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Jackson Named VP for CWS Energy

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a sincere thank you to all Truman State University students, faculty and staff for their time and energy that went into an outstanding celebration of the University name on July 1. Our good memories of this historic day will remain with us for years to come.

Mary Rhodes Russell
President
Board of Governors

Board of Governors member Alphonso R. Jackson, president and chief executive officer of The Housing Authority of Dallas, has been named vice president of corporate resources for its CSW Energy, Inc., and CSW International, Inc., subsidiaries. A 1968 and 1969 graduate of Truman State University, Jackson was appointed to Truman's Board in 1994.



Jackson will oversee marketing intelligence, strategic planning, human resources, industry representation and public relations for the two subsidiaries.

CSW Energy develops, owns and operates non-utility electric power projects in the United States. CSW International participates in electric power generation, transmission and distribution projects outside the United States.

The companies are units of Dallas-based Central and South West, an electric utility holding company with assets of \$14 billion. Central and South West owns four electric utility subsidiaries in the United States, a regional electricity company in the United Kingdom and non-utility subsidiaries involved in independent power production, telecommunications, energy efficiency and financial transactions.

Jackson joined the Dallas Housing Authority in January 1989. Previously, he was the director of

the Department of Public and Assisted Housing in Washington, D.C., where he formulated and implemented housing policy for the \$137 million operation. He also had served as chairperson for the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency Board, as director of public safety for the city of St. Louis, as executive director for the St. Louis Housing Authority, as a director of consultant services for the certified public accounting firm of Laventhol and Horwath in St. Louis and as executive assistant to the chancellor and assistant professor at the University of Missouri.

He serves on the board of directors of Zales-Lipsby University Hospital, Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, The Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross of Metropolitan Dallas, Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Institute for American Values—New York City and Children's Medical Center of Dallas. He also serves as chairman of the General Services Commission of the state of Texas.

Jackson is an internationally recognized expert on urban issues. He was a 1995 Fellow of the Aspen Institute. He served as a member of President Bush's National Commission on Urban Families, on the National Commission on Severely Depressed Public Housing, on the Regional Selection Panel for the White House Fellowship program and on the Welfare Simplification and Coordination Advisory Committee.

Truman State University – In the News

While the celebration of Truman State University's name was on the minds of many people in northeast Missouri on July 1, the topic was buzzing throughout the state and across the country.

A front-page story in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* titled "Name-dropping: Truman State Celebrates Its New Identity" was published in the July 1 issue. "The day will belong to Harry S.

Truman, who will be around campus not just in name but in theme and spirit," wrote Susan C. Thomson, *Post-Dispatch* reporter.

Other publications carrying news about the Truman State University celebration included *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *USA TODAY*, and the *Jefferson City News Tribune*, among others. For reprints of the articles, stop by the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202.

Students Share the Magic of Physics

Truman State University physics students are taking the magic of science to local youngsters in an effort to get students excited about the field.

This spring the Society of Physics Students launched a program of demonstrations that used beach balls, shaving cream and a bed of-nails to explain air pressure, weight distribution and the causes of thunder and lightning.

The purpose of the demonstrations at elementary and junior high schools is two-fold. Sophomore physics and mathematics major Rob Dowell says it is a chance for Truman students to try their hand at teaching while they show young students that science can be interesting and fun.

"If we spark interest at the first-, second- or third-grade level, they'll develop fewer negative attitudes about science," Dowell says.

Elementary students have a chance to ask questions like "Why is the sky blue?" Then the physics students give a simple scientific explanation.

"We have a lot of fun just seeing their faces light up and the questions they ask. They're the same questions we wondered about when we

were that age," says senior physics and philosophy and religion major Jim Bopp.

The five students involved are already planning visits to area schools in the fall. Right now the team uses models from the physics department for their presentations, but Dowell hopes they can find sponsorship to buy better equipment, a van, and possibly to hire a faculty supervisor. He says the better resources could improve the group's ability to serve more than 40 school districts.



Society of Physics Students President Jim Bopp explains how someone can walk on a bed of nails to students at Benton Elementary School.

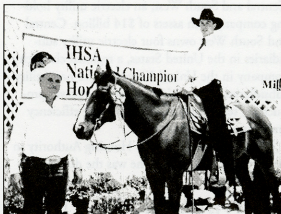
Dowell says even if the team isn't funded, he'll stick with it.

"I enjoy seeing the kids understand things they never thought about before."

Notables

A task force from Northwest Missouri State University visited the Multicultural Affairs Center to gain assistance in a proposal to establish a center on their campus. In addition, the Multicultural Affairs Center will host the advisory board meeting of the Missouri Blacks in Higher Education conference this month.

Austin Jay, professor emeritus of biology, received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine for his dedication to teaching, scholarly activity and advocacy for osteopathic medicine.



Troy Murrel, a member of the Truman Horse Show Team, was recently named Reserve National Champion in the individual advanced western horsemanship division at the National Final Intercollegiate Horse Show Association gathering in Burbank, Calif. His riding instructor Don DeLaney holds the mount. The ISHA encompasses 20 regions with 235 member colleges from 35 states and Canada. More than 4,500 riders are represented by the organization.

Notes

The first Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Missouri will be held in Kirksville Aug. 3 and 4. For more information or the volunteer, call the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce at 665-3766.

Homestay hosts are needed for Hosei University (Japan) students, Aug. 9-11. For

more information, contact David Cicotello at 785-4136.

Volunteers are needed to supervise child care during Region II Planning and Coordinating Council Picnic on July 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Interested individuals should contact Dolores Hampton at 626-1268.

The Tyson Foundation provides scholarships to undergraduate students majoring in certain areas of agriculture, business, computer science, engineering or nursing. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and permanent residents living in the vicinity of a Tyson operating facility. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time in an

accredited institution, need financial assistance and help fund their education through either summertime employment and/or employment during the academic year. Scholarship amounts are determined by the recipients' needs, up to a certain amount, and payment is made each semester directly to the scholarship recipient for tuition, fees and books only. Students can receive scholarship help for up to eight semesters. Application deadlines are Dec. 15, 1996 for the 1997 spring semester and April 20, 1997 for the 1997 fall semester. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.