
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	12-2
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	1-6/8-13
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, Mo.)	3-4
Emporia State University (Kan.)	6-11/2-7
Washburn University (Kan.)	1-2/0-4
Emporia State University (Kan.)	1-8/4-14
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	2-8/5-6
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	1-2/8-11
Washburn University (Kan.)	1-3/1-6
Pittsburgh State University (Kan.)	4-5/4-8
Pittsburgh State University (Kan.)	6-13/5-6
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	1-16/0-9
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	2-11/3-7
Hannibal-LaGrange College	6-2
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar)	3-7/8-6
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar)	6-2/8-6
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	2-17/5-7
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, Mo.)	1-4/1-2

## Softball

Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia, Ark.)	3-0
Henderson State (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	1-6
Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.)	4-0
University of Nebraska-Omaha	5-9
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall)	3-0
University of Missouri-Columbia	3-10/1-3
Oklahoma State University (Stillwater)	0-13/1-3
University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond)	6-5/6-5
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford)	5-3/3-4
Kansas Wesleyan University (Salina)	10-1
Oklahoma City University (Okla.)	3-8
University of Central Arkansas (Conway)	14-9
Minnesota State University-Mankato	0-1
Concordia University-St. Paul	2-5
St. Cloud State University (Minn.)	7-0
Upper Iowa College (Fayette)	11-7
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	8-4/5-4
Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.)	10-0
University of North Dakota (Grand Forks)	5-0
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	9-1
Upper Iowa College (Fayette)	8-3/8-0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo)	7-2/2-1
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	2-3/2-0
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	0-2/4-12
University of Missouri-St. Louis	7-0/3-2
Minnesota State University-Mankato	1-3
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg, Mo.)	7-4
Upper Iowa College (Fayette)	3-2
Emporia State University (Kan.)	7-13
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	0-1/0-1
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	7-0/2-0
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	8-0/11-1
Emporia State University (Kan.)	0-2/0-7
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	3-6/3-5
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3-0
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	1-2
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	5-2
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	0-2







**Mini Mag**



Palestinian youths sit on a wall next to a section of Israel's separation barrier in the village of Abu Dis, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The wall was plastered with election posters for Ziad Abu Zayyed, a Fatah legislator.  
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# Voters Choose Hamas

On Jan. 25, 2006, the Hamas (Change and Reform) party won 74 seats in the Palestine Legislative Council, establishing a majority of the 132 seats in the PLC. Israel, Europe and the United States all considered Hamas to be a terrorist organization. The former ruling party, Fatah, won only 45 seats. The remaining 13 seats were split between the Independents, Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa, the Alternative, the Third Way, and Independent Palestine. Seventeen seats went to women. It was the first national election in Palestine since 1996.

Hamas had refused to participate in the 1996 elections because it did not view the Palestine Authority as legitimate because of its talks with Israel. Hamas did not recognize the existence of Israel.

Although Fatah had ruled Palestine for decades, the loss of the majority was attributed to two reasons: a split of the party into two factions and corruption. Younger party leaders, such as Marwan Barghouti accused Fatah of corruption. Many Palestinians said that they voted for Hamas because they were sick of the corruption in Fatah.

Voter turnout was more than 70 percent in both the West Bank and the Gaza strip. In East Jerusalem, however, Israeli officials tried to prevent voting because they were concerned about Hamas' participation in the election. Israeli police shut down three Hamas election offices in East Jerusalem prior to the election. They relented, however, and allowed 6,300 Palestinians to vote within the city, allowing Palestinians to campaign there as long as they first registered with the police. The police said they would not allow any supporters of Hamas to campaign.

The U.S., Europe, Russia and the U.N. stated that they would withhold aid from the PA until Hamas stopped supporting violence. The European Union and the U.S. had given the PA about \$1 billion a year in aid since 1994.

--Sarah Carter, Assistant Organizations Editor

Firefighters extinguish a fire in a burning car in Gentilly, south of Paris on Nov. 8, 2005. French President Jacques Chirac promised arrest, trials and punishment Sunday for those sowing "violence or fear" across France.

# France Fights Fire with Fire

On Oct. 27, 2005, riots broke out in France after the death of two teenagers. Zyed Benna and Bouna Traore were electrocuted while allegedly attempting to hide from police in an electrical substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois. The police said that the youths were not being chased.

For 20 nights, the rioting spread across all of France. Most of the damage consisted of cars being set on fire, but a nursery school, power stations and policemen were also attacked.

On Nov. 6, 2005, President Jacques Chirac vowed to restore order, a promise which was followed by a peak in the violence that night. About 1,500 cars were burnt and almost 400 people arrested.

On Nov. 8, 2005, the French government declared a state of emergency, which allowed local officials to impose a curfew. On Nov. 16, 2005, the French government said the situation was returning to normal but passed a three-month extension on the state of emergency, which lasted until Jan. 4, 2006.

--Sarah Carter, Assistant Organizations Editor



# Disaster Strikes Mine

Working in the mines had long been known to be a dangerous job. On Jan. 2, 2006, however, this vocation made headlines across the country.

At 6:30 a.m., an explosion caused 13 miners to become trapped 260 feet underground and 10,000 feet from Sago Mine's entrance in Tallmansville, W. Va.

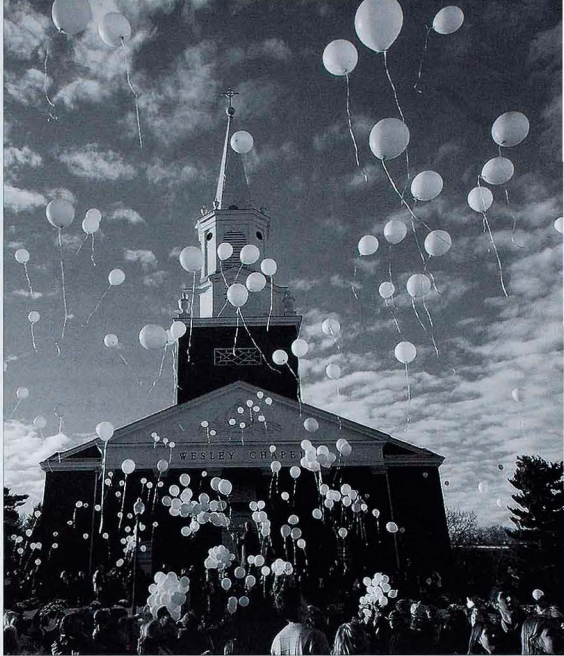
When two rescue teams arrived at the mine about 6 p.m. Tuesday night, one miner was dead, killed instantly from the explosion. Families and friends received a glimmer of hope when they got word that the 12 remaining miners were alive.

However, early Wednesday morning the grim truth surfaced – only one of the 13 trapped miners had survived. The 11 other miners who had survived the explosion died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The lone survivor, Randal McCloy, spent 41 hours in the mine before being rescued. McCloy, who suffered major organ damage, received immediate treatment at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va. During his three-week hospitalization, he received specialized oxygen treatment in Pittsburgh to clean his blood of carbon monoxide. He made steady progress and emerged from a three-week coma Jan. 25, 2006. Two days later, he was relocated to a rehabilitation center. McCloy was released March 30, 2006. He continued therapy for several months to regain his agility, reflexes and strength.

On March 15, 2006, the miners' co-workers returned to the Sago Mine. International Coal Group, Inc., officials said the explosion might have occurred from a lightning strike. A U.S. Geological Survey station confirmed a seismic event at Sago at 6:26 a.m.

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



Mourners at a memorial service honoring the victims of the Sago Mine explosion release balloons outside of Wesley Chapel in West Virginia. The Sago Mine's accident rate for 2004 was 15.90, compared to a national average of 5.66 per 200,000 manhours worked.

# Shake-up Hits Supreme Court

The highest court in the land, the U.S. Supreme Court, had several major shakeups in 2005-06.

Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court, announced her retirement July 1, 2006, at the age of 75. However, because of continued hearings and the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist from thyroid cancer Sept. 3, 2005, O'Connor did not officially step down until Jan. 18, 2006.

Appointed by President Richard Nixon in 1972, Rehnquist moved up to the chief justice position in 1986. As Rehnquist went in and out of the hospital throughout the year, many questioned his ability to continue his duties although Rehnquist continued to perform. Fellow justices remembered Rehnquist for his personal trust, loyalty and respect from fellow justices.

President George Bush moved quickly in order to fill the two vacancies. Bush nominated 50-year-old John Roberts to fill O'Connor's position. After Rehnquist's death, however, Bush quickly nominated Roberts for chief justice. Roberts, who served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, received confirmation Sept. 29, 2005, by a Senate vote of 78-22.

Filling the final position proved a bit more difficult for Bush. He first nominated White House Counsel Harriet Miers. However, after criticism from both Republicans and Democrats, Miers withdrew her name Oct. 27, 2005.

Bush then moved on to his next nominee, Samuel Alito.

After four days of intense Senate hearings and a close 58-42 vote, Alito became the nation's 110th Supreme Court justice Jan. 31, 2006. Alito had served as a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The majority of Senate Democrats opposed Alito, mostly because of his conservative views and prior rulings.

--Loretta Palmer, Features Editor



President George W. Bush watches as Judge John Roberts is sworn in by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens on Sept. 29, 2005. He became the 17th Chief Justice of the United States.

# Paving the Way

In 1963, Betty Friedan awakened the contemporary women's movement with her book "The Feminine Mystique." The book analyzed issues that affected women's lives after World War II, such as restricted career options, enforced domesticity and the campaign for legalized abortion.

Friedan showed in her book the transformation of American women from independent and career-minded in the 1920s and 1930s to the empty, domestic housewife after the war.

After the book, which began as a 1957 survey, she helped launch many women's organizations. She acted as the first president and co-founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1966 and remained its president for four years. In 1969, she began the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. Friedan also helped establish the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971.

Friedan graduated summa cum laude from Smith College in 1942 with a degree in psychology. She did not pursue a career in that subject area, however. She wrote "The Feminine Mystique" as a suburban housewife and mother, writing freelance for women's magazines.

Friedan married Carl Friedan in 1947, but the marriage ended in divorce in 1969 after three children.

The Women's Strike for Equality on Aug. 26, 1970, was one of NOW's most public actions. Tens of thousands of supporters marched, with Friedan at the head.

Friedan died of congestive heart failure on her 85th birthday on Feb. 4, 2006.

--Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor

Visitors file past the casket of Rosa Parks in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Parks, the woman whose defiant act on a city bus inspired the modern civil rights movement, was the first woman to lay in honor in the Rotunda.

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# Taking A Stand

On Dec. 1, 1955, a young black seamstress got on a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., and refused to get off for a white man. This helped launch the civil rights movement and made her name known. Rosa Parks was arrested that day for violating segregation laws.

Parks was born Rosa McCauley in Tuskegee, Ala., in 1913. Parks married Raymond Parks in 1932.

At the time, Montgomery buses reserved the first four rows of seats for whites. The rear was for blacks, although they comprised more than 75 percent of all riders. Blacks were allowed to sit in the middle rows unless whites needed the seats, in which case blacks could move to the rear, stand up or leave.

In 1943, driver James Blake made Parks leave his bus after a confrontation. Fatefully, he also was the driver of the bus in 1955.

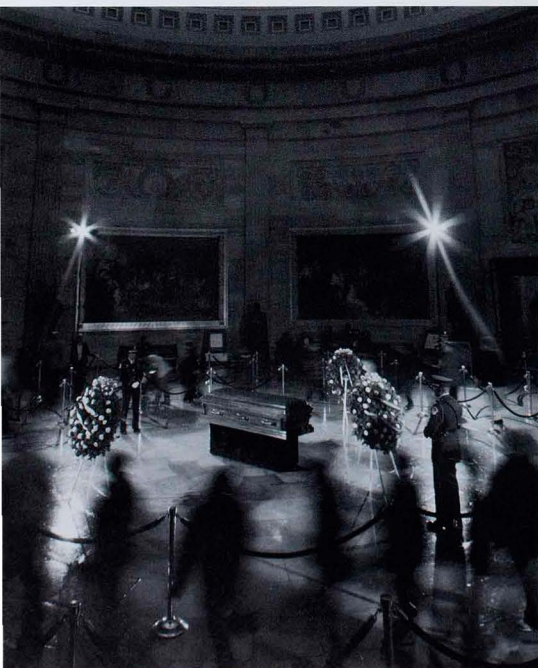
During the 381-day bus boycott that followed, 40,000 black commuters walked, and blacks were continually harassed and arrested.

On Nov. 13, 1956, the Supreme Court outlawed segregation on buses.

In 1957, Parks and her family moved to Detroit, where she became a seamstress until 1965. She was then hired as an aide for a congressional office and retired in 1988. The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development was established in 1987. Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal in the last decade of her life.

Parks died in her Detroit home at age 92 on Oct. 24, 2005.

--Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor



# Leaving A Royal Legacy



**K**nown as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife and then as his widow, Coretta Scott King also was an enthusiastic advocate for her husband's vision of racial peace and social change.

King grew up in rural poverty in Heiberger, Ala., and worked her way up to become an international symbol of civil rights.

King saw the injustice of segregation as a young child walking to her one-room school house every day while buses of white children drove past.

She graduated from Lincoln School in 1945 and went on to Antioch College (Ohio). She studied education and music and went on to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where she met Dr. King in 1952. A year later, they were married.

King made it clear to her husband that she would be her own woman, even going so far as to remove the promise to obey her husband from her wedding vows.

Raising four children and living in a male-dominated culture, King was not on the forefront of the movement. However, she lectured, read poetry and sang to raise awareness of and money for the civil rights movement at more than 30 "Freedom Concerts."

After her husband's assassination in 1968, King stepped up to continue his works. She included her own causes, such as gender, in her campaigns. King and her husband both described their relationship as a partnership.

King led the effort for a national holiday in her husband's honor, which was first observed in 1986. She later founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta, where Dr. King was buried.

King died in Baja California, Mexico, on Jan. 30, 2006, at age 78.

--*Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor*

Coretta Scott King sits at a press conference in Atlanta in 1986, to launch a 10-day celebration for the first national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A poster depicting King is in the background.

# Breaking Down Barriers

**R**ichard Pryor was an iconoclastic standup comedian who disregarded racial barriers. He offered what critics saw as a sharply penetrating comedic view of African-American life. Pryor paved the way for the progressive thinking of black comedians.

He conveyed all parts of black society, including street characters who previously had been considered stereotypes or embarrassments. His honest and humorous presentation of these characters gained a large audience in every ethnic, economic and cultural group in America.

Although his comedy and explicit language were offensive to some audiences, Pryor maintained that a lie was the worst profanity.

Pryor first appeared on television in 1964 on Rudy Vallee's "On Broadway Tonight." Two years and several television appearances later, he had a national reputation. By 1967, however, Pryor began wanting to do something different with his humor.

He began to develop new material from the black experience. His first comedy album emerged in 1967. By 1970, he had completely changed his comedy act.

Pryor's 1974 album, "That Nigger's Crazy," sold more than 500,000 copies and won a Grammy Award for best comedy album of the year. The next year, his album " ... Is It Something I Said" went gold and won another Grammy.

Pryor also wrote for television and won an Emmy Award for best comedy writing for "Lily" in 1974.

He became a popular guest on Saturday Night Live in 1975 and did a series of television specials for NBC in 1977. Throughout his career, Pryor appeared in 40 films, often with co-star Gene Wilder.

Pryor won the Mark Twain Prize, the Kennedy Center's award for humor, in 1998.

He married six times and divorced five times, and his wife and six children survived him. Pryor had been suffering from multiple sclerosis and died of a heart attack on Dec. 10, 2005.

--*Emmy Thomson, Student Life/Academics Editor*

# Natural Disasters Shake the World

**M**other Nature must have hated the world. The start of the fall semester came with the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, with a death toll standing at over 2,000 as of March 3, 2006, according to CNN.com. Areas along the Gulf Coast such as Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana were sacked by winds and rain. The power of Katrina broke down the New Orleans levees, causing over 80 percent of the city to flood.

Not only was Katrina deadly, it was costly. The 2005 cost in United States Dollars rose over 75 billion according to Wikipedia.com, making it the most expensive natural disaster in American history.

Over on the West Coast, Mother Nature inflicted a hard blow causing massive wildfires and then flooding.

In October and November, severe wildfires forced thousands of residents from their Southern Californian homes. More than 24,000 acres northwest of L.A. were charred to ash as fires ripped through the area. It took weeks for the fires to be contained, according to CNN.com. Then mudslides took out large parts of California's highways and neighborhoods. Six bodies were found after two mudslides hit the Saint Bernardino area on Friday, Dec. 26, 2005 according to CNN.com.

Both mudslides were in areas that had been devastated by wildfires back in October, confirming fears and predictions of officials that the lack of vegetation after those fires could leave them vulnerable to heavy rains and therefore, mudslides. After the wildfires, helicopters dropped straw while work crews planted mulch in hopes to preventing such a disaster. Despite the efforts, there was not enough vegetation to prevent the mudslides, which easily toppled many of the remaining barren trees in their paths.

Not stopping at two, another mudslide hit Sacramento, Ca. on April 14, 2006. The storm dumped over six inches of rain in about 24 hours, according to CNN.com. The heavy rain caused road closings, forced evacuations and possibly buried a man in his backyard.

Tornadoes came through the Midwest with quite a force in late March and early April. However, they seemed to have skipped over tornado alley in Oklahoma and Kansas, instead heading a bit further east. Ripping homes and trees out of the ground, 63 tornadoes in one night killed three people in Missouri, one person in Illinois, and 23 people in Tennessee.

A line of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes hit the Midwest region again in mid-April, causing another eleven deaths in Tennessee. As of Friday, April 7, 2006, over 31 tornadoes and 300 accounts of hail had hit the region.

Deciding the United States had enough, Mother Nature created a various number of disasters across the globe as well. In March, according to CNN.com, a cyclone hit Australia's Northeast coast with winds up to 180 mph. Thousands of tourists were forced to evacuate to higher ground. The weather bureau upgraded the cyclone to a number five, which was the most severe category possible.

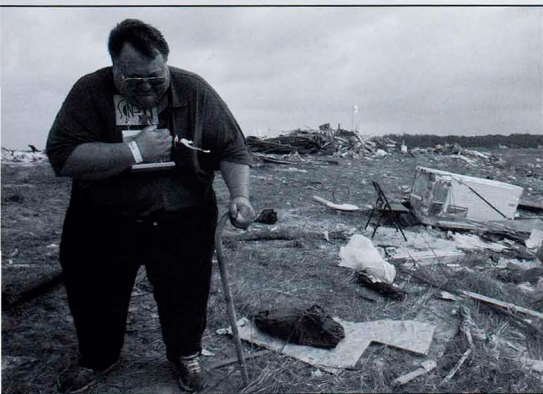
Over 51,000 people died in a 7.6 magnitude earthquake in northern Pakistan and India in early October. Remote regions were devastated, especially when aid was not able to reach villages because roads had been completely destroyed. According to Wikipedia.com, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz asked other governments to assist by sending helicopters in order to bring food, shelter, and medical aid to the injured. As of late October, millions were still without shelter and facing exposure.

While Mother Nature had a busy year causing devastation through out the world, she also took some time off to create sunrises and sunsets. However, the havoc she created supported the great artist Rembrandt's idea to "Choose only one master — Nature."

*--Lauren Miller, Photography Editor*



President George W. Bush comforts victims of Hurricane Katrina during a walking tour of Biloxi, Miss. Bush toured the Gulf Coast communities battered by Hurricane Katrina. AP Photos



Densil Sprinkle holds a photo of his mother who died when a tornado hit the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park in Indiana. The tornado that hit the Mobile Home killed 18 people and injured scores of others.



An airplane spreads fire retardant over a wildfire in Redlands, Calif.

# Vice president catches attorney in crossfire

**H**arry Whittington got more than he bargained for when he went hunting with Vice President Dick Cheney.

Cheney accidentally shot Whittington, 78, during a weekend quail hunt Feb. 18. The accident happened on the Armstrong Ranch in Texas.

Katharine Armstrong, the ranch owner, said Whittington was hit with birdshot when he rejoined the group unannounced as Cheney was firing on a covey of quail.

Whittington was a prominent Texas Republican and lawyer. He also contributed to both Bush-Cheney election campaigns.

Whittington was tended to by Cheney's personal medical team and taken to a Corpus Christi, Texas, hospital where he was treated for his wounds. A piece of birdshot that was lodged near the heart muscle caused a mild heart attack.

The handling of the situation raised question about whether Cheney had been drinking at the time of the shooting.

Cheney admitted to having a beer at lunch several hours prior to the hunt. Armstrong also stated that the party had not been drinking at the time of the accident.

Whittington was released from the hospital a week after the accident. He spoke briefly to reporters, saying that he was sorry for what Cheney and his family had to go through.

He also reiterated that the incident was merely an accident.

"We all assume certain risks in whatever we do," Whittington said in a *cnn.com* article. "Whatever activities we pursue and regardless of how experienced, careful and dedicated we are, accidents do and will happen."

--Erin Hickman, *Editor in Chief*



Attorney Harry Whittington speaks with reporters after being discharged from the hospital. Whittington suffered a heart attack as a result of his injuries.  
AP Photos

## Barbed condom aims to trap rapists

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That is the number of rapes reported each year in South Africa, and one woman wanted to do something about it.

So former blood technician Sonette Ehlers, 57, invented the rapex condom.

Worn and inserted like a tampon, the rapex was made of latex and had hooks to attach itself to the male genitalia.

Once it had embedded itself in a rapist, the rapex had to be removed surgically.

Ehlers said this not only would help in identifying rapists, but also in giving the victim time to escape.

And like regular condoms, it would reduce the chances of pregnancy or

sexually transmitted infections.

Ehlers unveiled the rapex prototype Aug. 31, 2005, after testing it for comfort with real women — and testing it for efficiency with plastic male models.

Production was scheduled to begin in late 2006.

However, her invention was not greeted with unanimous approval.

One of South Africa's most prominent anti-rape campaigners, Charlene Smith, said the rapex was disgusting and based on male-hatred.

Other critics said the device was medieval and barbaric, and they argued that South African officials should teach men not to rape instead of attacking them during the act — something that could enrage the rapist and cause him to kill his victim.

--Sadye Scott-Hainchek, *Assistant Copy Editor*

# Rescued couple returns to drug charges

The good news was that Elbert and Becky Higginbotham were rescued from their snowbound motor home in Oregon on March 22.

The bad news was that the media coverage led Arizona police to press possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia against the two.

The Higginbothams and four family members were taking backroads through the mountains on their way from Ashland, Ore., to the Pacific coast. When the van slid off the road into a snowdrift March 4, the family decided just to wait it out.

Fortunately, they had stocked the van with supplies during the Y2K scare, and the six family members had enough propane gas and petrol to heat it.

All six, including the Higginbothams' stepson and his wife and their two children, waited in the van for more than two weeks.

Peter Stivers, the Higginbothams' stepson, and his wife Marlo Hill-Stivers only set out for help after seeing on the van's TV that the search for them had been called off as speculation circled that the family was going to Disneyland. After spending the night in the woods, the pair found a forestry official, who was able to call for help.

No one was harmed, but the old drug charges resurfaced. In 2005, authorities had arrested and released the couple after they agreed to cooperate.

Elbert Higginbotham, whom authorities also wanted on a charge of misconduct, said he was innocent: He was house-sitting for a friend who had the drugs in his home when the police raided.

--Sadye Scott-Hainchek, Assistant Copy Editor



An Iraqi man casts his ballot at a polling station in Jisir Diala on the southern outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq. After former dictator Saddam Hussein was deposed, the Iraqis were able to participate in democratic elections.

# Ousted dictator faces genocide charges

Saddam Hussein's trial was anything but routine. A tribunal of Iraqis set up by the interim government tried the former Iraq dictator and seven co-defendants. Five judges determined Hussein's guilt or innocence but were allowed to seek advice from international advisers.

Hussein pled innocent to a charge of crimes against humanity committed in 1982. That year, he allegedly ordered his troops to torture and kill 140 Iraqis Dujail. By April 2006, he also faced charges of genocide against the Kurds during the 1980s.

The trial began Oct. 20, 2005, despite defense attorneys' complaints that they did not have enough time to prepare. Hussein's defense team expanded in December 2005 to include former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Hussein frequently interrupted testimony with theatrical antics and

accusations of mistreatment and bias. He claimed to have been beaten in court and questioned the court's neutrality, outbursts which often prompted the court to adjourn for recesses.

One of Hussein's half-brothers testified in his underwear one day in February while Hussein shouted anti-Bush sentiments and called for Iraqis to resist U.S. troops. Also, Hussein and others went on a hunger strike that lasted 11 days to protest their treatment by the court.

The first chief judge, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, had to step down Jan. 15 for personal reasons. Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman replaced him after a two-week recess following the resignation. Amin was accused of giving Hussein too much leeway and not giving lawyers enough security. Human Rights Watch also criticized the trial, questioning why the Iraqi government replaced Amin and other judges.

--Sadye Scott-Hainchek, Assistant Copy Editor

# Celebrity Headlines

2005 seemed to be the year for partings and new beginnings of some of Hollywood's hottest couples.

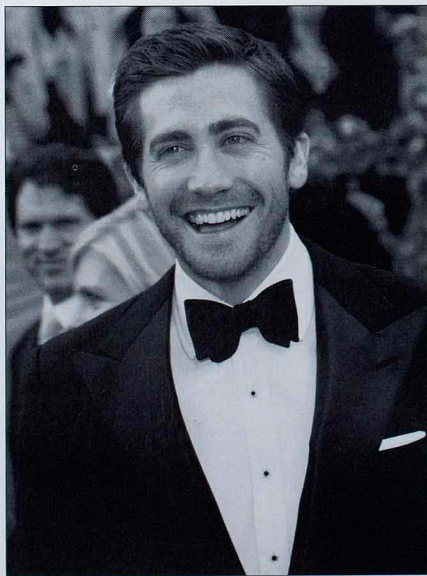
**I Don't:** After achieving new levels of fame from their hit reality show, *Newlyweds*, Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey entered into the headlines once again by ending their relationship. Reports that their union was in trouble began surfacing following a wild bachelor party attended by Lachey. Over the winter, the pair spent much of their time apart while Simpson was in Louisiana filming her movie debut as Daisy Duke in "Dukes of Hazzard." Lachey, meanwhile, worked on solo music projects. The couple announced their decision to go their separate ways in a statement in November 2005.

**Mr. and Mrs ... Pitt:** Speculation also ran wild concerning the possible relationship between "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. Jolie gave birth to the couple's first biological child, Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt, May 27. Jolie, 30, was already the mother of son Maddox, 4, whom she adopted from Cambodia, and daughter Zahara, 1, adopted from Ethiopia. A legal petition also was filed to change the last names of the children to Jolie-Pitt.

--Erin Kolley, *Organizations Editor*



Singer and actress Jessica Simpson performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" summer concert series in New York's Bryant Park on August 5, 2005. Simpson was promoting her new film "The Dukes of Hazzard."  
AP Photos



## 78th Annual Oscars

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards were hosted by comedian Jon Stewart on March 5, 2006, at the Kodak Theatre, and were televised live by the ABC Television Network. These were awarded for outstanding achievements in film.

"Brokeback Mountain", the story of two young men who fall in love in the summer of 1961, was nominated for several awards including Best Actor, Supporting Actor, and Actress. The film won three Oscars, Best Director, Best Original Musical Score, and Best Writing for a Screenplay previously published.

Other awards for the evening included Best Actor George Clooney, Best Actress Reese Witherspoon, and Best Animated Feature Film, "Wallace and Gromit and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

--Erin Kolley, *Organizations Editor*

Jake Gyllenhaal, nominated for an Oscar for Best Actor in a supporting role for his work in "Brokeback Mountain," arrives for the 78th Academy Awards Sunday, March 5, 2006. The awards show was held in Los Angeles.

# Winter Olympics

The 2006 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XX Olympic Winter Games, were held in Turin, Italy. The opening ceremony was held on Feb. 10 and the olympic events ran until the closing ceremony on Feb. 26. This was the second time Italy hosted the Olympic Winter Games.

The official logo displayed the name "Torino," the Italian name for the city, but the city is known as "Turin" in both English and the local language, Piedmontese. The Olympic mascots of Torino 2006 were Neve, a female snowball, and Gliz, a male ice cube.

Turin, as of 2006, was the largest city ever to have hosted a Winter Olympics. 80 nations participated in the games, comprised of 2,663 participating athletes. The Games featured 84 medal events in 15 disciplines grouped over 7 sports.

--Erin Kolley, Organizations Editor

## 2006 Winter Olympics Medal Count

Germany: 11 gold, 12 silver, 6 bronze = 29 total  
US: 9 gold, 9 silver, 7 bronze = 25 total  
Austria: 9 gold, 7 silver, 7 bronze = 23 total  
Russia: 8 gold, 6 silver, 8 bronze = 22 total  
Canada: 7 gold, 10 silver, 7 bronze = 24 total  
Sweden: 7 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze = 14 total

Korea: 6 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze = 11 total  
Switzerland: 5 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze = 14 total  
Italy: 5 gold, 0 silver, 6 bronze = 11 total  
France: 3 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze = 9 total  
Netherlands: 3 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze = 9 total

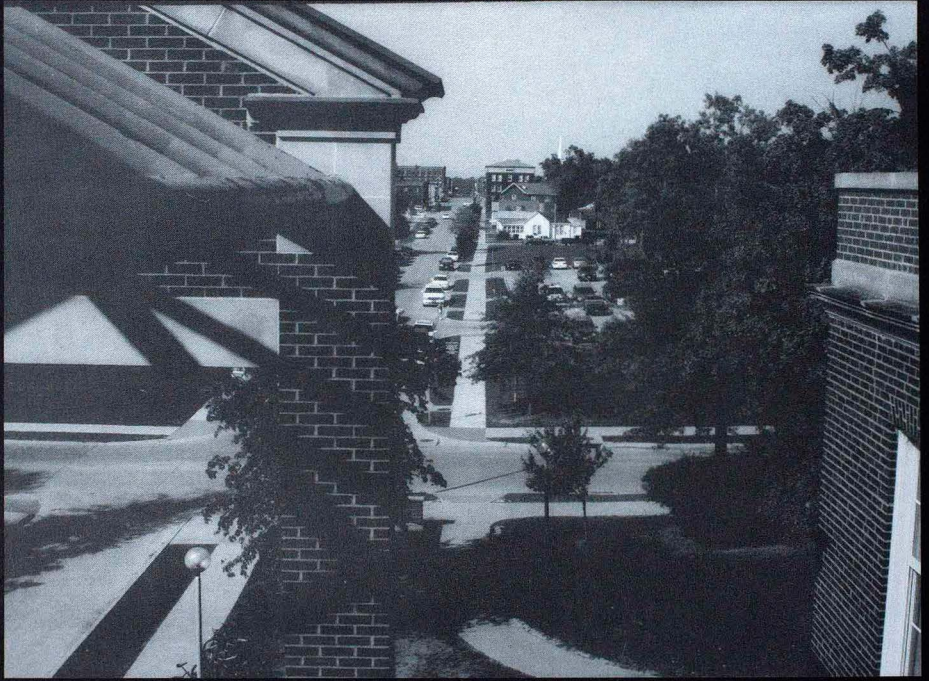
# Music & More

The Grammy Awards were awarded to some of the biggest names in contemporary music. Many artists took the stage Feb. 8 at Staples Center in Los Angeles, where the 2006 awards were held.

U2 took home 5 awards and won the 20th Grammy of their career, including the Best Album award for "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb." Other winners included Mariah Carey for Top-Selling Album, Allison Krauss for Best Country Album, and John Legend for Best New Artist, Best R&B Album, and Best Male R&B Vocal. Kelly Clarkson also took home her first Grammy for Best Pop Album, and a second for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

--Erin Kolley, Organizations Editor

The band U2 appear backstage with Grammys for Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Best Rock Song, Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal, and Best Rock Album at the 48th Annual Grammy Awards.





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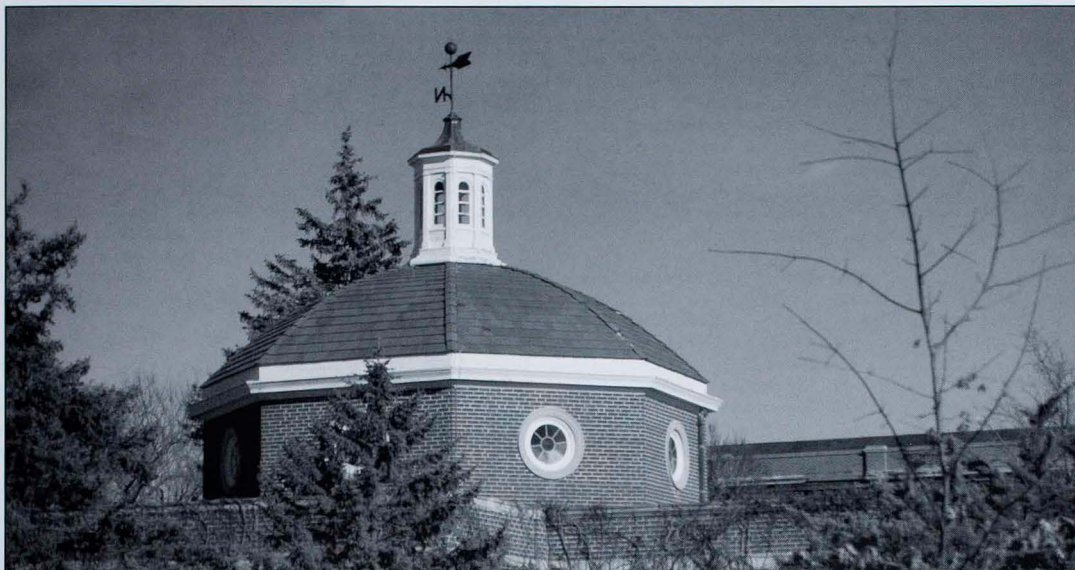
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### Truman Facts

Location: Kirksville, Missouri  
 Kirksville Population: 17,300  
 Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,600  
 Graduate Enrollment: 250  
 International Enrollment: 250 from 50 different countries  
 Male/Female Ratio: 41:59  
 Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1  
 Average Class Size: 22 students  
 Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.76  
 Percentage of Freshman Courses Taught by  
     Full-time Faculty: 95%  
 Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 85%  
 Graduate Placement: 99%  
 Number of Organizations on Campus: approximately 200  
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### Pop/Rock

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Favorite Female Artist: Gwen Stefani  
Favorite Band: The Black-Eyed Peas  
Favorite Album: "American Idiot," by Greenday

### Soul/Rhythm and Blues

Favorite Male Artist: R. Kelly  
Favorite Female Artist: Mariah Carey  
Favorite Band: Destiny's Child  
Favorite Album: "Destiny Fulfilled," by Destiny's Child

### Country

Favorite Male Artist: Tim McGraw  
Favorite Female Artist: Gretchen Wilson  
Favorite Group: Brooks and Dunn  
Favorite Album: "Live Like You Were Dying," by Tim McGraw

### Rap/Hip-Hop

Favorite Male Artist: Eminem  
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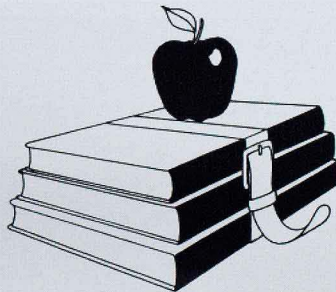
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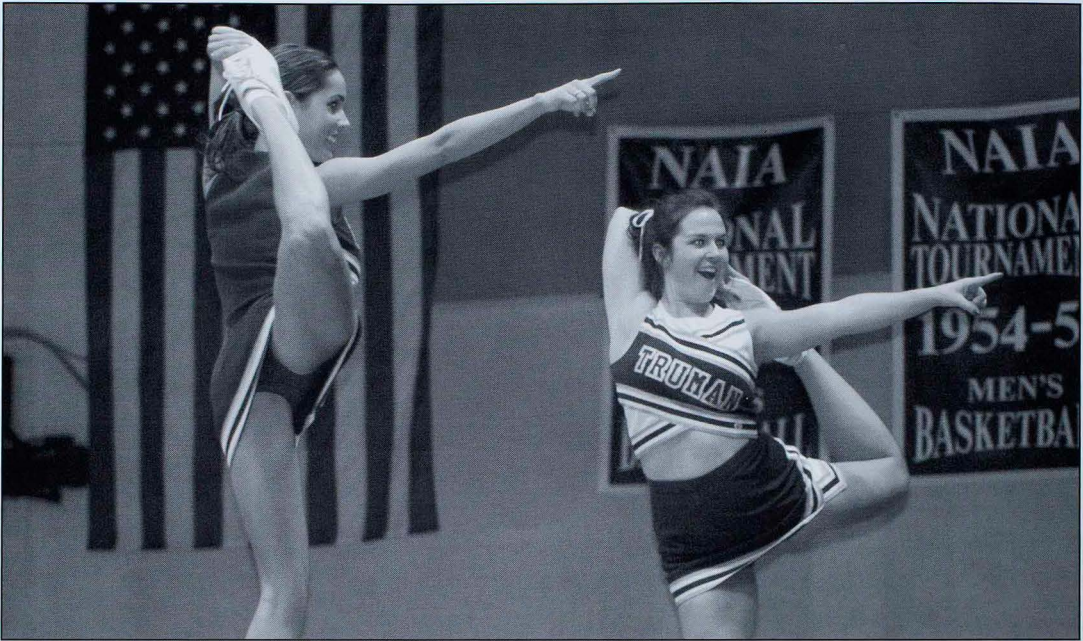
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2006 NCAA Men's Basketball: **Florida Gators** defeat UCLA Bruins

2006 NCAA Women's Basketball: **Maryland Lady Terrapins** defeat Duke Blue Devils

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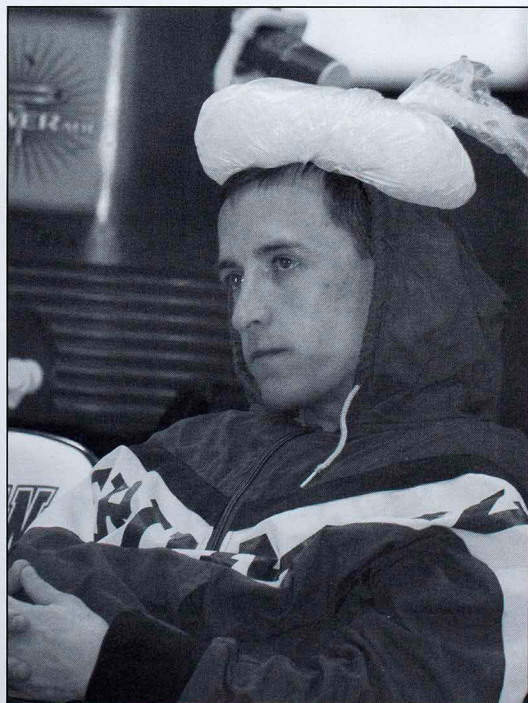
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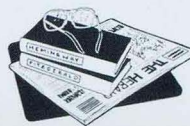
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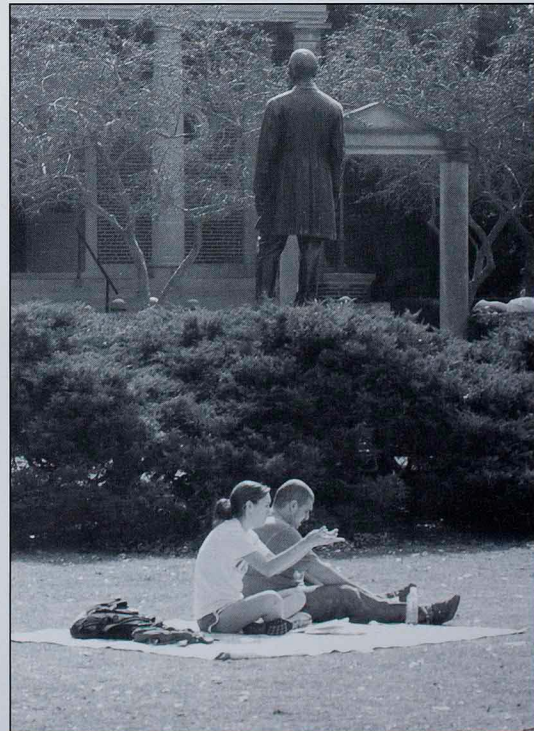
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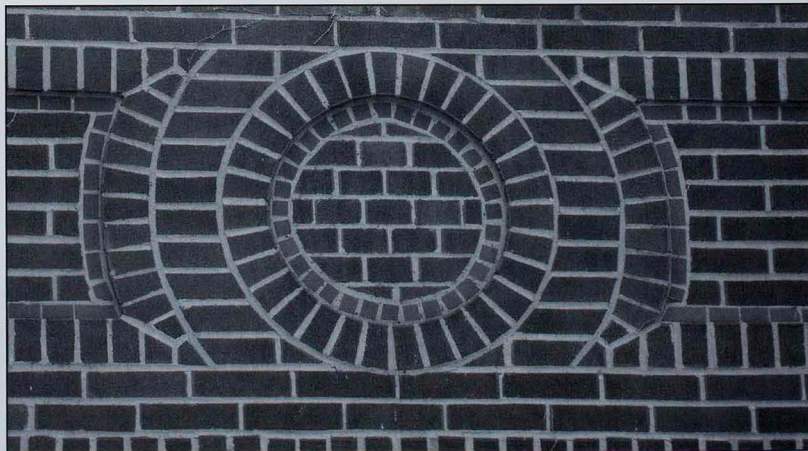
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2. "Let Me Love You," by Mario
3. "1, 2 Step," by Ciara featuring Missy Elliot
4. "Since U Been Gone," by Kelly Clarkson
5. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," by Greenday
6. "Lovers and Boys," by Lil Jon and The East Side Boyz featuring Usher and Ludacris
7. "Disco Inferno," by 50 Cent
8. "Candy Shop," by 50 Cent featuring Olivia
9. "Drop It Like It's Hot," by Snoop Dogg featuring Pharrell
10. "Shake It Off," by Mariah Carey

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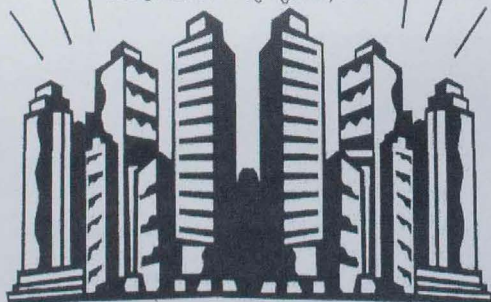
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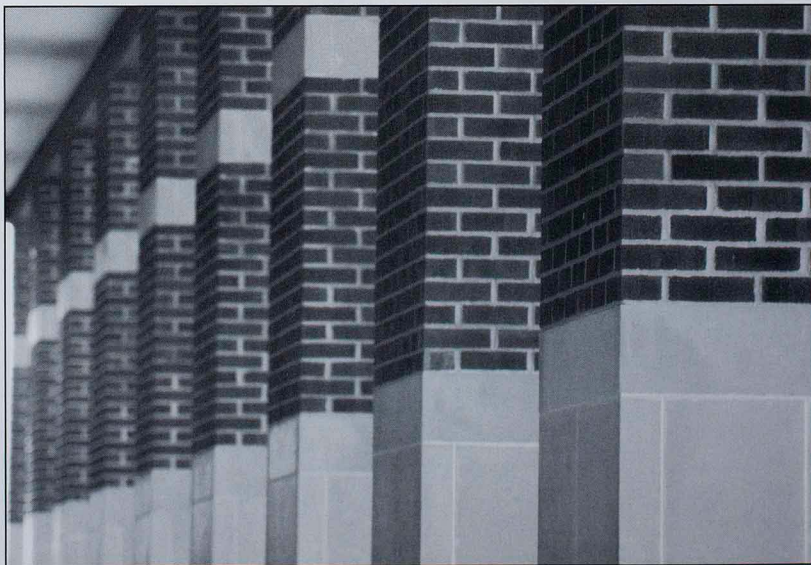
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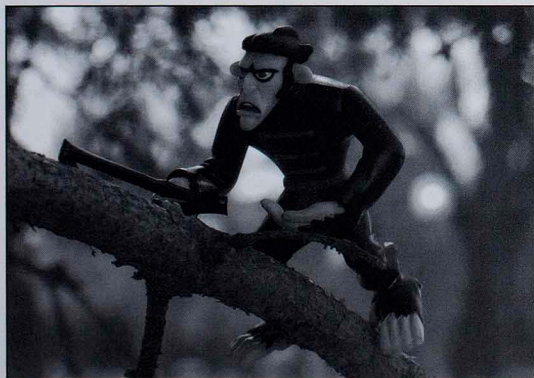
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## The Goal

Our goal for the 2006 yearbook was simple. We wanted it to be different. We wanted it to be classically simple yet eye-catching. The building block theme came about through several reasons. One was that the University campus itself was changing with the addition of a new residence hall, science building and multimedia center, as well as the remodeling of other buildings. The other reason was that essentially we were trying to start the yearbook up from scratch and build up from a better foundation.

We wanted to get away from all that had been done before and start a new era of the Echo. We felt that what had been good enough for previous editors was inadequate for us, and we wanted to redefine the book, to give it a more modern and clean look. We wanted to emphasize space and sharpen lines, to reduce the clutter and make the book easier on the eye. We found it unacceptable that some students at Truman didn't even know the yearbook existed, and we knew that to capture these students' attention we had to have an arresting book, one that didn't rely on previous years' standards. We had to set our own, and they had to be higher than those before.

We began this year with a fairly young and inexperienced staff, so we knew our task of revamping the book wasn't going to be easy. But the staff was determined and willing to make things work, and we learned to rely on each other's strengths while improving each other's weaknesses. We feel that we have created a book that has the potential to push the Echo in a new and more exciting direction, and the trials and tribulations of this year have given us valuable experience when it comes to planning next year's volume.

--Erin and Evie

# Staff

## The Quotes

"Breed 'em young, that's what I say. Sounds like we're using them for their pelts." --Evangeline McMullen

"The ponies are in season this year." --Hope Slaby

"What did you say about the year-book sucking your soul?" --Emily Gebhardt  
 "Uhh.. that it was sucking my soul." --Erin Hickman

"Everyone pees their pants here at Truman State University." --John Weeks

"...salsa like a mo-fo." --Guy at Tierra del Sol

"You know what, it's probably like Heaven and I can't see it because I'm Satan." --Emmy Thomson

"I could hear voices." --Sarah Carter  
 "I think you do." --Emmy Thomson

"People should hug from behind more often." --John Weeks

"I want to find him and have his babies." --Amanda Gardner

"I want to fly somewhere--where should I go?" --Emily Gebhardt  
 "Rome!" --Evangeline McMullen  
 "Uh.. I was thinking more like Tulsa." --Emily Gebhardt

"Don't be afraid to laugh. Don't be afraid to cry." --old Echo staff manual

"Just so you guys know, the [fraternity] does not endorse prostitution." --Erin Hickman

"So why are you freaking out, you know the lingo!" --Emmy Thomson

"I totally wanna go ethnic!" --Emily Gebhardt

"Why do we always keep this door open?" --Erin Hickman  
 "It's to keep the love flowing!" --Erin Kolley

"I bet they don't have those in Africa." --Evangeline McMullen



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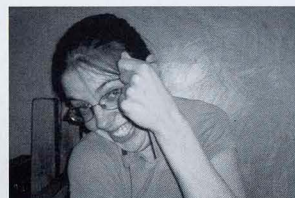
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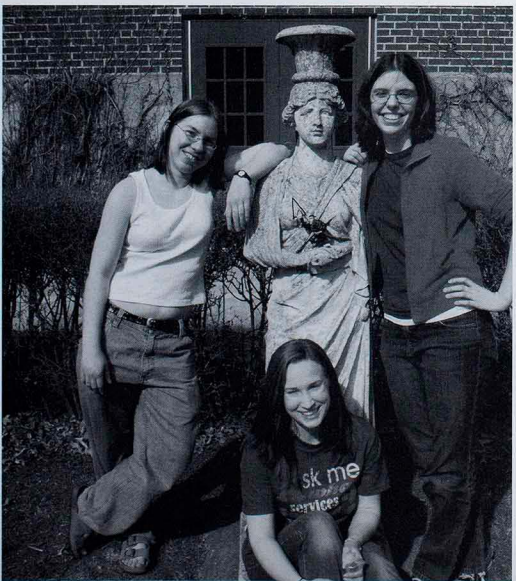
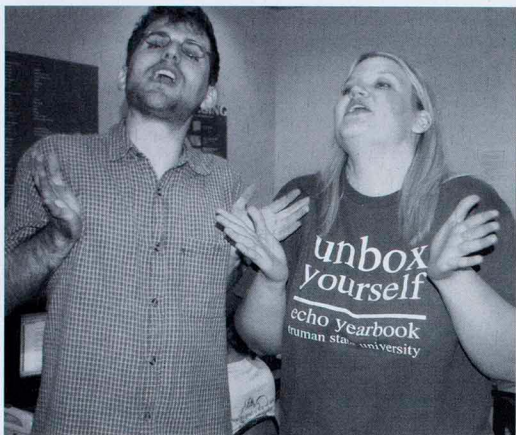
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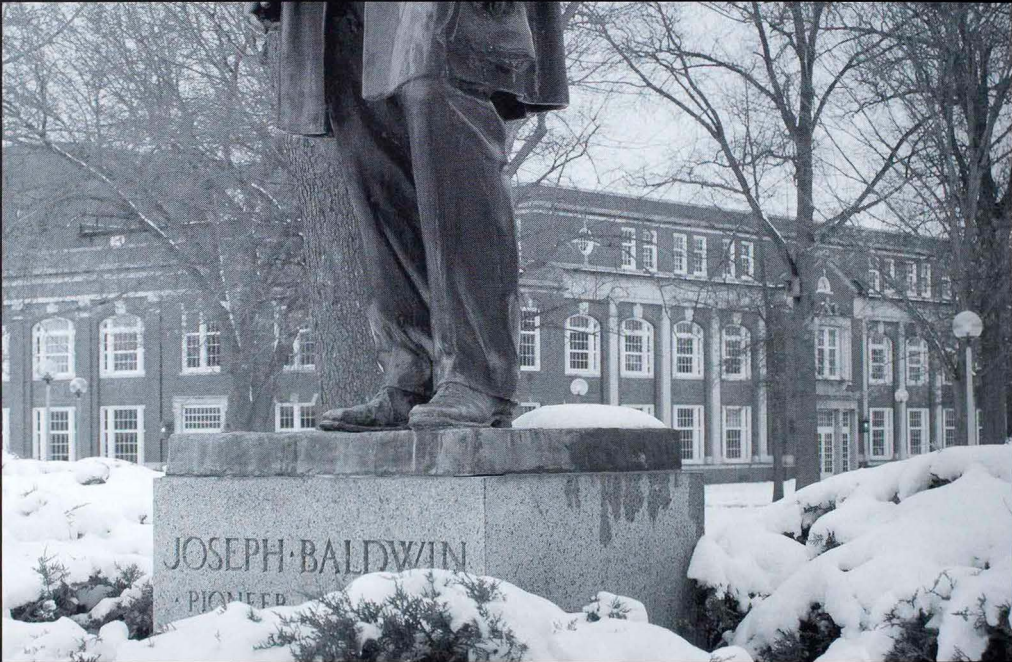
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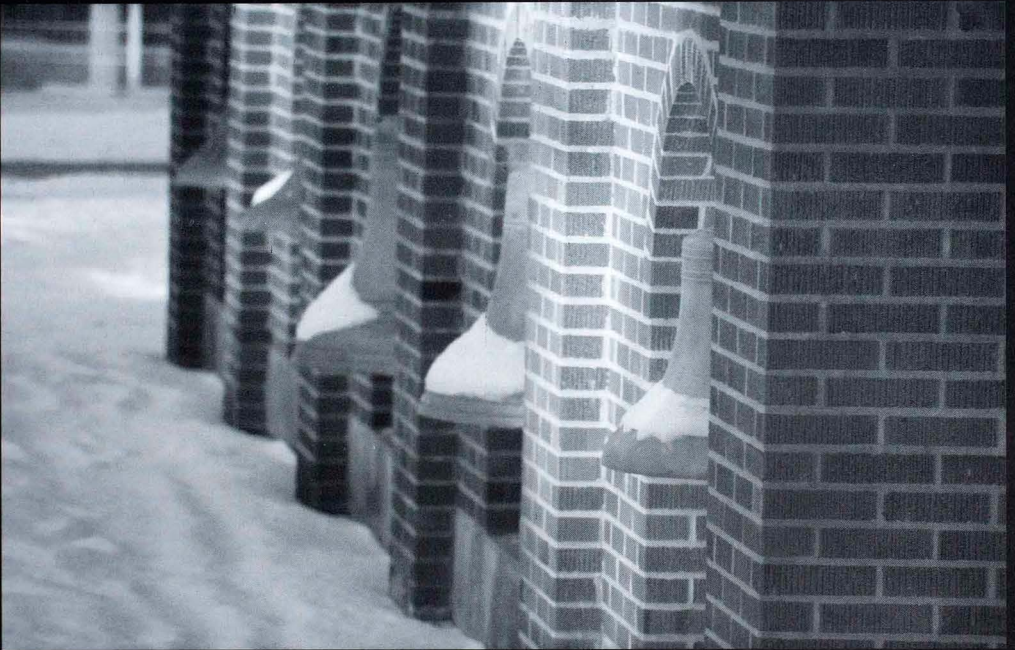
College is about **building** a future. For some, this period of time constitutes just one building block of many. For others, it is the capstone of their educational experiences. But whether it serves as a foundation or a keystone, the time spent at Truman State University will doubtless play an important role in creating a future.

The college years are growing years, both physically and mentally. We are adding to our **character**, building it up stronger and straighter. The days we can't get enough of, the nights we wish we could forget (or don't quite remember) — they all add to our transformation into older and wiser adults.

We are adding to our knowledge, securing and **supporting** it with more and more pieces. The exams we take, the pop quizzes we miss and the assignments that seem to grow ever longer — they all contribute to our knowledge, whether we realize it or not.

So go, take what you have learned this year and all your years at the University and build upon it. Reshape it, reform it, rearrange it, but above all, grow from it, add to it and use it. It may just be one of the most influential **building blocks** of your life.

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