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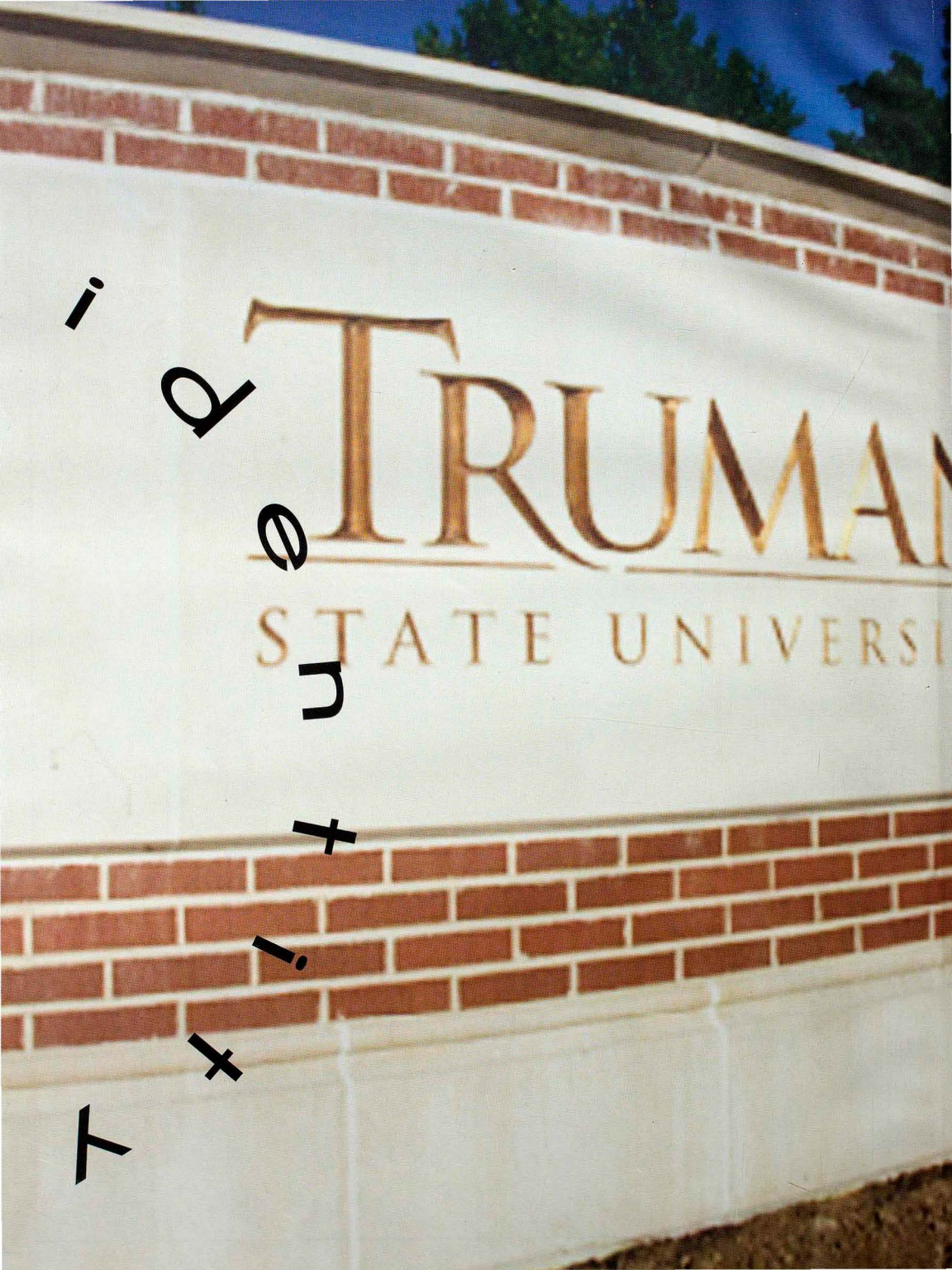
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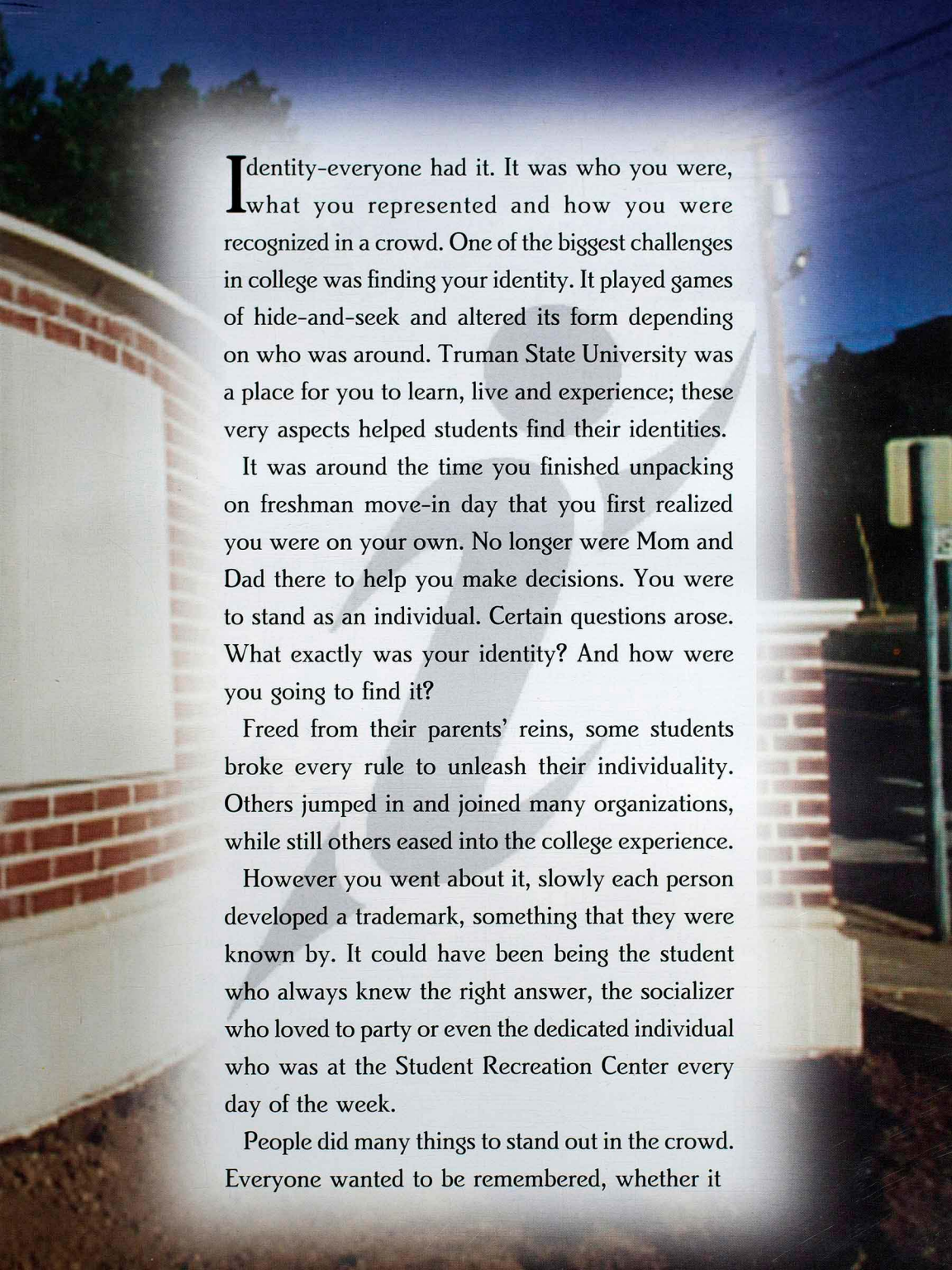
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A photograph of a brick wall at night, with a street lamp and a building in the background. The wall is white with a red brick base. The background is dark, suggesting a night scene. A street lamp is visible on the right side, and a building is partially visible in the distance.

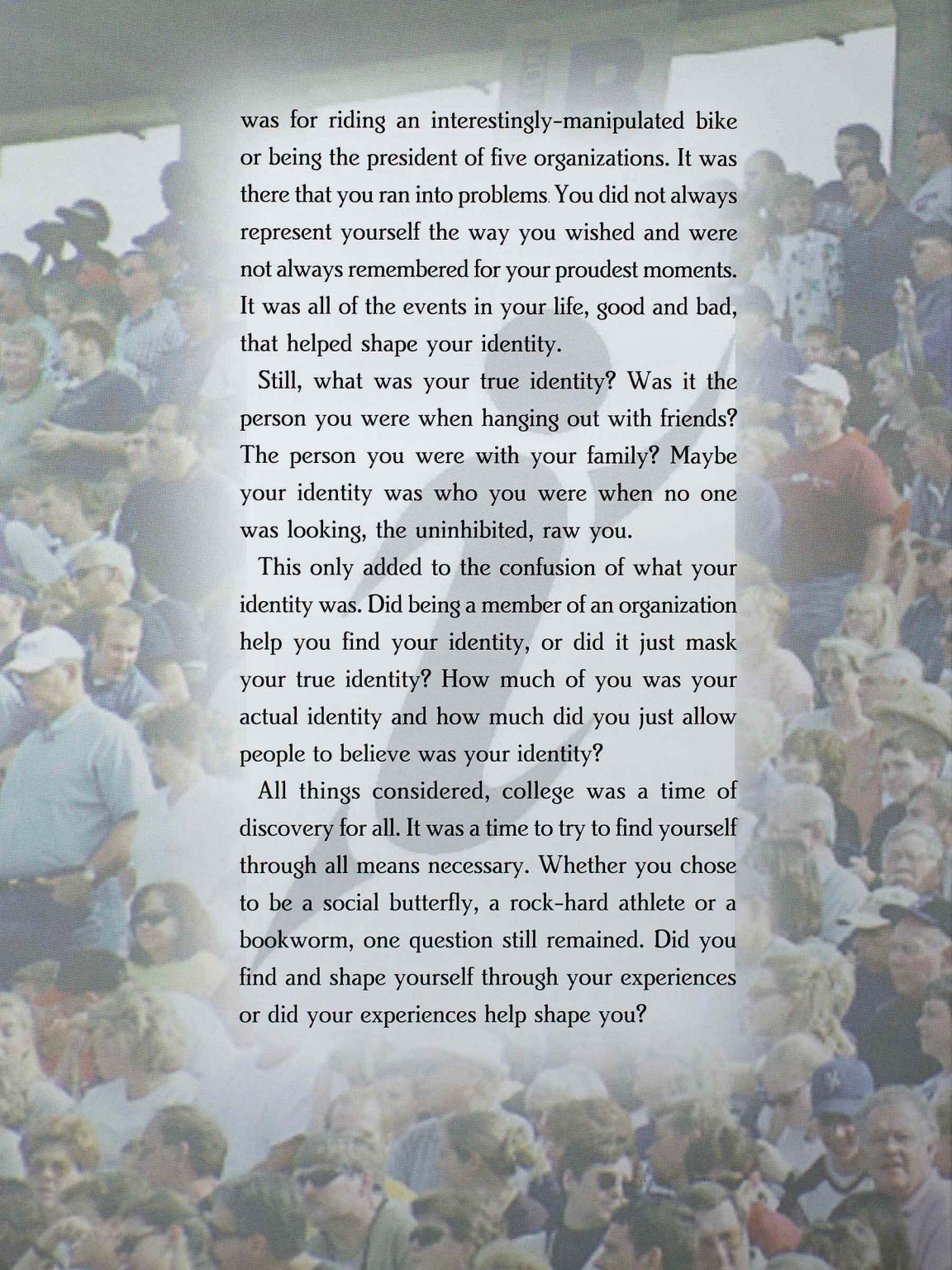
Identity-everyone had it. It was who you were, what you represented and how you were recognized in a crowd. One of the biggest challenges in college was finding your identity. It played games of hide-and-seek and altered its form depending on who was around. Truman State University was a place for you to learn, live and experience; these very aspects helped students find their identities.

It was around the time you finished unpacking on freshman move-in day that you first realized you were on your own. No longer were Mom and Dad there to help you make decisions. You were to stand as an individual. Certain questions arose. What exactly was your identity? And how were you going to find it?

Freed from their parents' reins, some students broke every rule to unleash their individuality. Others jumped in and joined many organizations, while still others eased into the college experience.

However you went about it, slowly each person developed a trademark, something that they were known by. It could have been being the student who always knew the right answer, the socializer who loved to party or even the dedicated individual who was at the Student Recreation Center every day of the week.

People did many things to stand out in the crowd. Everyone wanted to be remembered, whether it



was for riding an interestingly-manipulated bike or being the president of five organizations. It was there that you ran into problems. You did not always represent yourself the way you wished and were not always remembered for your proudest moments. It was all of the events in your life, good and bad, that helped shape your identity.

Still, what was your true identity? Was it the person you were when hanging out with friends? The person you were with your family? Maybe your identity was who you were when no one was looking, the uninhibited, raw you.

This only added to the confusion of what your identity was. Did being a member of an organization help you find your identity, or did it just mask your true identity? How much of you was your actual identity and how much did you just allow people to believe was your identity?

All things considered, college was a time of discovery for all. It was a time to try to find yourself through all means necessary. Whether you chose to be a social butterfly, a rock-hard athlete or a bookworm, one question still remained. Did you find and shape yourself through your experiences or did your experiences help shape you?



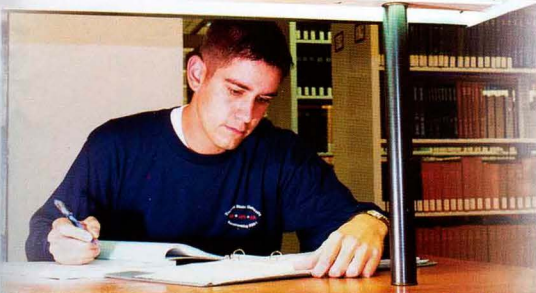
▶ The Showgirls Dance Squad performs during the halftime show of the Family Day football game against University of Missouri-Rolla. Entertainment during football games included the Showgirls as well as the Gamblers Marching Band.

photos by Dan Beary



▶ During Opening Convocation, an activity held during Freshman Week, freshman Pat Hardin and senior student adviser Kristin Dohack carry the Ryle Hall banner down an aisle between Centennial Hall residents. President Jack Magruder and several other speakers addressed the new freshman class.

photo by Tim Barcus



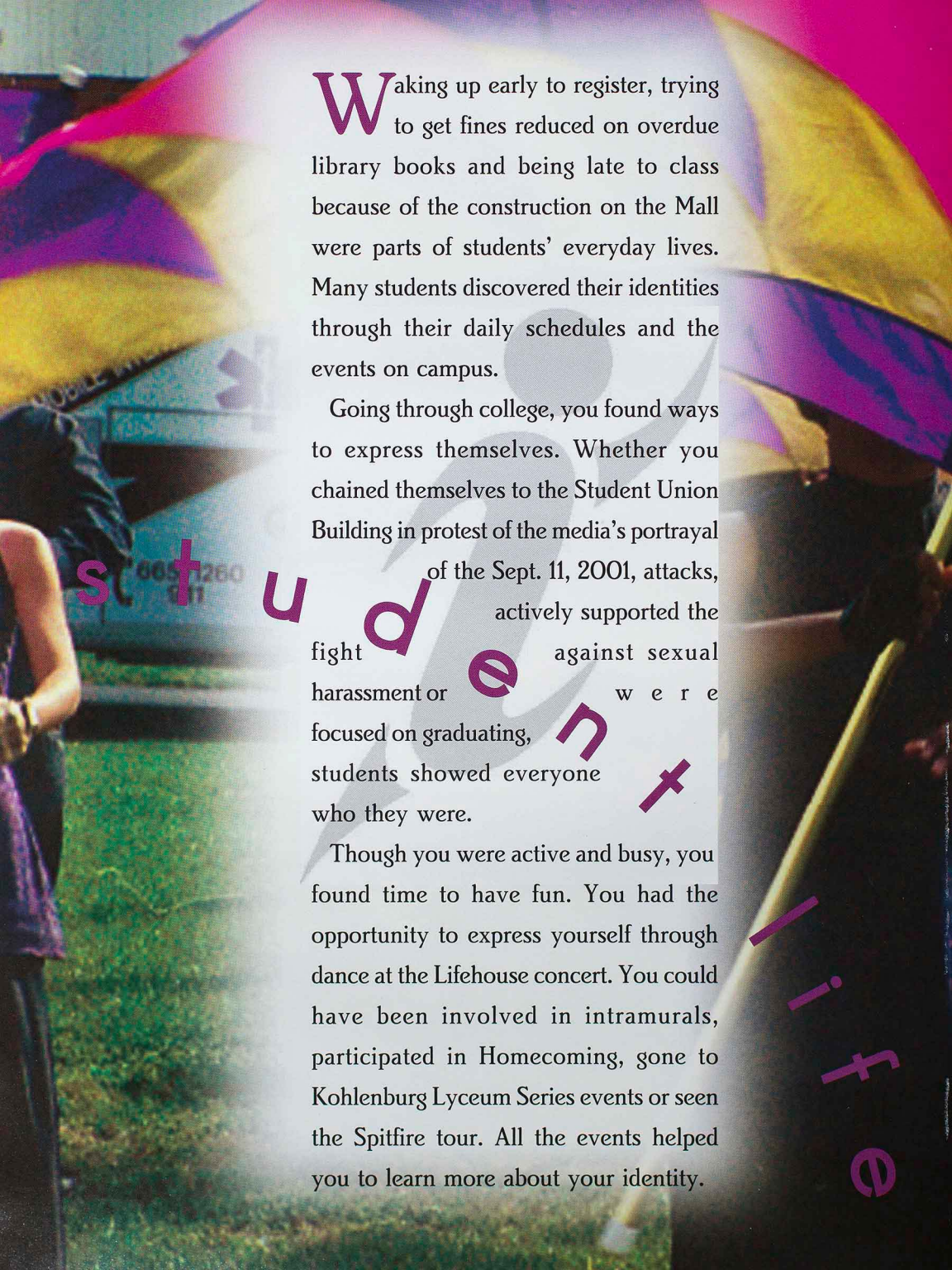
▶ Using the study tables in Pickler Memorial Library, junior Scott Klasner studies in a quiet place. The library was a convenient location for groups to work in study rooms or for solitary studying.

photo by Tim Barcus



▶ Volleyball team members senior Cassy Felkerson and sophomore Jenna Buckner go up for a double block during a match against University of Northern Alabama (Florence). The team topped Northern Alabama in the NCAA II South Central Regional Tournament 3-0.

photo by Dalton Paley



Waking up early to register, trying to get fines reduced on overdue library books and being late to class because of the construction on the Mall were parts of students' everyday lives. Many students discovered their identities through their daily schedules and the events on campus.

Going through college, you found ways to express themselves. Whether you chained themselves to the Student Union Building in protest of the media's portrayal of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, actively supported the fight against sexual harassment or were focused on graduating, students showed everyone who they were.

Though you were active and busy, you found time to have fun. You had the opportunity to express yourself through dance at the Lifehouse concert. You could have been involved in intramurals, participated in Homecoming, gone to Kohlenburg Lyceum Series events or seen the Spitfire tour. All the events helped you to learn more about your identity.

Life



As part of the Gamblers Marching Band, the Color Guard performs during halftime of the Family Day football game. During Family Day, students and their parents also were invited to the 25th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival and to the "Bizarre Magic Show" of Brian Brushwood.

photo by Dalton Paley

“I think it is awesome that the campus could come together and show its support. ... We all feel for what's going on; we all take it very personally.”

Haleema Molberg, senior



STRIKES

terrorism

As the bell tower played the tune of "God Bless America," the hundreds of students who gathered on the Quad grew so silent they could not be heard over the leaves rustling in the trees above.

It was 10:30 a.m. on a Friday; these students expected to be listening to lectures about biology, economics or literature. Instead, like much of the country, Truman State University had put its plans on hold to mourn the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

In New York, firefighters desperately searched mountains of debris that were once the World Trade Center Towers for signs of life. Black smoke from the fires that had begun three days before still hung over the city as the nation officially grieved the approximately 3,000 lives lost in the attacks.

"I think [Sept. 11] reminded us how small the world really is," senior John Hilton said. "All of America seemed like it shut down for three or four days. I think that affected us in Kirksville just as much as it affected anyone else."

Students crowded into Baldwin Auditorium and Violette Hall 1000 and gathered around various television sets across campus to watch the national memorial service. They stared at the screens in silent silence.

The scene was reminiscent of Tuesday, Sept. 11, when these same students had watched in stunned silence as history unfolded live on their television sets.

"I came home and walked through the [residence] halls, and it was incredible," freshman Ginny Weidhaas said. "Everybody's door was open and everyone was just glued to the TV. I don't think I'll ever forget that. Everybody was just silent."

With almost every television and radio station providing some form of news coverage on the plane crashes in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, most students spent much of Sept. 11 monitoring the events through the media.

"I cried a little and just kept watching," junior Cynthia Khan said. "I felt really immobilized. I couldn't move. I didn't really want to watch the

scenes, but at the same time I was trying to cope with it."

Residence hall directors instructed student advisers across campus to talk to their residents and help them through the emotions of the day.

"They train us before the school year starts on how to deal with your residents in different situations," said junior Zac Burden, an SA in Dobson Hall. "One thing they don't train you for is when the incident affects you too. All of us had to deal with it. I think together, the residents and staff were there for one another. Because of that, we were able to get through it."

Churches and campus religious groups held prayer services throughout the day. Meanwhile, a faculty symposium was organized in Ryle Hall to help students understand what was going on.

On a day of turbulent emotions, prayer and discussion calmed the fears of many students.

"I wanted revenge," junior Steve Schnurbusch said. "I went off to one of my friend's dorm rooms and we were just talking about it. [Our conversation was] patriotic, but maybe not politically correct. Later in the day, I went to the event in Ryle Hall and the Newman Center. That made me see things in a better perspective."

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photo by Dalton Paley

Students share an emotional embrace during the Memorial Service held Sept. 14, 2001, on the Quad. Many students expressed their patriotism by bringing American flags.

Smoke billows from the north tower of the World Trade Center. Two planes crashed into the upper floors of the twin towers minutes apart, bringing down the two 110-story towers.

photo by Associated Press



"I went over to the TV and just stood there glued to it ... Then I went off on my own and cried for a while. It was just so amazing. I felt like I wanted to throw up."

John Hilton, senior



"I take it for granted that when my parents go to work, they'll come back ... There are kids out there who will never see their parents come home from work."

Cynthia Khan, junior

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In the days following the attacks, the emotional effects were evident in the student body.

"The whole campus seemed to be in shock," Hilton said. "For the next couple days you could read it on people's faces walking around. People looked down and were just generally pretty upset."

Sharing the fears and grief associated with the attacks united much of the campus and the country. Students, faculty and local residents showed up in droves to give blood for a three-day campus blood drive that was scheduled to begin on Sept. 11. Donors waited more than two hours in line to replenish the Red Cross' dwindling blood supply.

In the wake of the attacks, much of the nation shut down. Airports, malls and major public buildings were closed. Professional football and baseball games were postponed for the first time since World War II.

In the weeks that followed, airports reopened, sports players returned to the fields and students resumed their busy schedules of classes, activities and socializing. Something, however, was tangibly different.



photo by Tim Barcus

Students watch breaking news of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. This lounge, located in the lower level recreation area of the SUB, remained full all day. Some professors canceled class and others used class time for watching news or discussing the events.

we deal with things. There may be some freedoms that we'll have to sacrifice for safety."

Patriotism soared. Suddenly, American flags could be found decorating residence hall rooms, store displays and front porches across town.

Not all students were pleased with the nation's response to the terrorist attacks. On Sept. 24, two students chained themselves to the doors of the Student Union Building, while two others distributed fliers criticizing the media's coverage of the events.

Other students believed the media held the nation together.

"Not only was [the media] providing information, I think it helped to comfort the country," Burden said. "To have Peter Jennings on TV with a five o'clock shadow every night showed a lot [on the media's] part."

But even as the country prepared

for a potentially bloody conflict, it only had to look at the hole in the New York City skyline for a reminder of the importance and delicacy of life.

"It makes me realize how precious life is," senior Samuel Tham said. "It can be taken away from you at any moment, and someone you see today, you might not see tomorrow. Learning to cope with situations like these is what life is about. Living is the most important thing."

Andy Ashbaugh

Staff Writer



"Since we were kind of removed from it, ... it was just shock. People couldn't believe it happened, didn't believe it happened. It just looked like a movie."

Karli Kujawa, junior



"...I heard from people that I haven't heard from in months. ... Everyone was just saying, 'I'm so glad you're okay. I love you.'"

Haleema Malberg, senior



"I don't want to see the destruction of more humanity, but if there are groups bent on attacking us like that, I think they need to be taken care of."

Steve Schinubush, junior





photo by Tim Barcus

Students leave the Memorial Service held Sept. 14, 2001. Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Gordon spoke at the service. Classes were canceled the rest of the day to honor the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

A patriotic "USA" lights the night sky from the roof of Fair Apartments. Senior Joel Miller and juniors Rob Miller and Mike Shaughnessy worked together to create the display on the roof after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.



photo by Julia Karll

Vehicles wait in line to fill up with gas at the Kum & Go Store on South Franklin Street. After hearing about a threat of a potential increase in gas prices, many students rushed to fill up their tanks. The gas scare was futile, however, as Kirksville, did not face any significant price hikes.



photo by Dalton Paley

DEFINE

Four American airplanes were hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001. Two crashed into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, N.Y., one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and one in a field in Pennsylvania.

Crowd Pleasers

CONCERTS DELIVER VARIETY AND RECORD TICKET SALES

She was not easily star-struck, since working with celebrities like Woody Harrelson and Wyclef Jean became old news to her. Yet when Jason Wade, lead singer of Lifehouse, complimented the members of the Student Activities Board on being such a nice group of people, junior Laura Andersen, SAB concert chair, lost her composure.

"Lifehouse said that members of SAB were some of the nicest people they had worked with," Andersen said. "Well, when he said that, my friends and I were melting because he was so hot."

As the chairwoman for the concert committee, Andersen was in charge of the many behind-the-scenes activities that went on during the concert. She made sure the concert went on without any problems. Along with the other members of the concert committee, Andersen was responsible for providing food for the band, helping construct the stage and cleaning up. However, many perks came with all of her hard work.

"I got autographs and my picture taken with the band," Andersen said. "Having the opportunity to interact with ... Lifehouse and Jessica Andrews is something you don't get to do at a concert in Kansas City or St. Louis. It's really unique to get to meet them and interact with them."

Andersen was not the only one who met celebrities while at Truman State University. Sophomore Ryan Greseth met with the keyboard player and guitarist in Jessica Andrews' band after her concert.

"After the concert I went up and started talking to the band as they were putting their equipment away," Greseth said. "There was a group next to me and we tried to talk them into going to Too Tall's [Two Eatery and Spirits]."

Although Greseth's meeting with the band was short-lived, he was able to learn some interesting facts about the band members.

"I went to Too Tall's but ended up getting kicked out because I was underage," Greseth said. "But I talked to the acoustic guitarist for a while once they got there. Four of the band members are actually in Faith Hill's band."

Combined ticket sales for the concerts neared 3,000. Lifehouse ticket sales broke the SAB record.

"We sold nearly 800 student tickets and 200 general admission for Jessica Andrews and 1,580 student tickets and 325 general admission for Lifehouse," sophomore Lindsey Reorda said. "We were totally ecstatic that we broke the recent

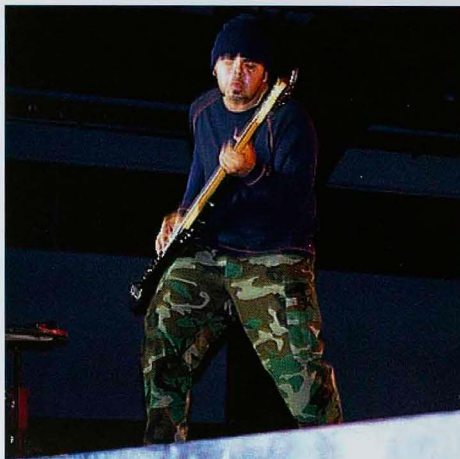


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▲ Bassist Sergio Andrade provides a heavy bass beat during the Lifehouse concert Nov. 10, 2001. The Calling opened for Lifehouse at the concert in Pershing. Prior to the concert at the University, Lifehouse also toured with Pearl Jam, Everclear, Fuel and Matchbox 20.

ticket sales record with the Lifehouse concert."

Reorda said she was pleased with the turnout for both concerts because the SAB was able to entertain such a wide variety of students with the two different genres.

"We were just happy we could program to the students who like country [by booking Jessica Andrews]," Reorda said. "[It] was a bit of an experiment because we hadn't brought in a country concert before."

Not only was the country concert a first for the campus, Jessica Andrews also experienced a first while performing in Kirksville, Mo. It was her first time playing in a gymnasium.

According to Reorda, both concerts were well received by students.

"We have heard a lot of positive feedback from students about the performances," Reorda said. "All we can do is bring in the band and hope for the best. The actual performance is really up to the singers and I was really impressed with Lifehouse."

Lifehouse's lead singer and guitarist Jason Wade said he was happy to play for the smaller venue at the University.

"Personally, I like to play the smaller towns like this compared to the big cities," Wade said. "Places like here it seems the crowds are more excited about having us here."

Jessica Lowe

IDENTIFY

Costs for Jessica Andrews reached a grand total of \$21,000; Lifehouse totalled \$37,500. This included performance fees, hospitality, stage, agents, advertising and other fees.

Sports Editor

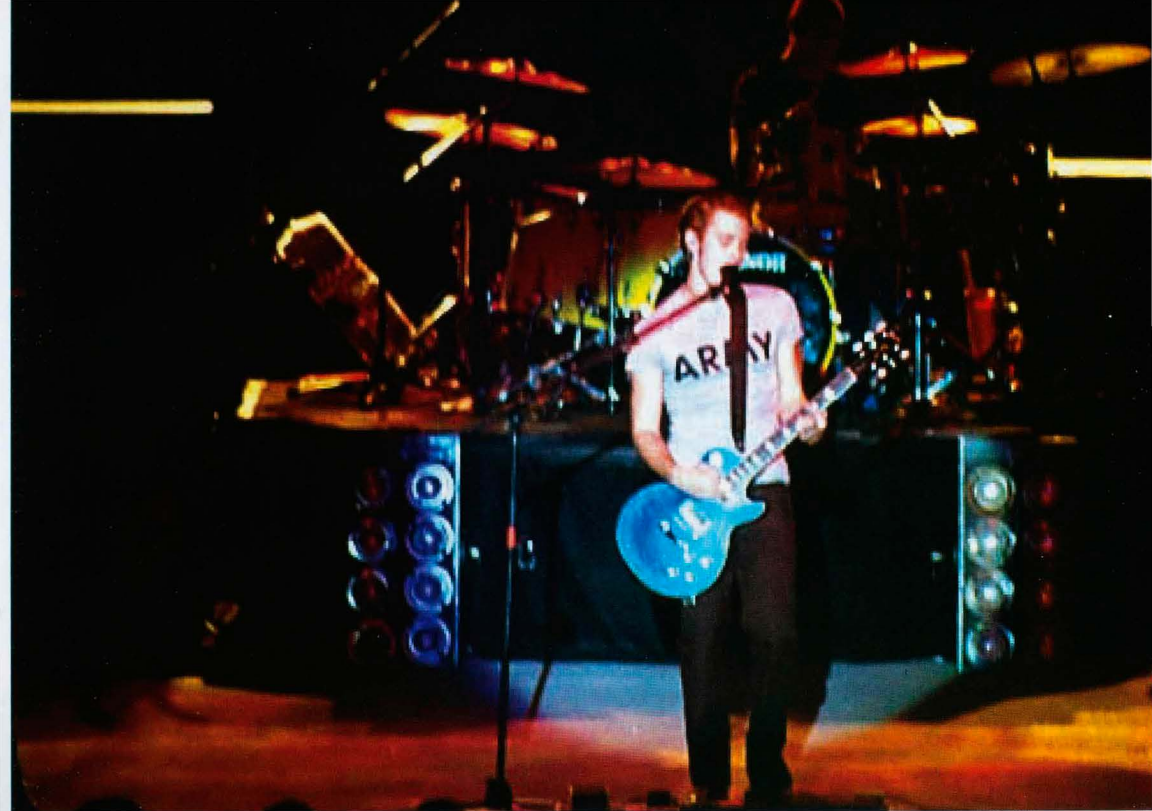


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▲ Jason Wade, lead singer of Lifehouse, sings to a captivated audience. Wade wrote all of the band's material for their debut album, "No Name Face," which sold more than one million copies. Their signature song, "Hanging By a Moment," reached the No. 2 spot on Billboard's Hot 100 list.



photo by Katie Dairs

◀ Country singer Jessica Andrews, 17, connects with the audience during her concert held in Pershing Arena, Oct. 26, 2001. Andrews was nominated for the Horizon Award by the Academy of Country Music in 2001. Andrews had toured with country stars Tim McGraw, Trisha Yearwood and Faith Hill.



Senior Luke Willman of Alpha Kappa Lambda performs as "Mr. Roboto" during the Lip Sync competition Friday night of the 2001 Homecoming Week. Contestants were to create musical performances based around the theme, "Make your Mark." Pi Kappa Phi and the Society of the Prim Roses won the Lip Sync competition.

photo submitted

WORK

behind the scenes

Customarily, Homecoming is celebrated with traditional activities coordinated by various organizations on campus. One thing many students did not realize, though, was how much time and effort was put into each activity.

"I was in charge of making sure that my fraternity brothers had the equipment they needed so the show could run smoothly," senior Floyd Simpson said about the Step Show.

selves searching for people, especially activities involving faculty members.

"[For the softball tournament] we basically had to beg professors to play," junior Shana Kelley said. "We made fliers, sent out e-mails and even made big posters, but we got very few responses. We eventually put together two teams and the professors that played had fun."

Fliers and banners usually helped with recruiting participants, but that was not

"We made fliers, sent out e-mails and even made big posters..."
Shana Kelley, junior

Not performing in the show did not mean less work. Individuals who were behind the scenes had a lot to worry about; without them, the shows would not have turned out so well.

"My fraternity hosted Lip Sync along with [the Society of] the Prim Roses," said senior Jarrod Reed, member of Pi Kappa Phi. "Not only was I a dancer, but myself and the co-chairs had to teach the dances, watch as the groups performed the dance and then perfect each person[s performance] from there."

Finding participants was also a challenge; many organizations found them-

all the organizations had to do to get ready.

"We had to reserve Ryle Commons, rake the court, get a net and ropes for boundaries, make the bracket, decide the length of each game and find officials [to judge the sand volleyball tournament]," senior Kevin Kerr said.

Setting up for the games was just part of the planning needed for each activity. For the organizations' Homecoming chairpeople, there were administrative duties that needed to be fulfilled.

"The chair and co-chairs were the
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◀ Homecoming Queen and King seniors Yasine Mogharreban and Dan Chavez wave to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade. They were elected by the student body and crowned in Baldwin Auditorium Friday night of Homecoming week.

photo by Dan Beaury



Working as a team with Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon to put on something that the whole school recognized was a great experience.
Katie Stacy, junior



It takes a lot of organization and planning and will help [me] to obtain chair positions in the future.
Jarrod Reed, senior

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ones that put together the list of activities that the [organizations] would like to do," senior Paul Wade said. "We then submit that to the Homecoming committee who tells us which one we will host."

There were also activities that were mandatory for groups vying for the Chairman's Cup to attend.

"The bonfire was mandatory for all participating organizations after the pep rally," junior Katie Stacy said. "We originally thought [the fire] was going to be huge, but it ended up only about three feet in circumference."

An event like the bonfire required permission from many different people, since there were many

safety issues involved.

"We had to contact the Kirksville Fire Department before we did anything," Stacy said. "We had to obtain a warrant because of the size of the bonfire."

While only the bonfire needed the fire department's approval, other events also needed approval before being held. For the coloring contest, Phi Sigma Pi needed permission from local stores and schools for children to participate.

"We created pictures of famous people

named Mark to go along with the 'Make Your Mark' theme. Then we gave them out to a couple of places around town and asked the participants to send them in to receive prizes," sophomore Chris Miller said. "It didn't go as planned though. We didn't receive quite as many entries as we had hoped for. Everyone [who participated] ended up with a prize."

Organizations worked hours at a time to prepare for the event they were in.

"As a dancer [in the Step Show], I probably spent about 60 to 70 hours on the dance, learning and perfecting it," junior Matthew Scott said.

Scott and other members of Alpha Phi Alpha proved practice made perfect with a first-place finish in the Step Show. Lip Sync and the Step Show proved to be the most time-consuming; their participants put in over 40 hours of practice.

Some groups had a hard time finding acts and others had a hard time finding out how to get a chance to participate in the activities. Although measures were taken to inform everyone, some just did not get the information.

"We sent out fliers [advertising the street graffiti competition], but we must not have done such a good job," senior Brett Henderson said. "We had a miscommunication with some of the residence halls because they said that they never got the information."

Despite the miscommunications, the street graffiti still had many participants.

Homecoming was a week filled with hard work, fun and cooperation for many.

Katie Dains

Staff Writer



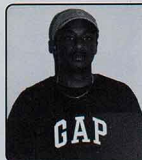
photo by Dalton Paley

▲ Sophomore defensive back Matt Marble fights off a Missouri Southern State College (Joplin) player during the Homecoming football game. The Bulldogs recorded a 37-9 victory, thrilling a crowd of 4,007 people.



"While [Homecoming] was going on it was kind of hectic, but it was fun because I got to meet a lot of cool people."

Paul Wade, senior



"Rehearsal was mandatory and took up a lot of time, but it was all about perfecting precision."

Matthew Scott, junior





photo by Dan Sem

Senior Ann Hier helps build the Phi Sigma Pi, Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha float. The float placed second. Floats from the Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon team and from the Delta Zeta, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Lambda Beta team were not in the parade because arsonists set them on fire the night before the parade.

Steven Smith, associate professor of mathematics, tags Student Involvement Coordinator Robin Taylor at home plate during the Faculty Softball Tournament. Faculty were invited to participate in a faculty night off and were offered the opportunity of free baby-sitting services provided by Tau Lambda Sigma.



photo submitted

The Society of Prim Roses and Pi Kappa Phi Homecoming float passes Centennial Hall during the parade. The float was designed to resemble a marker to go along with the "Make Your Mark" theme. The float was slightly damaged when the trailer bed ran into a tree while leaving a parking lot before the parade.



photo submitted

"I went to every practice and collaborated with the coaches and step-dancers to help perfect the show."

Floyd Simpson, senior





Construction workers renovate part of the Mall between McClain Hall and the Student Union Building. The project, which was to be finished by fall of 2001, continued past the expected date. The Mall officially reopened for University students in January 2002. The renovations replaced McClain Hall Circle Drive with grassed walkways.

photo by Julia Karl

Please Walk Around

MALL CONSTRUCTION PROVES TO BE AN INCONVENIENCE FOR MANY

Orange fences, jackhammers and inconveniences—construction crews took over the Mall whether students at Truman State University liked it or not.

Construction began late in the spring 2001 semester. By fall 2001, the area between the Student Union Building and McClain Hall was still blocked off and mounds of dirt were the only distinguishable shapes.

The University's goal in renovating the Mall was to create a more accommodating area for students and faculty. Grass and several trees replaced the circle drive that once existed in the parking lot of McClain Hall, thus cutting down on traffic in the area. The steps that once stood next to the drive were rebuilt as ramps and brick was relaid after the area was leveled.

Yet as the University was trying to make the campus more accessible, students were increasingly frustrated with the lack of immediate accessibility.

Sophomore Greg Hudson, a Centennial Hall resident, said the construction inconvenienced him daily.

"The construction sucks, simply put," Hudson said. "I'm a history major so a lot of my classes are in McClain and I don't like having to walk all the way around the building to get in."

Hudson did not understand why the project took so long to finish.

"I see a few guys out there but not much work is getting done," Hudson said. "If nothing else, I think the University has done a poor job at communicating why this has taken so long. If they would just let us know the reason, it might be better."

The University contracted with outside companies to do the construction. Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider, in charge of campus grounds, said the situation frustrated him also.

"We have nothing to do with the actual construction that is going on," Schneider said. "We're just in charge of maintaining it once it's done."

The renovations brought the University closer to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by replacing steps with ramps and slopes that allowed easier access for those with disabilities.

Senior Stephanie Kern said the idea of the construction was a good one.

"I have several friends who are disabled," Kern said. "I know that they have had a hard time getting onto campus in the past, so changing the way the circle drive is set makes a lot of sense."

But despite liking the idea, the construction still frustrated Kern.

"I paid \$50 to park on campus," Kern said. "Because that area and that lot are closed, teachers are having to park in the student lots, making it hard for me to park on campus."

After much work, the project was completed in the spring of 2002.

Dave Chojnacki

Contributing Writer



photo by Julia Karll

▲ Many students and faculty felt the time-consuming walk around the Mall construction was a nuisance. The Student Union Building was often used as a short cut to help save time.

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Re-evaluation of slopes and elevation measurements, as well as excessive rainfall, contributed to the delay in completing construction on the Mall on time.

▼ Once finished, the Mall included a walkway stretching from the northwest corner of Pickler Memorial Library to the Student Recreation Center. The main addition to the Mall was a drainage gutter that reduced standing water after heavy rains.



photo by Julia Karll

Students walk around the sculpture in Violette Hall that was installed in the summer of 2001. This sculpture was created by Jim Pauls, professor of art. Pauls donated the sculpture to the University, so the only costs involved were from installation. A few months after the sculpture was installed, it was found broken in two pieces. Further examination of the sculpture revealed that it had been vandalized and bent near its base.

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A shortfall between the projected and actual income for Missouri prompted the budget cut, which resulted in a \$6.3 million loss for the University

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The Truman Today was e-mailed to students in order to save printing costs



photo by Dan Beaury



photo by Julia Karl

Senior Denise Magditch sits on one of the benches outside Pickler Memorial Library. Two benches were placed on the Quad and two on the Mall. The benches, which cost \$1,200, were contracted prior to the budget cuts and were installed over the summer 2001.

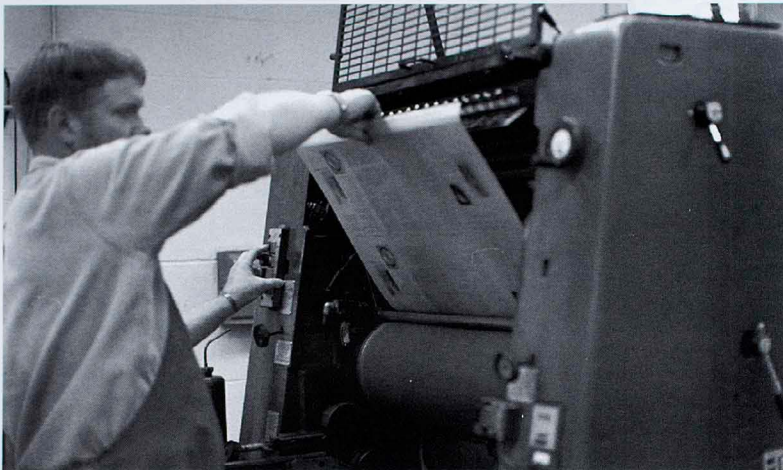


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◀ Printing Services employee Gary Fagan mounts a printing plate on the Heidelberg MO press at Printing Services. As a result of the budget cuts, Printing Services was forced to cut down on quantity, but not quality, of its services. In 2001, Printing Services had one of the largest budgets on campus, printing 14 million sheets of copy paper.

# Money Crunch

## UNIVERSITY FACES BUDGET CUTS

Truman State University faced 15 percent budget cuts in the 2001-2002 academic year. The cuts were imposed by Missouri Governor Bob Holden and affected several aspects of campus life.

"The cuts are definitely not good," said Dave Rector, director of institutional research and budgets. "Any time we expect to get money and then lose it, it effects [the University] greatly."

Effects on the University differed for each division. This was because the cuts only affected divisions funded by the educational and general funds.

*We will not let the tightening of our budget cause us to lose our focus on our students.* " Jack Magruder, president

The Student Recreational Center and the Student Union Building were funded solely by students' tuition, therefore they did not face any cuts.

"I am 100 percent behind Truman," said Stan Bunfill, director of printing services. "They have to do what they have to do."

Printing Services was greatly affected by the budget cuts. They reduced ink usage and conserved paper wherever possible.

"The cuts really won't hurt the quality or how quickly we get the papers out," Bunfill said.

President Jack Magruder was determined to maintain quality education.

"We will handle the cutbacks in a manner so that student learning, achievement and talent are

not diminished," Magruder said in an e-mail to faculty and staff in September 2001.

Although learning was not to be affected, the agricultural science department and Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm, was affected by not having enough funds.

"I really don't feel we are directly affected by the budget cuts because we are usually last on the list anyway," said junior Chelsea Gerrish, an agricultural science major.

Last on the list or not, the agricultural science

department waited for any needed repairs.

Some students felt directly affected by the cuts and were afraid of some of the possible consequences.

"I would be really affected if the cuts cause tuition to be raised," freshman Nisha Kaphle said. "I already pay a lot for tuition, and if I had to pay any more, I would be forced to transfer to a cheaper school."

Whether or not the cutbacks remained, the University continued to try to make the right choices.

"We will not let the tightening of our budget cause us to lose our focus on our students," Magruder said.

*Katie Dains*

Staff Writer

# Hemp, Red Meat & Trees

ACTORS AND ACTIVISTS SPEAK OUT ABOUT GLOBAL TOPICS

Students who wanted the Student Activities Board to provide a different type of entertainment for the Truman State University campus got what they had been looking for. On Nov. 11, 2001, SAB sponsored the Spitfire Tour. SAB expected attendance to be between 800 and 1,000 people, but the tour drew a crowd of nearly 1,300 students, faculty and community members.

"SAB had been looking for different kinds of events to bring to campus," junior SAB representative Nil Chatteraj said. "We want to bring more diversity to our programming in order to reach out to a bigger, wider variety of students. Spitfire was a good match."

The Spitfire Tour was free to University students. It was a tour that featured musicians, actors and activists speaking out on world affairs. The tour aimed to educate, enlighten and entertain. The group hoped to prompt action by providing information on serious issues in a unique and informal atmosphere.

The leg of the tour that came to the University was Simple Organic Living. Actor Woody Harrelson created the SOL tour, which focused on environmental issues. The speakers included Julia "Butterfly" Hill, who spoke about deforestation, Howard Lyman, who spoke about agricultural reform and vegetarianism, and Tom Ballanco, who discussed personal freedoms.

"I heard about the tour from a friend who was going," sophomore Becky Ell said. "I was really interested in the topics and I wanted to hear what the speakers had to say about them. I was under the impression that the world was doing all right and I didn't do much research to come to that conclusion. The Spitfire Tour opened my eyes to what was really going on."

Many of the students who attended the event walked away with new perspectives.

"I was very impressed with the tour," sophomore Ryan McAadoo said. "All of the problems that were addressed affect us, but they were invisible to me. The speakers brought these problems to light."

Student involvement was stressed during the presentation. The speakers encouraged the audience to become involved in the community. They emphasized the differences that could

be made if students put forth effort.

"The tour made me more aware of the consequences of my actions," Ell said.

In the hallway outside Baldwin Auditorium, organizations such as Amnesty International and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance had tables to share their ideas.

"Students benefited in different ways from the event," Chatteraj said. "For some, this was just an opportunity to see Woody Harrelson and Julia 'Butterfly' Hill. To some, this was a chance to voice their opinions. To a lot of organizations, it was a good time to promote themselves and to others, it was an entertaining, yet an educational evening."

Laura Thomas

*Staff Writer*



## IDENTIFY

*Some of the first organizers of the Spitfire Tour were Zack De la Rocha (Rage Against the Machine), Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) and Krist Novoselic (Nirvana).*

*-- www.spitfire.com*



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“I was under the impression that the world was doing all right and I didn’t do much research to come to that conclusion. The Spitfire Tour opened my eyes to what was really going on.”  
 -Becky Ell, sophomore

◀ Howard Lyman speaks about the future of agricultural reform. Lyman was one of four speakers who came to campus in November 2001 for the Spitfire Tour. Before the show began, a group of students presented a short puppet show depicting the closing of local businesses due to the existence of Wal-Mart and encouraged students to support local businesses.



photo courtesy of www.spitfiretour.org



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◀ Actor Woody Harrelson uses his time on the Spitfire Tour to talk about environmental issues. Harrelson’s main concern included advocating the legalization of hemp. The Spitfire Tour visited college campuses in the fall of 2001. Spitfire Tour boasted other famous speakers such as Dr. Drew, Andy Dick, Ralph Nader and Ice-T.

▲ Julia “Butterfly” Hill listens to other Spitfire members give their speeches. Hill spent over two years living in a 180-foot, 600-year-old redwood tree in protest of deforestation from 1997 to 1999. Hill encouraged University students to take action in their communities and to take a stance when important issues needed to be addressed.

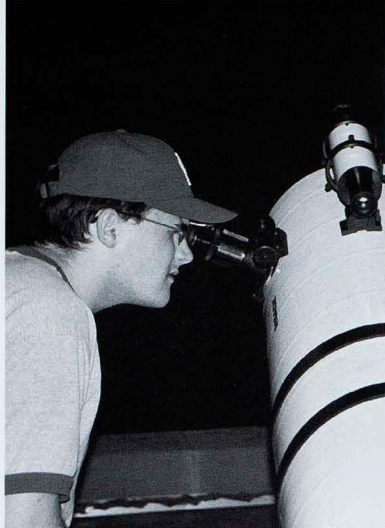


photo by Katie Datis

▲ Junior Jason Dockery studies the sky through a telescope at the University Observatory on top of Magruder Hall. Dockery attended for his JINS: Geometry of the Universe course.

# Something For Everyone

## STARGAZING, FOREIGN FILMS AND OTHER LESSER-KNOWN EVENTS

Special events on the campus of Truman State University were sometimes out of the way, but not hard to come by. Even if students thought they did everything there was to do on campus, chances were, something fun and exciting was just around the corner. Large events like the Kohlenberg Lyceum series and Big Man on Campus attracted hundreds of students. Many lesser-known events helped give students many options when deciding how to cure boredom.

The Center for Student Involvement sponsored game nights in the Student Union Building Take Five Gamesroom each month in the 2002 spring semester. Students could play all the video games they wanted for the entire night for \$5.

"We started [the game night] because there wasn't enough traffic [in the Gamesroom]," senior Gamesroom manager Yao Shi said.

If students did not enjoy playing video games, the Dobson Hall Film Series offered a variety of foreign films and subjects for students to enjoy every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The 2001 fall semester featured contemporary world films while the 2002 spring semester showed classics of world cinema. Depending on the night, 10 to 30 students could be found watching the films.

Other multicultural events took place in the Down Under. Several foreign language plays were presented to students. Among those were the French play "La Grammaire," by Eugene Labiche and the Spanish plays "Consumiendo Consumo," written by assistant Spanish professor Juan Valencia and "El Concurso de Amor," written by members of the cast.

"Our goal was to promote the Spanish culture and language outside the classroom," senior Kathryn Jamieson said.

Another activity took looking at the sky above the University a step further. Students got an even closer look at the mysteries of the sky using the observatory on the roof of Magruder Hall, formerly Science Hall. On weather permitting nights, associate professor of mathematics Michael Adams took students up to the observatory to get an up-close view of the stars and planets using the powerful telescope.

"It depends on the time of year what we look at," Adams said. "If the moon's out we look at that, also bright planets, we've looked at Jupiter and Saturn a lot this spring. If there is something special like a comet going on, we also try to look at that."

The observatory attracted many students as well as Kirksville residents. There generally was not a lecture included with the observation, but questions were taken. According to Adams, the answer to the questions sometimes turned into a mini-lecture. Regardless, observers usually found the experience rewarding.

"They get a real sense of wonder at the size of the universe," Adams said. "Before they didn't have a grasp on how big it is and how small we are. ... Some see it scientifically, but everyone is impressed by the beauty."

*Benjamin Deane*

*Contributing Writer*

### DEFINE

**UNKNOWN:**  
obscure, unheard-of,  
nameless, unfamiliar

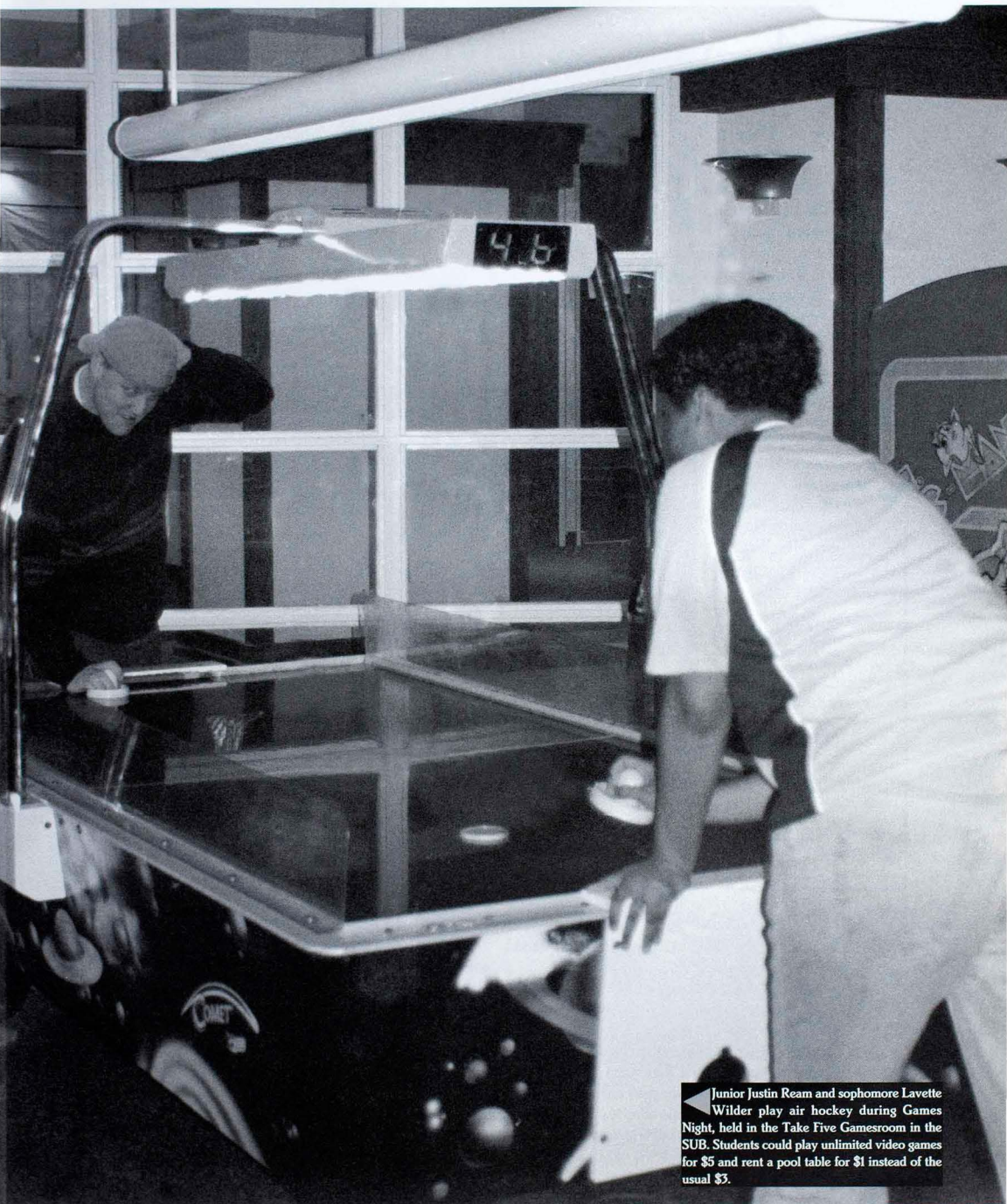
**UNCOMMON:**  
singular, rare, remark-  
able, nonimitation,  
unconformity, standout

facts from Roget's Thesaurus and Roget's International Thesaurus, [www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com)

▼ Students watch the movie "Devi" as part of the Dobson Hall Film Series. Even though it was not a large event, the foreign film series was held weekly on Wednesday nights.



photo by Beth Kelly



◀ Junior Justin Ream and sophomore Lavette Wilder play air hockey during Games Night, held in the Take Five Gamesroom in the SUB. Students could play unlimited video games for \$5 and rent a pool table for \$1 instead of the usual \$3.

*photo by Stephanie Creed*

# A Year to Mourn

## UNIVERSITY COPES WITH DEATHS AND TRAGEDY

As senior Brooke Roncke packed her belongings for a family skiing trip in Oregon, she received a call from her roommate's father. He explained to Roncke, much to her disbelief, that her roommate, senior Roanne Juliano, had been in a car accident and died earlier that night.

"I almost dropped the phone," Roncke said. "He kind of explained what happened, but not in much detail. ... I hung up the phone and just sat there for a second. I was thinking, 'No way. No way.'"

Student deaths were a statistical inevitability at a school the size of Truman State University. But for the family and friends affected, the loss of any life was as shocking as it was devastating.

"It was just too hard to believe," said freshman Raul Taranu, whose roommate, freshman Chris Johnson, died from

a ruptured aorta during the 2001 fall final exams week. "Everything was just the way it was before, except he wasn't in the room. It just seemed like he was gone for the weekend or something."

Four University students, Juliano, Johnson, junior Erin Brennecke and senior Ian Smith, died during the 2001-2002 school year in the four-month span from December to March. Not coincidentally, counselor Dave Lusk said 2002 was the University Counseling Services' busiest year since it started keeping statistics in 1992.

"There's about as many ways to deal with grief as there are people in the world," Lusk said. "There's no one right way to do it, but [we make sure] people see us [when there is a death] so that if they decide later that they want to talk with a counselor, they've already seen our face."

For University students who lost close friends and classmates, the grief could be almost unbearable at times.

"It made me really angry that this horrible, horrible thing had happened and everyone else was

just going about their business," Roncke said. "I got flowers from my sorority and lots of cards from my friends and my parents, but nothing seemed to help. There's nobody that can say the right thing to make it all better."

Although no single conversation could bring resolution to the grieving process, people who had gone through the process agreed that discussing it was helpful.

"A lot of times the person who's grieving is afraid

to burden people by talking about their grief," Lusk said. "So I think as a friend of a griever, it's important to say to them, 'I know you'll deal with this in the way that you need to, but if you ever need someone to talk to, I'm available to you.'"

The grieving process was often gradual and mys-

terious. It was difficult to pinpoint the moments of change, but over time, people slowly learned to accept the loss in their life and move on.

"With the losses that I've dealt with, it's not like I woke up and realized it was gone," Lusk said. "It's more like I looked back on that time in my life and said, 'Man, those same feelings aren't there.' For me, I don't even think I realized when I got over the hump."

For many people, the painful memories of losing a loved one abruptly were eventually replaced by the happier memories that were shared during the person's life.

"For a while, whenever I'd go out to a bar or restaurant and a song would come on that would remind me of [Juliano], I'd be like, 'Oh my God, I've got to get out of here,'" Roncke said. "Now I can talk about her and not be upset. It makes me smile. I know she's smiling down."



Roommates, juniors Heather Schwegler and Erin Brennecke, celebrate at the Society of the Prim Roses' Mai Tai Date Party. Brennecke, who was diagnosed with bone cancer, died Feb. 6, 2002, due to complications from chemotherapy treatments.

Andy Ashbaugh

Staff Writer



◀ Freshman Chris Johnson studies at his desk in Ryle Hall. Johnson died in his sleep due to a ruptured heart aorta during the fall 2001 semester. Many students grieved the loss of Johnson and the three other University students who died between December 2001 and March 2002.

## DEFINE

Four students died of various causes during the 2001-2002 year. The deaths of junior Erin Brennecke, freshman Chris Johnson and seniors Roanne Juliano and Ian Smith greatly impacted many students. The terrorist attacks also caused many people to deal with tragedy.



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▶ Freshmen Teresa Smith and Gregg Aultman leave messages on a sheet sponsored by Art Club to support victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The nation and the University lost friends for various reasons. Opportunities like this allowed students to express their grief.

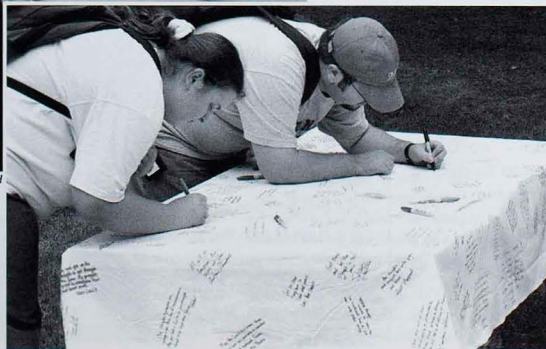


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# The Finer Side

## FINE ARTS EVENTS PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT AND AESTHETIC ENJOYMENT

Three disciplines of the fine arts department— theatre, art and music—provided an opportunity for the growth of Truman State University students in 2001-2002.

"Through a new sense of appreciation, spectators are able to enjoy fine arts performances on a higher level each visit," said Robert Jones, fine arts division head. "We bring a variety of artistic venues that would not be readily-available normally. The fine arts division adds to the richness of the University's education."

Student reactions concerning the programs differed. Some conveyed a sense of newfound appreciation, some described the fine arts performances as enjoyable experiences and still others viewed the performances negatively.

"I found many of the fine arts performances to be very refreshing and innovative," sophomore Joel Fuehrmeyer said. "For my visual arts class with professor [of art history] James Harmon, attendance at four cultural events was mandatory."

Several of Harmon's students agreed with Fuehrmeyer's assessment of the performances.

"Initially I dreaded the mandatory cultural events, but after I watched a premiere saxophonist play in Baldwin, I looked forward to the remaining performances," sophomore Lisa Sullivan said.

Some students, however, questioned the reasons behind the obligatory cultural events. Aaron Fine, professor of art, spoke of the virtues he believed students derived from the observation of cultural events.

"Through art expositions, you cultivate yourself and feel a sense of self expression through an outlet unparalleled," Fine said. "Art can be a self-marketable desire and currently it's relatively inexpensive while you are in college—you should take advantage of it, or else you might regret it."

Paul Crabb, professor of music and director of choral studies, gave reasons why students should concern themselves with the fine arts performances and music recitals in particular.

"Music was one of the original subjects in early universities and it has certainly earned its place in academic study," Crabb said.

Whether the majority of non-fine arts students believed cultural events were

beneficial was still dubious. However, students majoring in fine arts disciplines found them beneficial.

"It's an escape from everyday life for entertainment purposes that produces an unexplainable emotional release," sophomore Jennifer Burns said.

Music students also found the fine arts events to be very informative.

"Fine arts performances can be really culturally diverse," sophomore Rebecca Geisz said. "You learn about arts from around the world—they enrich the individual."

Morgan Silvey

Contributing Writer



### IDENTIFY

*Some students attended fine arts performances as a class requirement, while others attended to simply broaden their knowledge and appreciation of the arts.*



photo by Beth Spinney

*It's an escape from everyday life for entertainment purposes that produces an unexplainable emotional release.”*

-Jennifer Burns, sophomore

◀ The University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by assistant professor of music Sam McClure, performs in Baldwin Auditorium for the Truman Showcase, a Kohlenberg Lyceum Series event. The 80-member orchestra performed several times on campus. They also toured in the region each fall. Cantoria, the University's selective choral ensemble, also performed in the Truman Showcase held in February 2002.



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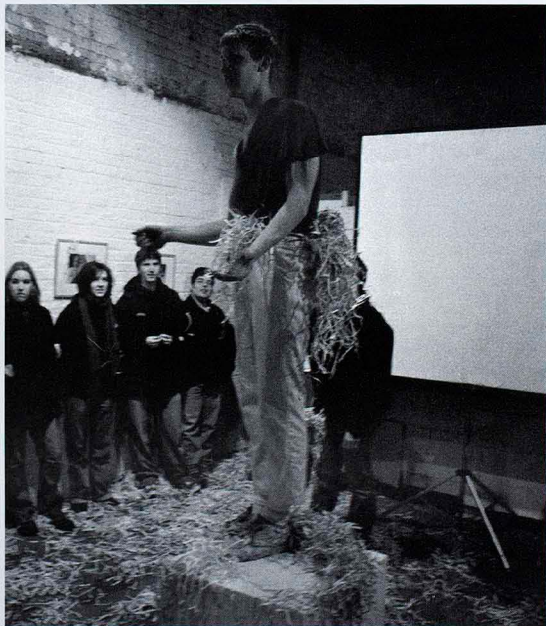


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◀ Senior Mike Brinker as Eilert Lovberg, senior Adam Keune as George Tesman and senior Margaret Swoboda as Hedda Gabler perform in the Henrik Ibsen play "Hedda Gabler" directed by professor of theater Lee Orchard. The play was a critique of marriage and domestic life of the 1890s. "Hedda Gabler" was one of five main stage season theater productions in 2001-2002.

▲ University alumnus Jimmy Kuehnl engages in art performance art activities as part of the Tom Thumb Gallery held downtown at the Aquadome. The gallery featured student and faculty art and was free to the public. The off-campus gallery offered an alternative location to the Ophelia Parrish University Art Gallery and presented an interactive environment for viewers.

# Necessary Security

PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE USED TO ENSURE CAMPUS SAFETY

A pleasant walk home through the brisk night air. Time to reflect on the day and think about the fun activities planned for the weekend. All seemed very pleasant, but in reality this scenario was potentially dangerous. The small-town feel of Kirksville often gave Truman State University students a false sense of security.

"I feel pretty safe," freshman Ryan Worth said. "I don't worry about it too much. Girls walking home late at night might be uncomfortable though."

Department of Public Safety records showed that in 2001, there were 72 reported thefts, two aggravated assaults, one arson and one rape.

The fear for personal safety was heightened for many students after they heard the news of the rape of a local woman in 2001. Personal safety continued to be a concern for individuals after a University freshman was robbed at gunpoint in front of Pickler Memorial Library.

The University, however, was aware of the threat and put preventative measures in place all over campus, including in the residence halls.

"We train the staff to handle crisis management," said Andrea O'Brien, residential living director. "They're trained in alcohol crisis, certified in first aid, trained in crisis prevention for mental health and I pay for their CPR certification if they want it."

Residence halls also promoted safety in the building by having student advisers make rounds while on overnight duty. Residence halls also hired night monitors to watch the entrances to the buildings from 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m and monitor the people who entered the building

Opportunities were available for students to learn how to protect themselves. A self-defense workshop at the Student Recreation Center was offered once a semester. At the workshops, students were taught basic falls, grabs and holds, as well as basic rape facts that gave students a foundation for self-defense. For a fee of \$10, students could participate in Rape Aggression Defense, a self-defense program for women.

"It's a 12-hour course broken into four three-hour blocks," said officer Tiffany Easley, instructor and director of the Missouri RAD program. "The first is a lecture. We break the myth that only young pretty women are raped. We then go through physical training and eventually have someone in a padded suit come in and the person has to decide if that person is a threat or not and act accordingly."

Though the program was only for women, Easley hoped



Adair County Deputy Sheriff Mike Simerl watches as Asko, a German shepherd, bites officer J.T. Hudson during a mock attack. Asko, Simerl and Hudson performed the demonstration during Residential Living's Safety Week. Asko's main job was to help the Sheriff's Department find illegal drugs in crime scenes.

men would develop an interest in self-defense. If an interest developed, Easley planned on organizing a program for men.

Also looking out for students, DPS officers were always patrolling.

"We have both full-time police patrols and student patrols 24 hours a day," DPS director Lisa Sprague said.

Sprague believed that students needed to be cautious, though, and she advised the use of the DPS escort service.

"I think crime can happen anywhere," Sprague said. "[The escort service is] a wonderful service available for students to use if they feel uncomfortable."

DPS escorts were available to students from dusk until dawn, seven days a week anywhere on campus. Yet despite these opportunities, many students took the risk of walking alone.

"I do [walk home alone], so I feel safe enough," senior Ayana Weekley said. "Crime does cross my mind, but you do what you have to do."

Students who lived off campus had fewer choices. DPS only provided escort services to students who lived off campus if the students felt they were being followed or stalked.

"I live off campus, and I have to get home," senior Kalynda Smith said. "I don't have a choice but to walk."

## IDENTIFY

Throughout 2002, Department of Public Safety offered programs in personal safety and awareness, theft and burglary prevention, alcohol awareness and bicycle safety.

~ Student Handbook

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Features Editor



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▲ Senior Jean Freeman fights mock attacker Sergeant Buddy Anliker during a Rape Aggression Defense training session. The RAD program was offered to University women. The goal of the program was to help women learn how to prevent sexual assault and physically defend themselves when necessary. As of 2002, over 200,000 North American women had attended the nationally provided program.



photo by Beth Kelly

◀ Freshman Lauren Phillips and senior John Hagen practice tae kwon do moves during a class offered at the Student Recreational Center. Students were able to use the skills they learned in tae kwon do class as self-defense. The rec center offered various levels of instruction. Beginning and advanced tae kwon do classes were available for any University student, faculty or staff member.

▶ Truman State University President Jack Magruder talks to students at the Fireside Chat in Brewer Hall basement. The chat allowed students to discuss concerns they had with issues regarding the University. The Fireside Chat tradition started when Magruder was the University's vice president for academic affairs.



photo by Beth Spinney

# Hall Happenings

CARNIVALS, MUSIC, TALENT SHOWS AND MORE

In an effort to provide entertainment and a place for Truman State University students to socialize, residence halls hosted a variety of events. These included activities like the Dobson Hall Film Series, Ryle Hall Holiday Market and Missouri Hall Monanza Carnival.

"The Monanza Carnival takes place near the beginning of September. It is a carnival that is open to all students and is a place where students can socialize," said senior Shawn Gilmore, assistant to

of many students.

"I heard about most of the events from various signs around campus," freshman Debbie Sullentrup said.

Most students enjoyed the residence hall events. However, some students felt changes could have been made to improve the events.

"I enjoyed attending some of the events, like the Dobson Film Series," Sullentrup said. "However, I still feel that they should offer a bigger

*"I got to know more about ... Kirksville and bought great Christmas presents. ..."*  
*Kimberly Sessoms, freshman*

the director of Missouri Hall. "Our goal is to create a place where students can have fun and to promote Missouri Hall."

Most people who attended the events enjoyed the activities offered.

"I enjoyed the Ryle Hall Holiday Market. I got to know more about the community of Kirksville and bought great Christmas presents for my family," freshman Kimberly Sessoms said.

Most programs were well-attended by students. "Typically, when an event is well-advertised and well-thought-out, that's when it tends to be a success," Gilmore said.

Without the help of advertisements, the events may have been a failure. However, fliers and advertisements in newspapers caught the attention

variety of events that appeal to more students."

Commuter freshman Kelly Moore felt the hall events offered were not worth the time.

"I don't want to make the drive in," Moore said. "I hear about some [events] but not usually until it's too late."

Most events were not self-sustaining, so much of the money needed came from elsewhere.

"Most of the funding for the residential hall programs comes from the Residential Living Program," Gilmore said. "There is a set amount in our budget that mainly comes from students' residential living fees."

*Reena Karan*

*Staff Writer*



*photo by Beth Spinney*

▶ Freshman Russ Disbro plays songs by Smashing Pumpkins and the Cure during the Gong Show in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. The Gong Show gave students the opportunity to show off hidden talents. The audience chose who stayed on the stage and who was kicked off.



*photo by Stephanie Creed*

◀ Sophomore Stephanie Nigus works as an announcer at Dobson Hall Active Learning Radio. Located on the second floor of Dobson Hall, Dobson Radio offered an alternative to KTRM 88.7, the official campus radio station. Dobson Radio was broadcast on 99.7 FM.

## DEFINE

Students could participate in several residence hall programs, such as Missouri Hall Monanza Carnival and Ryle Hall Holiday Market, even if they were not on-campus residents. Some events appealed to staff and community members as well.

# No More Excuses

REC CENTER OFFERS WORKOUT OPTIONS FOR EVERY STUDENT

Staying in shape and being healthy were two important factors for many Truman State University students. Many students also wanted to be part of an athletic team or be involved in other sports-related activities. Thanks to the Student Recreation Center, just about every student who wished to participate in one of these activities had the opportunity.

"Throughout the year I regularly visited the rec center," freshman Erin Stanley said. "I would usually start with some kind of aerobic activity, and then move to the weight room for some strength training. If I was running short on time, I would go to one of the many classes offered. My favorite was the half-hour Ab Blaster class. The rec center really had something for everyone, and it helped me settle down after a tough day."

In addition to the variety of weight equipment available to students, the rec center also offered intramural athletics, classes and lessons for students both semesters.

Fall intramurals included softball, tennis, flag football, indoor soccer, basketball and volleyball. In the spring, sports such as bowling, table tennis and badminton were available. In order to participate, students had to preregister because only a set number of students were allowed to compete in each sport. Intramural teams competed in tournaments and met at different times throughout the week. There was no charge to full-time University students.

Sophomore Nicole Scanio was a member of the Sigma Kappa volleyball team that won the volleyball intramural tournament.

"It was fun," Scanio said. "I knew the girls playing and I knew we had a chance to win."

Others participated in intramurals to cure boredom.

"It gave me something to do and was a way to just have fun," said sophomore Kevin Childress, basketball intramural participant.

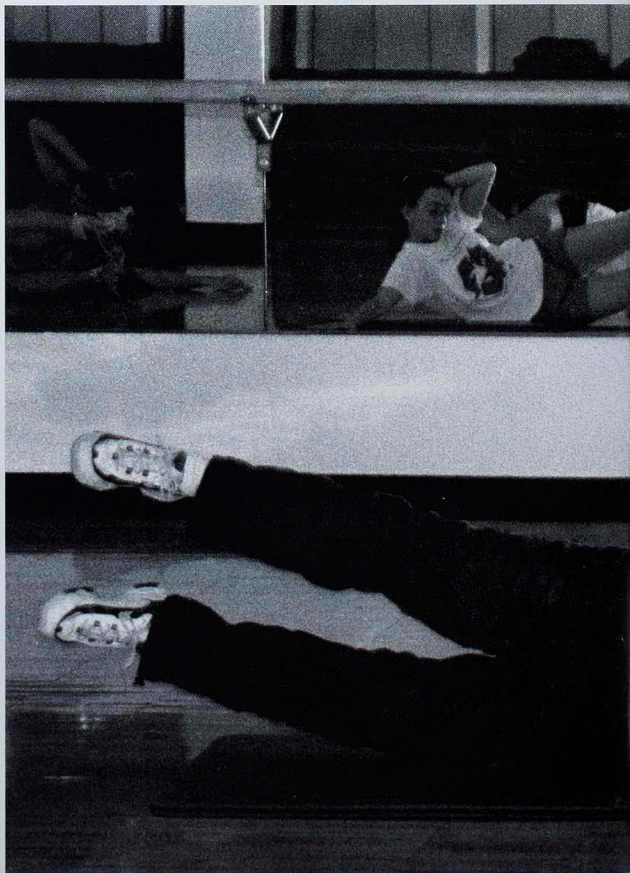
In addition to organized sports teams, students could also participate in different classes. A few specialty classes such as ballet, taekwon do and yoga were offered on a regular basis. A variety of aerobics classes such as

step, cardio kickboxing and cardio toning were also offered. Classes were scheduled at various times throughout the day and week so that students would be able to find one that fit their schedules.

"Throughout the year I tried out many of the aerobics classes the rec center offered," freshman Angeline Schremser said. "My favorite class was the cardio kickboxing because it gave me a full workout, fit into my schedule and, most importantly, kept me interested. Going to the classes kept me on a regular workout schedule. Without them I probably wouldn't have been motivated to go to the rec center as often."

*Tiffany Marchbanks*

*Staff Writer*



## IDENTIFY

*The rec center was funded primarily through an \$85 per semester fee included in every student's tuition. The \$8 million facility encompassed about 58,000 total square feet.*

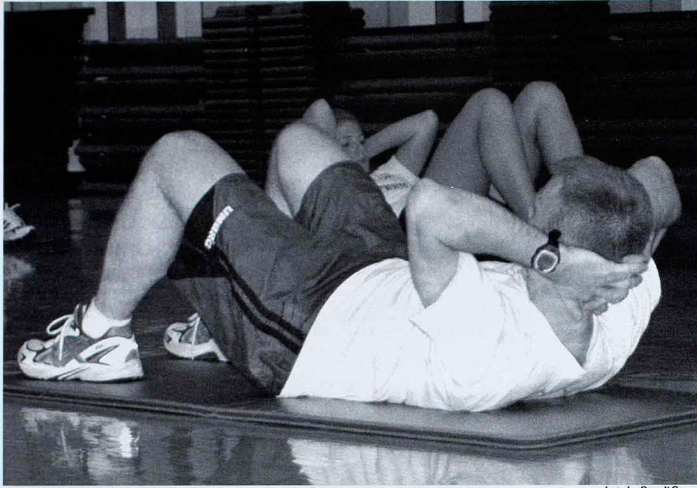


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“If I was running short on time, I would go to one of the many classes offered. The rec center really had something for everyone, and it helped me settle down after a tough day.”

Erin Stanley, freshman

Assistant professor of military science Doug Ryle does crunches during the 30-minute Ab Blaster class in the rec center. Ryle attended the class several times a week. Ab Blaster was offered five times each week and taught by three different instructors.

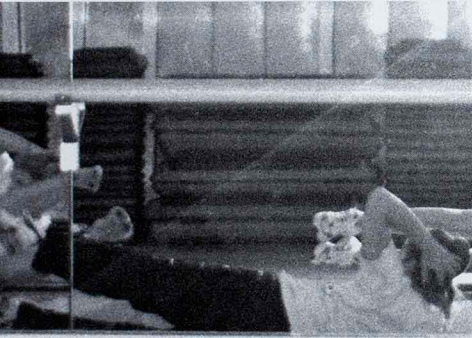


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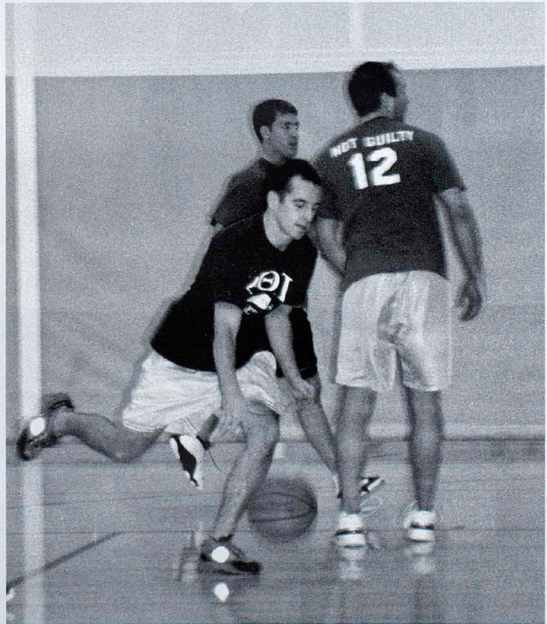


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Instructor junior Mandy French guides students through toning and tightening abdominal muscles during the Ab Blaster class. No sign up was necessary to participate in the classes offered. Anyone could attend a class to see if it was something that interested him or her. Day and night classes were available. The busiest hours at the rec center were 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Junior Chris Allen dribbles past junior Jake Maier as senior David Cleaver watches. Basketball was one of several intramural competitions offered throughout 2002. The rec center also offered services such as free fitness assessments and a multipurpose gym for a variety of events including volleyball, roller hockey, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee and dances.



photo by Heather Coons

▲ Freshman John Hartmann plays guitar at the PRISM-sponsored SHOULDstock. Activities included bands, the University Swingers, open mic singing and political statements.

## DEFINE

### Kirkville Average Temperatures

March: 40.4 F

April: 52.9 F

May: 62.5 F

### First Day of Spring:

March 21, 2002

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▼ Freshman Heather Ryan reads under a tree on the Quad. When weather was nice, the Quad filled up with students studying or relaxing.

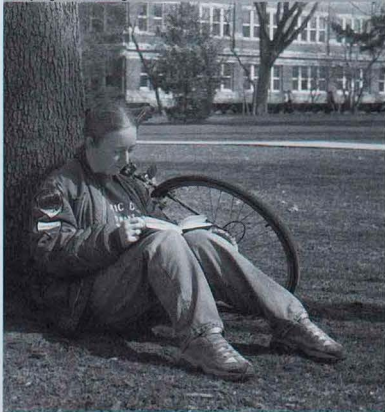


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# Spring Fever

## WARM WEATHER DRAWS STUDENTS OUT OF THEIR HOMES

Take warm weather and some sun, combine them and Truman State University students tended to go a little crazy. Was it spring fever? Perhaps, but the spring of 2002 had organizations around the University trying to get students involved in outdoor activities, while some students found ways to get out on their own.

"I just like to study in the sunshine because it is nice and warm and it gives me an excuse to get outside," freshman Teresa Smith said. "Sometimes I just like to walk around and look at the flowers and watch the birds and animals. I am a big nature fan."

Being in love with nature was not the only reason to go outdoors—sometimes students just went to relax. Freshmen Angela Brinker, Mackenzie Taylor and Jennifer Finley could be seen outside Blanton/Nason Halls almost every day. The trio would either play Frisbee, read, study or just talk.

"It's nice just to get out and blow off some steam," Finley said.

Brinker agreed that "just to get out" was necessary.

"Yeah, there is only so much [schoolwork] that you can handle before you scream," Brinker said.

Although being outside was a better alternative than screaming, some people still needed a little help actually getting out and doing something. Many organizations, like the Student Activities Board and Prism, planned events outside for students.

"Dog Days is a weeklong activity, but our main event is on Saturday," senior Micah McKay said. "We give away cotton candy, have a barbecue and a carnival with different organizations running booths with food and games. We even have sumo wrestling suits and boxing, like they sometimes have after proms."

Dog Days was not the only event at the University. The Big Event made its second appearance on campus and many students took the time to be outside and help out in the Kirkville community.

"The Big Event was first started at Texas A&M a while back ago and last year one of the students brought it up here," sophomore Gretchen Ott said. "It is a service project that allows Truman students to go into the Kirkville community and do service projects like washing windows, picking up trash, painting fences but mostly raking [leaves]. The students live here nine months out of the year and I think that this is an opportunity for them to give back to the community that gives them so much."

Prism also sponsored an event outside. Prism sponsored SHOULDstock, Students Helping Others Understand and Love Diversity, to help promote diversity on campus.

"We wanted to raise understanding and awareness about Prism and other campus organizations," freshman Alexandria Lockett said. "We wanted to invite all the organizations [on campus] and the Kirkville community as well."

*Katie Dains*

*Staff Writer*



◀ Junior David Trott hangs upside down on the Velcro wall during Dog Days, held in the Campbell Apartments parking lot. Other Dog Days activities included an obstacle course, a cake walk, bungee run, bouncy boxing, gladiator-style jousting and wax hands.

*photo by Jennifer Trumpet*



photo by Beth Spinney

▲ The Opening Ceremony and Parade of Flags began International Week and Asian History Week. In an effort to promote cultural awareness and diversity, the week's events included an Asian Cuisine dinner, a tae kwan do workshop, a Kabuki performance, a cultural dance workshop and a movie night.

▶ Mary Mariko Ohno, director of the Kabuki Academy, dances during the Kabuki performance for Asian History Week. Kabuki was a dramatic art form popular in Japanese culture that featured classical Japanese dancing and shamisen music.



photo by Beth Kelly

# Culturally Aware

WEEKLONG EVENTS PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING, DIVERSITY

Colorful flags made by members of the Truman State University and Kirksville communities adorned the Quad April 7-12, 2002. The cluster of flags represented different countries throughout the world. Different events were planned throughout the week to celebrate International Week, Asian History Week and Islamic Awareness Week.

The International Student Office and the Multicultural Affairs Office sponsored several events during the week, which included an opening ceremony, flag parade, a cultural potluck, a Kabuki theater and a martial arts demonstration. A cultural dance workshop, a showing of "Ghandi," as well as the flag display, were also held during the week. The Islamic Student Al Muttaqun arranged for presentations by students and Mustafa Sawani, professor of economics, in addition to showing the film "The Message."

Overall, the events successfully raised ethnic awareness.

"There were hundreds of people at the dinner and they all got a chance to mix and interact with one another during the dinner," said Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of multicultural affairs. "[The Kabuki Theatre] allowed everyone on campus to see a dance form that has such a rich form. ..."

Others enjoyed learning through lectures.

"I think [Sawani's presentation] was the most successful because I got the chance to talk to one audience member and they said the way he explained the Islam religion was very clear and that they had a much better understanding about what it is all about and how peaceful the religion is," said sophomore Ruqayya Muhammad, secretary of the Islamic Students Al Muttaqun.

In the flag parade, students wore traditional clothing from different countries and marched around the Quad carrying flags from many nations.

"It was cool," freshman Niranjan Bartaula said. "They're involved and they can show a part of their culture."

Sophomore Adam Rendall liked seeing the representatives of the different countries and cultures.

"I wanted to immerse myself in foreign cultures and enjoy the great diversity of the wonderful world we live in," Rendall said.

The activities of the week promoted ethnic awareness by displaying the different cultures represented at the University.

"It makes the presence of so many different cultures represented by international students known to everyone on campus," said Melanee Crist, international student adviser. "Everything we do is open to the public so everyone can learn more about the different cultures represented on campus."



photo by Heather Coons

▲ Graduate student Bocar Wane presents "Islam, the Kernel of God's Obedience" as one of two student presentations during Islamic Awareness Week in April 2002. Other events held during the week included a movie night, a guest speaker and a Jumma prayer.

Islamic Student Al Muttaqun president, junior Cynthia Khan, believed Islamic Awareness Week activities raised awareness by inviting people to discuss her religion.

"It gave people a chance to talk to us and gave us a chance to clarify things," Khan said. "It also let people know that we are here on campus."

The events tried to help to discourage persecution and racism of different cultures.

"If people understand what Islam really means, then it would save some confusion," Khan said. "I think persecution occurs in general because people don't understand other people and they base judgments on their misunderstandings."

Demond Baine, program coordinator for the Multicultural Affairs Office, believed the events gave people the chance to learn about different cultures without being ridiculed.

"Going out to explore other cultures helps to bridge the gap between knowing and not knowing," Baine said.

*Melissa Allen*

## IDENTIFY

*In fall of 2001, 233 international students attended the University, representing 50 countries. Thirty students were from Bulgaria, the most from any country.*

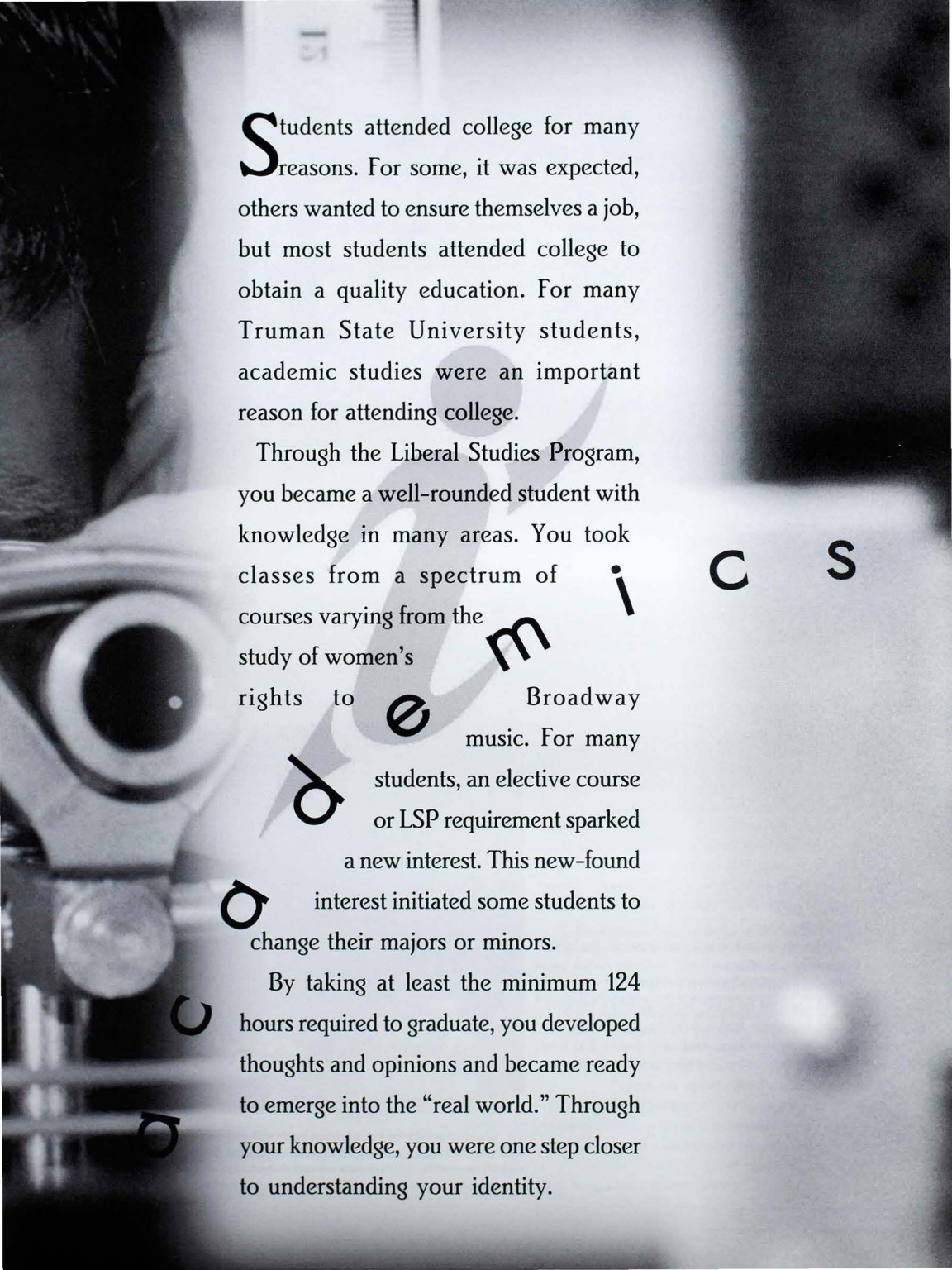
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▶ Junior Kevin Haworth performs a physics experiment measuring the permeability of free space. Research and laboratory work were integral parts of the complete classroom experience. All disciplines had opportunities for students to see real world applications of classroom material. In spring of 2002, approximately 200 students presented papers at the 15th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

*photo by Tim Barcus*



**S**tudents attended college for many reasons. For some, it was expected, others wanted to ensure themselves a job, but most students attended college to obtain a quality education. For many Truman State University students, academic studies were an important reason for attending college.

Through the Liberal Studies Program, you became a well-rounded student with knowledge in many areas. You took classes from a spectrum of courses varying from the study of women's rights to Broadway music. For many students, an elective course or LSP requirement sparked a new interest. This new-found interest initiated some students to change their majors or minors.

By taking at least the minimum 124 hours required to graduate, you developed thoughts and opinions and became ready to emerge into the "real world." Through your knowledge, you were one step closer to understanding your identity.

# Graduation Process

## THE STEPS TOWARD A DIPLOMA

After years of hard work passed, graduating seniors looked forward to that one exciting day—graduation.

However, prior to the culminating day was the process of filling out paperwork, taking assessment tests, paying graduation fees and deciding what path to take after graduating. The big challenge was fitting all of these requirements in before the big graduation day.

“In order to get everything accomplished on time you must have great time-management skills,” se-

of time planning ahead, whether it be for social, academic or financial aspects of their life. Graduating was a long process for the majority of students and students started preparing for the future early.

Courses pertaining to their major and other classes required for their bachelor degree had to be completed. To some seniors this was a tedious task, but they did not let their academics interfere with their social lives.

“The graduation process consists of having to

“I don’t think I will attend grad school, but maybe in a few years ...”  
Bethany Jost, senior

nior Amir Raziq said. “These skills are the key when you are a senior because major classes start kicking in and you cannot slack off your last year. If you do not know how to juggle all your courses and extra-curricular activities by the time you are a senior, then you are in big trouble.”

The graduation process began in students’ freshman year. During the first year, students were recommended to visit their adviser to develop a four-year plan to follow. Throughout this time, students had many assessments and forms to complete.

“It is important to complete all of the required paperwork on time so that you are able to graduate on time,” senior Curt Cira said. “Also, so you don’t inconvenience the Registrar’s Office in any way.”

Not only did seniors need to complete several pieces of paperwork for Truman State University, they also had to decide what they were going to do after graduation. Many seniors had a plan.

“I’m going to Japan to teach for a year,” senior Jason Schmidt said. “Then, go on to law school here in the States.”

Other seniors were not certain what the future had in store for them.

“Sometime after the first of the year I will have to start applying for jobs,” senior Bethany Jost said. “I will hopefully find a position in Chicago that applies to my business-marketing degree. For now I don’t think I will attend grad school, but maybe in a few years I will change my mind.”

Regardless if seniors knew what their future plans were, they still continued to strive toward graduation and eventually determined what the next step in their life would be.

To get everything done, seniors spent a great deal

complete our major requirements along with the eight million other things required of you at this liberal arts college,” senior Eli Gashen said. “In other words, the emphasis on my major was taken away considerably as a result of the other required courses I had to take. As far as my social life goes though, I never let academics get in the way of having a great time with my friends.”

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Staff Writer



photo by Colleen Brown

▲ Graduating senior Becky Dall shakes hands with vice president for academic affairs Garry Gordon during the 2001 December graduation. A total of 276 undergraduate students received Bachelor’s degrees and nine students were awarded Master’s degrees in the ceremony. Seniors paid over \$50 in graduation fees and for a cap and gown package.



photo by Katie Dains

Question

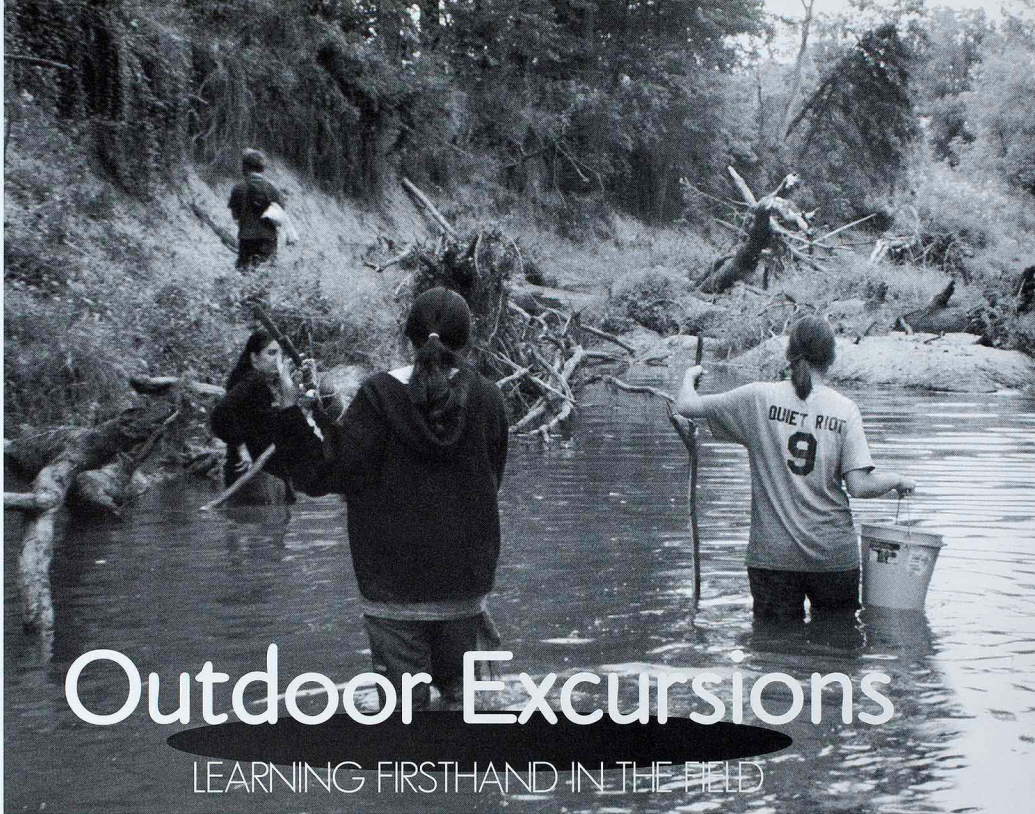
**Q:** What offices did graduating seniors need signatures from on the Graduation Clearance Form?

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**A:** Signatures from the Career Center, Assessment and Testing office and cashiers were needed.

Answer

▲ University Career Center employee senior Amanda Eggers discusses interview techniques with senior Jennifer Fisher during a mock interview. The Career Center offered mock interviews to students to help prepare them for real-life situations. In 2002, approximately 40 percent of graduating seniors entered graduate or professional school immediately after graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the University's graduates were placed in graduate schools, professional schools or employment positions within six months of graduation.



# Outdoor Excursions

LEARNING FIRSTHAND IN THE FIELD

**H**olding hands, eating sack lunches and being on best behavior. It was all a part of the much-anticipated field trip. For most students, these educational excursions were memories of elementary school. However, some Truman State University professors decided to take students out of the classroom and into the world to further their educational experience.

Senior Shannon Wise took classes in herpetology and ecology. The classes required field trips during the lab sessions.

“You get to see firsthand what you are studying. It’s not just reading and seeing pictures,”

Wise said. “You get to see what [the animals] actually look like in nature, where they live, what they eat.”

Wise went to Salt River, Rainbow Basin and Big Creek looking for wildlife with her Introduction to Ecology class. While in Herpetology, Wise went to the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm, to tip hay bales look-

ing for snakes.

“We found one [at the SOIL],” Wise said. “A really big king snake.”

Senior Sarah Davenport, a student in assistant professor of biology Scott Burt’s Introduction to Ecology class, said she also enjoyed the field trips.

“It’s more fun to get out and experience the outdoors,” Davenport said. “More hands-on rather than sitting in a lab.”

Students found the trips were more than just fun, they were also beneficial.

“Field trips are a great way to experience things hands-on,” Davenport said. “I

learn much better by actually doing things rather than just reading about them.”

Donald Kangas, professor of zoology, said he enjoyed seeing his students’ reactions as they showed him animals they found. Kangas thought the field trips helped to bring the textbook to life.

“It’s much more fun to see things alive,” Kangas said.

**“You get to see firsthand what you are studying. It’s not just reading and seeing pictures.”**

Shannon Wise, senior ➤➤



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◀ Junior Kate Langhammer and senior Shannon Wise wade down Salt River near Brashear, Mo. searching for snakes and frogs for their Herpetology class. Langhammer caught a green frog and Wise caught a cricket frog on the field trip. Students in Herpetology class were required to collect five reptiles or amphibians.



photo by Tricia Scott

Kangas had his students in Herpetology go on field trips because he thought it allowed them to see and do things that they normally could not in the classroom.

"I really believe in the value of field trips," Kangas said.

Kangas' field trips involved a small amount of danger. Kangas showed his students how to handle the animals while on the field trips. On a trip to hunt for snakes at the SOIL, Kangas was bitten by a king snake when he tried to pick it up. King snakes do not usually bite, so Kangas was startled when it attacked him. The bite did not bother him though; in fact, he made an example of the situation to show students that certain kinds of snakebites cause very little pain.

Even though there was no more holding hands, standing in line or eating sack lunches, field trips still existed at the University level. Whether in the fourth grade or the fourth year of college, the field trip offered a hands-on approach to education and gave students new experiences.

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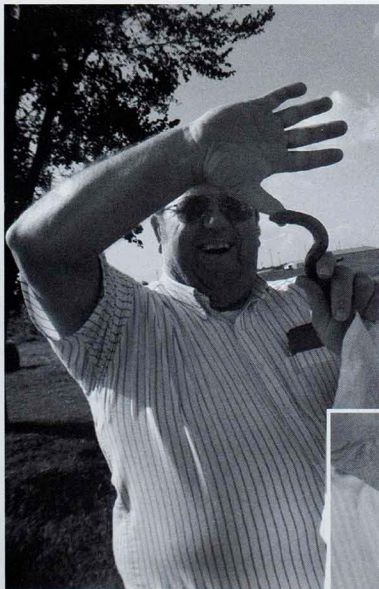


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▲ Junior Jennifer Svitak learns about Romanesque architecture styles on a visit to the Adair County Courthouse. Students were required to go on three field trips for the JINS Architecture: Forms and Structures class.

◀ Professor of zoology Donald Kangas demonstrates an unorthodox method of snake-handling during a field trip for his herpetology class. The snake was harmless.



# Sexual Harassment

## STUDENT-PROFESSOR RELATIONSHIPS ARE QUESTIONED

In 1984, years before political correctness became vogue, Billie Wright Dziech and Linda Weiner drew national attention to an underexposed topic with the book "The Lecherous Professor: Sexual Harassment on Campus." They surprised much of academia by reporting that approximately one in four undergraduate women experienced sexual harassment from a professor.

Since Dziech and Weiner first published their book, the American society changed drastically.

Colleges and universities no longer ignored the issues of sexual harassment. Several policies, committees, seminars, guidelines and workshops have been devoted to the topic. Yet studies still indicated that sexual harassment rates at colleges and universities had not dropped since "The Lecherous Professor" was written.

"Statistically, I think there's pretty significant evidence that it still occurs and is a problem that needs to be addressed," said Sally Detweiler, equal employment opportunity/gender equity officer with University Counseling Services. "There's certainly much more of an awareness of it in the last 10 years."

Detweiler worked to educate both students and faculty about what constituted sexual harassment and what Truman State University's policies were concerning it. Her greatest tools were workshops and seminars, which were required for new staff members and strongly encouraged for tenured faculty.

"I have been to seminars that have discussed [harassment] issues," said Larry Bereman, instructor of communication. "I think that the University takes a very good approach to it. They make it clear that it is not acceptable here."

However, incidents of sexual harassment still occurred.

February 2001, junior Megan Murphy approached authorities claiming to have been harassed by David Fortney, associate professor of communication.

"In the beginning, he called maybe every couple days or so," said junior Amanda Reilly, Murphy's roommate. "Then, when it got really bad, maybe two or three times a day."

Fortney was allegedly asking Murphy to see him in his office after class. When his comments became sexual in nature, Murphy took her story to the police.

"Once there was a sexual comment, that was it," Murphy said. "He had made some personal comments before that were a little out of the ordinary, but ... I didn't want to call him on it immediately because I didn't know what I was going to do."

With the advice of the authorities, Murphy wore a recording device on her next visit to Fortney's office. It recorded Fortney asking Murphy to write about a personal experience related to female sexuality and telling her that she "had a nice set."

In addition to shocking the students and faculty who knew Fortney, the incident caused some people to question the effectiveness of the University's sexual harassment policies.

Some students believed that the University did not act firmly enough in disciplining Fortney, who received a one-year suspension without pay. Murphy wanted him fired.

"I feel like this decision set the precedent that sexual harassment will be tolerated," said Murphy, who transferred to the University of Missouri-Columbia in January of 2002. "If you can say all those things to a student and only be suspended for one year, what would it take to be fired?"

The University's code of policies defined sexual harassment as conduct that "creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment for working or learning." Violators were subject to "formal reprimand, reassignment, probation, suspension or dismissal."

"I think the guidelines themselves are strict enough," Bereman said. "They're standard. We all know what constitutes sexual harassment. You can sit and define it all day, but it's one of those things where you know it when you see it."

Detweiler believed the best means for preventing future harassment incidents rested in faculty and student education.

"The University can educate the campus community on what is sexual harassment, then they have to follow up on complaints and take action when situations do arise," Detweiler said. "I'm not sure there's much else you can do. You can't follow everyone around and try to keep them in line."

However, in the wake of the incident involving Fortney, students close to the situation questioned the sincerity of the University's sexual harassment prevention policies.

"[The University] showed that it's more important to save their reputation than to protect all the female students that work with [Fortney]," said senior Jen Trier, who worked with Fortney when he advised the Index and Detours Magazine. "It's only independent professors who care about individual's and student's education. The University administration is a self-interested business."

*Andy Ashbaugh*

*Staff Writer*



◀ A male professor suggestively touches a female student in this example of sexual harassment. If a student was sexually harassed and he or she desired to file a formal complaint, the complaint was directed to the associate vice president for academic affairs.

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# Registration Frustration

## PROBLEMS WITH THE SYSTEM

Waiting in lines, missing a class to arrive within the 15-minute time block, triple-checking the available seats in a class, getting yellow cards and completing the Sophomore Writing Experience all made registration a time-consuming process.

Every semester registration was held in McClain Hall. Students registered by class status, the last digit in their Social Security number and the first letter in their last name. Leading up to the

library fine, skipped a class to register, skipped a class to be able to get my card signed and got in line 30 minutes early," Rodriguez said. "I finally get up there and they say I'm registered as a freshman. Registrar tells me I only have 29 hours because one of my history credits from high school didn't transfer. No one had bothered to tell me this. So now I have to wait and transfer with the freshmen."

“Online registration would make things ... more convenient. ...”  
Leo Kirsch, senior

anticipated event, many students obsessively checked the class status online, begged professors for yellow cards and visited their academic advisers. The process remained unchanged for years.

Senior Leo Kirsch had been through the registration process 15 times, and thought it was time for a change.

"I think there should be online registration," Kirsch said. "Online registration would make things somewhat more convenient for everyone. For Truman to be as premier as it is, it really should have this capability."

Other universities across the nation had been using online registration for years. Sophomore B.J. Mandeville was also annoyed by Truman State University's registration process.

"It is such a pain here," Mandeville said. "At Denver University [Colo.], everything was done on the Internet and was very easy. No waiting, no grumpy registrar people ... you could also do it from the phone. I was able to register from my house in Wyoming."

Many students felt the registration process was unfair by not allowing students to register based on the number of credit hours completed.

"I think it should be based more on the credits," Mandeville said. "At DU they put you in order by the amount of credits you had. Like I am a sophomore, but I have 58 credits, so I couldn't register as a junior [at the University], and ended up registering at the very end of the sophomores. At DU, I would have registered before other sophomores with fewer credit hours."

Sophomore Sarah Rodriguez explained her registration experience.

"Well, I ran around all morning, paid off a

Another complaint among juniors about registration involved the requirement of taking the Sophomore Writing Experience before registering.

"It's just such a joke," sophomore Becky Niles said about the SWE. "I've heard stories of people who wrote a page and a half and still passed. I don't see the point in it."

Student Senate had plans of changing the registration process, but until that occurred, students had to make the best of the University's process.

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Senior Kelley Rudolph receives a yellow card from Sara Hadler in the social sciences division office. Rudolph had to contact the division office, professors and her adviser several times in order to reserve a spot in her senior capstone class.



*photo by Katie Rose*

Question

**Q:** Besides tuition, what extra fees might a student have encountered during registration?

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**A:** Some classes, such as Horsemanship and Ceramics, had additional fees. These fees were automatically charged to students' accounts.

Answer

▲ Freshman Stephanie Sullivan gives her permit to enroll slip to Sharon Russell, veterans affairs representative, during registration. Students waited in line in the registration tunnel of McClain Hall to secure the next semester's classes; sometimes only to find out that the class had filled while they were waiting in line. If the student did not have an alternate class ready, he or she had to wait until the end of the registration process to add another class.



# Fast Forward Teaching

## CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY HEADS FOR THE FUTURE

Chalk boards and chalk were standard tools used in classrooms across Truman State University, but many professors recognized that the standard tools were not always the most effective. Instead, some instructors utilized innovative technology to aid students' learning processes.

Jim Turner, associate professor of accounting, found a way to utilize video conferencing for a guest speaker in his Ecology and Land Use Rights class held in summer 2001.

"It took some arrangements, but I talked to the Instructional

Technology Center ... and they told me that we had recently acquired some equipment that could be used in our classroom to do [video conferencing]," Turner said. "Generally, the students reacted positively."

Robert Martin, professor of education, utilized innovative computer programs. Martin assigned students a training video with pictures, background music, voice-overs and subtitles using Apple computer iMovie software.

"[The assignment] allowed for creativity and was applicable to the course," Martin said. "The main thing is having courage and being willing to take risks."

Some students thought the new technology was difficult.

"It was challenging because I'd never done it," senior Jacob Willrich said. "You definitely needed to put some effort into it."

*The main thing is having courage and being willing to take risks.*

— Robert Martin, professor of education —

Senior Caroline Canessa felt apprehensive about using technology new to her.

"Going into it I was really intimidated, but it's really satisfying when it's all done," Canessa said.

While some students faced challenges with the technology, most felt that it aided their learning.

"Someone who didn't have a good foundation in computers might have been hindered by [the technology]," Willrich said. "But I don't feel it hindered me at all."

Many students also found the technology applicable for future classes and projects.

Students participate in a video conference with Johnny Wilson, a forest ranger from New Mexico in associate professor of accounting Jim Turner's Ecology and Land Use Rights class. Wilson was the father of one of the students in Turner's class. The Ecology and Land Rights class fulfilled the JINS graduation requirement.

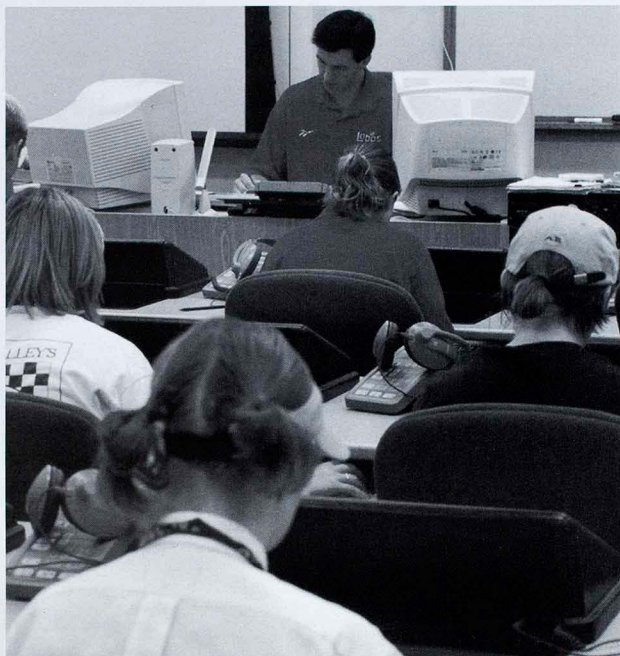


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"In future classrooms, we'll need to use [the technology], so I'd definitely say it was beneficial," Canessa said. "I'm glad we did it."

Martin said the iMovie program contributed to student participation.

"People have a real sense of involvement," Martin said. "You have to create a total project that either works or doesn't, so people take a pride in ownership and work a lot harder."

Kenneth Hahn, professor of physics, included Microsoft PowerPoint presentations that utilized video clips, diagrams and photographs. Hahn then posted the presentations on the Internet so students could access them outside of class.

"It was definitely more preparation," Hahn said. "But some things are just easier to use with [PowerPoint]."

Although innovative technology brought some challenges for those involved, many professors at the University discovered that technology brought many benefits and was a rewarding learning tool for the students.

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*Organizations Editor*



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Students in assistant professor of Spanish Eric Jewell's Elementary Spanish I class take a test via computer. The class used the computer lab located on the third floor of McClain Hall to take tests and find cultural information for the course about every two weeks.

Associate professor of microbiology Michael Lockhart uses the Microsoft PowerPoint computer program during a Genetics class lecture in Magruder Hall, formerly Science Hall. In addition to Microsoft PowerPoint and video conferences, professors could create Web pages and multimedia presentations to assist with teaching their classes.



▶ Senior Meg Wiechert, a writing consultant, helps junior Sarah Windhorst review a paper before turning in the final draft. Any major was eligible to apply to become a Writing Center consultant. An application and an interview with the director were necessary before being hired as a consultant.

*photo by Dan Sam*

# You Want to Write Right?

## STUDENTS UTILIZE WRITING CENTER TO IMPROVE SKILLS

For some Truman State University students, the challenge of writing research papers and essays was too much to handle without assistance. Others found the spelling and grammar check on the computer programs was not enough. Some students just needed to meet a professor's requirements. Whatever their reasons, many students decided that making the trek to McClain Hall, home of the Writing Center, was worthwhile.

The Writing Center had 13 consultants available to students during the fall 2001 semester and 15 in the spring 2002.

Approximately 1,200 individual conferences were held during the 2001-2002 academic year. The consultants were students hired by the Writing Center to critique papers and help students improve their writing skills. Before the conferences, the students filled out informational sheets. During the conference, students talked with consultant about the things they wanted help with, such as sentence structure or transitions. The consultants read students' papers, corrected errors and gave suggestions for improvement.

After their conferences, many students felt encouraged and thought the extra time was worth the effort.

"They did a good job of proofreading and checking my organization," freshman Jason Hoang said.

Junior Diana Smith, a consultant for the Writing Center, also saw the benefits of the conferences.

"It's really helpful to have someone there who is willing to go over your paper and address specific issues that you are concerned with, because it's hard to make someone, like your roommate or someone who really doesn't care, read your paper and give it an honest and qualified opinion of what you need to work on," Smith said.

Writing Center director Mary Lou Woehlk noted additional benefits the services provided.

"[The Writing Center] not only benefits clients who come

in for a conference, but it also benefits the consultants," Woehlk said. "As director of the Writing Center for the past 17 years, I have worked with hundreds of students from a variety of disciplines. They have shared their writing knowledge and expertise with the University community, and they have also shared their collective knowledge about writing with one another."

Some University faculty thought the Writing Center was beneficial for students. Anne Moody, associate professor of chemistry, required students in her Fundamentals of Organic

Chemistry class to utilize the Writing Center to review their research paper.

"In general, students are helped by having their writing analyzed by someone other than themselves, and I don't have the time to read through every paper myself at every stage of the process," Moody said. "There is a lot of support being offered [at the Writing Center] by people who are just a little beyond the level of the students, and students aren't as intimidated about asking questions to them as they are for asking me."

Although many students visited the Writing Center as a requirement for class, some chose to visit it on their own.

"It wasn't required by my professor, but was suggested," junior Matthew Mehner said.

"I knew that having as many people go over my paper as I could would get rid of the little mistakes."

Junior Kendra Wilson scheduled conferences for two reasons. She first went because it was required for a class of hers. She then discovered that it was beneficial and continued to go to the Writing Center for help on her papers.

"The best thing about it is that you can schedule a time to come in," Wilson said. "If you schedule an appointment at 3 o'clock, they'll be there at 3 o'clock for you."

*Melissa Allen*

*Staff Writer*



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▲ Senior Catherine Schmidt assists senior Katie Preiss during Preiss' first conference at the Writing Center. Preiss received help revising a graduate school application. Conferences at the Writing Center usually lasted between 20 and 30 minutes.

# In the Spotlight

## MUSIC MAJORS PERFORM YEAR-ROUND

Trills, scales and crescendos echoed through Baldwin Hall as students and faculty involved in the music department prepared for recitals.

The intense program required musicians to demonstrate proficiency in applied music during weekly recitals. Students were required to perform once a semester. The performance was one requirement students fulfilled in order to pass their applied music course. It was also an opportunity for students to demonstrate improvement over the course of a the semester.

“If you say you want to major in music, you have to perform.”

Christine Banaskavich, graduate student

“Each semester, a student has to perform if they are receiving instruction from a professor,” sophomore Jessica Schmidt said. “How ever many semesters you study, that’s how many recitals you have to give.”

The music discipline prepared students for careers in musical performance. All performance music majors presented a junior recital. This recital consisted of a 30-minute public performance of music in a chosen field.

“The recitals give us an opportunity to perform different works, so it is a different experience when you are actually performing for an audience,” senior Eric Veile said.

For bachelor of music degrees with a performance concentration and pre-master of arts in education students, an additional 50-minute recital during their senior year was required.

“The senior recitals are basically our Capstone experience,” Veile said.

Graduate student Christine Banaskavich explained that the required recitals were beneficial to the performers.

“It’s a learning experience being in front of people, you get to try out your piece and get an audience reaction,” Banaskavich said.

Professors also had to perform in at least one recital per year, on or off campus. Sam McClure, assistant professor of music and director of orchestras, felt this gave students an opportunity to see their professors demonstrate, in performance, what they were teaching.

“[A faculty recital] is our research equivalent to publishing a book or an article,” McClure said.

Long before their recital, students and faculty

began planning their music choices.

“I have been preparing the music for my clarinet recital since before the summer, and have been working on it exclusively since mid-October [of 2001],” Veile said.

Student and faculty recitals were open to the public, with an audience of peers, friends and family members welcome to attend.

“If you say you want to major in music, you have to perform. When you’re a musician the whole point is to perform for people,” Banaskavich said.

The recitals provided an opportunity for music students to support each other and for performers to gain experience performing in front of an audience.

“I know I’m a better player than I was before I started working on it, and it is more challenging music than when I first started lessons,” Veile said. “It is neat because you can see a progression, you can see yourself getting better.”

Sarah Borton

Organizations Editor



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Senior Amari Stuart warms up before her piano recital. Most recitals were held in Baldwin Auditorium, but some were also held at local churches. Musicians practiced on their own, in private lessons and with accompanists to prepare.



photo by Kate Anderson

Question

**Q:** How much time did music majors devote to preparing for a music recital?

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**A:** Students began preparing several months in advance and practiced several hours a day before the event.

Answer

▲ Senior Eric Veile performs his senior clarinet recital while assistant professor of music Patrice Ewoldt accompanies on piano. Veile spent more than eight months preparing for his recital. His performance included pieces by Robert Schumann, Johann Baptist Wanhal and Johannes Brahms. Junior Leah Reschly turned the pages for Ewoldt during Veile's recital. Reschly performed in a flute ensemble earlier in the program.

# Personal Guidance

## MCNAIR OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH

For 10 years, a select group of Truman State University students were awarded the opportunity to receive personal guidance and support as they continued their education at graduate schools.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program provided assistance to 168 University students since it started at the University in 1992. Three of those students had already received doctorate degrees by Spring 2002.

"The program has accomplished a great many things. Over 150 students have participated in the program since its inception," said Emmauel Nnadozie, director of the McNair program and associate professor of economics. "[It has] dramatically increased the number of students from under-represented groups that attend graduate school."

The program was developed to provide academic opportunities and assistance to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"Statistics have shown that first-generation, low-income, under-represented students may not have gotten adequate preparation in high school," program coordinator Teresa York said.

John Ishiyama, research coordinator and associate professor of political science, indicated the benefits of the experience that the program offered.

"One of the major parts is that it gives students research experience and allows them to showcase their talents," Ishiyama said.

Students were usually admitted into the program as sophomores, although not every scholar was admitted during their second year at the University. The scholars participated in a presummer research internship where they created a research proposal with the help of their mentors. The following

summer, the scholars prepared a publishable research project. Students chose a research topic that matched their interests. History, physics and marketing were a few of the subjects studied.

Advocates of the program insisted that the research projects provided many benefits.

Senior Lindsay Sims praised the program.

"It's improved my confidence in my writing," Sims said.

"I wasn't just writing a paper, but producing an academic product."

The scholars were guided through their undergraduate career by faculty mentors. Mentors were able to offer something unique to the students and the program.

"They get personal attention," Ishiyama said. "One of the big parts [of the program] is that it links students to a faculty mentor."

York stressed

the importance of mentors for those whose parents did not necessarily go through the college experience.

"It provides a support network of someone who's been through college and received a doctoral degree," York said.

Relationships between students and mentors were often long lasting.

"They can provide that guidance, advice," Ishiyama said. "[Mentors] maintain a long-term relationship with the student long after graduation."

McNair scholars were generally pleased with their experiences in the program. Sims found that the program exceeded her expectations.

"I thought I would find direction," Sims said. "It has become more than that. In so many ways it has become a lifesaver."

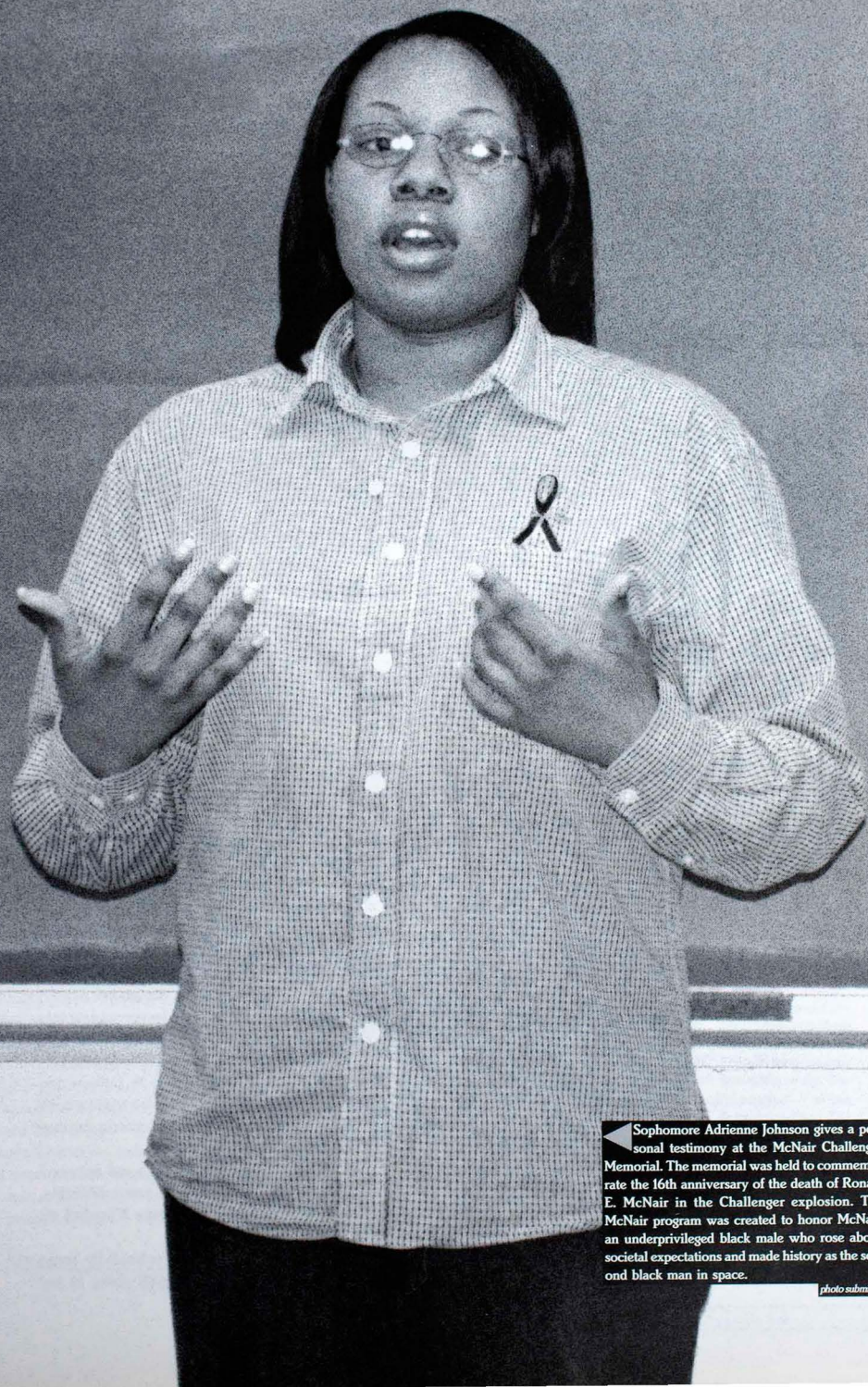


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▲ Assistant professor of theater Becky Becker and sophomore Akela Cooper converse at the McNair Mentor/Scholar dinner. The annual dinner gave scholars a chance to meet each other and to meet their faculty mentors. Mentors and scholars often kept in touch after the students graduated.

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*Assistant Copy Editor*



◀ Sophomore Adrienne Johnson gives a personal testimony at the McNair Challenger Memorial. The memorial was held to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the death of Ronald E. McNair in the Challenger explosion. The McNair program was created to honor McNair, an underprivileged black male who rose above societal expectations and made history as the second black man in space.

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# Visiting Scholars

DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS LECTURE

A great source of entertainment, as well as enlightenment, was found while attending the Distinguished Visiting Scholar presentations on the Truman State University campus.

In the 2001-2002 school year, the Distinguished Visiting Scholar program brought a science historian, a former president of Poland, a feminist and an African-American culture historian.

The program started with James Burke, a science historian whom the Washington Post called "one of the most intriguing minds of the western world." Burke was known for communicating science and technology to the public. In 1999, he was nominated for an Emmy for his work in television.

"You hear about how all the disciplines are connected, but [Burke] really connected them," senior Kelly Lane said. "His outlook on things is really amazing."

Lech Walesa, the first democratically-elected president of Poland came in November 2001.

Walesa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He also headed the Lech Walesa Institute, which worked to advance democratic ideals and free market reform throughout the world.

Students were often impressed with the prestige of the visitors.

"It was nice having someone of his stature," Lane said.

*"It's an opportunity to get perspectives that you normally wouldn't get on campus."*

Kelly Lane, senior

Speakers during spring 2002 included Catherine Stimpson, a professor and writer in humanities and

women's studies. Stimpson was the founding editor of "Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society" and "Ms." magazine. She also wrote a book about Gertrude Stein. Stimpson's lectures focused on the benefits of being a woman.

"I went to the Stimpson question and answer," junior Kimberly Kenny said. "It was interesting, but ... I probably wouldn't have gone if I didn't get extra credit for it."

While this was a sentiment echoed by some University students, others enjoyed going to see

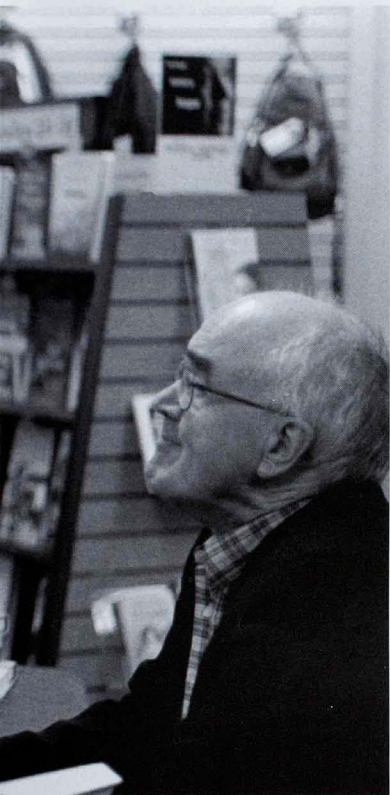


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Senior Kelly Lane speaks with Distinguished Visiting Scholar science historian James Burke at the Truman Bookstore. Burke's was known for his public influence in the understanding of technology and science. His lecture focused on his book, "1-1-3 The Ancient Modern World," which came out in 2002.

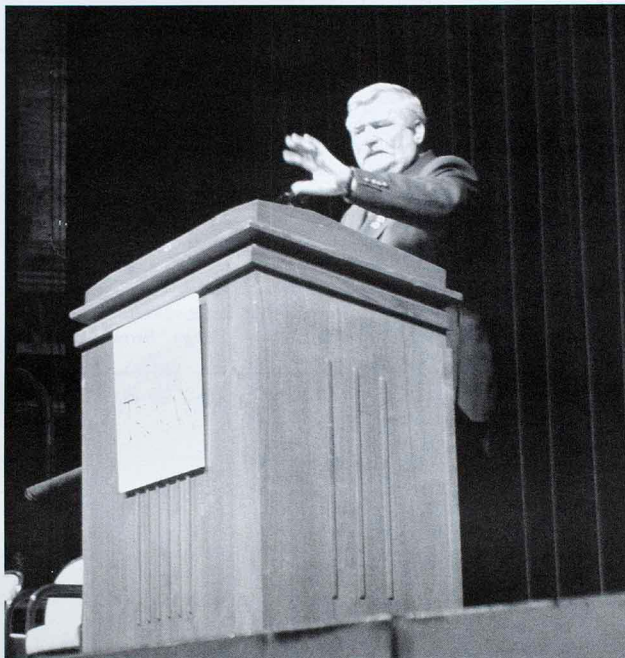


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the lectures.

"I like [the program]," Lane said. "It's a shame professors have to require them."

2002 concluded with Manning Marable, one of America's noted historians of African-American culture. He was an initiator of the Malcolm X Project at Columbia University (New York City, N.Y.) and the founder and director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies.

The collection of lectures that came to the University was received well.

"It's an opportunity to get perspectives that you wouldn't normally get on campus," Lane said.

Scholars were viewed as both entertaining and informative by students and faculty.

"The purpose is to enrich the liberal arts culture and experience for students and faculty by bringing the very best people to campus," said Michael McManis, University dean of planning and institutional development. "It brings people we're unable to recruit as faculty, but can bring to campus for short periods of time."

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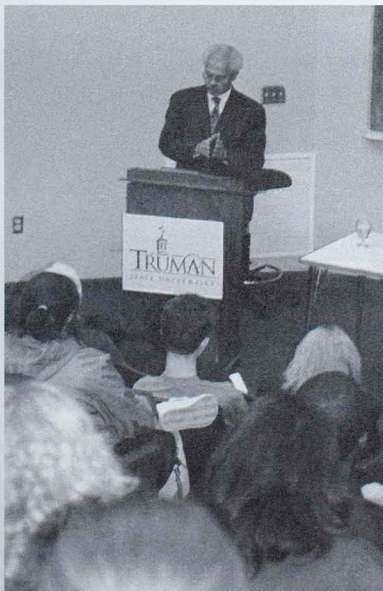


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▲ Lech Walesa came to campus in November 2001 for a book signing and lecture series. In 1990, Walesa became the first democratically-elected Polish president. Walesa was also a major leader in the fight for freedom in Eastern Europe.

◀ Manning Marable, historian and political interpreter of the African-American experience, lectures as the final guest of the Distinguished Visiting Scholar series. The DVS series was one of many programs affected by University budget cuts. Proposed speaker Robert Ballard, who discovered the Titanic, was replaced by another, more affordable speaker.

# Teach or Research?

## PROFESSORS STRIVE TO MAKE TIME FOR BOTH

Associate professor of political science John Ishiyama had an office awash with various papers and books. They filled the bookshelves along his walls, were stacked into heaping piles upon his chairs and buried all discernible traces of his desk. The topics covered in this massive, disorganized library ranged from post-communist Russia to Korean grammar.

"Not everyone shares my philosophy, but I think research and teaching have to go together by definition," Ishiyama said. "That's what the teacher-

as editor of the "Cheriton Review." "The fact that we're number one occasionally in 'U.S. News and World Report' is all right, but the criteria for that is based on finance, not what goes on here."

In addition to being a useful public relations tool for the school, a faculty active in writing and research provided valuable classroom perspective.

"The emphasis [here] is on teaching, but without the research, without critical inquiry, without creative endeavors, no teacher is going to be worth his salt," Barnes said. "I don't want to go to school

*"I think research and teaching have to go together by definition."*

— John Ishiyama, associate professor of political science —

scholar is about. Teachers must be scholars and scholars must be teachers."

Ishiyama specialized in studying the political parties that emerged in post-communist politics. He had published three books, 48 journal articles and 12 book reviews while teaching a full load of courses at Truman State University.

"I don't get much sleep," Ishiyama said. "Seriously, a lot of it is because I love doing this stuff. ... Typically, a day would begin in the morning and [my wife and I] would go home around 11 at night. We made time for [research]."

Ishiyama was an exception among University faculty, many of whom struggled to find time to actively pursue research due to heavy classroom demands.

"I think that by coming to the University apprised of what the emphasis here is and aware that there will be certain limitations on the research end, we've made a choice," said Mark Hanley, professor of history, who published his dissertation and was coediting an encyclopedia. "There's no question, once you get beyond the dissertation, doing fully original research from the ground up is no small task."

Yet several faculty members believed in order for the University to continue to gain prestige, the professors had to actively research in addition to teaching courses.

"If someone isn't serving in the name of Truman State University beyond the region, then who the hell is going to know about Truman State University?" said Jim Barnes, the University's writer-in-residence, an honorary title given to him in recognition of his 12 published books and position

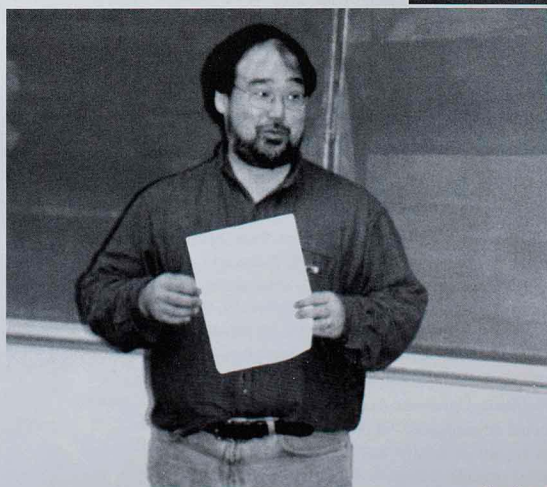
with a teacher who does nothing but come to class."

Neither Barnes nor Ishiyama advocated the abandonment of one-on-one classroom interaction for a pure research atmosphere. Rather, they thought they should work together symbiotically.

"To me, it was never research or teaching-it never has been, it never should be," Ishiyama said. "It has to be both."

*Andy Ashbaugh*

*Staff Writer*



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▲ John Ishiyama, associate professor of political science and McNair Program Research Coordinator, gives a biography of Ronald McNair at the Challenger Memorial. Ishiyama was one of many faculty published professionally throughout 2002.



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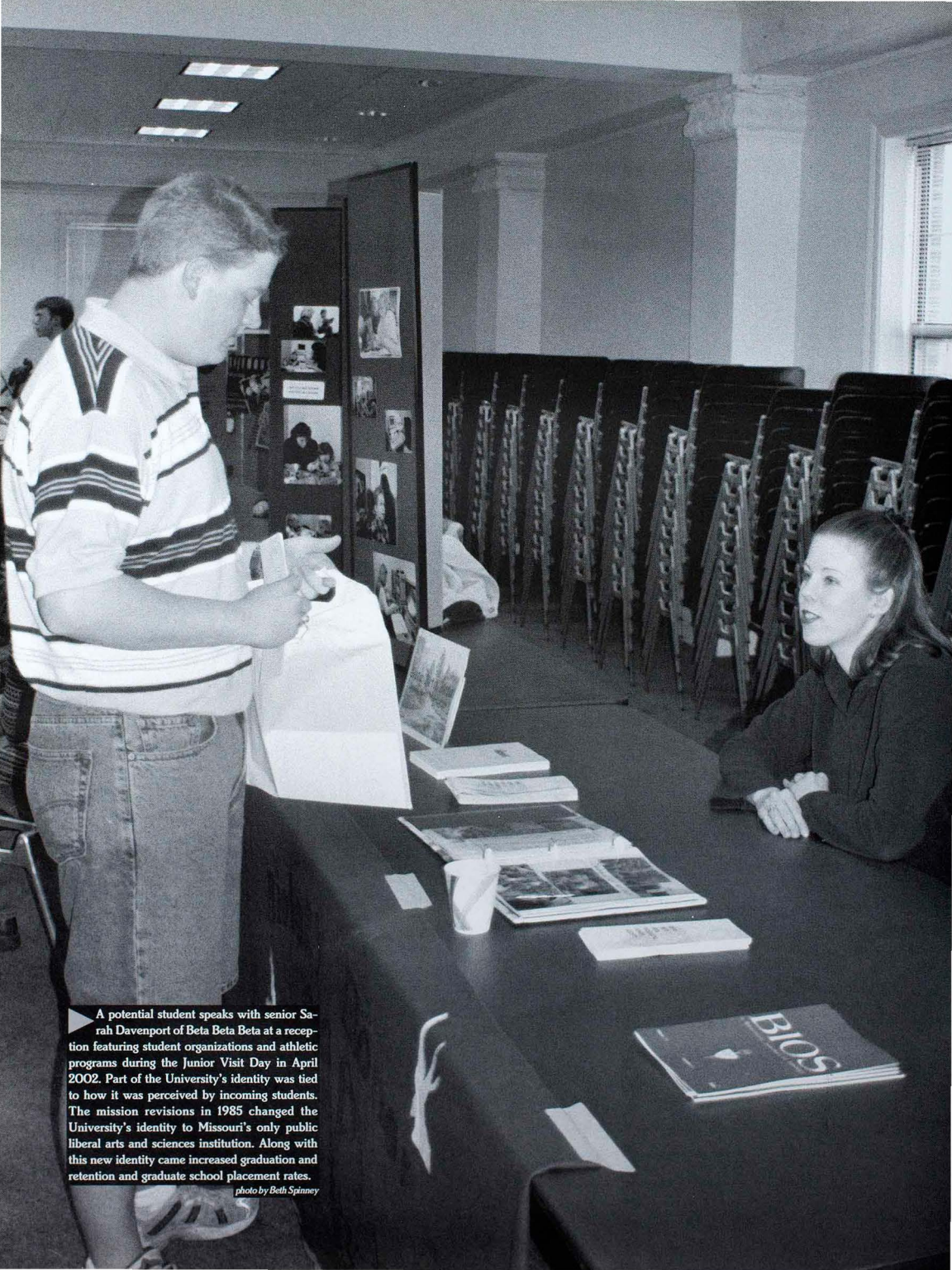
**Q:** What were the benefits of having professors who had published work or were active in research?

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**A:** Faculty engaged in research as well as teaching provided unique perspectives in and out of the classroom.

Answer

▲ Associate professor of music Warren Gooch and junior Alfredo Santa Ana discuss a clarinet piece Santa Ana is composing during a private music lesson. As an avid composer, approximately 20 of Gooch's compositions were published. His works were performed at national music festivals as well as abroad. For professors such as Gooch and other fine arts faculty, being published involved more than just a written document. While research opportunities and the chance to be published were important to many professors, budget cuts affected sabbaticals and other traditional avenues for faculty research.



▶ A potential student speaks with senior Sarah Davenport of Beta Beta Beta at a reception featuring student organizations and athletic programs during the Junior Visit Day in April 2002. Part of the University's identity was tied to how it was perceived by incoming students. The mission revisions in 1985 changed the University's identity to Missouri's only public liberal arts and sciences institution. Along with this new identity came increased graduation and retention and graduate school placement rates.

*photo by Beth Spinnery*

# Who Are We?

## THE IDENTITY OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Unique, highly-regarded, affordable, intelligent, difficult and fake. All of these words were mentioned when people were asked to give a description of Truman State University's identity.

"The identity has to come from a mission," said Kathy Rieck, dean of admissions and records. "I would say we started working on this identity with that mission change [in 1985] and maybe the current identity has been set for about five years. This is a relatively new identity for us."

Rieck said that in 2002, the University was new to liberal arts and recently had been given recognition for it.

"The identity is one of a public liberal arts university that is now achieving some things that cause it to be identified with liberal arts colleges and universities and not just public [institutions]," Rieck said.

Both Rieck and Jack Magruder, president of the University, agreed academics were a key aspect to the University's identity.

"I have to say it's our challenging, yet successful academic programming that sets us apart," Magruder said. "There is a self-reflective culture here to try to get into our successes and failures and try to build on them. We're not perfect—never would I say that. But there is an effort here to do better and to be a better institution next fall than we are this fall."

While the two administrators said they were pleased overall with the identity of the University, there were several issues that still needed work. Both said the misconception about admission standards was a concern.

"There is an impression out there among many high school kids that 'No, you can't get in here,' and that is wrong," Magruder said. "They see an average number out there and they assume this average is the minimum, and that's not true."

Although the admission standards and average test scores were intimidating, Rieck said some students were more likely to apply for those reasons.

"Some students want to apply to an institution with this reputation for the challenge," Rieck said.

While the University's identity seemed positive based on the administrator's perceptions, not everyone agreed.

Junior Jenna Meyer said that although the University was a challenge and overwhelming at first, she learned quickly. For example, she said it did not take her long to realize the Liberal Studies Program was "a waste of time" and a tool to "keep you here forever."

"At first I was like, 'What is it?'" Meyer said. "Now it is a curse. But that is the only thing [at the University] I have a problem with."

Senior Justin Fowler also had complaints about the University.

"I'm a jaded Truman student," Fowler said. "I think the University often sacrifices its students for its name's sake."

Fowler said he did not mind the University's good academic reputation. Because of the reputation of the University, many students found benefits when applying for jobs and graduate schools.

Magruder said he was aware that some students were unhappy with the experience they had at the University.

"Most students feel the challenge is a little greater than they might've expected," Magruder said. "We have a whole bunch of loyal students out there that think it's wonderful. We've got some students who are disappointed and I'm sorry about that."

As for the future of the University's identity, the two administrators believed the University's reputation would take care of itself.

"I think we just have to make sure the students who graduate from Truman are competent and knowledgeable and that they're good citizens," Magruder said. "And if we can achieve that, then the reputation will take care of itself."

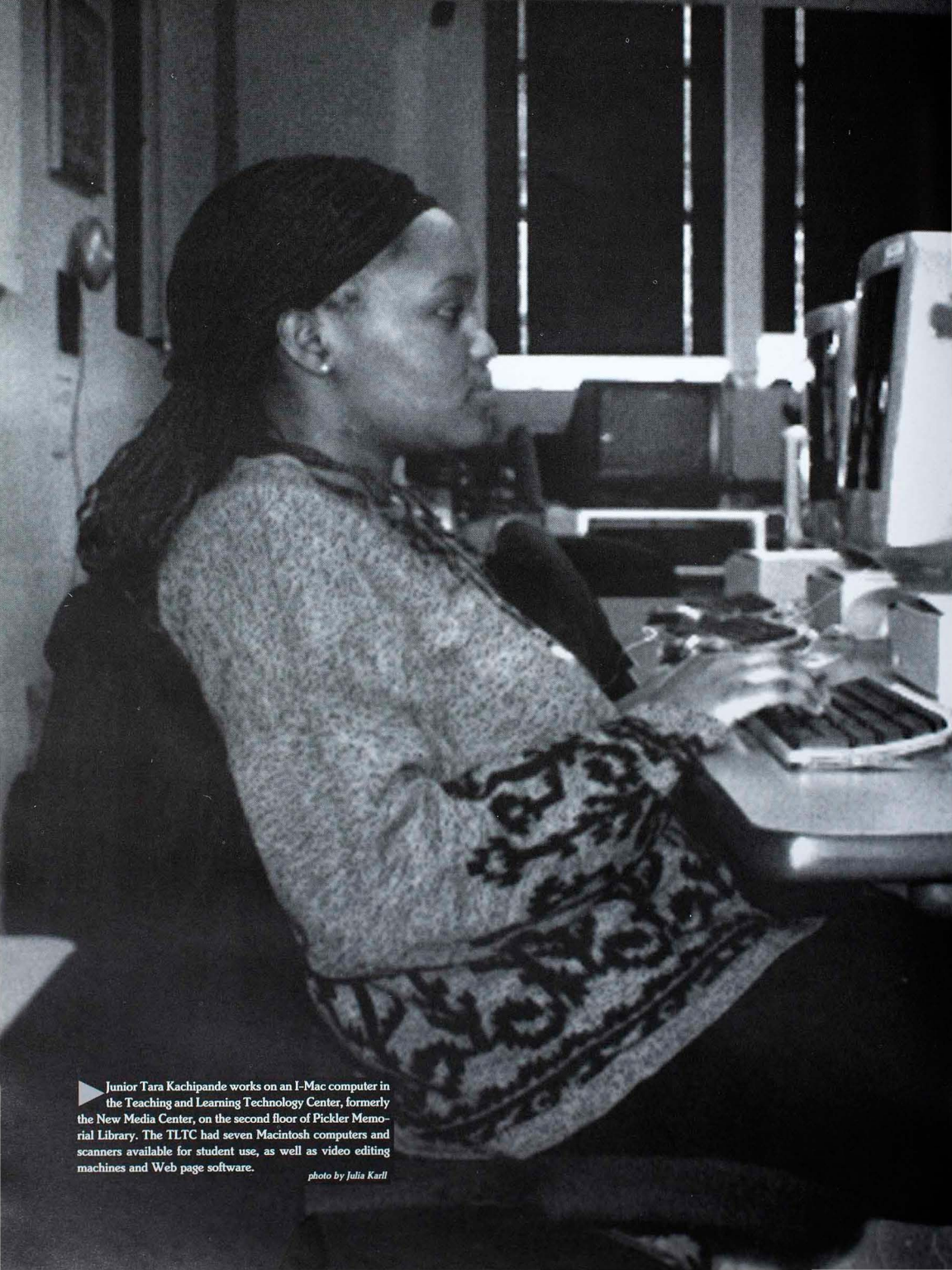


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▲ Construction workers dismantle the roof of the storage shed near the south entrance to Magruder Hall, formerly Science Hall. A new fine arts facility, Mall construction and renovations to Magruder Hall were some of the ways the University tried to improve its physical identity.

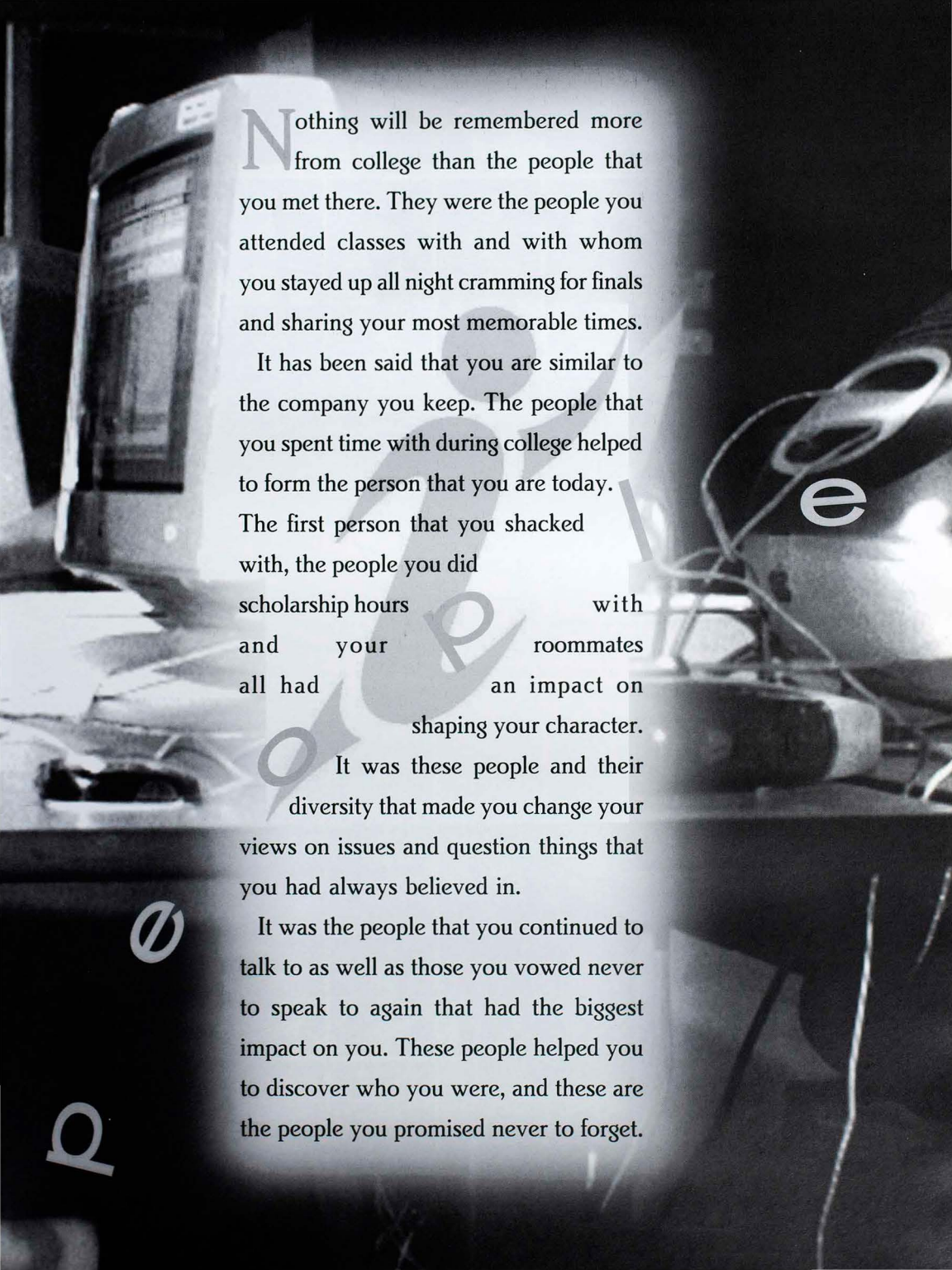
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▶ Junior Tara Kachipande works on an I-Mac computer in the Teaching and Learning Technology Center, formerly the New Media Center, on the second floor of Pickler Memorial Library. The TLTC had seven Macintosh computers and scanners available for student use, as well as video editing machines and Web page software.

*photo by Julia Karll*



Nothing will be remembered more from college than the people that you met there. They were the people you attended classes with and with whom you stayed up all night cramming for finals and sharing your most memorable times.

It has been said that you are similar to the company you keep. The people that you spent time with during college helped to form the person that you are today.

The first person that you shackled with, the people you did scholarship hours with and your roommates all had an impact on shaping your character.

It was these people and their diversity that made you change your views on issues and question things that you had always believed in.

It was the people that you continued to talk to as well as those you vowed never to speak to again that had the biggest impact on you. These people helped you to discover who you were, and these are the people you promised never to forget.

- ▶ Jason Amster.....Solon, Ohio
- Aaron Aversman.....Carrollton
- Christine Banaskavich.....Manchester
- Lawrence Chui.....Hong Kong
- Christel Fehr.....Arnold
- Kenneth Lederle.....St. Louis
- Cory Milles.....St. Louis



# Second Time Around

While most of their classmates viewed college as the final step in preparation for adulthood, junior Robin Jacobi, senior Paul Raish and graduate student Jeanette Standley were a few of the small group of students who were already ahead of the crowd.

Combined, these three students had faced nearly every milestone and obstacle in life—marriage, careers, children, sickness, divorce and even death of loved ones. Yet all three returned to college. They were seeking one milestone that they had yet to achieve: a degree from Truman State University.

For many nontraditional students, the return to college was the realization of a dream that had been pushed aside.

“Writing was something I’d always loved to do,” said Standley, who had a two-year nursing degree and worked in Sacramento, Calif., before coming to the University to continue her education. “I always had this dream in the back of my head, but it never seemed possible.”



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▶ Graduate student Jeanette Standley (right) shops at Stage with her teenage daughter, Kirksville High School student Lisa Edmiston. Standley’s other daughter, sophomore Laura Edmiston, was a nursing student at the University.

Jacobi returned to college as a single mother of two sons and after having had a kidney transplant.

“I’m not the type of person to just sit around, I don’t like that,” said Jacobi. “I really pushed my doctor to allow me to go back to school. So far it’s been pretty good.”

Returning to college came at a high cost. Juggling college courses with family obligations was sometimes an overwhelming task.

“It’s been tough,” said Standley, single mother of two daughters. “I’ve definitely had my days making the drive [to the University when I would]

pull over to the side of the road and just cry for a while thinking, ‘I can’t do this. I can’t do this.’”

For many nontraditional students, the pressures of school interfered with family time.

The difference in age and life experiences often made it difficult for students who returned to school as older adults to relate to students in their classes.

“Your priorities change; family will do that,” Raish said. “[Some students around me talk] about getting drunk or who knows what. Their life is about a party. ... At that age, that’s where I was. Now, everything’s got a different perspective.”

Most nontraditional students felt they gained more scholastically out of college than most of their younger classmates.

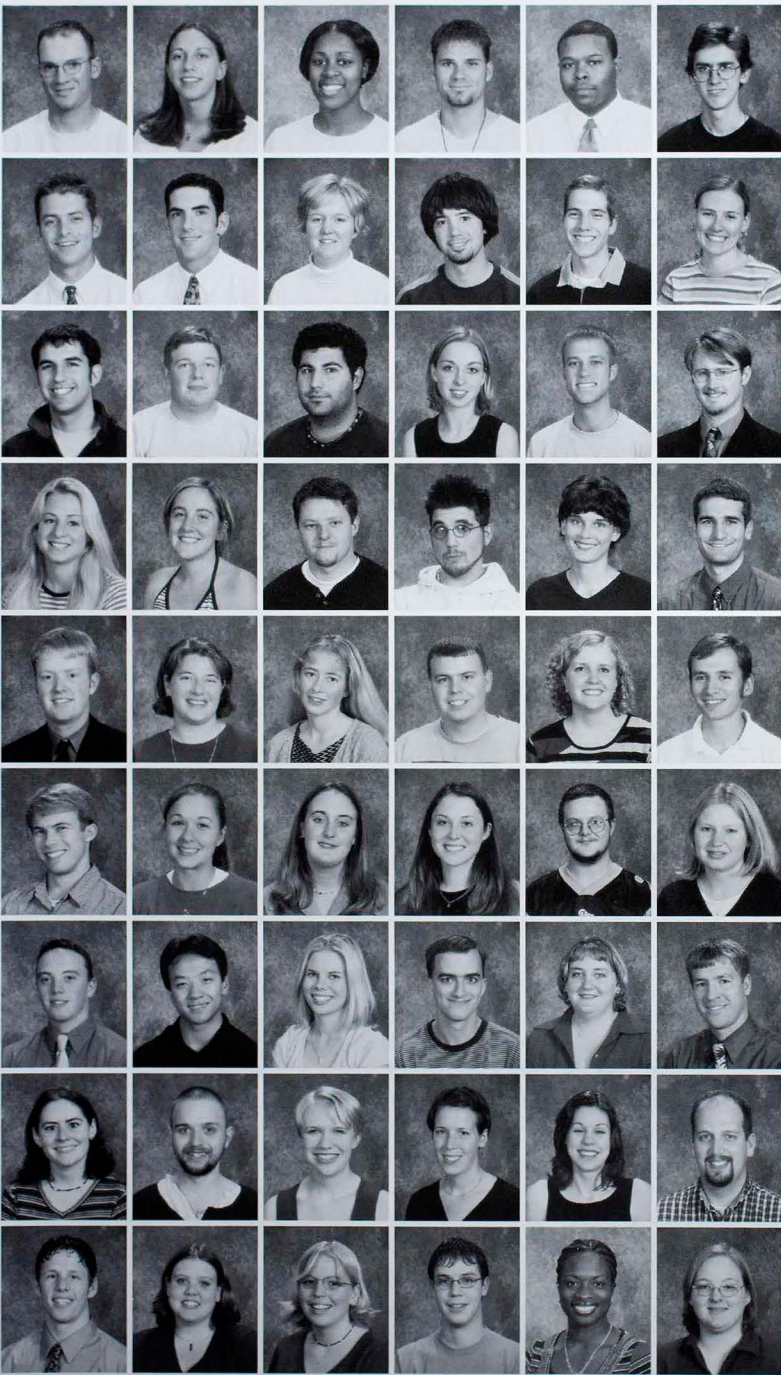
“As far as the actual education goes, hands down you get more out of college,” Raish said. “You realize the importance of the knowledge. It’s not just a piece of paper you’re going for, it’s the education.”

“People just want to get through college and be done, but I could be a full-time student forever.”

—Robin Jacobi, Junior

Andry Ashbaugh

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 Caroline Ahillen.....St. Louis  
 Candace Allen.....Harrisonville  
 Michael Ambrosia.....Kirksville  
 Larry Ashberry.....Wewoka, Okla.  
 Andrew Ashbaugh.....Wauconda, Ill.

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 Mark Audet.....Kansas City  
 Kimberly Austin.....Kirksville  
 Preston Baehr.....Gladstone  
 Douglas Baer.....St. Louis  
 Angela Bangert.....St. Louis

▶ Logan Banks.....Irontdale  
 William Barfield.....St. Peters  
 Joseph Bayer Jr.....St. Louis  
 Renee Becker.....Ladonia  
 Stuart Belden.....Columbia  
 Mark Benmvhar.....Kansas City

▶ Alison Berti.....Palmyra  
 Sara Besand.....St. Charles  
 Todd Billy.....Kirksville  
 Vincent Bissey.....Kirksville  
 Mindy Blackford.....Leonard  
 Kevin Bley.....St. Louis

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 Nathaniel Curl.....Des Moines, Iowa  
 Jamille Curry.....Chicago, Ill.  
 Kristin Curtis.....St. Joseph

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# Making the Commute

Most students who attended Truman State University lived on campus or in Kirksville. Some students, however, chose to commute to classes from outside of Kirksville. Those who opted to drive to Kirksville for classes discovered the benefits and downfalls of long-distance commuting.

One benefit of living outside of Kirksville was the amount of money saved. Students living outside of town did not have to pay over four thousand dollars for on-campus housing or rent prices for housing in town. This gave commuters more money in their pockets or less school debt compared to many other students.

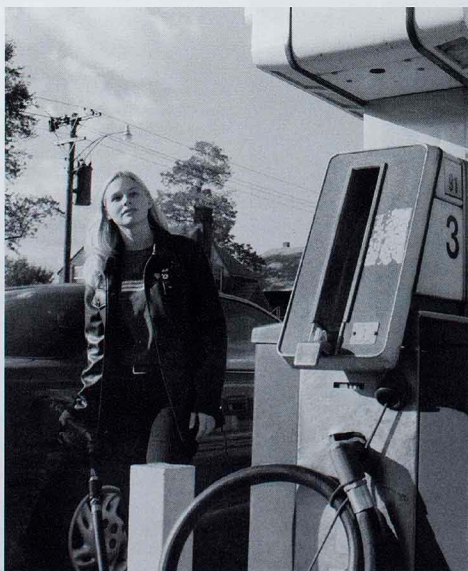


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▲ Junior Corinna Sommerfeldt fills her car with gas in preparation for her commute home. Sommerfeldt, who lived in Callao, Mo., drove 45 minutes to campus and home five days a week. Sommerfeldt spent approximately \$20 on gas each week.

"It's a lot cheaper to drive to my classes," freshman Adam Stewart said. "I only live 15 minutes away [in Novinger, Mo]."

Another advantage of long-distance commuting was the freedom students had because they left campus and the Kirksville area daily.

"I like the freedom I have from commuting," senior Dawn Farmer said. "I don't feel as confined to the campus as I would if I lived in a residence hall."

Long-distance commuting had drawbacks. One disadvantage was that driving to the University was time-consuming.

"I think the biggest downfall of commuting is the time I waste driving," senior Nakia Voyles said. "It takes me 35 minutes to get there. This is time that I could have spent doing something else, like homework."

Some long-distance commuters said they found it hard to get involved with campus organizations because of the distance between campus and their homes.

"Since most organizations meet at night or on weekends, it makes it hard for me to attend [meetings]," Farmer said. "Most nights I don't want to make the drive back into Kirksville, and I like to spend weekends with my family."

Long-distance commuters also faced not having access to the University computer network at home. The utilization of CourseInfo or other network programs made it difficult for off-campus students to participate in that form of communication.

The decision of whether to commute was one every student within a reasonable driving distance from Kirksville faced. Students who chose to commute to classes had an advantage over other students in terms of cost and freedom. However, they faced less ideal situations of commuting, such as excessive driving time and the lack of network accessibility.

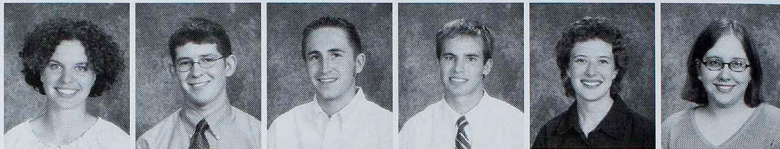
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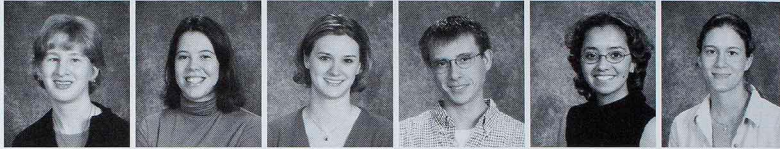


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# Catering to the Alternative

Truman State University's organizations and the Student Activities Board sponsored events most weekends. There were some students who were looking for a little bit more.

Following in the footsteps of larger cities, Kirksville began to cater to alternative tastes. Establishments such as Kaleidoscope and Washington Street Java Co. recognized these growing trends, while the openings of the Aquadome and One World furthered the trend of attracting alternative customers.

Junior Cameron Moore said it was important to remember the opportunities that a city like Kirksville provided.

"If you expect to find big attractions, like at St. Louis, around here, you're not going to find what you're looking for," Moore said. "In a small town you just have to look for small things."

Senior Lindsay Bilhorn saw advantages to the growing number of alternative businesses.

"By showing different ways to think, [Kirksville is] being accepting to an alternative lifestyle, even if they don't partake in it," Bilhorn said.

Bilhorn still felt that Kirksville was behind the times.

"There needs to be a bigger music scene—but that is growing," Bilhorn said. "One of the only venues is the Aquadome and the bars, but the problem is that the bars don't want to pay bands and the Aquadome is student-run."

Senior Erika Lorenz saw some room for improvement with many local businesses.

"I wish we had more places that were open later during the weekend to go and hang out and sit around," Lorenz said.

Despite his alternative tastes, Moore said he did not feel

different from other students.

"I think I fit in to a certain extent, in that I'm here to learn and I'm here to kind of enjoy things and try not to take things too seriously," Moore said. "I think too many people maybe come here and instead of exploring things ... , expanding their horizons so to speak, [they] find other people who are still kind of stuck in their shells."

Bilhorn said she felt the same.

"I think the school was a little more streamlined [my freshman year]," Bilhorn said. "I think lately the students coming in are into meeting people and socializing with different kinds of people."

With more alternative businesses opening, Kirksville was slowly becoming a town with something for everyone.



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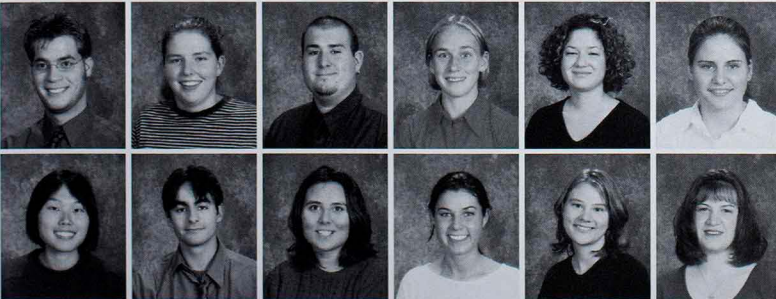
▲ Senior Andrea Owen browses through the merchandise at Stone Creations. Stone Creations, located on the downtown square, sold items such as jewelry, candles and bath and body supplies.

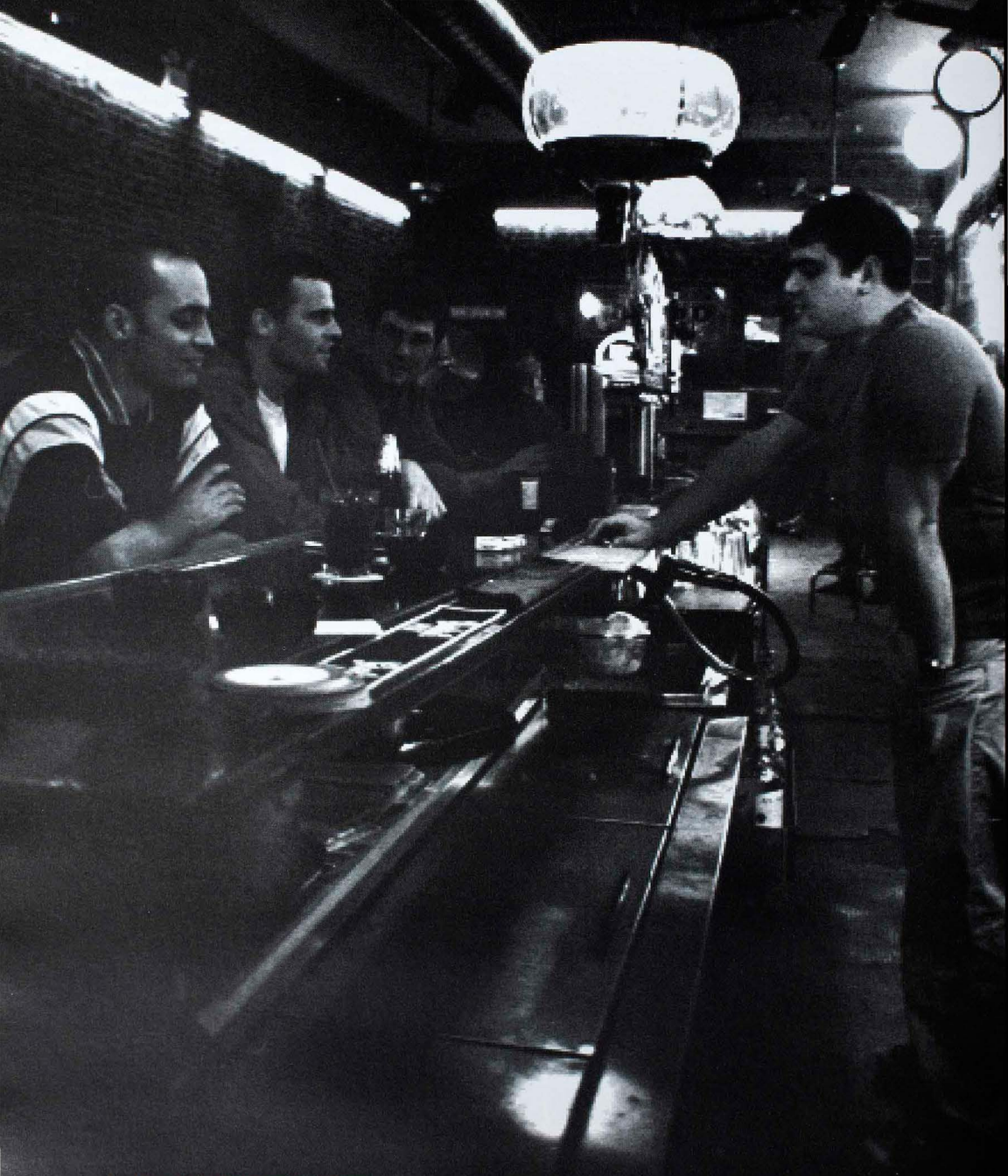
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- Robin Manley.....Grain Valley
- Sarah Martin.....Independence
- Michele Mason.....Monmouth, Ill.
- Kimberlee Mastrangelo.....Bartlett, Ill.





▶ Senior Joe Ruth, sophomore Joe Gutting and junior Andy Roberts have a drink at the Dukum Inn while senior Mark East tends the bar. Dukum employed five student bartenders.

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# Cruising the Bar Scene

**D**river's license in hand, hair brushed and deodorant double-checked. Many students and faculty members participated in this routine to prepare for a fun-filled time at the bars in Kirksville. Whether it was on the weekend, after a long day of classes or during a sluggish summer day, the local bars provided a place to relax and socialize for a variety of people.

"I go to bars in order to hang out, socialize, see friends and just get away from school," senior Michelle Schweitzer said.

While some students felt the bars provided a chance to sit back and relax, others viewed the bars as an alternative to local parties.

"I go [to bars] instead of parties because it's more relaxing," senior Ty Parrish said. "It's nicer to be around people who aren't out to just get wasted."

Some students over 21 years old hit the bars because they provided a change of scene from the typical parties that occurred on the weekends.

"I feel too old," senior Sara Besand said. "It's the same thing at all the parties."

Senior Amanda Day shared the same feeling.

"The bars are where everyone [who is] 21 goes," Day said. "It's kind of an age thing."

Although many students and faculty agreed that bars in Kirksville were popular spots to socialize, the answer to which bar was the best was not as unanimous.

## The Identity of...

### Kirksville's Drink Specials

- × Mondays-Cooors Light bottles were \$1.50 at Too Tall's Two Eatery and Spirits
- × Tuesdays-Crappy beer night: unpopular beer sold for \$1 at the Dukum Inn
- × Wednesdays-\$5 pitchers and \$3 all-you-could-drink drafts after Comedy Night at the Golden Spike
- × Thursdays-Ladies' Night at Toon's Inc.: all drinks were half price for ladies
- × Fridays-\$5 all you could drink at Bogie's

facts from local bars

"Groups of people go where they like best," Day said.

John Rutter, assistant professor of biology, tended to visit Woody's and the Dukum Inn.

"Both are interesting places that are accommodating to live bands," said Rutter, who played guitar and sang in Hazmats, a local band local. "[Woody's and the Dukum Inn] are both pretty casual, pretty relaxed, but Dukum is one of those places where depending on the time, there's a different crowd."

Senior Valerie Hopkins, a bartender at the Dukum Inn, believed that the Dukum Inn created a different atmosphere than the other bars and catered to a diverse clientele.

"A key to our success is that when someone comes in, we don't consider them a customer, we consider them a friend," Hopkins said. "So we're really going to build a deeper family, not necessarily just a transactional relationship."

Some students took advantage of bars like Too Tall's Two Eatery and Spirits, which offered two drinks for \$2, and Bogie's, which provided an all-you-could-drink special on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for \$5. Drink prices often determined which bars students visited.

"I go where it's cheapest," Besand said. "It's pretty much the same atmosphere everywhere."

Furthermore, students like Day enjoyed Too Tall's because of its large size and three levels of seating.

"You see more people that way," Day said.

Anxious to keep up with the competition, some bars offered entertainment to catch different customers' interests. The Golden Spike Bar and Grill offered pool tables, music, dancing and a comedy night on Wednesdays. Meanwhile, Toon's featured special teen dance nights.

Overall, students and faculty went to the bars where they felt the most comfortable.

"I usually go where there is more than just booze," Parrish said. "It's not the drinks, but the atmosphere. I go where it's more relaxing."

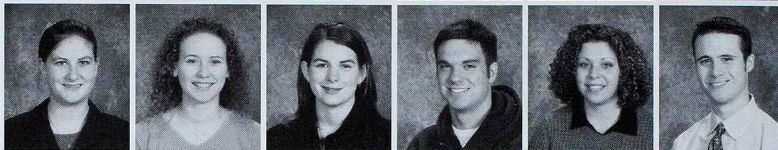
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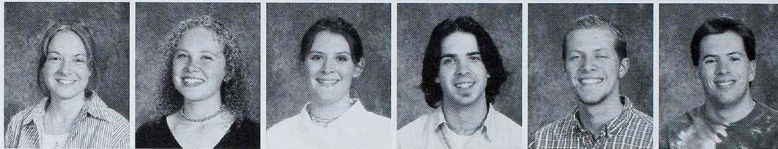
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# students with clinicals get a Step Ahead

For most students, a typical day consisted of going to class, studying and sleeping. However, for other students it was a long day filled with taping ankles, teaching class or checking a patient's blood pressure.

Certain majors at Truman State University required students to participate in clinicals. They gave students the opportunity to find out more about the field of work they planned to pursue, and the chance to learn more about themselves.

Senior Tara Thomure, an exercise science major, loved her experience working in the training room. Although she did not know much about athletic training before coming to the University she learned the skills needed for her future from her classes and from working in the training room.

Typically, freshmen exercise science majors were assigned to the football team to do basic things like tape ankles.

Thomure spent 20 to 25 hours a week in the training room, which did not leave much time to participate in other activities.

"Other things suffer because of the time commitment," Thomure said. "But I wouldn't change it ... I really enjoy it."

That hands-on learning was also exactly what most nurs-

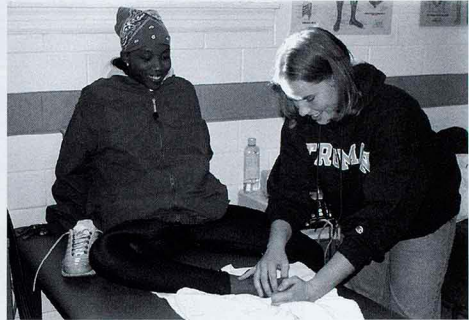


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Senior Karen Singleton receives a friction massage on the bottom of senior Meghan Hutton. Student athletic trainers were required to maintain at least a 3.2 GPA and often worked in the training room a minimum of three to four hours a day.

ing majors enjoyed. Junior Karla Danekas began to understand what older students in the nursing program told her about clinicals—they were long, busy days without time to eat.

"It's nice to get out of the classroom and do hands-on things," Danekas said. "I get to see the reactions of people and how thankful they are for the nurses."

Students in the Master of Arts in Education program experienced a different kind of clinical. They learned by teaching actual students in an actual classroom.

Graduate student Michael Enright said he was prepared and felt comfortable in front of the classroom, even though it was his first teaching experience.

"I only taught one period, but it was hard to work around," Enright said.

However, Enright felt encouraged by his teaching experience. Most students felt their clinical experiences made them excited for their future careers.

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## The Identity of... Students with Clinical Experiences

- × Before starting clinicals, nursing students passed a Missouri background check and obtained junior status
- × Before student teaching, students in the Masters of Arts in Education program were required to do 160 observation hours during their undergraduates and graduates years
- × Communication disorders majors had to complete 25 hours of observation, have at least a 3.0 GPA and obtain senior status before starting their clinical work

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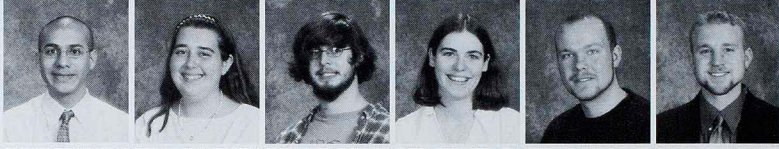
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# The Identity of...

# Tim Cason

For many students at Truman State University, ample time was spent frantically studying and fretting over numerous courses in the hope that the hard work would eventually result in one of the most coveted academic and life achievements—a bachelor's degree. Yet one man, Tim Cason, a member of the Physical Plant staff at the University, believed that a lifetime filled with learning was infinitely more valuable than any degree. Cason possessed four degrees and still maintained that the most valuable thing in life was the ability to learn.

"It's more beneficial to be an accomplished learner," Cason said.

Cason began his life-long journey into the realm of higher education at the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he hoped to major in pre-engineering/nuclear physics research. Later, in the fall of 1981, Cason transferred at the University and declared a pre-engineering major. From there, his interests began to evolve. Pre-engineering became a double major in science and mathematics, which in turn gave way to computer science classes.

Cason also discovered a love for languages and music and began to work on both music and French majors. When he graduated in 1995, Cason had earned degrees in liberal arts, French and music.

"The whole idea of a degree is to be used as a tool," Cason said. "It means very little in comparison to everything else."

Those impressive achievements were far from being the end of Cason's learning. Having taken Latin courses while in high school, Cason was very interested in linguistics. His time as a student at the University gave him the opportunity to continue learning new languages.

Inspired by his Japanese roommates during his first year at

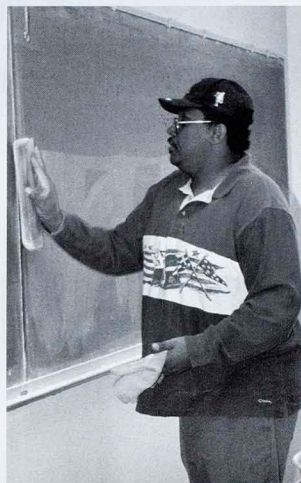


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◀ Tim Cason wipes down one of the blackboards in a Violette Hall classroom. Cason was a University employee for 10 years. He took approximately 180 credit hours at the University.

the University, Cason learned to speak Japanese and Chinese. Later, he learned to speak Russian and Bulgarian. Traveling around the world also provided Cason with an opportunity to sharpen his language skills.

Cason's love for learning also led to great accomplishments in the realm of music. An accomplished tenor, Cason belonged

to a gospel ensemble, and also played piano, guitar and numerous woodwind instruments.

After work, Cason coached the Kirksville Junior High basketball team. He

even taught courses at Northeast Missouri Bible College (Kirksville).

"Have you ever heard the phrase, 'Jack of all trades, master of none?'" Cason said. "That's me."

*"[Your college degree] is only a part of the journey."*

-Tim Cason

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# Pets bring Company

Students fabricated a lot of excuses for skipping classes or not studying. Some of the more interesting excuses appeared when students started breaking the rules which prohibited them from keeping pets at their apartments or houses.

For some students, certain types of pets were allowed, but some found the list to be too short and went to extreme measures to keep the pet of their choice in their home.

"We have two goldfish and a hermit crab which are legal to own, but we also have a rabbit," sophomore Christina Campbell said. "When we went into the pet store to get another fish, there was a baby rabbit and he was just so cute. We



photo by Katie Dains

Senior Mike Mooney walks his dog Finnigan on the Mall by the fountain. Mooney adopted the dog in September of 2001 without informing his landlord.

decided that it was time to have a furry pet to add to our collection."

While owning pets was fun, students ran the risk of getting caught with pets not permitted by their lease or their housing contract. That was when students found unique ways of hiding their pet

Senior Shane Smith found a way to break the rules without being reprimanded.

"I live in a

house and we are not allowed to have a dog," Smith said. "So my roommates and I just tell our landlord that the dog actually belongs to my girlfriend and we are just watching it for awhile."

Many students broke the rules and hoped not to get caught. One student fearing having to get rid of her pet and being evicted from her apartment, took another approach.

"I own a bearded dragon, which is a type of lizard," senior Jamie Spain said.

"It was a present from my boyfriend and I really wanted to keep it, but my lease said that no pets were allowed. So I asked my landlord about it and he said it was okay as long as it wasn't roaming around loose."

Many students found their pets were not only comforting and enjoyable to them, but to other people as well.

"Whenever we have [our dog] on campus, people always want to play with it," Smith said. "It is just a lot of fun to have and brings comfort to us too, because we all have dogs at home that we miss."

With owning a pet, many responsibilities came with the fun. Some students lessened the strains that came with pets by dividing the duties among roommates.

"Not only is our dog disciplined really well, but also my roommates and I split up the responsibility of taking care of it," Smith said. "That way, the dog does not interfere with our other responsibilities."

Students did a lot of work for their pets. In the end, the entertainment and companionship made it worthwhile.

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*"There was this one time our landlord stopped by without notice and we had to put the rabbit in the closet."  
 -Christina Campbell, sophomore*

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# Finding Truman

For some students, going to college meant being as far away from their parents as possible. Although most students at Truman State University were three to four hours away from home, there were students who ventured to Kirksville from all across the United States.

"My dad and I researched colleges in the national review books and Truman kept appearing," said junior Jessica Moe, from New Mexico. "I wanted an experience away from home."

The recurrence of the University in many nationally acclaimed books brought many students from out of state. However, some students applied to the University for other reasons.

"I used to live in Illinois, so I knew [I] had connections with a lot of people here and in Illinois," said junior Eric Babb, from Virginia.

Having friends and family nearby made the change easy for some students. Without them, homesickness was more likely to set in and give the student second thoughts about being so far from home.

"My grandparents are like my savior," Moe said. "They live in St. Louis and if they didn't, I think that I would get homesick more often."

Not everyone became homesick while they were far from home. For sophomore Raven Bowser, from Maryland, moving around was not new.

"My dad is in the Army, and when I am a senior his leave will be over and him and my mom will return to Missouri," Bowser said. "I wanted to be in Missouri, specifically because my family used to live here."

Different people and a change of scenery were popular reasons to choose a school far from home, but the challenge of how to get home for breaks emerged.



"I came to Truman for many different reasons; one was because I wanted to experience snow."

Lauren Ayers, freshman  
Las Vegas, Nev.



"I can't go home every weekend, so when I do get to go home it's more special."

Jessica Moe, Junior  
Albuquerque, N.M.

"I [go] home for Christmas and Thanksgiving," said freshman Lauren Ayers, from Nevada. "But for short breaks, I [have] to find a friend that will take me [to their] home with them."

Others found the breaks a good time to visit family.

"My brother goes to school in St. Louis," Bowser said, "and my grandparents only live four hours away [from Kirksville], so I [have] somewhere to stay on the long weekends."

The most common options for students traveling over breaks included flying, driving or taking the train.

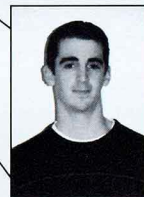
"I've made the 15-hour drive before, but I prefer to fly,"





"The thing I miss most is not being able to sleep in my bed and have home cooking but twice a year."

Raven Bowser,  
sophomore  
Ft. Meade, Md.



"It's not easy when you're so far from your parents, but it's worth it."

Eric Babb, Junior  
Fairfax, Va.

Babb said.

Most had endured a 15 or 20-hour drive, but flying was the preferred mode of transportation.

"I fly directly out of the Kirksville [Regional] Airport since I don't have a car to go all the way to St. Louis," Ayers said.

Some students had cars with them at the University.

"I usually drive to and from St. Louis during the school year, and then fly to Albuquerque," Moe said. "At the end of the year, I make the trip all the way home in my car."

Katie Dains

Staff Writer

### The Identity of... Students Far from Home

- × Approximately 27 percent of students were from out of state, including international students
- × Students enrolled at the University came from 39 different states
- × Among the American students, the student farthest from their home state was from Alaska
- × Tuition was \$6,928 for out-of-state students

facts from admissions office

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 Heather Coons.....Macon  
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 Megan Cotter.....Denon, Neb.  
 Patrick Cuba.....Wildwood



# Time for the Dating Game

**C**andlelit dinners, walks on the beach, passionate kisses. Life rarely allowed students at Truman State University to experience these events that were prevalent in the cinema. While most students did not have a movie relationship, most couples still managed to find time for their relationships.

"It's hard to balance paying attention to class and attention to my boyfriend," junior Kimberly Carpenter said.

When both people in the relationship were students at the University, going out created challenges. Many couples felt that there were few locations in Kirksville to go on dates.

"We like restaurants, but to go someplace special, you feel like you have to go to Columbia or St. Louis," junior Adam

Bichsel said.

When money did not allow couples to leave Kirksville, creativity was essential. When junior Angela Diester and her boyfriend were in Kirksville together before he graduated, they found new dating options and were open to different sources of entertainment.

"You have to count things like speakers and shows as dates," Diester said. "It is challenging to find something you both want to do."

Long-distance relationships required more driving and phone time for couples who were not in the Kirksville area.

"We have set times to call, but we don't talk every day," Diester said of her boyfriend, who lived in Michigan in 2002.

Some students with same-sex partners felt the dating scene in Kirksville was more limited. They found it harder to meet people because of the small gay community.

"You're lucky if you can find someone to date," junior Melissa Hursman said. "There's not much selection. There's no place to go and hang out."

Gay couples also dealt with issues of acceptance from the community. Couples looked to friends for support. At times, going out in public became a concern.

"It can be really frustrating," junior Grant Casady said. "I'm close to my boyfriend, but we don't feel comfortable doing basic couple things, like holding hands or hugging, [in public]."

A relationship was not ideal for everyone. Some single students felt they had more freedom than those in relationships.

"If you have single friends, you can go guy scoping," junior Heather Mollé said. "When you're with someone you just can't do that."



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▲ Senior Zack Wotawa and junior Julie Guignon share a romantic evening as a couple at Aileron's Casual Cafe & Taverne. An average dinner for two at Aileron's cost approximately \$18.

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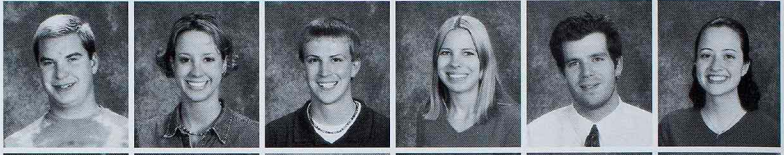
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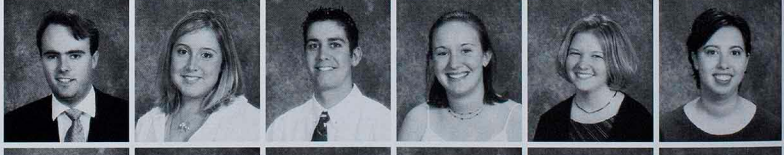
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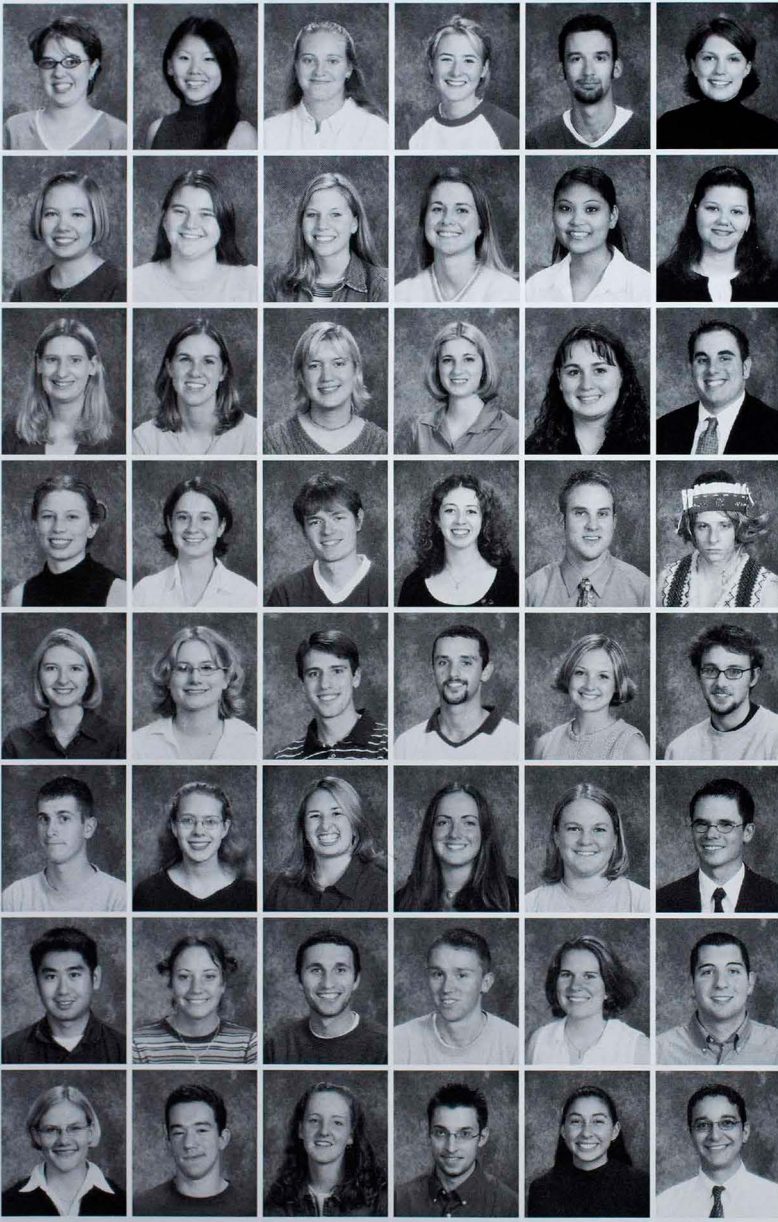


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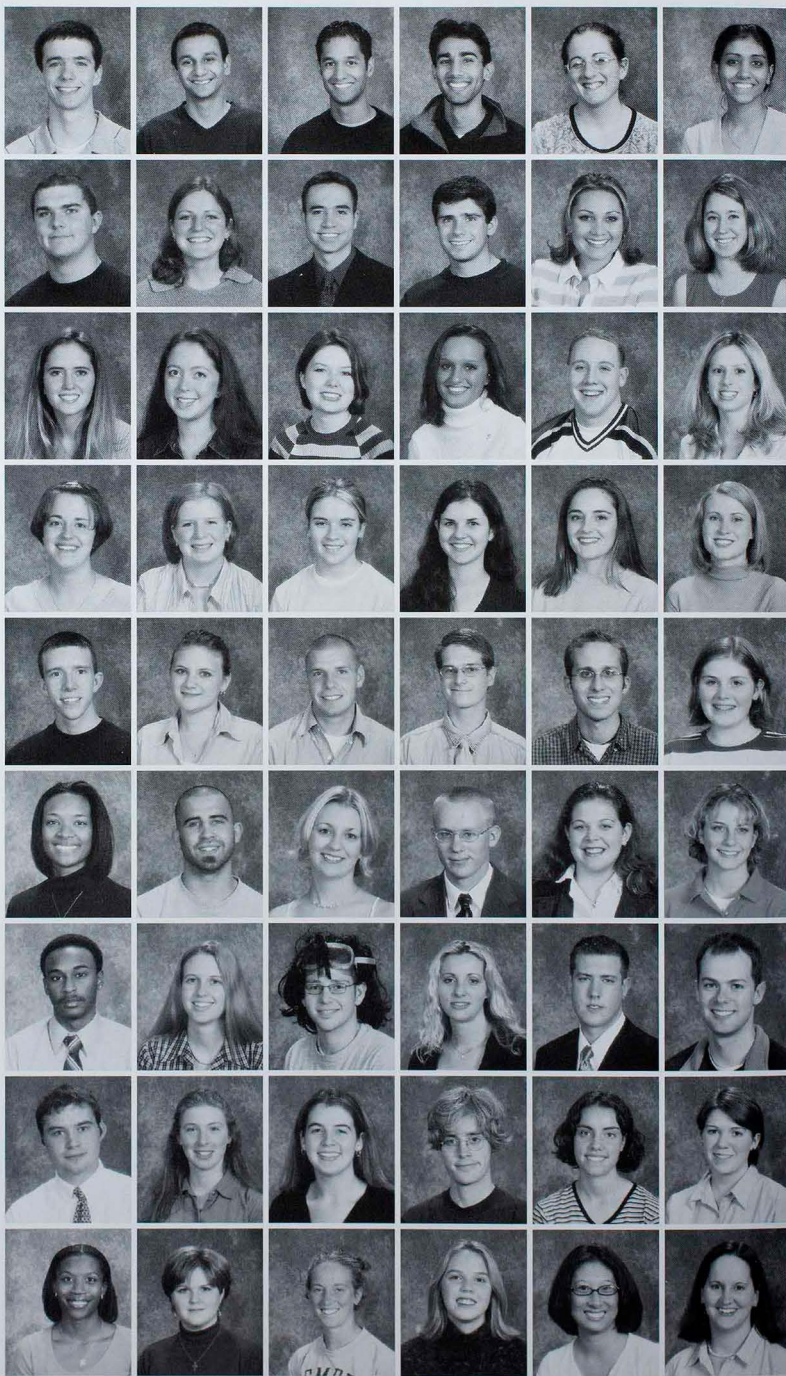
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# Getting Around Campus

Many students across Truman State University's campus discovered a solution to the dreaded 10-minute journey from Ophelia Parrish to Barnett Hall. The use of bicycles, in-line skates and scooters provided students with a faster mode of transportation, as well as being more cost-efficient.

"Using my bike was faster than walking," junior Betsy Birkenmeier said. "I knew that I didn't have to worry about finding a parking place."

The use of bicycles often provided faster transportation compared to cars because of the difficulties of finding parking spots.

Junior Neesheet Parikh used his bike almost every day. It gave him the chance to exercise and relax.

"Riding my bike back from class gives me time to breathe and think about my day," Parikh said.

Junior T.J. Bross used his in-line skates and scooter to travel across campus.

"I love to roller blade, and I get a lot more exercise than if I was driving," Bross said.

Bross also had a car and a bike, but he enjoyed using his in-line skates instead of driving his car, because it was faster and more cost-efficient.

While bikes, in-line skates, skateboards and scooters were a faster type of transportation, they were sometimes more dangerous for the users and pedestrians.

Freshman Courtney Wilson, who lived on campus, walked to class every day.

"Bike-riders and in-line skaters terrified me," Wilson said. "I was always afraid they were going to run me over."

During the winter, fewer people used bikes, scooters or in-

line skates. Ice and snow made this type of travel dangerous.

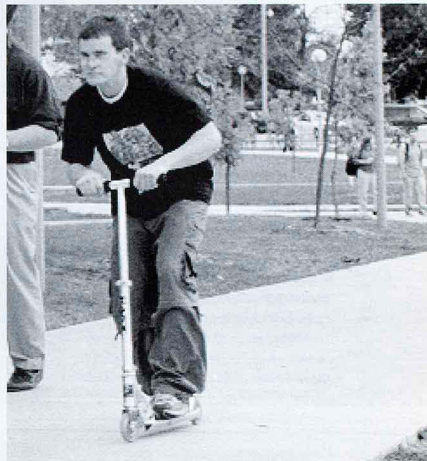
"The snow gets the blades dirty," Bross said. "It makes it harder to ride them."

Although winter caused more people to walk, when spring arrived students were able to get back on these alternative modes of transportation. Students found that using these modes of transportation allowed them to spend less time getting to class.

The extra five minutes before and after class added up. Students did not have to rush or worry about possible traffic tickets or parking spaces.

Students agreed that bikes, in-line skates and scooters were faster and less expensive than other forms of transportation.

*Beth Kelly*



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▲ Junior T.J. Bross rides his scooter between classes. Bicycles, in-line skates and scooters were allowed on campus as long as they were used in a responsible manner. A fine of \$5 was issued to those violating this University policy.

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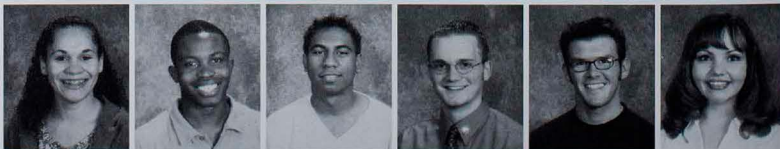
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The Identity of...

# Tiffany Darby

The smiling face seen across campus working at Student Activities Board events, donating money to United Way, participating in Sigma Sigma Sigma and always hustling between meetings belonged to a student who never let her disability hold her back.

Senior Tiffany Darby was born with spina bifida, the most frequently occurring, permanently-disabling birth defect in the United States. This caused Darby to become wheelchair bound. Optimistically, Darby said she saw her physical limitations as a challenge, not as a handicap.

Darby was from Cameron, Mo., a town about the size of Kirksville. Her parents never focused on her disability and raised her as an equal to her siblings.

"They treat me exactly the same," Darby said. "Teasing me just like they did to the other siblings."

During summer vacations, Darby worked at Camp MITIOG (Made in the Image of God), a camp for children with spina bifida. Darby first started attending this camp when she was 6 years old. When she became older, she worked as a recreation teacher at the camp.

During high school, Darby visited a clinic where her mentor and physical therapist worked. At the clinic, she decided she wanted to devote her future to the field of communication disorders.

At the end of her sophomore year in college at Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph), Darby transferred to Truman State University. She recalled this as being the hardest and scariest thing ever.

"Kirksville is the farthest away from home I have ever been," Darby said. "I was hesitant because people look at you different when you are in a wheelchair."

When coming to the University, Darby left everything fa-



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Senior Tiffany Darby carves a pumpkin at an event sponsored by the Student Activities Board on Halloween. In 2002, Darby lived on campus in one of the two wheelchair accessible rooms in Fair Apartments. There were approximately 25 rooms on campus that were wheelchair accessible.

miliar behind, made new friends and dealt with people who had to adjust to being around her physical challenge.

Once at the University, Darby made many close friends. She decided to become a member of the University's chapter

of Sigma Sigma Sigma, because it was similar to Mo. Western's chapter of the social sorority. Darby also joined the Greek Christian Alliance and SAB. In SAB she held the position of productions chairwoman in 2002.

Despite her early worries, Darby adjusted to the University and was a typical college student.

"I compare myself to other students the same as everybody does," Darby said. "If they can handle it, I can handle it, time-wise, with all of it put together."

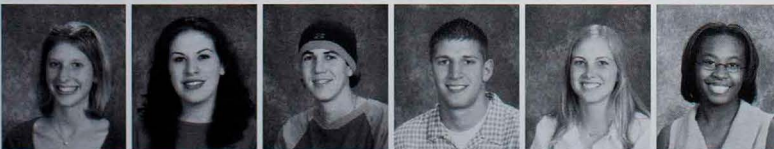
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*"[Camp MITIOG] is amazing because it gives me the opportunity to show kids they can do more than they think they can."*

*-Tiffany Darby, senior*



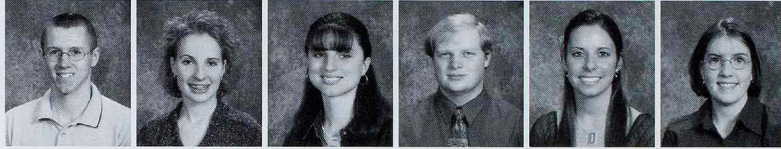
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# transfer students adjust after they Made the Move

Were you ever “the new kid” in elementary or high school? Even though those days were over, many students went through a similar experience upon transferring to Truman State University.

Most transfer students attended other four-year colleges or universities prior to coming to the University. They transferred for a variety of reasons including low costs, academic reputation and location.

Junior Erin Simmons attended two universities before coming to Kirksville. First, Simmons left St. Louis University (Mo.) because it did not have an anthropology major. Simmons transferred to Webster University (St. Louis, Mo.). After a semester there, she left due to the lack of an on-campus social life.

She adjusted to the University—the people, the classes, the activities, the organizations and enjoyed the new school.

“All summer I was worried about coming up here and meeting people,” Simmons said. “But when I got here, I was so surprised about how easy it was.”

Junior Kyle Constant transferred after graduating from a community college. Constant chose the University because of its academic reputation, and because of friends who were already on campus.



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▲ Junior Erin Simmons, a transfer student, talks with junior Liz Foerstel during a communications committee meeting for Alpha Phi Omega in Mainstreet Market. Simmons got involved with APO at the University after being an active member of the St. Louis University (Mo.) chapter of the service fraternity.

“Because of my friends, the transition wasn’t that hard to make,” Constant said. “On a scale of one to 10, I’d rate my adjustment [to the University] a seven or eight.”

Senior Becky Dall transferred from Brigham Young University–Hawaii (Laie). Her main reason for transferring to the University was to be closer to home.

“I feel really comfortable here,” Dall said. “The people are really friendly and it is a lot closer to home.”

Graduate student Kent Lineberry transferred from Central Missouri State University (Warrensberg, Mo.) as an undergraduate. He felt the University’s focus on academics contrasted with CMSU. Lineberry felt students at CMSU were more interested in partying than studying.

“It was very different,” Lineberry said. “People around here put their studies first. That’s something you honestly didn’t hear at CMSU.”

Carrie Sheffield

Staff Writer

**The Identity of...  
Transfer Students**

- × There were 95 transfer students at the University during the 2001 - 2002 school year
- × The greatest number of transfer students transferred from Moberly Area Community College (Mo.).
- × The top three majors of incoming transfer students were business administration, biology and English
- × Transfer students had the opportunity to participate in a transfer orientation program before the beginning of their first semester at the University

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# Roommates of the Opposite Sex

**F**or many college students, making the decision to move off campus following their time spent in the residence halls was momentous. The next step in the process was to choose where and with whom to live.

Generally, students at Truman State University chose to live with those of the same sex. There were a handful of students, however, who chose an alternate route. Households with men and women roommates offered a fresh perspective.

For some University students, it was a fairly straightforward process to pick roommates.

"They lived across the hall from me in the [residence hall]. We just said, 'Hey, we know you guys, we need someone to

live with, and so do you,'" junior Matthew Irish said. "Consequently, the decision was made."

Gender was not even an issue for some students.

"It never really occurred to me that I was making a conscious decision to live with boys," sophomore Julie Ferdman said.

For some students, it was easier to convince themselves that their decision to live in a household with the opposite sex was sensible than to convince their parents. Some students were straightforward, while others took a different approach.

"One of the guys in the house didn't tell his parents that there were girls living there," said Ferdman, who lived in a house with nine people. After a few months of calling their son only to hear female voices on the other end of the phone, they finally figured it out and accepted it.

Others took a direct approach by informing their parents.

"Dad was fine with it," Irish said. "My mom kinda raised her eyebrows, but didn't really say much."

Regardless of parental opinion, some students saw advantages to living with the opposite sex. Sophomore Maria Hume saw many advantages.

"It balances things out some," Hume said. "Guys are less uptight about cleaning and things like that. It's nice to have a more laid-back atmosphere."

Senior Andy Stevenson acknowledged a benefit he obtained that was not available to those in a same-sex household.

"A lot of us eventually are gonna be living with a person of the opposite sex," Stevenson said. "It gives us a preview of the domestic dynamic of how things are gonna work out."

Stevenson did not believe there were any certain disadvantages of living with the opposite sex.

"It's not ever gonna be peaches and cream, no matter who you live with," Stevenson said.



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▲ Senior Jeff Danford and junior Sarah Krutzman share the chores in their off-campus apartment. Only married couples were allowed to live with a member of the opposite sex on campus.

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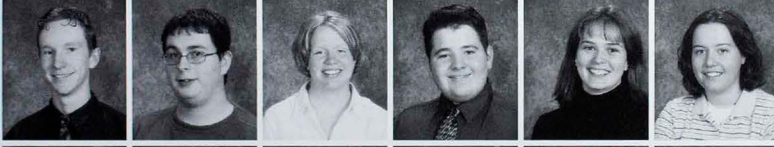
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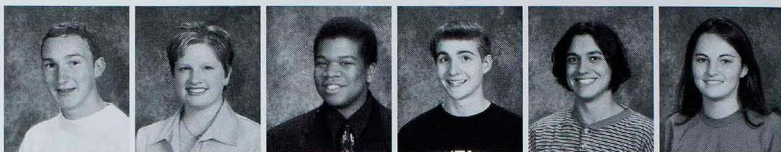


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# Banding Together

**H**eavy bass lines pounded their way through the residence halls frequently, proving that music played an important role in many students' lives.

Since Kirksville was not usually included on big-label tours, student bands were one of the main sources of live entertainment for students at Truman State University.

Like any other activity, being in a band was a major time commitment. Practices and performances were added to schedules that were already full with academic obligations.

Sophomore Greg Irwin, member of Hazard To Ya Booty, balanced the success of his band with the stresses of his education.

"All of my homework is done during the week," Irwin said. "Weekends are off-limits [for academics]."

Juniors Kevin Schlereth and Andy Unnerstall took their talent on the road. Their punk band, Engaged, spent six weeks of the 2001 summer playing in bars and clubs in the Midwest.

"It's better than a real job," Schlereth said.

Some of Engaged's band members had played together since high school. The band, as it was in 2002, played together for a year and a half and released their first album.

Bands faced many obstacles while searching for what they hoped would be success.

"The hardest part is getting an audience," Unnerstall said.

Weekly practices consumed a lot of time; the bands practiced several hours a week.

"I could spend up to 12 hours a week writing songs, practicing by myself and practicing with the band," Schlereth said.

Finding locations for the practices had the potential of being problematic.

Members of Hazard To Ya Booty took advantage of band leader junior David Bush's house for their practices. While practicing, the bands perfected old material and tried out new songs.

Many of the bands wrote their own music, in addition to singing popular songs by well-known artists.

Bands found gigs at various places in Kirksville. One of the most popular venues was the Aquadome.

Bandfests sponsored by campus organizations showcased the talents of three to five bands during each show. Some bands found gigs in Columbia, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., and Belleville, Ill.

Although they were not heard on the radio or seen on MTV, band members entertained University students, while having fun.

"My philosophy is just to play and have a good time," Irwin said.



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▲ Seniors Dan Schmidt and Ryan Miller perform with their band Until Tomorrow. The band practiced about eight hours a week. In 2001, they released their first CD and toured in Colorado over winter vacation.

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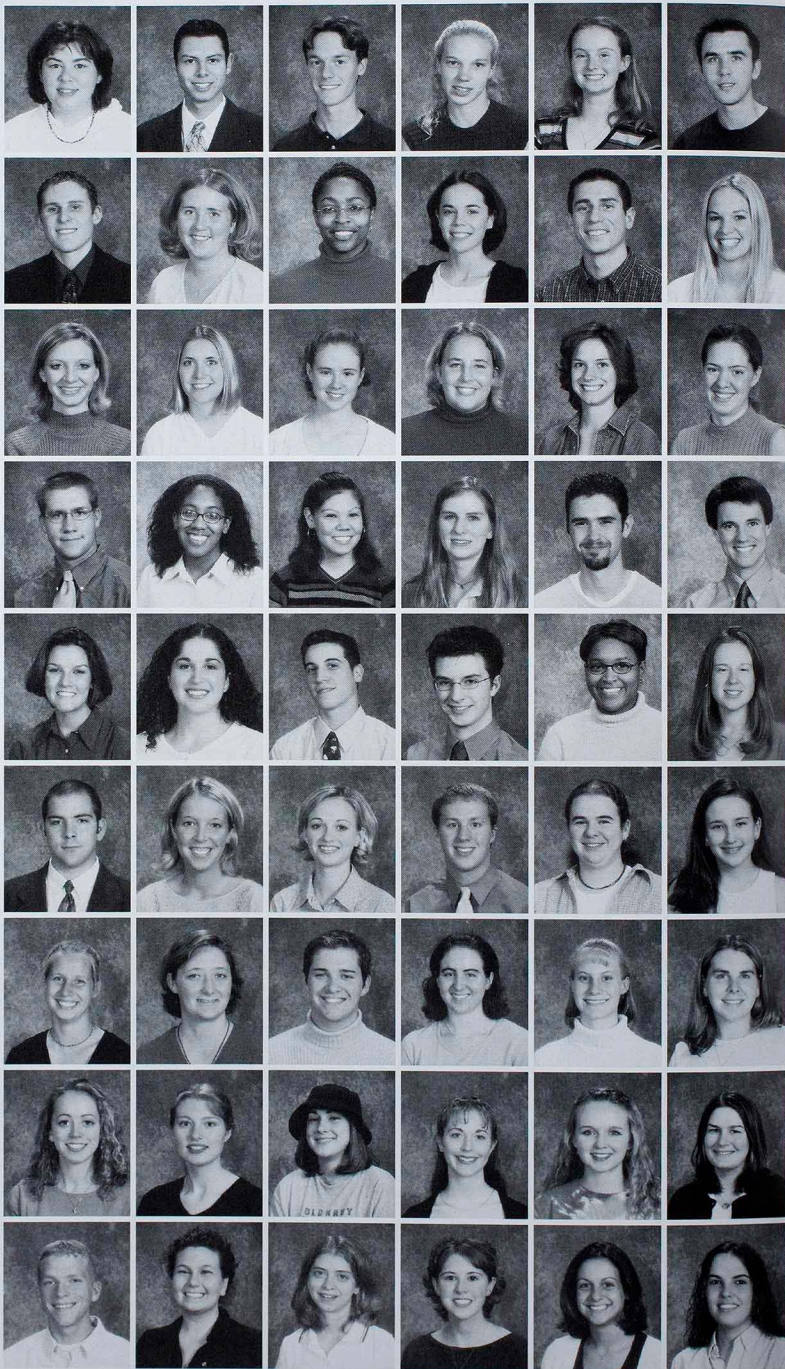
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# On-Campus Cohabitation

Students going away to college were faced with many new opportunities. These opportunities included on-campus cohabitation.

Cohabitation was commonly defined as members of the opposite sex sleeping in the same room together.

The Office of Residential Living stated, "The visitation policy is set up to allow students the ability to bring friends into their living environment. However, students allowing guests of the opposite gender to sleep in their room is prohibited. The only people allowed to live in a room are the people assigned to live there."

Rules prohibiting cohabitation did not scare many students, though.

"It's popular because you're away from home, so you break all the rules you can," junior Megan Cotter said. "There is no one to tell you not to, except the [student advisers]."

Cohabitation potentially caused inconveniences with roommate(s) of the cohabitator. It created a major problem if the roommate(s) constantly had to look for somewhere else to sleep so his or her roommate could have privacy with a member of the opposite sex.

"It's important because roommate conflicts frequently go back to events like someone always staying over," senior SA Aaron Gurlly said. "The other roommate feels like they don't live there."

Some logistical problems existed when residential living officials tried to hunt down violators. The problem came in because the perpetrators had to be caught sleeping in order to prove they were breaking the rule set by residential living.

"We don't go around looking for it because obviously once you've knocked on the door they're awake," sophomore SA Mike Pippingier said. "We look out when it becomes a problem."

SAs did not permit cohabitation, despite the difficulty of

catching violators. If there was a problem, SAs became aware after being informed by the roommate(s) of the violator.

If a student was caught cohabitating, he or she met with his or her hall director and discussed an appropriate punishment. The punishment was based on the student's behavioral history and the severity of the violation.

"We don't have one set policy," said Andrea O'Brien, director of residential living. "We have suggestions for the hall directors to use instead."

Some students felt that because of the difficulty in catching cohabitation, it was worth the risk.

"I don't have a problem with the rule because it's easy to bypass," freshman Katie Jackson said. "If you get caught, it's your fault."

Yet, the rule existed for a reason and students were required to obey.

"It's mostly set to promote mutual respect," O'Brien said.

*John Griesedieck*



photo by Beth Kelly

▲ This was a common scene when students cohabitated in residence halls. Cohabitation was a frequent occurrence, even though it was prohibited. On-campus residents had the opportunity to sign "Roommate Contracts" to address issues important to them; such as cohabitation, cleaning schedules and general rules of the room.

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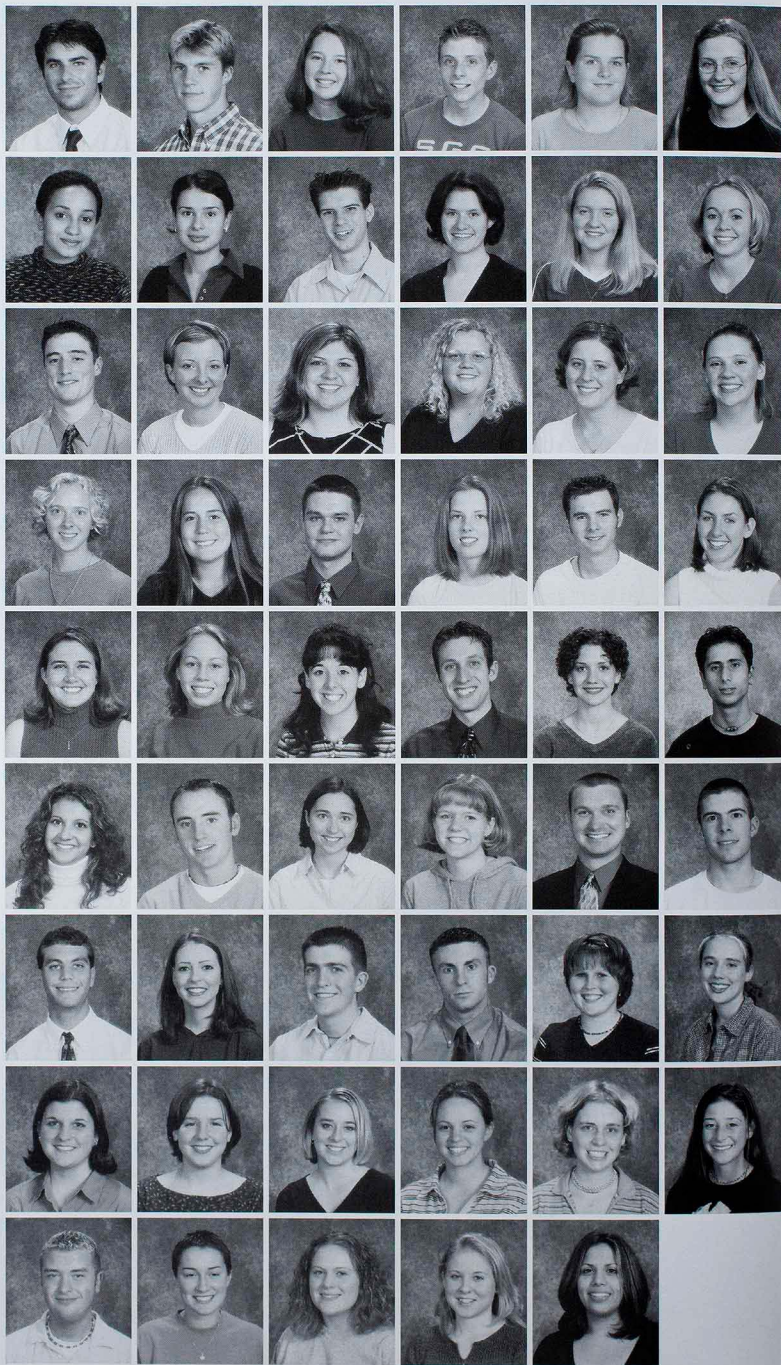
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# The Identity of... Michelle Sharpswain

Expecting her second child in February of 2002, she walked into her office wearing an oversized flannel shirt, doubling as maternity clothes, and raving about a Mexican restaurant where she had just eaten.

As she entered the room, student advisers awaiting her return swarmed her, asking questions and seeking her guidance.

"They always lay [around] and wait for me," said Michelle Sharpswain, Ryle Hall director, as she joked with her SAs. "I can't go anywhere."

As a hall director, she was responsible for supervising a staff of 18 SAs and an assistant hall director. She was also in charge of hall programming and resolving issues concerning residents. Sharpswain also worked with the University Counseling Services, Residential College Program and Department of Public Safety to provide resources to students in Ryle Hall. On top of all her job-related responsibilities, she was a mother with a 2-year-old son, Tennyson Sharpswain.

"This isn't a nine-to-five job, so it allows for a lot of flexibility so I can spend time with my son," Sharpswain said.

"And my job offers a great social environment for me because my husband is gone a lot."

Sharpswain's husband, Russell Sharpswain, a student at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, urged her to look into a job at Truman State University. She learned of an opening for a hall director and applied.

The Sharpswains lived on the fifth floor of Ryle Hall with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and kitchen; this made quarters close.

"We talk to [Tennyson] like we live in a house with 500 other people," Sharpswain said.

Sharpswain was aware of the precedence she was setting



photo by Beth Spinney

◀ Ryle Hall director Michelle Sharpswain meets with senior student adviser Stuart Henn to discuss issues within his house. SAs were required to have at least three 30-minute meetings with their hall director each month.

for hall directors with children in the future.

"As far as I know, there hasn't been a hall director at Truman who was the primary parent," Sharpswain said. "I don't

want [the University] to look back and think twice about hiring people with young children because of something we did wrong."

2002 was the last year for Sharpswain at the University. Sharpswain moved in order to follow her husband while he continued his education.

"I've enjoyed my time here," Sharpswain said. "This is definitely not

the right choice for every family, but things are what you make them. This could have been a horrible experience, but instead it has been a good experience for the whole family."

Jessica Lowe

"Sometimes I approach things a little differently being a mother and a hall director. I try to think of how I would want someone to handle [a situation with a resident] if it were my child."

-Michelle Sharpswain,  
Ryle Hall Director

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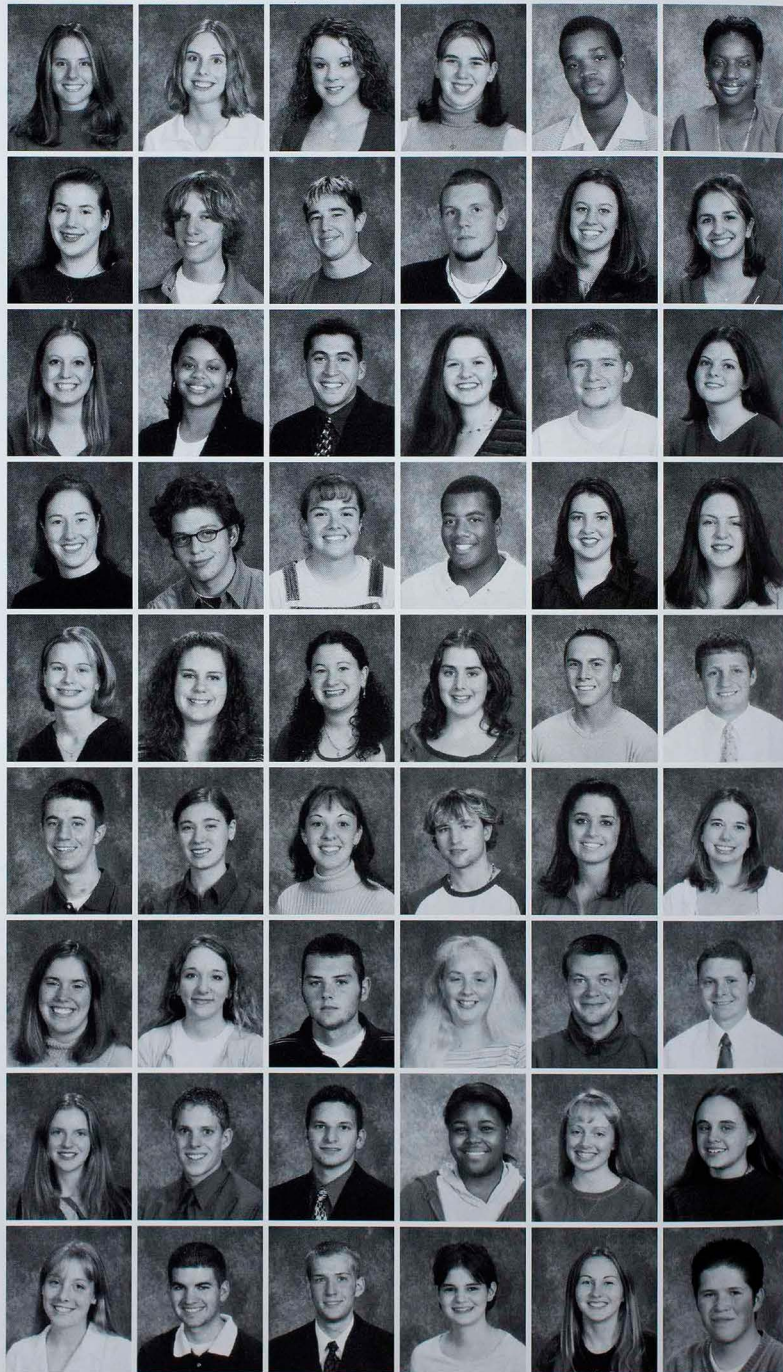
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# Technology-savvy Students

The ringing of cell phones, clicking of laptop keys and checking of schedules in palm pilots was more visible in 2002 than in previous years.

Many students felt carrying these pieces of technology saved them time in their everyday lives. Junior Ben Millett owned a laptop and a palm pilot.

"I think that [my palm pilot] is [a time-saver] because it has an address book and I don't have to scramble around to find [phone numbers]," Millett said. "And, I can put appointments and homework assignments in it. It also has games to keep me occupied."

Along with helping students stay organized, these pieces of electronic equipment added convenience and time to students' lives.

"I can take my computer to the library and surf the Internet, since I don't have Internet [at home]," Millett said. "I can also check my e-mail, write papers at the library and I can even take it to my biology classes and use it there too."

Once students started using these various electronic devices, the devices became an indispensable part of their lives.

"For me, [my palm pilot] is essential because I use it a lot," freshman Halleh Ghodrati said. "I write down notes to remind me what to do. I write lists just to see and make sure I get everything done."

Cell phones were also more abundant on campus.

Sophomore Lindsey Reorda carried a cell phone with her on campus often.

"It is my only form of long distance," Reorda said. "So if I need to call my house or my grandmother, I can just use my

cell phone."

These devices also saved money for students. Many of these electronic devices combined the functions of multiple items into one compact and convenient location.

"Since [my laptop] has a DVD player, MP3 [player], and CD player, I don't have to worry about getting a separate entertainment center," Millett said. "It has everything in one place."

Palm pilots also offered multiple functions. They typically combined the functions of an organizer, address book, notebook and calendar.

With the advances of technology more abundant in 2002, many students found their laptops, palm pilots and cell phones to be necessary items to bring with them while they were on campus to help organize and ease their busy lives.

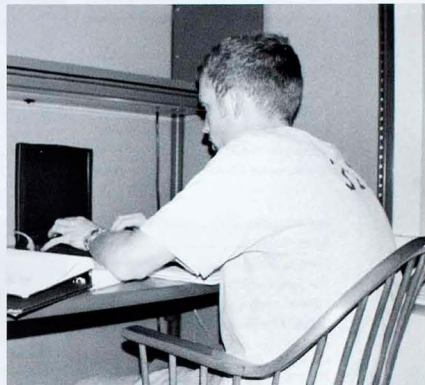
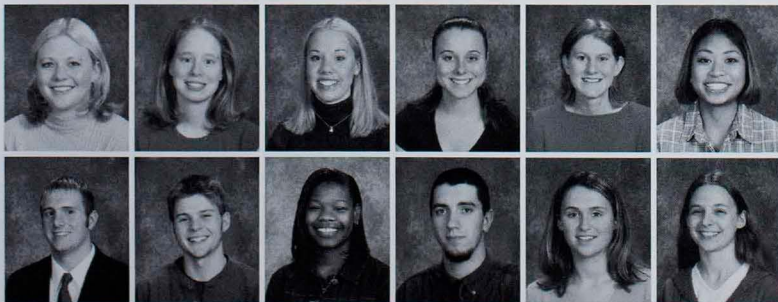


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▲ Freshman Kevin Mueller uses a laptop in Pickler Memorial Library to aid him in his studies. The library had ethernet ports to allow students to hookup to the Internet free of charge. There were approximately 125 ethernet ports in the library.

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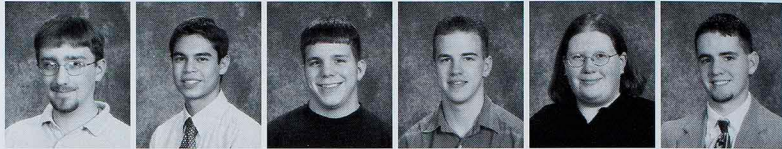
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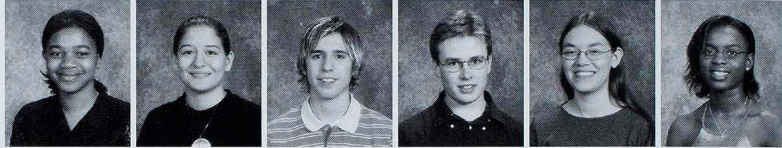
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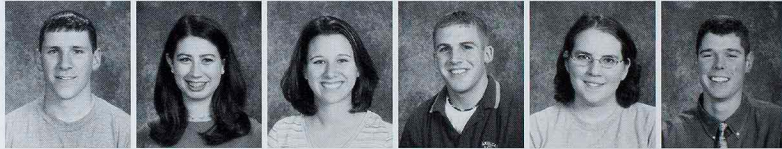
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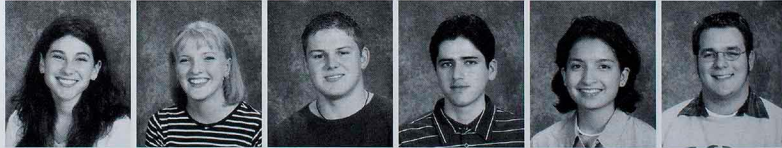
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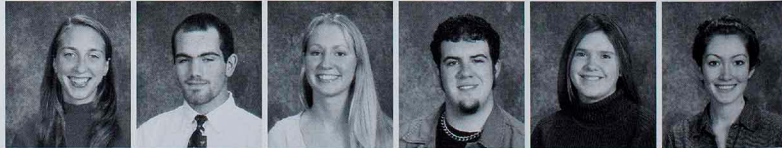
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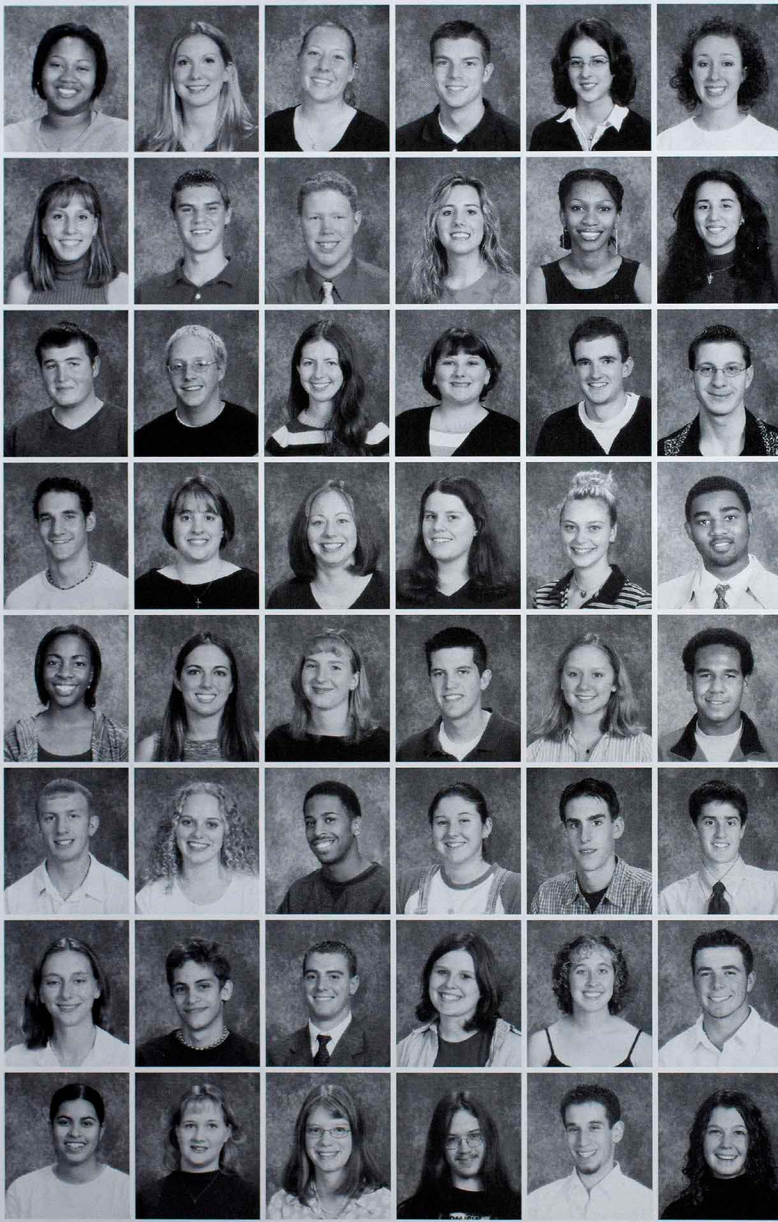


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# Starting a Tradition

For many students, college seemed like the obvious step after high school. But for first-generation college students, this decision was a new challenge.

"I feel kind of a mixed reaction because it's easier in the fact that you can go into it with no stereotypes," sophomore Tiffany Tiller said. "But on the other hand, it's hard because you don't know what to expect, other than from friends that are older, because you don't have anyone to look up to."

The first challenge that confronted first-generation college students was the initial search for a college or university. Even knowing where to start looking was a challenge for several students. Many students lacked any kind of basis for judgments, examples or guidance, which intensified the struggle for first-time college students to find an institution to continue their education.

"My parents were like, 'This is all new to us too, but we will see what we can do,'" Tiller said.

Even though freshman Matt Kettmann's parents did not have

the opportunity to go to college, they encouraged him when he was looking at different universities and colleges.

Kettmann impressed his parents with his acquisition of many scholarships that reduced the cost of tuition to Truman State University to less than the tuition of his high school.

Kettmann's parents' attempt to hold him to the goals he had established for himself, motivated his efforts in college even more.

"We are making some deals along the way," Kettmann said. "They want me to become a pediatrician."

Even though first-generation students were achieving levels of education never before attained by anyone in their family, the students did not feel different compared to the rest of their family.

"[My dad] is the biggest role model I can have," Tiller said. "It's not like I feel superior or anything because everyone knows different things that I don't know."

For many first-generation college students, the pressure of attending college originated not from their parents' expectations, but from within themselves and a strong desire to make their family proud.

Parents of first-time college students experienced university life for the first time through the eyes of their children. Also, the first person in a family to go to college served as a role model for younger family members.

"[Being a first-generation college student] wouldn't have mattered," freshman Merande Green said. "Becoming familiar with the layout of things was the same for everyone."

*"My parents were completely supportive. I just expected to go to college, so I prepared for it."  
 -Tiffany Tiller, sophomore*



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▲ Sophomore Jenna Buckner passes during a volleyball game against Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg). As a first-generation student, Buckner played the position of outside/right-side hitter for the team.

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Senior Devin Weishuhn teaches an advanced ballet class at the Student Recreation Center. Freshman Liz Rackley followed Weishuhn's lead at the barre. Students could work on campus a maximum of 20 hours a week.

### The Identity of... Working Students

- × The Division of Language and Literature was the biggest on-campus employer of students
- × The average hourly wage of student workers on campus was \$5.15
- × Sodexo and the Truman Bookstore were off-campus jobs
- × The University employed 943 students for institutional hours

facts from the payroll office



# Making the Ends Meet

**D**inero, geld, argent, pecunia, kontanter. No matter what language was spoken, it all meant the same thing—money. It seemed college students knew all too well what it meant to be in need of money.

Rent, car payments, food and a night out with friends all required it. A simple way to have money, without mooching off parents, was to find a job. Students' decisions of whether to work on or off campus were based on their personal needs.

"I would have chosen on campus for both if it was possible," said junior Elizabeth Hoppis who had jobs both on and off campus.

Hoppis worked as an office assistant in the Student Union Building and as a cashier at Wal-Mart.

"I chose Wal-Mart because I bought a car," Hoppis said.

Sophomore Danny Witzofsky worked at Twin

Pines Adult Care Center. He had worked on campus in a division office, but decided to work at an off-campus job. Witzofsky felt he would make more money working off campus.

"If on-campus jobs paid more, I would have gotten an on-campus job," Witzofsky said. "I need insurance money and to pay for books and other personal expenses."

Students found that earning more money with an off-campus job was a benefit. However, on-campus jobs provided students with more than just a paycheck.

"Work on campus can have its advantages," Hoppis said. "You can work a couple of hours at a time. I like being able to work it into my schedule whenever it fits."

A common advantage mentioned for working on campus was the flexibility it provided students with busy schedules. Shifts usually lasted only a few hours, whereas off-campus jobs tended to require longer time commitments. These time commitments were hard to fit into busy class schedules and evening meetings.

"[It's] not very convenient. [Wal-Mart] expect[s] a lot more from you," Hoppis said. "I have a lot of [Student Activities Board] commitments and Wal-Mart doesn't care."

Senior Eileen Webber worked at the front desk of the Student Recreation Center and was a weight room instructor. Webber felt that in addition to the

scheduling benefits of working on campus, an enjoyment factor was included in the benefits of an on-campus job.

"It's a fun place to work," Webber said. "It's a social

atmosphere. There are always people coming and going."

Like many students, Webber chose work that would be able to prepare her for a future career.

"I started working at the rec center because I'm a health major and I intend to work at a wellness exercise facility in the future," Webber said.

Whether the advantages were financial or related to a future career in that field, having a job was an integral part of most students' college experience.

"[Working] definitely gives you the opportunity to see what you can handle," Hoppis said.

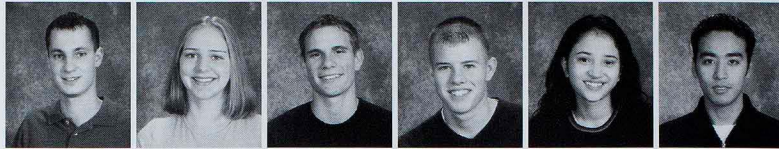
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*"I think working in general is good, if you can balance your schedule."*

*-Elizabeth Hoppis, Junior*

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 Steven Jones.....St. Louis  
 Cliff Judy.....Kearney  
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# Seeing Double

Walking across campus and seeing a sibling's face was not uncommon at Truman State University; siblings routinely chose to go to the same college. Walking across campus and seeing a mirror image of a oneself was something one was less likely to experience.

Several sets of twins on campus knew exactly how it felt. These siblings lived together their whole lives and decided to take the next step of their journey together—college. Freshman Erin Dowdy enjoyed the experience.

"There's nothing I have to face alone," Dowdy said.

Erin and her sister, freshman Heather Dowdy, lived in the same room on campus because they thought it would be easier than living separately. They shared everything. Since they lived

together, they only needed to bring one of everything.

Sharing was a big aspect for a lot of twins and the reason why they often lived together.

"We've lived in the same room for 20 years," freshman Jenni Ruethain said. "We share everything."

Jenni and her sister, freshman Jayme Ruethain, not only had personal belongings in common, but also activities and classes. The Ruethain twins wanted it to be like that the rest of their lives. That is why they decided to go to the same university together.

"We would never split up," Jayme said.

Seniors Emily and Julie Fridlington did not plan on attending the same college or university. The University accepted and offered scholarships to Emily and Julie; so, they both decided to attend the University.

Emily and Julie believed they had a deeper relationship with each other compared to the relationships other siblings had. They finished each other's sentences and knew exactly what the other meant, sometimes with just a word or a look.

"I don't have to explain anything, she just knows what I'm thinking," Julie said.

Having a twin on campus did have its disadvantages. Twins tended to be stereotyped and thought of as one instead of as individual people.

Jayme said twins were often seen as a unit instead of individuals. When something happened to one twin, such as a good grade, some people assumed the other twin would get the same grade. Other times people looked for a "good" or "evil" twin.

The twins were never alone and always had someone they could trust.

"I have my best friend here," Heather said.

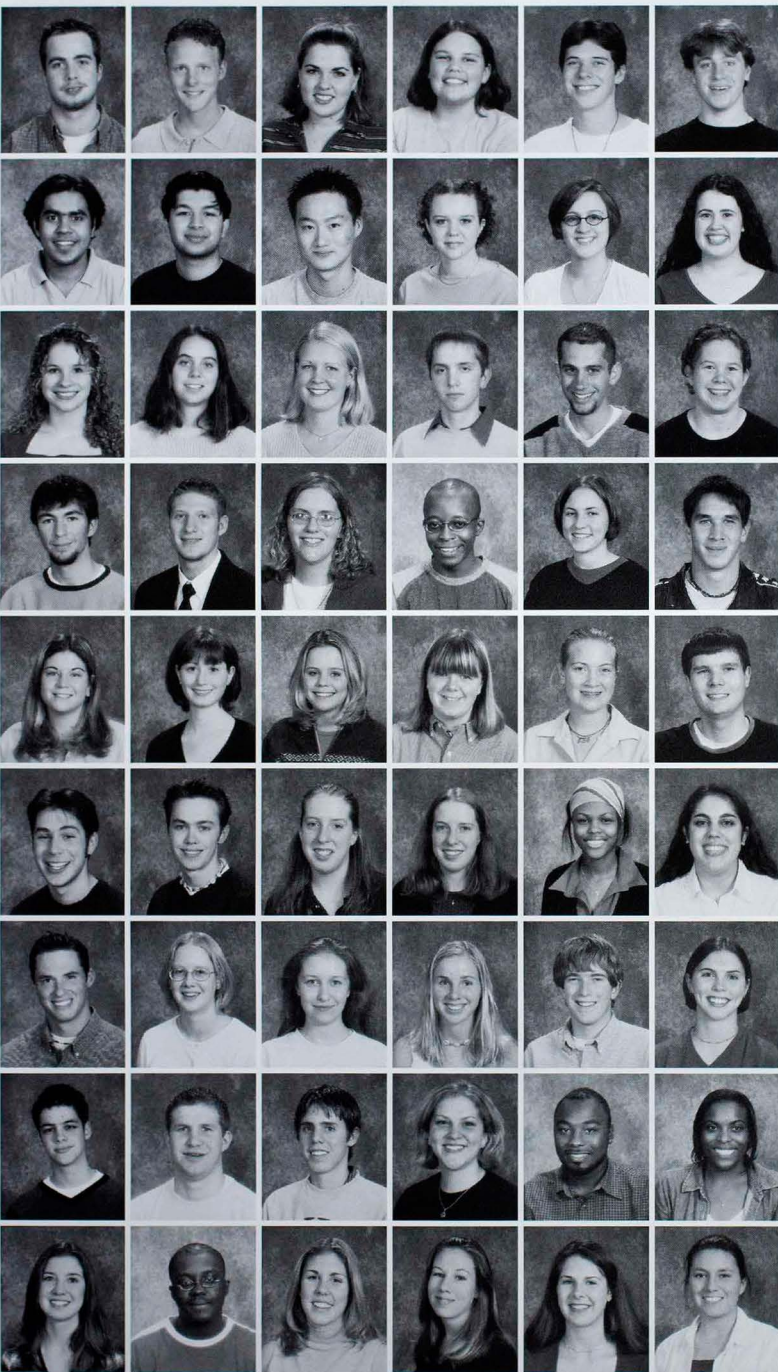


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▲ Freshmen Jenni and Jayme Ruethain work side by side on projects in Design I. The sisters were roommates on campus. Also, both twins were Art, pre-MAE, majors.

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 Lucas Kolkovich.....Jacksonville, Ill.  
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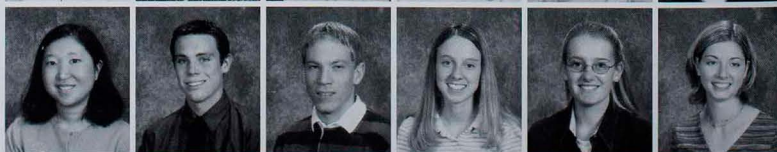
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The Identity of...

# John Peluso

Under different circumstances, most men would have been jealous of junior John Peluso. After all, he spent six hours every week and many Saturday afternoons dancing with over a dozen college women.

However, add flag twirling, group choreography, colorful uniforms and a marching band to the picture, and Peluso was no longer the envy of all men.

Such was the reality Peluso faced when he joined the colorguard his sophomore year. On a squad of more than 19 women performers, he was the only male.

"I don't know many guys that would do it," said sophomore Leslie Blanchard, one of the colorguard captains. "I know guys who can spin and have the talent to do the same things I do, but I don't know many guys who can put up with all the things that are said."

Peluso was described by other members of colorguard as "confident" and "outspoken." The harassment associated with participating in a predominantly female activity did not deter him.

"I've always thought it was kind of entertaining," Peluso said. "In all the male-dominated sports, there's a lot of close physical contact with other males, and there's no stereotypes about homosexuality. Then you get to dance, where it's pretty much male-female interaction, and all of a sudden there's this strange bias."

Junior Rebecca Holtane, Peluso's girlfriend, persuaded him to join the colorguard in the fall of 2001. At the time, the squad was performing scenes from "West Side Story" and needed male dancers.

"I told him about it, and he got the impression there were going to be other guys doing it," Holtane said. "He turned out to be the only one."



photo by Kate Anderson

◀ Junior John Peluso participates in a practice before the final home football game of the season. Peluso wore a uniform of black pants and a black shirt to complement the women's black one-piece uniforms with palazzo pants.

Rather than quitting, Peluso decided to make the best of the situation.

*"[Colorguard] was a nice rounding out of my performance experience. I enjoyed it. I'd do it again."  
-John Peluso, Junior*

"I've always gotten along with girls better than I have with guys," Peluso said. "I have a lot of guy friends too, but when you get into organizations, I've found that they tend to get a little obnoxious sometimes. The humor gets old real quick."

In the end, it may not have been the teasing, but the time commitment that forced Peluso to leave the colorguard. With a full load of classes and other commitments, Peluso's return to the squad for a third year was uncertain.

Looking back though, Peluso did not regret his two years as a member of the colorguard.

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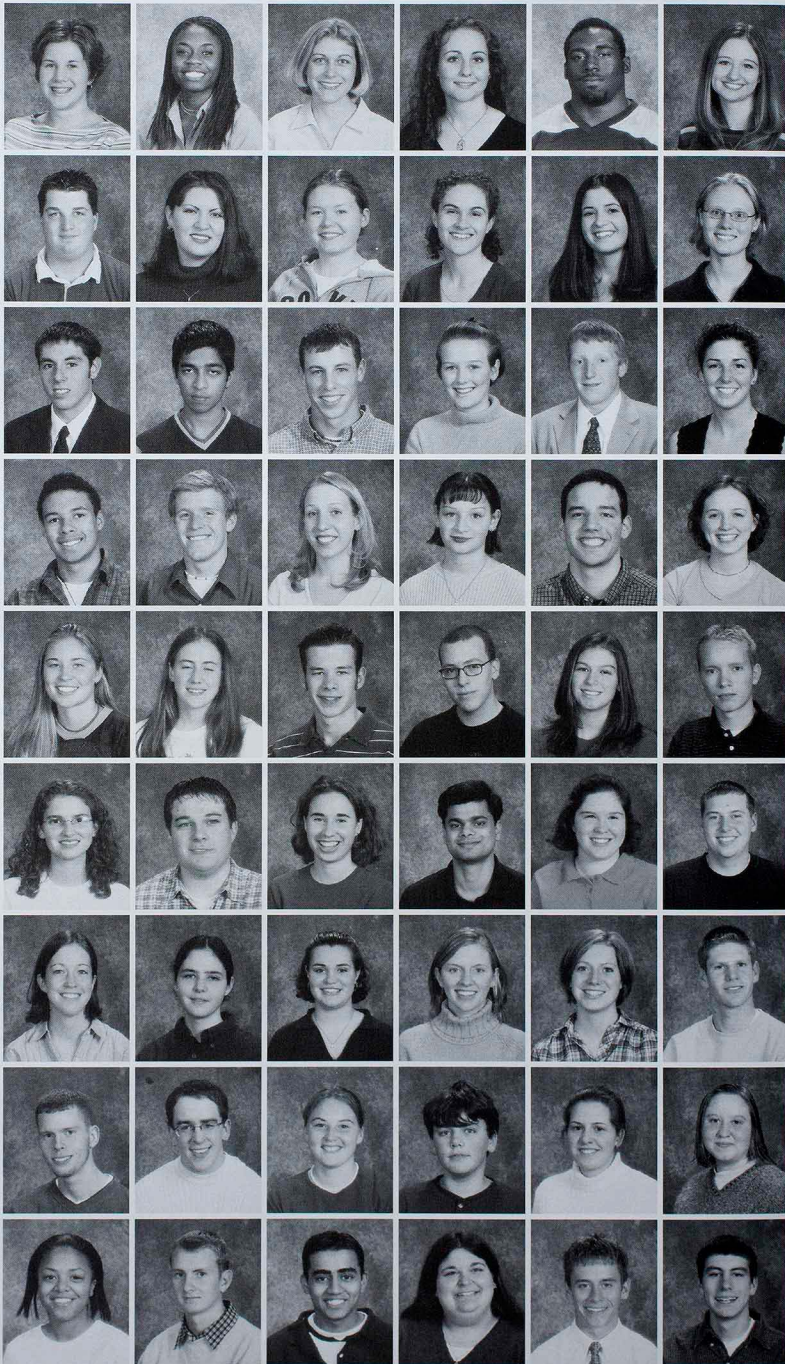
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 Jared Power.....Moravia, Iowa  
 Virginia Pozzo.....Brentwood  
 Rakesh Premchandran.....India  
 Laura Prewitt.....Kansas City  
 Earl Putz.....Newton, Iowa

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 Lindsey Quinn.....Arnold, Md.  
 Alisha Raby.....Lee's Summit  
 Emily Rackers.....Centertown  
 Nicole Rackley.....Belton  
 Michael Ravenscraft.....Festus

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 Mathew Robertson.....Raymore  
 William Robinson III.....Chesterfield



# vegetarian students must to decide What to Eat

Most students complained about the selection of food available in the residential dining halls during some point of their college career.

Sodexo Food Services provided four different entrée choices at each meal, in addition to salads, pizza and burgers. However, some students did not have the luxury of as many choices as the other students. Vegetarians had even more limited choices during mealtimes.

Sodexo provided a vegetarian option at every meal, such as a spinach enchilada or hot and sour tofu. Sometimes the choices were vegan, which contained no animal products at all. Other times, the vegetarian entrée simply contained no meat. In either case, the vegetarian options became monotonous for some.

"I don't always like what the vegetarian dish is. I find myself eating a lot of salad," freshman Beth Zimmerman said. "The vegetarian options don't have much variety."

Sophomore Ruth Delaware lived off campus and avoided the dining halls. Instead, she faced the challenge of preparing her own meals according to her vegetarian diet. She did, however, remember her dining hall days.

"The hardest thing about a vegetarian diet is finding ... food that is both vegetarian and tastes good," Delaware said. "Most of Sodexo's vegetarian options are very bland and unappetizing."

People chose to be vegetarians for various reasons. Usually, this practice stemmed from ideas against animal cruelty. Zimmerman became a vegetarian when she was 6 years old.



photo by Dan Sem

▲ Freshman Katie Jackson chooses a vegetarian quiche for dinner. Sodexo Food Services served vegetarian entrées for over five years and served at least one vegetarian dish for each meal in the dining hall.

"My uncle teased me and told me I was eating Wilbur, from 'Charlotte's Web,'" Zimmerman said. "I did not like the idea of eating animals, so I stopped eating meat altogether."

The treatment of animals was usually the main concern of vegetarians, which made it easy for them to stick to their no-meat diet. However, for some new vegetarians, the task was more difficult.

"Fast food can be so tempting," junior Kathy Widitz said.

Although the Sodexo's vegetarian food options were not always the most appealing to all students, vegetarians did have plenty of food to select from in the dining halls to suit their personal diets.

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- Jami Rohman.....St. Ann
- Amanda Romine.....Kirksville
- Meghan Rooney.....Lathrop
- Todd Ross.....Ballwin
- Rory Roundtree.....Parks, Neb.

- ▶ Elyse Ruckenbrod.....St. Louis
- Jennifer Ruethain.....St. Charles
- Nicole Ruffin.....Florissant
- Samantha Runnels.....Mexico
- Heather Ryan.....St. Peters
- Elena Sabin.....Davenport, Iowa



▶ With the help of body-altering substances University students see results from working out and lifting weights. It was strongly recommended for any student interested in taking creatine or proteins to talk to a physician. Doctors and nurses at the Student Health Center were available to answer any questions or concerns about these substances.

*photo illustration by Dan Beary*

# Altering Heredity

**P**opping pills and mixing powdered drinks became a regular routine as some students turned to body-enhancing supplements to increase workout results faster and make them more dramatic. Two of the most common supplements taken were creatine and protein.

Normally, the body produced enough of these substances to build muscle. However, some students at Truman State University felt it was necessary to take these supplements to enhance the results of working out.

"Taking creatine and protein definitely helped me with my lifting," freshman John Kaiser said. "It cut down my recovery time significantly."

Accelerating the process of building and strengthening muscles was a major issue for some students. Creatine was one of the more popular supplements consumed, and usually was taken in a powder or tablet form mixed with water. The body produced and stored creatine on its own, so the supplement was taken to speed up the production process.

"After taking creatine for a few months I noticed drastic changes when lifting," sophomore Danny Motta said. "I was able to lift more frequently since my recovery time was shorter. Before I took it, my lifting time was minimal, but later, after using it, my time increased to a maximum level."

Although consumption of both creatine and protein was popular and perceived to be beneficial to students, there were some risks and side effects associated with both drugs. Increased blood pressure and gastrointestinal distress were just a few.

However, Research had not shown any long-term effects.

"I've heard of some health risks associated with taking protein," sophomore Jim Klowsawski said. "However, they usually only occur with misuse of it. I've been taking protein for over a year now and I have had some stomachaches, but nothing serious enough to make me consider not taking it."

Along with a few negative effects, both substances were also known to provide many positive effects on the body. These supplements were common and could be safe if students took proper precautions before, during and after they had used them. Proper research was the key to successful use.

"I started surfing the Web for information about creatine when I decided it was something that was necessary to get the effects I wanted faster," Motta said. "After finding information myself, I talked it over with my parents. They then consulted a physician about use and the effects it could have. My physician told me it was safe to use creatine as long as I avoided the risks associated with it that are known to be harmful."

While the drugs were popular, some people thought that creatine and protein were not necessary supplements for students to take.

"I didn't believe that it was necessary for students to take creatine to get the effects they wanted," said Michelle Boyd, head athletic trainer. "These effects come from them working to their maximum capacity and I did not think that creatine added to those effects. There haven't been any studies to show that this drug is harmful to students. However, I wouldn't recommend anyone, especially women, to consume it."

After careful research, many students agreed that both of these supplements were safe to use as long as they were not abused. Most students said they would continue taking supplements if they improved their performance.

"Someone told me that protein might help me when working out, so last year I took it while lifting," junior Steve Schnurbusch said. "I think there is some merit to [taking protein]."

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*Staff Writer*

## The Identity of...

### Performance Enhancers

- × Side effects could include increased blood pressure, gastrointestinal distress and stress on the liver
- × Weight gain of approximately 6.6 pounds in the first few weeks was common
- × Research indicated that creatine and protein might improve cholesterol levels and stimulate the production of muscle proteins

facts from [www.creatinemonohydrate.net](http://www.creatinemonohydrate.net)

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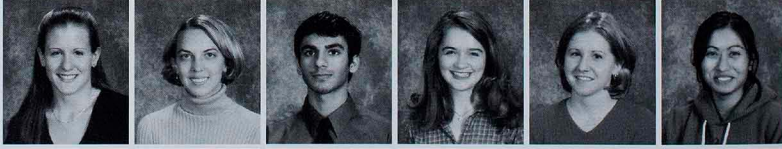
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# Model Behavior

Flashing lights, the allure of exotic locations and beautiful people could all be expected in the world of modeling, but some Truman State University students who modeled said it was not as glamorous as they originally thought.

Senior Angela Sparrow began modeling when she was 15 years old, after sending pictures to a talent agency. Sparrow said she left school midday to go to photo shoots.

"I was in a [cooperative learning] program, so I got off school at noon, or when I did have jobs I would just get permission to go do it," Sparrow said. "It didn't affect my grades or anything."

Sparrow modeled Tommy Hilfiger and Guess clothing. She also modeled for Korean magazines when she spent two months abroad, living with others in her modeling program.

"The most exotic thing I've done is living abroad," Sparrow said. "Just going to Korea and living on my own and living in a house full of girls and everything revolves around [modeling] was different."

Freshman Erin Haslag said she was approached to do some modeling when she was shopping for her prom dress.

While Haslag was shopping for a dress, the owner of Victoria's Bridal Boutique in Jefferson City, Mo., asked her if she would be interested in modeling in bridal shows.

"It was fun; I got to hang out with the girls doing different little shows," Haslag said. "I had a call from an agency in Kansas City, but I wasn't really interested. I just did it as a favor for [the owner] and to get a discount on my dress."

Junior Matt Marble said he thought modeling was fun but there were some drawbacks to the profession.

"It's not something I go broadcasting, because automatically if someone finds out you model they may think, 'Oh, you think you're hot stuff and that you're so good looking,' and that's not the type of image I'm trying to portray," Marble said. "It's not me; it's just like any other job, a way to make money."

Though modeling had drawbacks, Marble enjoyed the opportunities it provided, and he looked forward to participating in more modeling assignments.

"You meet a lot of different people and it's kind of cool to see yourself in a catalog or a Web site," Marble said. "I just got done doing a commercial ... My parents have been getting a kick out of it, all of their friends have been calling them."

*Jeremy Raaz*



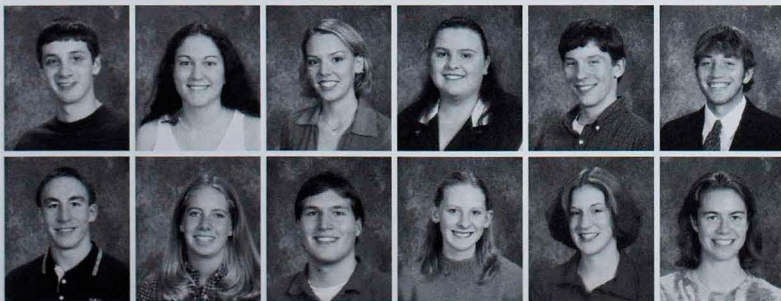
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▲ Freshman Erin Haslag (center) models her formal wear from a bridal boutique in Jefferson City, Mo. In return for her modeling services, she received a 10 percent discount and free alterations on her prom dress.

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# Leap of Faith

Having been taken to a variety of churches, temples and mosques as a young child, junior Xander Kennedy experienced firsthand more religions than most individuals did in a lifetime. Once he reached the age where he could make a decision of what he wanted to believe in, he chose not to believe in the existence of any higher beings.

Kennedy's parents were atheist and this was the road Kennedy chose to take as well. His journey to establish his own personal belief system was only one of the nearly 6,000 journeys belonging to the students at Truman State University.

"I feel my parents did a good job of exposing me to different religions with the idea that we could decide how we wanted to believe," Kennedy said. "As I have gotten older I've become sure of who I am and where [my beliefs] fit in my life."

Kennedy said although he was an atheist, it did not mean he lacked spirituality. Rather than looking to an organized

religion, he chose to find his beliefs within himself and those who were closest to him.

Being an atheist put Kennedy in a minority group on campus. Many of the students at the University were Christian. Junior Lauren Webb was a Christian and said her religion played a role in her daily life.

"It affects a lot of decisions I make, the way I treat people and my outlook on life," Webb said. "It gives me an overall sense of hope in my life."

"College is really different, but religion gives you a sense of direction."

-Eric Meyer, Junior

In the college environment, most University students found their peers to be open-minded. Many students were willing to learn more about various religions both in and out of the classroom.

"People want to learn about [Hinduism] and it is nice to be able to talk to them about it," sophomore Jiggar Hindia said. "I thought it would be a bit harder at first to adjust, but people were really open-minded right away."

Hindia, like Kennedy, was a minority among religious circles and had few opportunities to practice his religious beliefs when he first arrived at the University. He said that although there were not many Hindus to talk to about his religion, he was able to find a group of individuals who shared his beliefs.

Junior Eric Meyer said his beliefs as a Roman Catholic affected who he was as an individual.

"People who are non-Catholic and question me, made me re-examine my own beliefs and helped me to realize what I really believe," Meyer said. "My beliefs are my core. They determine who I am. It's a part of me."

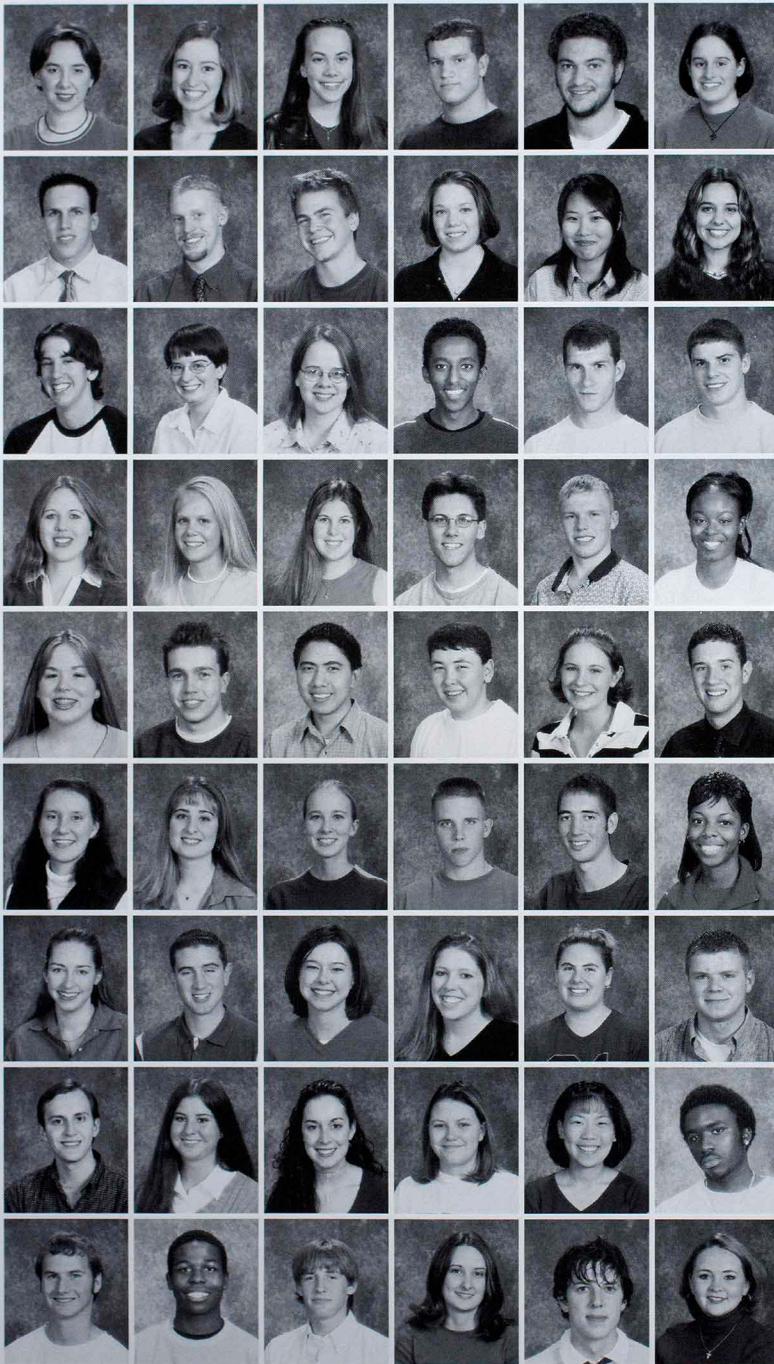
*Jessica Lowe*

*Sports Editor*



photo by Beth Spinney

▲ Senior Rachel Haffey shares an excerpt from a book about faith at Damascus Road, a religious event held by the Baptist Student Union. In 2002, there were 12 on-campus religious organizations that helped students explore spirituality and express their faith.



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 Stephanie Sullivan.....Manchester  
 Amanda Summers.....Independence  
 Eric Sundvold.....Independence  
 Kenneth Susman.....St. Louis  
 Kate Suter.....Lebanon

▶ Trent Sutter.....Troy  
 Scott Swanger.....Ballwin  
 Mark Swanson.....LeClaire, Iowa  
 Jessica Swatek.....Platte City  
 Mai Tawada.....Kirksville  
 Cori Taylor.....Neosho

▶ John Taylor.....Mart, Texas  
 Mackenzie Taylor.....Stuart, Neb.  
 Marsha Teater.....Centerville, Iowa  
 Kibrom Tewolde.....Ethiopia  
 Matthew Thomas.....Omaha, Neb.  
 Derek Thrasher.....St. Charles

▶ Michelle Tiesing.....St. Charles  
 Kara Timbers.....Lee's Summit  
 Mary Toebe.....Arnold  
 Michael Tolliver.....St. Louis  
 Matthew Tooley.....St. Peters  
 Janel Townsend.....St. Louis

▶ Natalie Trent.....Reeds Spring  
 Jonathan Tucker.....Perryville  
 Justis Tuia.....Galena  
 Almas Tulenov.....Kazakhstan  
 Anna Uhlrich.....Raytown  
 Nathan Underhill.....Osage Beach

▶ Stacey Unnerstall.....St. Charles  
 Audra Vandemark.....Rolla  
 Theresa Veile.....Jefferson City  
 Matthew Veit.....Jefferson City  
 Alan Venneman.....Kearney  
 Je'Nina Victorian.....Florissant

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 Mark Vogel.....Pleasant Hill  
 Kerri Waddell.....Stronghurst, Ill.  
 Kristen Wadsack.....Chesterfield  
 Emily Wallach.....Fenton  
 Ryan Walsh.....Cassville

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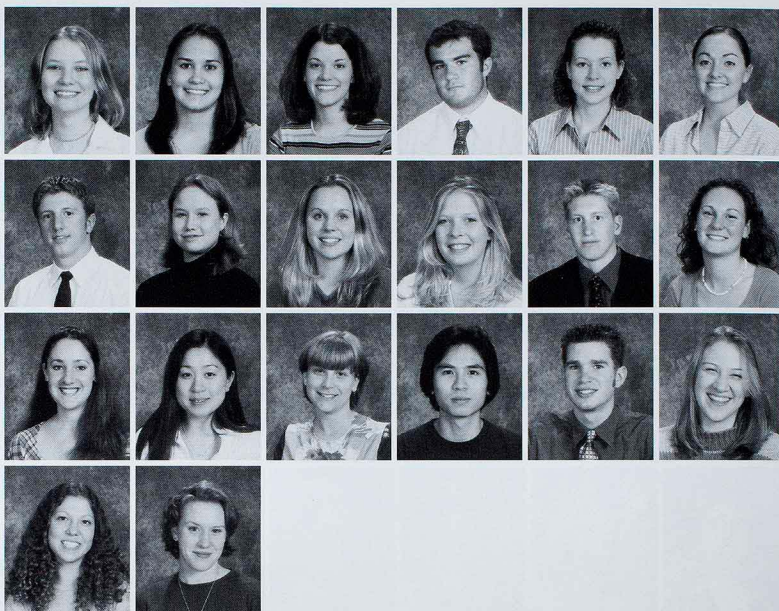
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 Ashley Welsh.....Cameron  
 Kevin Whetstone.....Versailles, Ohio  
 Amy Whitaker.....Trenton

▶ Laura Whitted.....Schaumburg, Ill.  
 Amy Williams.....Nevada  
 Emily Williams.....St. Louis  
 Brian Wilson.....Kansas City  
 Jessica Winders.....Ballwin  
 Amanda Wolf.....Thompson

▶ Ryan Wolfe.....Florissant  
 Jennifer Wollbrink.....Sutter, Ill.  
 Amanda Wood.....La Plata  
 Lori Woods.....Louisiana  
 Ryan Worth.....Stilwell, Kan.  
 Aislyn Wright.....St. Charles

▶ Elaine Wright.....Springfield, Ill.  
 Chihiro Yamada.....Japan  
 Kerrie York.....Rosebud  
 Chi-Wai Yuen.....Hong Kong  
 Eric Yurkovich.....Shawnee, Kan.  
 Michelle Zieres.....St. Louis

▶ Beth Zimmermann.....Edwardsville, Ill.  
 Catherine Zivnуска.....St. Louis



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 Tim Barcus.....Public Relations  
 Russell Baughman.....Science  
 Kenneth Carter.....Science  
 Steven Chappell...Language & Literature  
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# for some sooner than others- School's Out

Students took an average of 4.4 years to graduate from Truman State University, according to Erika Woehlk of Academic Affairs. The amount of time it took to graduate, however, differed for each student.

In 2002, Maria Rolfes was a sophomore by years and junior by credit hours. She brought in 35 hours from high school. She expected to graduate early, but was not sure if she wanted to because she wanted to enjoy the college experience.

"I love my friends and my sorority and would hate to miss out on all senior things," Rolfes said. "So I am kind of undecided on when I want to graduate and if I should pick up a minor just to stay longer."

For Rolfes, her parents were a factor in how long she stayed at the University.

"They are pressuring me to graduate early for financial reasons and also because I don't think they understand college," said Rolfes.

Some students did not mind spending more than four years completing degree requirements.

"As for the social and academic stigma of a five-year ma-



photo by Heather Coons

Freshman Angela Madden discusses her schedule with residential college program head academic adviser Marianna Giovannini. There were 10 academic advisers in the Residential College Program in 2002. Academic advisers helped students plan classes and made sure students met graduation requirements.

trication rate, it isn't too bad," senior Dominick Wright said. "I get to make a lot of friends and have the opportunity to solidify professional relationships that I otherwise wouldn't have had the chance to even start."

Not all students were happy about staying longer at the University. Senior Jennifer Clapp expected to take six years to graduate because she changed her major to nursing.

"This is a big burden to me because I pay for school by myself and will now have to take out more loans in order to finish school," Clapp said. "I am also forced to put my life on hold. I was supposed to get married in a year and now will not because I will be at school and I do not wish to have a long-distance marriage."

Miyo Saeki

## Contributing Writer

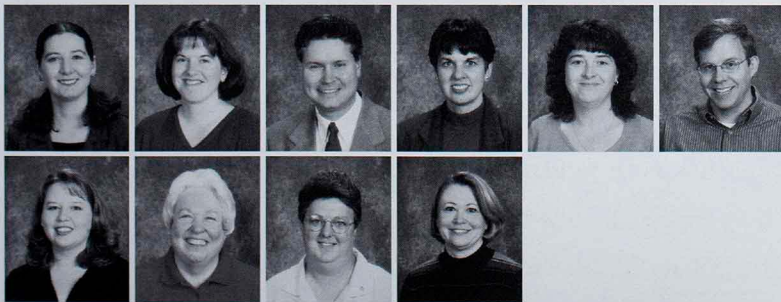
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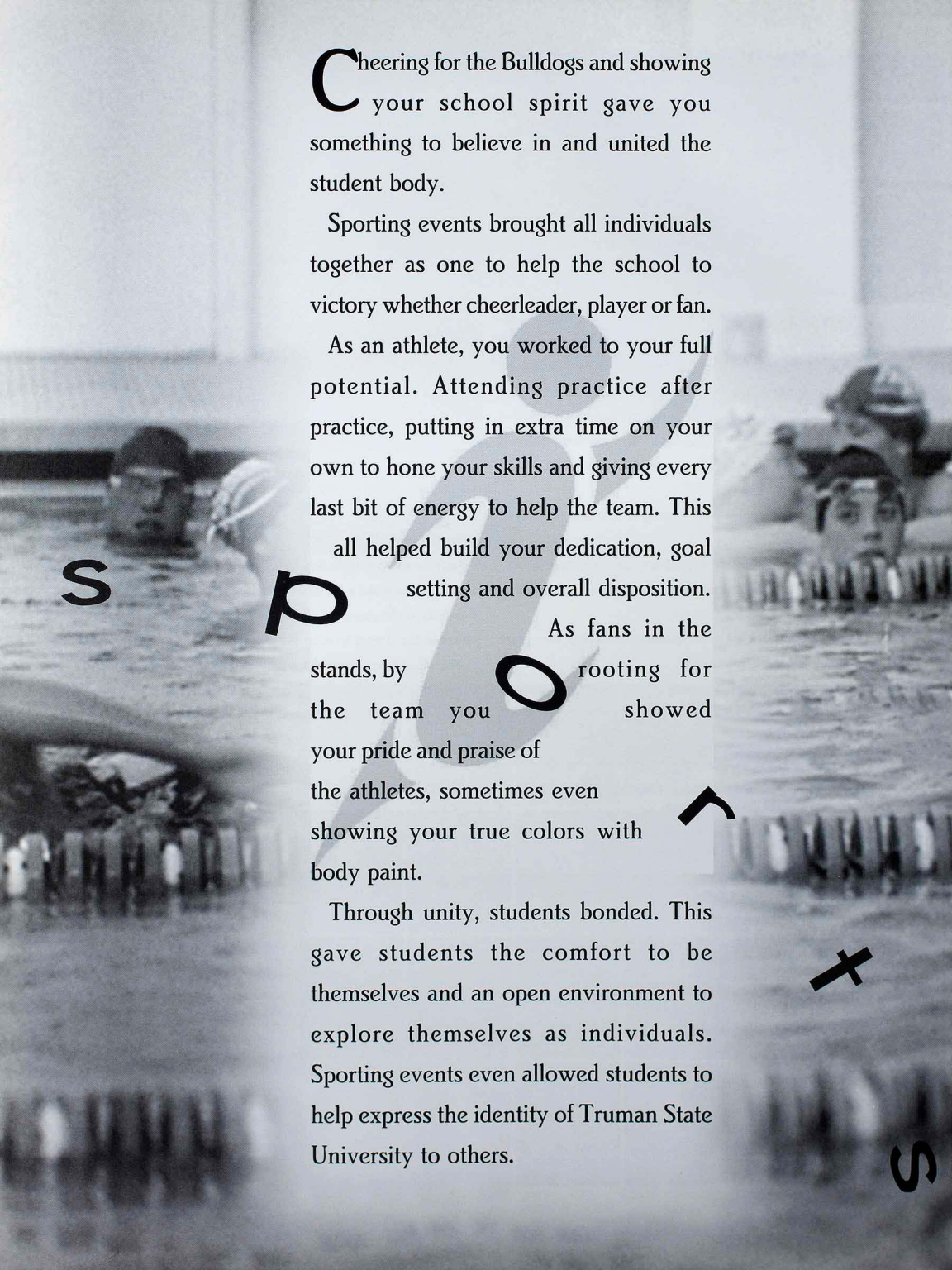
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Linda Yager.....Student Union

### The Identity of... Truman State University Students

- × During the summer of 2001, 1,304 students took summer classes at the University
- × Bachelor degree requirements at the University required between 124 and 131 hours to graduate
- × The graduation fee was \$20 for a single bachelor degree and an extra \$5 for each additional degree

Facte from the Registrar's Office and Truman State University 2001-2003 General/Graduate Catalog





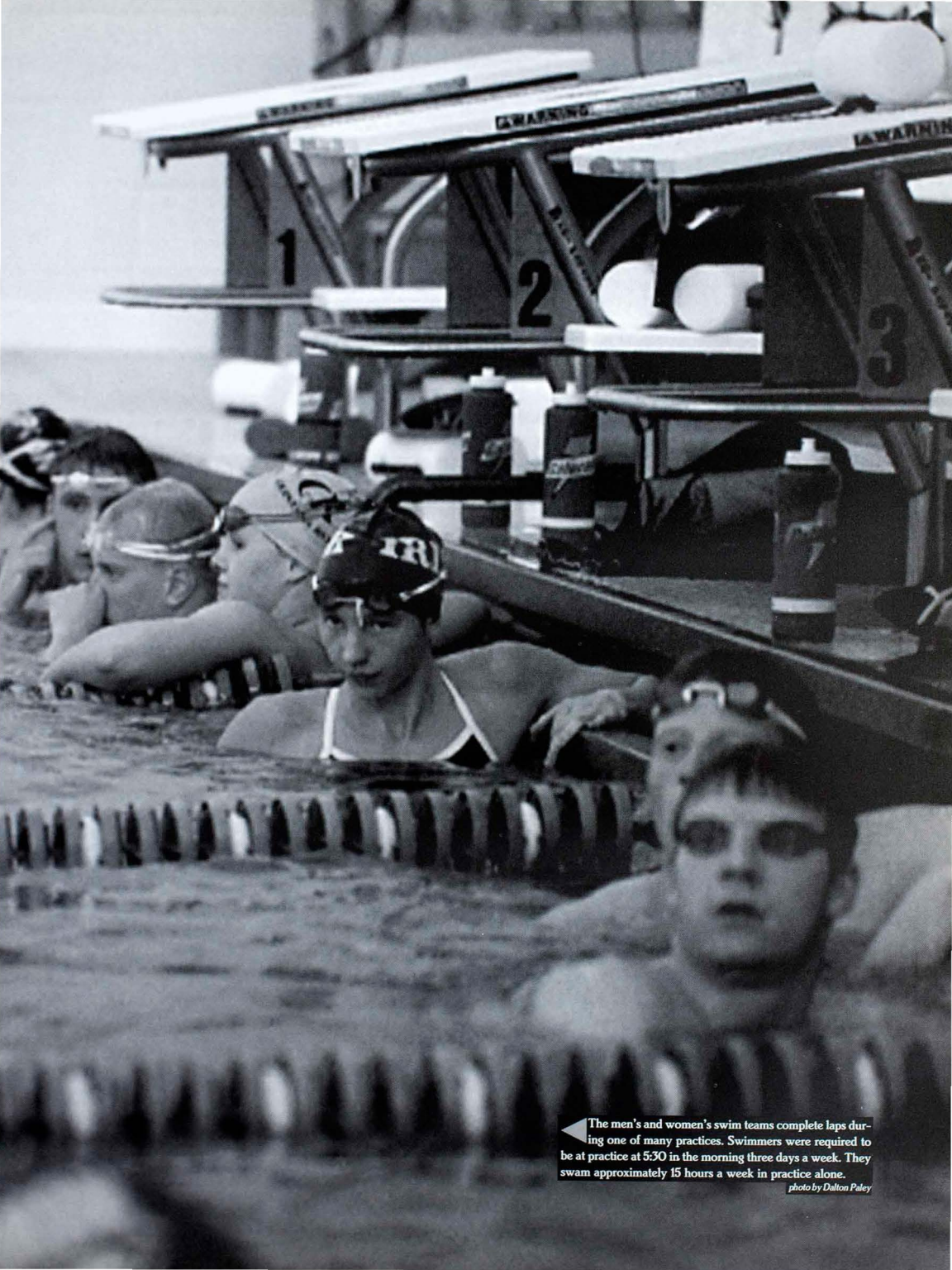
Cheering for the Bulldogs and showing your school spirit gave you something to believe in and united the student body.

Sporting events brought all individuals together as one to help the school to victory whether cheerleader, player or fan.

As an athlete, you worked to your full potential. Attending practice after practice, putting in extra time on your own to hone your skills and giving every last bit of energy to help the team. This all helped build your dedication, goal setting and overall disposition.

As fans in the stands, by rooting for the team you showed your pride and praise of the athletes, sometimes even showing your true colors with body paint.

Through unity, students bonded. This gave students the comfort to be themselves and an open environment to explore themselves as individuals. Sporting events even allowed students to help express the identity of Truman State University to others.



◀ The men's and women's swim teams complete laps during one of many practices. Swimmers were required to be at practice at 5:30 in the morning three days a week. They swam approximately 15 hours a week in practice alone.

*photo by Dalton Paley*

# Fetching the stick

The Bulldogs' football team retrieves the Hickory Stick from Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) and brings home individual honors in the 2001 winning season

They approached the season with their eyes on the prize and their goals within grasp. The football team wanted the 2001 season to be full of victories. The Bulldogs had something to prove.

The Bulldogs began the quest of meeting these goals in the spring of 2001.

"We had an excellent spring camp," junior wide receiver Andrew Blakley said. "Everyone wanted to get better every day."

A solid foundation brought the 'Dogs together as a team.

"We brought with us a winning mentality," junior wide receiver Alfonso Pugh said. "We knew we had a chance to be great and we had to prove it."

Their winning mentality helped lead the 'Dogs to an 8-3 record, which placed the team third in the MIAA Conference.

"We had a better understanding of our system this year," head coach John Ware said. "I knew we had a chance to be good. We're always trying to prove that a school with a good academic reputation can also have a good football team."

Whether it was a result of workouts or mastering the system, the 'Dogs had a breakout season. The season saw Blakley shatter a school record with 204 career pass-receptions, as well as lead the MIAA in pass-receptions with 77.

It was a season in which senior quarterback Eric Howe lead the MIAA in passing efficiency with a rating of 145.5. Also, where Howe moved into the upper level of Division II athletes. Howe was a runner-up for the Harlon Hill Award given to the nation's top Division II football player.

Howe credited everyone's success directly to the closeness of the team.

"Any time you get recognized, it's nice," Howe said. "It's a testament to my teammates. We've all played together for a long time. We knew each other, and we had high expectations."

One win that stood out came when the 'Dogs traveled to Northwest Missouri State



photo by Dan Sem

Senior tight end Jason Riney takes advantage of a break to quench his thirst during a game against Emporia State University (Kan.). The Bulldogs lost to Emporia with a 34-14 score.

University (Maryville) to battle for the Hickory Stick. This was the oldest traditional trophy game in the history of Division II college football. Northwest, having won 41 straight conference games at home, was stunned by the 'Dogs' comeback. The tide turned in the 'Dogs' favor when Howe scored on a 4-yard quarterback-keeper. The dagger caused a one-point lead with only seconds left.

"The highlight of the season was just seeing the looks on the Northwest players' faces when they were forced to drive 70 yards, down by one, with only 10 seconds left in the game," Blakley said.

That was not the first close call the 'Dogs encountered along the way. When the 'Dogs played Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.), the 27-26 victory was settled in the final seconds of the game.

All of the 'Dogs' time in practices and on strategies was proved to be well-spent with a season full of success.

**George Pattison**

*Staff Writer*



Junior wide receiver Alfonso Pugh gets hit by a University of Missouri-Rolla defender. The Bulldogs shut out the Miners on Family Weekend 2001 with a 61-0 victory. There were 4,137 members in the audience to witness this victory.

## Sports Shorts

The team scored  
a total of  
**324** points during  
the **2001** season

At the Bulldogs' games,  
**17,465** people  
attended  
with an average of  
**3,493** fans per game



photo by Dan Sem

# football scoreboard

| opponent                                        | us/them |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)             | 40/29   |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 51/7    |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 14/34   |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 61/0    |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 43/14   |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 27/26   |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 37/9    |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 24/23   |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 0/28    |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 27/58   |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 42/35   |
| Final Record: 8-3; MIAA 6-3                     |         |

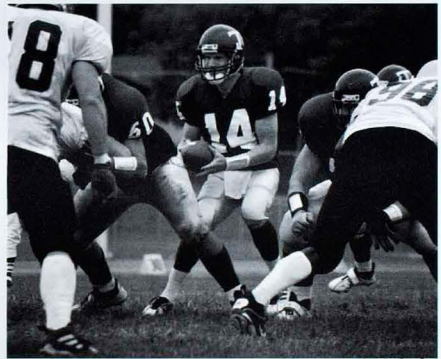
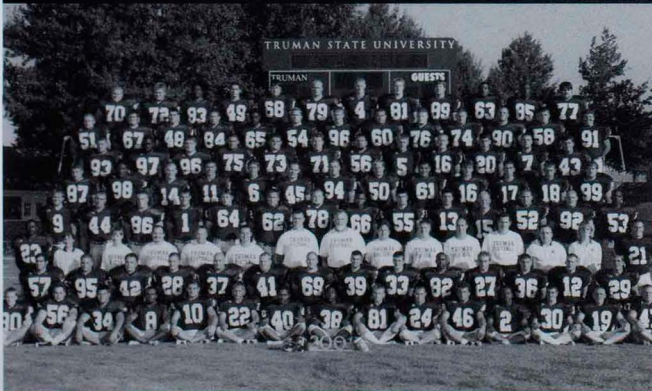


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▲ Senior quarterback Eric Howe receives the snap from junior center Nick Ruud in a game against Emporia State University (Kan.). Howe led the MIAA in passing efficiency with a rating of 145.5.

## bulldogs took a *bite* out of opponents' seasons



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# soccer scoreboard

## opponent us/them

|                                                 |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| North Dakota State University (Fargo)           | 1/0 |
| Minnesota State University-Mankato              | 3/2 |
| University of Minnesota-Duluth                  | 1/0 |
| Winona State University (Minn.)                 | 1/0 |
| University of Northern Colorado (Greeley)       | 0/1 |
| University of Nebraska-Omaha                    | 1/0 |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 8/0 |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 6/0 |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 2/1 |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 3/0 |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 5/0 |
| Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)         | 3/0 |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 1/0 |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 2/1 |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 4/0 |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar)          | 1/0 |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 3/0 |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 1/0 |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 0/1 |

### NCAA Division II Championship Tournament Second Round-

University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) 1/0

### Quarterfinals-

Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights) 0/2

Final Record 18-3; MIAA 11-1



## women's soccer team *kicked* it into *high* gear

FIRST ROW: Heather Murray, Rebekah Fredlund, Ellen Wright, Anna Smith, Carrie Hegenderfer, Kelli Best, Laura Paul, Angie Schubler, Lisa Manns, Melissa Miller. SECOND ROW: Jamie Sharp, Deidra Reasoner, Whitney Fancher, Stephanie Cepicky, Becky Ojile, Karla Danekas, Katie Laws, Jennifer Buscher, Christiann Colpoys. BACK ROW: Anna Sonderman, Missy Ell, Beth Wieman, Sara Lauer, Mike Cannon-head coach, Niki Taylor-student assistant coach, Emily Huyck, Nicole Thorpe, Molly Adams, Sara Murray.



# Team dynamics

A strong team bond on and off the field helps push the women's soccer team to the NCAA Division II Championship Tournament

The Truman State University women's soccer team took success to a new level when they reached the Elite Eight of conference play.

"Our practices were always intense and everyone worked hard," junior midfielder Anna Smith said.

While practices were demanding and physically challenging, things changed when postseason play came. Since the team already had the basic skills and plays, they were able to use their practices to learn more about their opponents.

"Practices during the postseason were mainly about trying to adapt our play to best fit the play of the other team," senior midfielder Kelli Best said.

Practices were not the only thing that helped the team succeed. Before the start of the season the team played in Europe.

"Europe was a great experience for us," Best said. "We were able to see how everyone played together and get our bad play out of the way."

Besides getting an early start on the

season, the freshmen helped fill positions and brought a new level of skill to the team.

"We gained a huge class of freshmen who really stepped up to play at a college level," Smith said. "They filled positions and scored goals, which was something that we needed. Their skills accentuated our offense, which was a big plus."

With new players and an intense season,

the players were prepared for conference play. The team made it to the Elite Eight where they were defeated by Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights), with a score of 2-0.

The team did not focus on how far they went or how well they played. Instead they focused on how well they worked together, both on and off the field.

"I learned to really appreciate my teammates and what they brought to the team," said freshman defender/midfielder Anna Sonderman.

*Reena Karan*

*Staff Writer*

**Practices during the postseason were mainly about trying to adapt our play to best fit the play of the other team.**

*-kelli best, senior*



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photo by Beth Spanney

Senior midfielder Missy Ell faces off against a Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights) player. The Bulldogs lost to Northern Kentucky after reaching the Elite Eight. The 2001 season was the eighth consecutive winning season under head coach Mike Cannon.

## Sports Shorts

The Bulldogs averaged 2.2 goals per game

Senior goalkeeper *Emily Huyck* and junior defender *Jennifer Buscher* earned all-American status

# Building year

Men's soccer team learns to overcome mistakes; in the end the Bulldogs had a fun and successful winning season

The men's soccer team ended the season with an impressive 11 wins out of 19 games. However, they acknowledged that things could have gone better.

"I think our biggest problem this year that hurt us for the first part of the season was give-aways and mental mistakes," senior goalkeeper T.J. Dube said.

In an attempt to prevent players from dwelling on their mistakes, the team focused on constant improvement.

"We work on improving ourselves regardless of if we make mistakes or not," senior forward Matt Byers said "It's more of a positive outlook on things."

While this approach was a positive goal to aim for, it did not always come easily.

"In some respects, it's great to improve instead of getting frustrated over the past," Dube said. "But you could sense it in the team that when a mistake would happen, everyone was like, 'Here we go again.'"

With the pressure of mistakes hanging over their heads, the team began to lose sight of the importance of having fun while playing. Halfway through the season, the team reached a point where they decided to stop making winning their top priority. The team began to play for the enjoyment of playing.

"Now they're thinking, 'I don't know if we have a shot at playoffs, but let's go out, play and have fun and not worry about it,'" head coach Alf Bilbao said. "That's the attitude they should be having all year-go out, play, have fun, see what happens."

The difference the new attitude made for the team was tremendous.

The final weekend of home season play saw the Bulldogs defeat St. Joseph's College (Rensselaer, Ind.) 4-0 and the University of Indianapolis (Ind.) 4-0.

With 10 freshmen and nine seniors, there was a wide variety of talent spread throughout the team. The seniors had more expectations for themselves and the team.

"[The freshmen] went out and played and they didn't think about everything else that maybe the seniors would think about," Bilbao said.

Freshman midfielder Luke Bolar, while not completely satisfied with the season, was nonetheless proud of what the team had accomplished.

"We all would have liked to make it to the tournament, but 11-5-2 is still good in my opinion," Bolar said.

Though blocked from making postseason play, the Bulldogs beat their opponents in many statistical categories. On the average the 'Dogs had 48 goals and 42 assists for 138 points in 19 matches. The team also had more attempts on the goal than their opponents with 359.

Even without making it to postseason play, the men's soccer team proved to have a successful season with above average statistics and an 11-5-2 final record.

Carey Michenfelder

Staff Writer



## Sports Shorts

The team averaged 2.4 goals and 1.9 assists per game

2001 was the men's 7th consecutive winning season in 23 seasons



◀ Senior defender Michael Roth dribbles the ball toward his teammate, senior goalkeeper T.J. Dube, in a game against Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.). The University lost with a final score of 3/4. Roth ended the season with a 30 percent shot on goal record.

photo by Beth Spanney

## soccer scoreboard

### opponent us/them

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Columbia College (Mo.) exhibition                     | win |
| Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights)       | 2/1 |
| University of Indianapolis (Ind.)                     | 4/0 |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                              | 1/1 |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville             | 2/2 |
| University of Wisconsin-Parkside                      | 0/2 |
| Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.)                   | 3/4 |
| Christian Brothers University (Memphis, Tenn.)        | 2/3 |
| University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)                    | 2/1 |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)           | 2/0 |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                          | 0/3 |
| University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, Texas) | 0/4 |
| St. Edwards University (Austin, Texas)                | 4/2 |
| Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)               | 2/0 |
| University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)           | 2/0 |
| Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)              | 7/0 |
| University of Missouri-St. Louis                      | 2/0 |
| St. Joseph's College (Rensselaer, Ind.)               | 4/0 |
| Missouri Southern State College (Upprill)             | 4/0 |

Final Record 11-5-2

## men's soccer team *faced* a *challenging* season



FIRST ROW: Brett Coppage, Matt Byers, Nick Garner, T.J. Dube, Dave Wiebenga, Adam Johnson, Bryan DeFoe, Dave Sodemann, Steven Cox. SECOND ROW: Matt Cox, Ricky Vigil, Chad Baldwin, Matthew Gross, Charlie McDaniel, Andy Lakers, Justin Shew, Jeremy Crenshaw, Brent Rauch, Chris Rahe. BACK ROW: Michael Roth, Luke Bolar, Brenton Freeman, Tara Thomure-trainer, Mike Enright-student assistant coach, Alf Bilbao-head coach, Stian Gundersen, Tim Gerler, Hristo Gyurov.

# Champions on the court

The volleyball team is nearly unstoppable as they qualify for the 2001 NCAA Division II Elite Eight and become the South Central and MIAA champions of 2001

The women's volleyball team had a successful season in 2001. It started out strong with an 11-game winning streak. Columbia College (Mo.) ended the streak, but that only proved to be a small bump in the road as the team ended the season with a record of 37-2 overall and a record of 16-0 in MIAA Conference play.

"I think the coaching change to Qi Wang played a big part in our successes this year," senior Eliza Hoerner said.

Head coach Qi Wang led the women to the 2001 MIAA Championship, the 2001 South Central Championship and a 2001 NCAA Division II Elite Eight qualifying berth. Wang focused on strengthening the team's mental game, an important aspect of the team.

"In practice, I try to remake the game-time experience," Wang said. "The importance of feeling and sensing like you are in a real game every time you play is very important."

The players also stressed the importance of mastering the mental game.

"We took each game at a time and prepared mentally," Hoerner said. "We basically had to think dialectically, always expecting the worst, and remember to stay calm and not get worked up when we were

ahead."

Many of the players found support and strength in the senior leadership of Hoerner, Cassy Felkerson, Jenny Glenn and Brenda Ippensen.

"Our four seniors made a key difference this year," sophomore Jenna Buckner said. "They stand out on all levels as role models, teammates and ethically as well."

Although two All-American players were on the team, the most from any team in the nation during 2001, the players were quick to point out that the winning season was clearly a team effort.

"I think everyone had their points and everyone contributed to the team's success," freshman Jessica Sears said.

The women were not only friends on the court, but off the court as well.

"We all are great friends on and off the court. Even when we get home from being on the road for days together, we will still call each other that night and hang out," Hoerner said.

Many of the women said that the biggest highlight of the season was winning the game against the University of North Alabama (Florence).

"We beat them on our home court and they were the ones that kicked us out of

the playoffs [in 2000]," Hoerner said.

With the win against North Alabama, the women qualified for the NCAA Div. II Elite Eight. For many of the players, being on a championship winning team was a new experience.

"It was an amazing opportunity for my first year, to get to be the South Central Champions and do something, like go to Nationals," Sears said.

The few losses the women did harbor came not from a lack of skill, but a lack of concentration.

"When we were down, we didn't know how to get out of it," Hoerner said.

Wang planned to remedy this mental downfall.

"I need to understand the girls better and learn how to teach them to focus more," Wang said.

Overall, the women had an intense season with many highlights that ended without any regrets.

"We got to travel, stay in nice hotels, had everything paid for and played against a lot of great teams," Sears said. "It was all great."

*Tom Palmier*  
Advertising Manager

## volleyball team *serves* up a *winning* season



FRONT ROW: Jessica Sears, Lauren Dickbernd, Annie Nickolai, Jenna Buckner, Brandy Mreen, Kelly Vogel. SECOND ROW: Rebecca Kniefelkamp, Rebekah Wedick, Becky Pike-assistant coach, Qi Wang-head coach, Carmen Johnson-volunteer assistant coach, Rachael Shedd, Shelby Ortwerth. BACK ROW: Kristin McFarland-student trainer, Jackie Knight, Cassy Felkerson, Eliza Hoerner, Jenny Glenn, Brenda Ippensen, Monica Marlowe, Stephanie Horton-trainer.

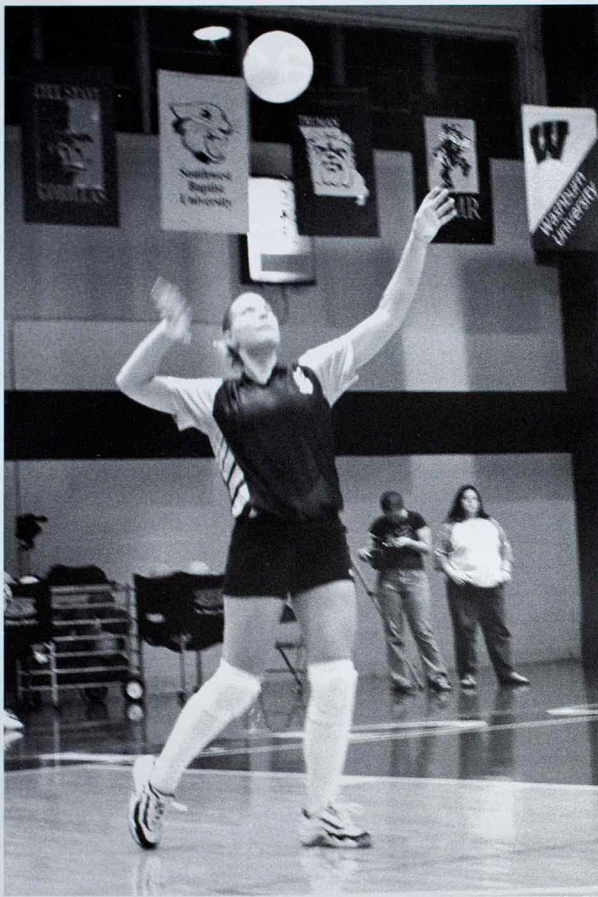


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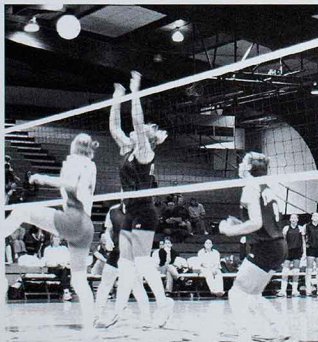


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▲ Junior Monica Marlowe sets the ball. Marlowe was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-South Central Region team.

▲ Freshman outside hitter Jessica Sears goes for a block during a match while senior middle hitter Eliza Hoerner assists. Sears had 26 assisted blocks for the 2001 season.

◀ Senior Eliza Hoerner, middle hitter, serves. In 2001, Hoerner was named to the All-American team. Hoerner served the most aces on the volleyball team with 62 aces served. The team served a total of 307 aces in 2001.

## volleyball scoreboard

| opponent                                        | us/them |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville       | 3/2     |
| University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)     | 3/0     |
| University of Missouri-St. Louis                | 3/0     |
| Texas Woman's University (Denton)               | 3/0     |
| University of Montevallo (Ala.)                 | 3/0     |
| South Dakota State University (Brookings)       | 3/1     |
| University of North Alabama (Florence)          | 3/1     |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 3/0     |
| Arkansas Tech University (Russellville)         | 3/0     |
| Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.)  | 3/0     |
| Christian Brothers College (Memphis, Tenn.)     | 3/0     |
| Columbia College (Mo.)                          | 0/3     |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 3/1     |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 3/1     |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 3/1     |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 3/0     |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 3/0     |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 3/0     |
| University of Alabama-Huntsville                | 3/2     |
| Rockhurst College (Kansas City, Mo.)            | 3/0     |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 3/2     |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 3/0     |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 3/0     |
| College of the Southwest (Habbs, N.M.)          | 3/0     |
| Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia)         | 3/0     |
| Arkansas Tech University (Russellville)         | 3/0     |
| University of Montevallo (Ala.)                 | 3/0     |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville       | 3/2     |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 3/0     |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 3/0     |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 3/0     |
| Missouri Western State College (Joplin)         | 3/0     |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 3/0     |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 3/1     |
| University of North Alabama (Florence)          | 3/0     |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 3/1     |
| NCAA Division II South Central Regional         |         |
| Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.)  | 3/0     |
| University of North Alabama (Florence)          | 3/0     |
| NCAA Division II Elite Eight                    |         |
| South Dakota State University (Brookings)       | 2/3     |

Final Record 37-2; MIAA 16-0

# Perfection takes practice

Truman State University athletes begin practices for the upcoming season as soon as the current one ends to become stronger, quicker and more agile so they can be victorious on the court, field or mat

The moment the clock displayed all zeros in the final game, all the hopes, dreams and expectations placed on the success of one athletic team evaporated. There was no more suspense—the season ran its course.

For the fans, that moment represented the final curtain of a production. They would have to wait until the next season to watch another performance.

For the players, the intermission was short-lived. Most Truman State University athletic teams began physically preparing for the next season only weeks after the previous season ended.

“It’s a year-round sport for a college athlete—that’s your specialization,” said senior Jenny Glenn, volleyball team member. “I think athletes need to be motivated enough to [workout in the off-season], especially at this level.”

Off-season conditioning programs varied from sport to sport, but most teams required some sort of formal workout at least four times a week.

“Some of us talk about how we spend more time toward soccer during the off-season than the regular season,” said senior Nicole Thorpe, women’s soccer team member.

Each spring, the women’s soccer team weight trained and held indoor scrimmages from 10 p.m. to midnight three times a week.

“It’s usually very intense,” said junior Anna Smith, women’s soccer team member. “The spring is a time for us to start competing with each other. It’s more of a competition for positions between people on our team. You know everyone’s going to play and you have a chance to show what you have.”

For other fall sports, spring practices offered similar opportunities for advancement. The football team’s semiweekly spring scrimmages gave players who normally ran scouting team plays during the regular season a chance to establish themselves as starters.

“In the fall, it’s about getting the people who are going to play prepared for the actual competitions,”

said senior Mike Redding, football team member. “During the spring practices, the younger guys get their opportunity to show what they can do on the field.”

In addition to allowing players a chance to jockey for more playing time during the regular season, the off-season gave coaches the opportunity to instruct players on a more individual basis.

“You get to work on the little things that you couldn’t normally get to with the whole team,” said sophomore Katy Mueller, softball team member. “The coach can just sit there and work with you one on one.”

Since regular season practices focused primarily on team cohesion and strategy, the off-season practices offered players the chance to improve individual skills.

“You have the ability to get better,” Thorpe said. “During the off-season, you can work on your weaknesses, make those strengths and get stronger and faster. That two hours you once devoted to practice you can now devote to your own workout.”

Although off-season training programs often required athletes to practice 10 hours a week, few complained about the time commitment. They knew when the curtain rose for another season, those who had rehearsed would be in the spotlight.

“The first day of [preseason] practice, people are going to know if you’ve been doing something or not,” Smith said. “That’s an underlying factor every time you go and workout.”

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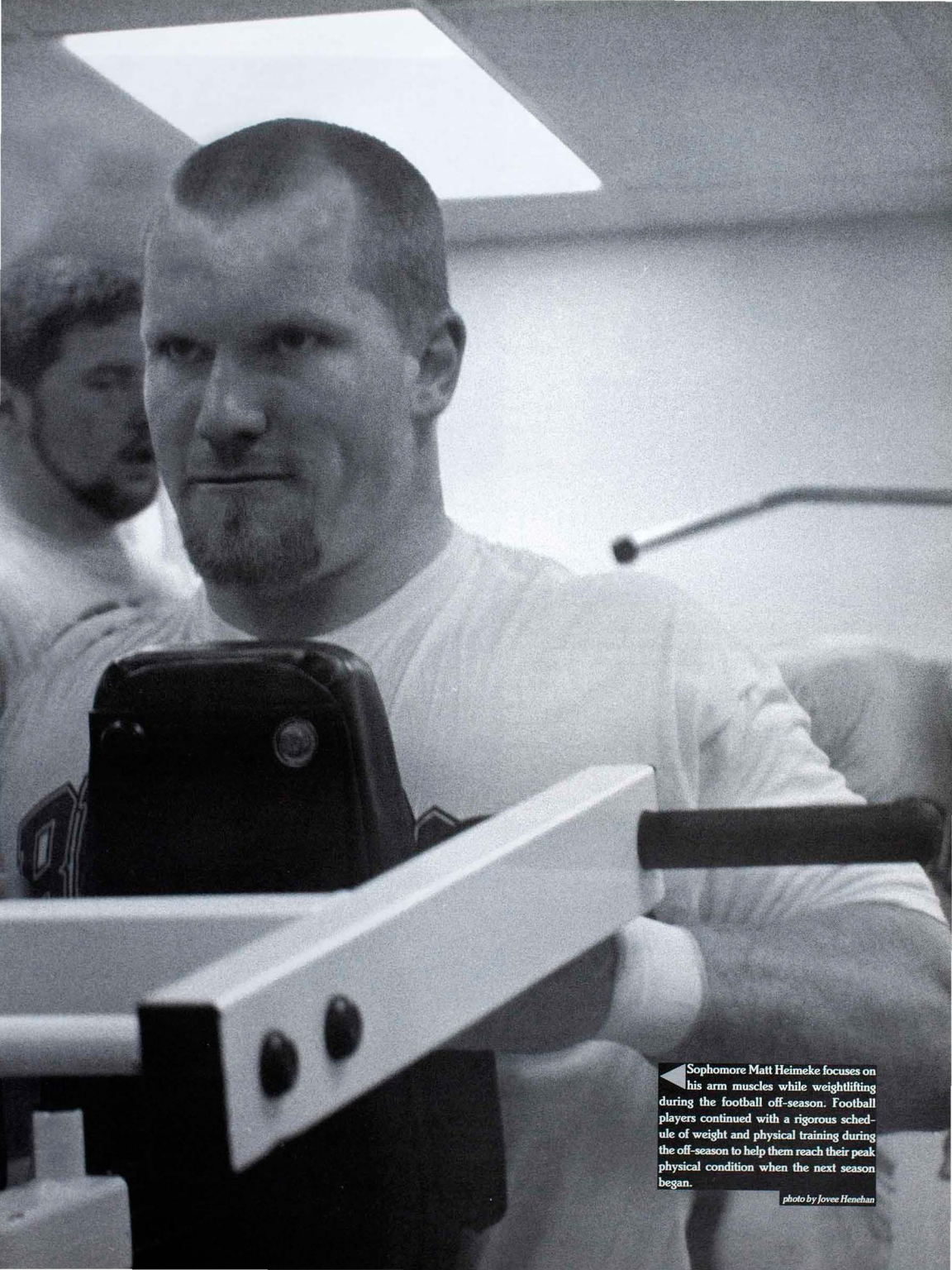


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▲ Sophomores Whitney Fancher, forward, and Beth Wieman, defender, practice passing the ball down the field during an off-season practice. The women’s soccer team practiced in Pershing Arena during the winter months. The Bulldogs moved their practices outdoors after the spring midterm break.

**“You have the ability to get better. During the off-season, you can work on your weaknesses, make those strengths and get stronger and faster.”**

*-nicole thorpe, senior*



◀ Sophomore Matt Heimeke focuses on his arm muscles while weightlifting during the football off-season. Football players continued with a rigorous schedule of weight and physical training during the off-season to help them reach their peak physical condition when the next season began.

*photo by Jovee Henchan*

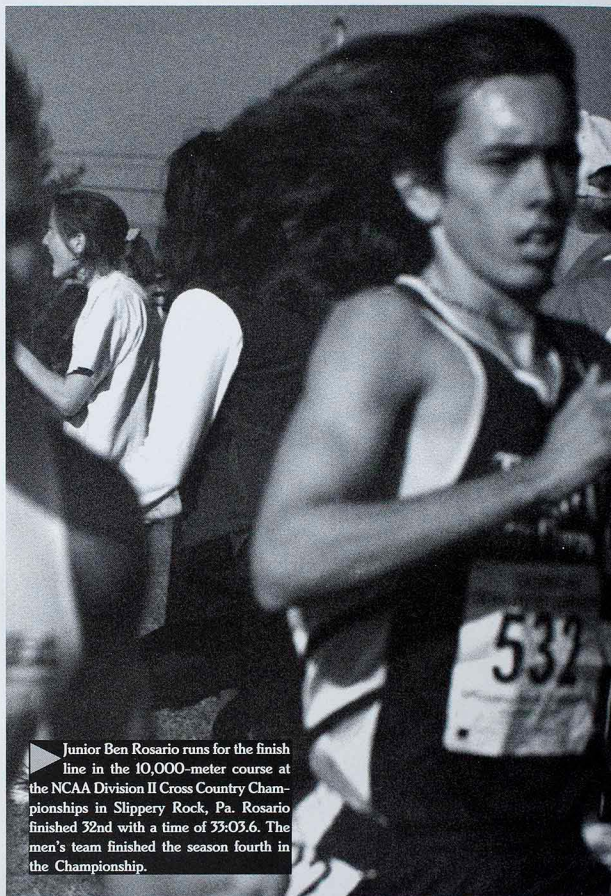
## cross country scoreboard

### meet

### place

|                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Open | 1st/4   |
| Bob Timmons Invitational (Lawrence, Kan.)      | 2nd/7   |
| Woody Grenno/Nebraska Invitational (Lincoln)   | 1st/26  |
| Miner Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)                | 3rd/4   |
| Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)     | 12th/18 |
| MIAA Championship (Emporia, Kan.)              | 1st/8   |
| NCAA South Central Regional (Loplin, Mo.)      | 2nd/10  |
| NCAA Div. II Championship (Slippery Rock, Pa.) | 4th/24  |

MIAA 1st



▶ Junior Ben Rosario runs for the finish line in the 10,000-meter course at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships in Slippery Rock, Pa. Rosario finished 32nd with a time of 33:03.6. The men's team finished the season fourth in the Championship.

## men's cross country goes the *extra* mile

FRONT ROW: Mike Brower, Brad Peter, Mark DeBold, Chris Elledge, Dan McLaughlin, Ben Rosario, Jason Shotwell, Andy Person. SECOND ROW: Andy Doering, Matt Helbig, Joel Conrad, Trey Robinson, Ed Schneider—head coach, Josh Kampeter, Scott Downard, Mark Chrismer, Brian McQueary. BACK ROW: Pat Boyle, Andrew Schermebeck, Alan Heincker, Erik McFarlane, Robert Taylor, Mike Nelson, Dan Boyle, Matt Judson.



# Way to Nationals

Determination and stamina combine to earn men's cross country team a successful season and a spot at nationals



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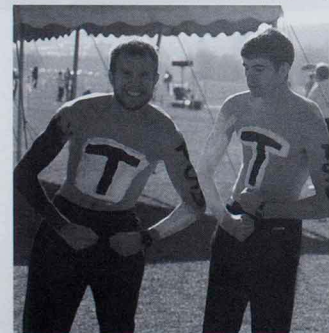


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▲ Senior Matt Helbig and freshman Joel Conrad are painted to show school spirit during NCAA Championship. Three University runners placed in the top 32 overall, led by an 11th-place finish from sophomore Alan Heincker.

The men's cross country team celebrated a successful season that reached its climax in November 2001, when head coach Ed Schneider took seven runners to the NCAA Division II Championship in Slippery Rock, Pa.

It was the team's second consecutive trip to Nationals.

"We were more competitive this year," senior Andy Doering said. "Last year we were just happy to go to Nationals; this year we really wanted to do well."

The Bulldogs went into the season with an optimistic outlook.

"Our goal this year was to finish in the top four," senior Ben Rosario said.

Leading the way with seven runners, the team placed fourth out of 24 teams at the Championship Tournament. This was Truman State University's fifth top-five placement in Bulldog history.

To qualify for the NCAA Div. II Championship, the team recorded a second place finish at the South Central Regional Tournament in November 2001. The team also tied for first place with Missouri Southern State College (Joplin), for the MIAA Championship.

Overall, three Bulldog runners placed in the top 32 at Nationals. Sophomore Alan Heincker placed 11th, completing the 10,000-meter course in 32 minutes 18.6 seconds, while Doering placed 19th with a time of 32:35.2 and Rosario was 32nd overall with a time of 33:03.6.

The team started training early in the summer 2001 and focused on their determination to go to Nationals.

"We worked really hard throughout the summer and the season," Rosario said.

With many seniors, the team was aware that their goal was set high, but they had the experience. For some, it was their last chance to compete on a national level.

"It wasn't an easy road to Nationals," senior Mark DeBold said. "With the many experienced seniors on the team, we knew what we had to do to get to Nationals, and we put in a lot of miles."



photo by Joanna Hoag

▲ Senior Andy Doering represents the University at Nationals. Doering won his third All-America honor after placing 19th at Nationals.

The leadership of the seniors was key to the success of the team.

"There were a lot of seniors on the team, and we really worked as a group to lead the team to Nationals," DeBold said.

The hard work paid off at the end of the season.

"Going to Nationals was everything we thought it could be," Rosario said. "We really lived up to our own expectations and we couldn't have done much better."

Each member had personal goals as well as team goals. The men strove to do their best in order to achieve success.

"I just wanted to finish as best as I could to help out the team," Doering said.

The cross country team said good-bye to many of the seniors who contributed to the winning team.

"I'm really going to miss the season," DeBold said. "And I'm really going to miss the guys that I have been competing with for the past four years."

*Beth Kelly*

*Staff Writer*

## cross country scoreboard

### meet

### place

|                                                                  |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Intrasquad Meet                                                  | no score kept |
| Western Illinois Invitational (Macomb)                           | 1st/3         |
| University of Nebraska-Omaha/<br>Creighton Invitational          | no score kept |
| Missouri Southern State College<br>Stampede (Joplin)             | 6th/14        |
| Founder's Day Run (Kirksville)                                   | no score kept |
| Roy Griak Invitational (St. Paul, Minn.)                         | 12th/34       |
| All-Missouri/Border States<br>Championships (Edwardsville, Ill.) | 2nd/16        |
| Bulldog 5K (Kirksville)                                          | no score kept |
| MIAA Championships (Emporia, Kan.)                               | 3rd/8         |
| NCAA South Central Regional (Joplin, Mo.)                        | 3rd/12        |

MIAA 3rd



Seniors Amy Johnson and Emily Komiskey set their watches in preparation for a run. Johnson set the University record for the outdoor 3,000 meter steeplechase event in 2001 with a time of 12:09:40.

## cross country *dashes* through *winning* season

FIRST ROW: Candice Hoskins, Dani Rawlings, Cammie Ewing, Jennifer Tesmer, Leah Zidon, Jody Shanks, Joanna Hoag, Alisha Smyth. BACK ROW: Nikki Moore, Angie Haddock, Emily Komiskey, Suzanne Schmidt, Sonya Yamnitz, Brandy Leffler, Amy Johnson, Beth Luebbering, Taran May, Bridget Luebbering.



# A step ahead

The women's cross country team heads into the season with determination to win and a goal to rank among the best in the nation



photo by Joanna Hoag

## SportsShorts

In 22 years of MIAA appearances, the University had 18 women finish in the top 10

Women's cross country ran 2,821,000 meters at their meets—that was 1,743.44 miles

**B**ulldog pride was plentiful during the 2001 women's cross country season. Over the course of the season, they became one of the top-ranked teams in the MIAA and in the NCAA Division II.

The team had two definite goals in mind when they headed into the 2001 season.

"We wanted to get into the top two in the regional meet in order to advance to the NCAA Championship and we also wanted to defend our conference championship," said John Cochrane, head cross country coach.

The Bulldogs utilized several practice and race strategies to try to meet their goals.

"In practice, we worked on running with each other and competing with each other," senior Beth Luebbering said. "I think we all push each other and we get along really well. We encourage each other and that helps a lot."

The most important meet during the season was the MIAA Championship, held in Emporia, Kan.

"Going into the MIAA meet, we knew that we had some pretty tough competition, but we knew if we could put everything together we could do well," senior Emily Komiskey said.

The task of claiming a conference title, while daunting, did not get the team down.

"We knew we were going to have to run really well to win," junior Jennifer Tesmer said. "We might have even had to run the best race of our lives. ... We knew we were coming in as the underdogs based on our performance during the season, but we still ran the best race we could."

Komiskey ran one of her best races of the year, placing 13th with a time of 23 minutes 35 seconds.

"During the meet I felt really good," Komiskey said. "Also, as a senior, it felt really good to end on a good note."

As a result of the team's effort they placed third in the MIAA Conference.

"I think the conference meet was probably the highlight of the season for the team because it was the first time all season that we ran well as a team," Tesmer said. "Everyone looked for each other during the race. We also ran well as a team at regionals."

Tesmer thought her performance at the regional competition was a personal highlight.

"I placed sixth, which was just one place away from qualifying for nationals," Tesmer said. "I was also the first place finisher from our team. I ran really well."

Even though the team did not accomplish all of the goals they set for themselves, Tesmer thought the team had a good season.

"I think we got off to a rough start, but toward the end we started running more as a team, which made us stronger," Tesmer said. "Toward the end of the season we started racing really well as a team."

Cochrane offered similar comments.

"We didn't quite [meet our goals]," Cochrane said. "But we ran well in both the conference championship and in the regional meet."

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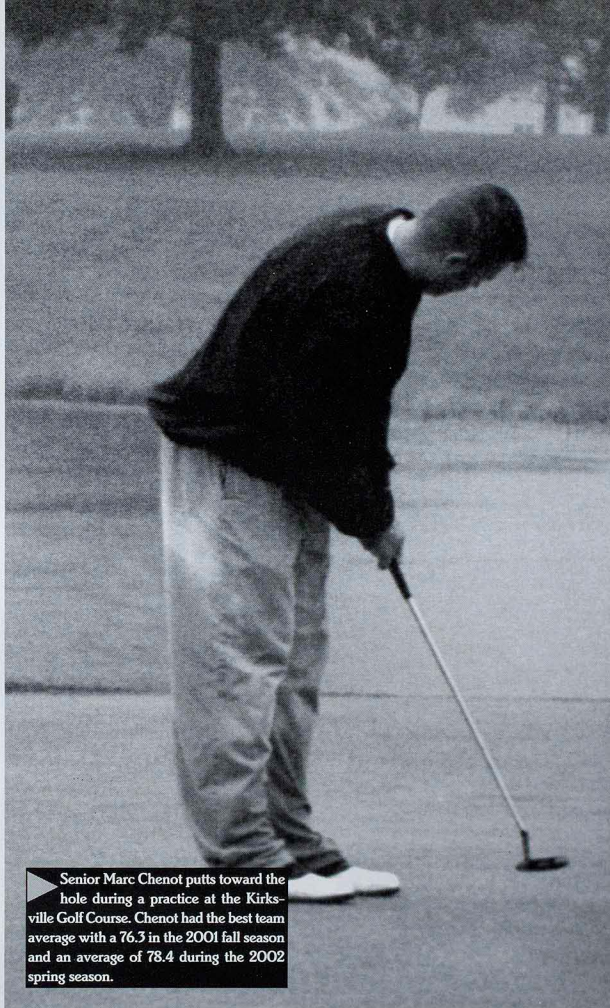
## men's golf scoreboard

| tournament                                                 | place   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Bulldog Classic (Kirksville)                               | 6th/9   |
| University of Missouri-Rolla Fall Classic                  | 7th/15  |
| Deerfield Inn-Drury Classic (Springfield, Mo.)             | 15th/20 |
| Washburn University Invitational (Topeka, Kan.)            | 2nd/8   |
| Missouri Western State College Invitational (St. Joseph)   | 9th/16  |
| District V South Invitational (Leawood, Kan.)              | 5th/9   |
| Central Missouri State University Tournament (Warrensburg) | 10th/13 |
| MIAA Tournament (Bellevue, Mo.)                            | 6th/8   |
| NCAA Central Regional (Union, Ky.)                         | 7th/8   |

MIAA 6th

## women's golf scoreboard

| tournament                                        | place   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)           | 1st/3   |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville         | 3rd/11  |
| Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington)        | 13th/23 |
| Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln)            | 2nd/5   |
| Northern Illinois University (DeKalb)             | 3rd/6   |
| University of Missouri-Kansas City                | 8th/10  |
| Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield) | 13th/14 |
| Bulldog Classic (Kirksville)                      | 3rd/8   |
| Illini Classic (Urbana, Ill.)                     | 16th/16 |
| Lewis Invitational (New Lenox, Ill.)              | 7th/9   |



Senior Marc Chenot putts toward the hole during a practice at the Kirksville Golf Course. Chenot had the best team average with a 76.3 in the 2001 fall season and an average of 78.4 during the 2002 spring season.

## golf teams *chip* away at individual and *team* goals



FRONT ROW: Austin George, Jason Bertram, John Anderson. BACK ROW: Tom Drennan-head coach, Dan Silva, Lou Dersch, T.J. Erhart, Jake Mann.



FRONT ROW: Jill Schulte, Ashley Elliott, Alyssa Pulphus, T.J. Zipf. BACK ROW: Sam Lesseig-head coach, Becky Costello, Lauren Allen, Amy Franzen, Melissa Pfeiffer, Katie Harms.

# Individual teams

The men's and women's golf teams compete on the course to help each other reach individual and team goals

New members, tournaments and holes-in-one were just a few of the highlights of the 2001-2002 golf season.

Sam Lesseig, women's head coach, said the team aspired to get their total scoring average around 330, a step needed to help accomplish another team goal.

"Our goal every year is to make it to Nationals as a team," Lesseig said.

The women's team was able to directly focus on going to Nationals since the team was not part of a conference. The men's golf team placed fourth in the conference, but wanted to achieve more.

"Compared to past seasons, we did better; but we expected to do better than we did," freshman Jason Bertram said.

The men's team focused on conference competition during their practices.

"We'd like to be in the top two teams," junior T.J. Erhart said.

Both teams felt the new, younger members were an asset to the team and vital to the future of the program.

"We have a pretty young team so at least two freshmen were consistently in the top five," senior Marc Chenot said. "Obviously, one of the goals is to get them experience in the tournaments so they can do well in the spring."

Bertram was surprised by the format of tournaments and the pressure of playing a sport. However, Bertram said the team's positive attitude helped relieve the pressure.

"I think everyone's been pretty enthusiastic about the freshmen that have come in this year and the team's future, so it's been nothing but good, positive vibes from the rest of the team," Bertram said.

Women's captain, senior Amy Franzen, said playing golf in college was rewarding.

"The best part is being a role model for the younger girls and helping them through their first season of collegiate golf," Franzen said.

Stress from personal pressure was an obstacle if it was not handled properly.

"Because it's more of an individual sport, there's more pressure put on yourself and



photo by Jessica Love

▲ Freshman Melissa Pfeiffer practices her putting skills after the conclusion of the women's golf spring 2002 season. Pfeiffer had an average score of 103.8 during the fall 2001 season and an average of 106.0 during the spring 2002 season.

that will affect your performance," Franzen said.

When a team has worked together, played together and experienced triumphs and defeats together, many bonds and memories form between the players. Witnessing players overcome struggles was part of Lesseig's memories.

"Seeing a player who had a really bad hole and seeing them come back from it and still play a good rest of the game was pretty memorable," Lesseig said.

Personal performances stood out for some players. Senior Becky Costello's holes-in-one was a highlight for her season.

"I still look at the pictures and get that feeling inside," Costello said.

Bertram remembered the Bulldog Classic Tournament where he shot a 72 and was in the top five after the first 18 holes.

"That was a pretty neat thing for me," Bertram said. "Being a freshman and being in the very first tournament of my college career."

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photo by Maureen Ferry

## Sports Shorts

The men's team finished the season with a score of **311.4** strokes

The women finished the season with a team score of **351.0** strokes

# Competing in nationals

Several athletes go for glory, represent Truman State University at seven individual national championships bringing the University one national title and several individual honors

The best of the best came ready to compete. They arrived at their respective sports championships from across the United States to find out who was number one in their sport. Truman State University was represented at the NCAA Division II Championships in seven sports: men's and women's indoor track, men's cross country, wrestling, men's and women's swimming and women's tennis.

"For me, [Nationals] was pretty intense," said freshman James Walton, who placed second in the long jump at the NCAA Div. II Championships for indoor track.

Along with Walton's second place finish, he also placed first in the long jump at the MIAA Championship for men's

indoor track and was named an All-American athlete.

"Being named All-American is almost a dream come true," Walton said. "As an athlete, you always want to have the title of All-American after whatever sport you do."

Walton was not the only University

**"For me [Nationals] was pretty intense."**

-James Walton, freshman

athlete who received this honor. Freshman Diana Betsworth was named All-American for swimming and also named the 2002 NCAA Div. II Women's National Championship Swimmer of the Meet.

"It was definitely unexpected," Betsworth said. "I spent all year training. I know I put the hours in, in the pool, to get to Nationals. It was definitely a great payoff for all the hard work."

Betsworth was accompanied to the NCAA Div. II Swimming Championship by her teammates, where they competed in the team competition. They brought home the second consecutive National swimming title for the University.

"I'd say winning the 800

free relay meant more to me than any individual event," Betsworth said. "We beat the national record by seven seconds."

Long hours were required for all competitors who hoped to make it to nationals, not just the men's and women's swim teams. Bulldogs were also seen on the mat practicing for wrestling. It was this hard work and dedication that helped lead freshman Merrick Meyer and sophomore Grant Strickland to the 2002 NCAA Div. II Wrestling Championship in Wisconsin.

"There are people who go their entire college career without making it to nationals once," Strickland said. "I got to go. It was something I've always wanted to do and I got to do it."

Another individual who competed at a national competition during the 2001-2002 school year was senior Megan Williams, who competed in the indoor track meet for the 60-meter hurdles. Williams, who had competed at nationals the in 2001 and 2000, placed fourth in her event.

"The past years I've placed seventh and eighth and I just wanted to move up the pyramid," Williams said. "Winning fourth, I got to move up those steps."

With 42 individuals representing seven sports at the University competing in nationals, the secret to the Bulldog's success was not an exact science.

"I'm not really sure what makes Truman stand out," Williams said. "At Truman people have accomplished a lot academically and that translates to sports by being motivated, disciplined and being driven to succeed."

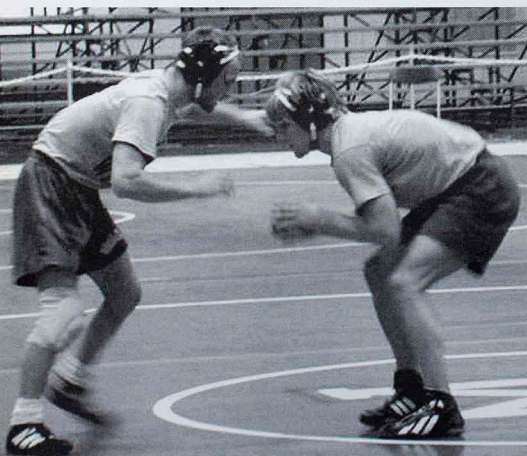


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▲ Sophomore Grant Strickland practices with freshman Merrick Meyer the night before the NCAA Division II Wrestling championship held at the University of Wisconsin Parkside (Kenosha). 2002 was the 10th year in the University's history that individual competitors went to the Nationals.

Jessica Lowe

Sports Editor



◀ Junior Drew Yemm, sophomores Vince Struble and Robby Cooper and junior Matt Pray hold up their plaques for their eighth place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the 2002 NCAA Division II National Championship in Orlando, Fla. The men's team placed ninth at Nationals, which were held March 13-16, 2002.

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# Style differences

The men's and women's rugby clubs use similar techniques on the field but assert separate team individualities

The words bruises, Bulls and Bullets were often mentioned collectively on the Truman State University campus. Both the Bulls and Bullets Rugby Clubs gained a reputation of being two of the more physically-demanding club sports on campus.

The two clubs did not work together to form this reputation. Although the Bulls and Bullets had similar names and represented the same sport, the two clubs were quite different.

According to freshman Chris Bell, the Bulls and Bullets spent little time together.

"We just do a little recruiting together and have some social-type parties," Bell said.

Junior Jenn Altis, president of the Bullets, commented in a similar fashion.

"We don't really work together," Altis said. "Sometimes for activity fairs we'll have a table together. We also do some social activities together."

Although the two clubs both played on the same field and occasionally had games on the same day, players noticed more differences than similarities between the Bulls and the Bullets.

"We don't ever practice together," player coach senior Jennifer Harmon said. "[The Bulls] have an actual coach and women's rugby has a player coach."

Bell also thought there was a difference between the two clubs in the style of play.

"The guys have faster-paced games and are a little more violent," Bell said.

The amount and content of the Bulls and Bullets practices was similar. Both clubs practiced three times a week and worked on similar fundamentals and techniques.

"We stretch, and at the beginning of the season we work on conditioning," sophomore Kevin Orcutt said. "We do some technique drills, like basic passing and tackling; and then we usually play either a game of touch, which is simplified rugby with no contact, or we will have an actual scrimmage."

The women's club practiced in a



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▲ Senior Lindsey Siemens jumps into the air with the ball while being boosted by junior Kris Carey and sophomore Stephanie Creed. The Bullets were victorious against the Des Moines Women's Club with a score of 35-0.

comparable style.

"During practice we work on fundamentals in the beginning, like how to pass and how to ruck," Altis said. "Later, we specialize in positions and learn to play together, more as a team."

Members of both clubs admitted that rugby was not a sport for the faint-hearted.

"[Playing rugby] takes determination and a willingness to get hit and hit other people," Bell said. "You need to be able to run, pass and kick, and either run fast or be big."

Junior Kim Kavanaugh also thought rugby was a fairly physical sport but enjoyed playing enough to ignore the pain.

"You get a lot of bruises and you are a little sore, but you have a lot of fun and that kind of makes up for it," Kavanaugh said.

The Homecoming alumni game stood out as a season highlight for both the Bulls and the Bullets.

"It was our 10th anniversary," Harmon said. "A lot of the alumni and the founding



▶ In a lineup against Sunday Morning Men's Club, junior Chris Grey jumps as senior Kevin Hunn and junior Joe Donnelly boost. The Bulls scored 273 points during the fall 2001 season.

members came back. That was pretty memorable."

Although rugby was hard on their bodies, players from both teams kept coming back year after year.

Orcutt believed some University students were attracted to rugby because they wanted to play a sport, but were unable to participate in varsity athletics.

"A lot of guys participated in high school athletics and liked competing. ..." Orcutt said. "They still wanted to do something though, and rugby is a great alternative club sport. There's three practices a week versus five or six, and it's a lot of fun."

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*Staff Writer*



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▲ Junior Jenn Altis tackles as the scrum breaks up against University of Missouri-Columbia. The Bullets Rugby Club began their spring season Feb. 16, 2001 in Columbia, Mo.

## Sports Shorts

2 women went to the emergency room during the Bullets' fall season

The Bulls rugby team wore out approximately 5 - 6 new balls each year

## rugby teams *tackle* a *fast-paced* schedule



FIRST ROW: K. Kavanaugh-secretary, K. York, S. Reinert-captain, J. Altis-president, J. Harmon-coach, S. Creed, S. Teague C. Greife. SECOND ROW: S. Runnels, K. Pickett, L. Scheitlin, M. Bixby, J. Gibson, L. Ochsner, E. Sanger, S. Brightwell, E. Gentry, P. Barclay. BACK ROW: J. Reesor, S. Millard, J. McDole, K. Carey, S. Harlan, E. Avalos, C. Lane, S. Martin, J. Cummings.



FIRST ROW: Brian Wilson, Joseph Donley, Joe Rothermich-president, Mathew Robertson. SECOND ROW: Chris Bell, Phil Hart, Chris Conard, Kevin Orcutt, Kyle Stephens, Thomas Tajkowski. BACK ROW: Rick Roesemeier, Shaun Moynihan, Jeff Wright, Nick Welchert, Japheth Weems, Kevin Hunn, Harry Kuan.

# Live for lacrosse

Men's and women's lacrosse teams welcome members willing to give the effort needed and enjoy strong team ties that propel them through spring seasons

With the cha-cha slide blaring from the speakers, the kilt-wearing women's lacrosse team warmed up and took the field to face their opponents.

"We warm up as a team before each game and yell and encourage one another to get pumped up," junior cocaptain Becca Newman said.

Truman State University's men's and women's lacrosse teams were club sports with open memberships.

"We open [membership] in the fall so we can start practicing because some girls have never seen a lacrosse stick," Newman

said. "Then we close it in the spring when our actual season starts so we can begin working on the more difficult aspects of the game."

Senior Bob Sherron, a founding member of the 4-

year-old men's lacrosse team, had seen membership increase over the years to culminate to 20 members in the 2001-2002 season. Although two members were injured and out for the season the men's teams still had plenty members.

"Membership is open to anyone who's willing to come out and put forth the effort," Sherron said. "We always try to create an environment where people have fun. You're paying to play so it's got to be fun."

The Funds Allotment Council along with players' dues funded both teams along with attempts at fund-raising.

"We've tried the credit card thing and it didn't really work out so well," Sherron said. "We've gotten mixed responses to our fund-raising efforts."

While money was one aspect of the teams' season, both teams enjoyed the team unity they built.

"My favorite aspect of it all is the girls," Newman said. "We go out to dinner the

night before tournaments and occasionally we have movie nights. They're just a lot of fun."

The women's team was coached by junior Chris Allen, who played on the men's team.

"[Allen is] great," Newman said. "He does an excellent job. He's totally got the head and mind for it. He's got great plays and is incredibly encouraging."

The two teams often came together and supported one another, especially by lending helping hands during home games.

"We're close friends with the girls

team," Sherron said. "They help us at home games and we help them. It's a mutual love situation."

As far as the seasons' successes, the men aimed to return to playoffs and the women

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-bob sherron, senior

hoped to make it to the regional competition.

"I know we have the talent to do it," Sherron said. "We just need to get down to business."

Both teams committed many hours a week to perfecting their game. Practices included a warm up, line drills, strategic planning for offense, defense and scrimmaging.

"It's a huge time commitment," freshman Kat Field said. "We practice two hours, five times a week, but it's worth it."

Field went out for lacrosse in the fall but opted out of the 2002 spring semester.

"I'll pick it up again in the fall," Field said. "Everyone is really supportive-it's easy to get involved. It's competitive, but fun-it's something you can pick up if you're willing to practice hard and often."

Chelsea Moeller

Staff Writer



## Sports Shorts

2 types of checking-body check and stick check

1 person allowed in goal circle at a time

24 players allowed on field during play



photo by Beth Spinney

◀ Senior Tim Wallner runs down the field with the ball for a goal at a game against the University of Iowa (Iowa City) team. The Bulldog Lacrosse team had a 11-4 victory over Iowa. The club's overall record was 10 wins and four losses.

▼ Junior Annie Martineau cradles the ball during a practice session. The women's team wore kilts during game play, which consisted of two 25-minute halves. Unlike the men, women were not required to wear helmets or pads.



photo by Beth Spinney

## women's and men's *lacrosse* teams *help* each other



FIRST ROW: Jessica Post, Lauren Webb, Cathy Liang, Yao Shi, Becca Newman, Jessie Gildehaus, Marianna Rodriguez. SECOND ROW: Laura Sapenoff, Michelle Day, Sherron Seals, Maribeth Boyle, Sarah Kocher, Audrey Davis, Rose Buza, Julie Limbaugh. BACK ROW: Kelsie Morgan, Dianna Dames, Teri Patterson, Beth Henggeler, Katie Dains, Myra Hansen, Kat Field.



FIRST ROW: Joey Asal, Mark Audet, Jason Getz, Kevin Beckner, Kenny Marcantel. BACK ROW: Matt Hanley, Pete Ravvestal, Brian Linden, Rich Salzman, Tim Wallner, Adam Watson, Devin McCart, Bob Sherron, Tony Esterly, Tyler Schmidt, Kyle Stockwell, Justin Vail.

# Skating on solid ground

The roller hockey team overcomes the problems that come with smaller membership numbers to dominate the season, placing ninth at the National Championship games

After reaching the Final Four in the playoffs of the 2000-2001 season, the Truman State University roller hockey team entered the following season with the same goal. However, they faced several challenges. If they were going to advance as far as the previous year, they would have to come together as one, formidable force.

"We don't have a coach, but everyone's self-motivated and determined," senior Ben Ferguson, team captain said. "We have good team chemistry. We are one of the only teams that doesn't have a coach. After last year, we lost two scorers, our captains, but this year the younger guys stepped it up."

The team proved that winning was possible—the four-time Great Plains League Champions finished with an 11-5-1 record, placing them third but second among Division I teams. The third-place finish guaranteed a bid to the National Tournament, which was the same tournament in which they reached the Final Four the season before.

For freshman Scott Whittle, the season was a new experience full of highlights.

"Finishing second place in our division was the big highlight," Whittle said.

The team had aspirations outside their division too.

"Our main goal is to win games, but the main thing is to get to the National Tournament and eventually the National Championship game," senior Ryan Wagner said.

The season marked their fourth appearance in the National Championship tournament since the team was formed in 1995.

A large part of the team's success was in the depth of the roster.

"One of our main strengths is that we have two full, solid



photo by Julia Karll

Junior Danny Brown guards the goal while freshman Scott Whittle and senior Scott Riney try to score during practice for Nationals in the Student Recreation Center. The 13-member team placed ninth.

lines, while other teams might not," Wagner said. "We score a lot on the other team's weaker lines."

Having two strong lines was impressive, considering the small student population at the University.

"Truman is a pretty small school, so we don't have the numbers of guys coming out and we're competing against much bigger schools that have a lot more guys to choose from," Ferguson said.

*George Pattison*

*Staff Writer*

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-ben ferguson, senior

Freshman goalie Chris LePage practices his skills guarding against graduate student Justin Brewer during roller hockey practice. The roller hockey team was one of the most successful club sports at the University.



photo by Julia Karll

# Set for a victory

The men's volleyball club plays more games than before and the experience pays off in the end of the season

Not all of the volleyball glory came from the women's volleyball team during the 2001-2002 season. The Truman State University men's Volleyball Club hit their way to one of the team's biggest accomplishments in the history of the team.

Their first tournament of the season was held in October of 2001 hosted by Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.). During the tournament, the club dominated in matches against all of the teams competing, which included Wash U, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield) and Illinois College (Jacksonville) This was the team's first tournament championship and a memorable moment for many team members.

"[The highlight of the season] was when we won [the Washington University] tournament championship," junior Lucas Blevins said. "It was our first ever. ..."

The club did not, however, come out as well in their other tournament, hosted by SIUE. During the tournament, they were victorious in a match against Wash U, but were defeated in matches against SMSU and Western Illinois University

(Macomb).

In order to prepare for the tournaments, the team practiced three days a week for one-and-a-half to two hours each day.

"We work on hitting, passing, serving, receiving and scrimmaging against each other," freshman Matt Tooley said. "We also scrimmage against [the women's team] when their coach asks us to."

When the men's team scrimmaged the women's team, they noticed a few differences in their style.

"Usually girls are better passers and guys are harder hitters," Tooley said. "Also, we play with the net at a different height. Our net is half a foot higher."

In order to be a member of the men's volleyball club, students went through tryouts in early September. Those who were accepted into the club had many reasons for joining.

Junior Greg Guckes, the club's president, expressed many reasons for being a volleyball player.

"I love volleyball," Guckes said. "I've played since I was in fifth grade. It's a lot of fun and it's just something I love to do. It's also a good stress reliever."

*Melissa Allen*

*Staff Writer*

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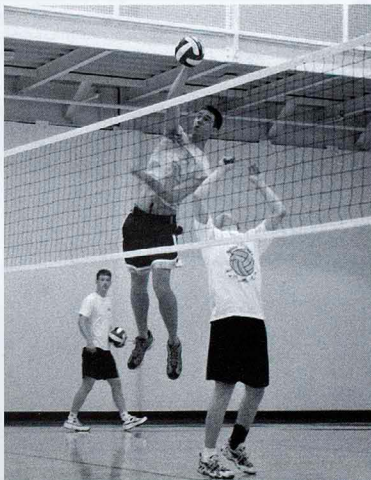
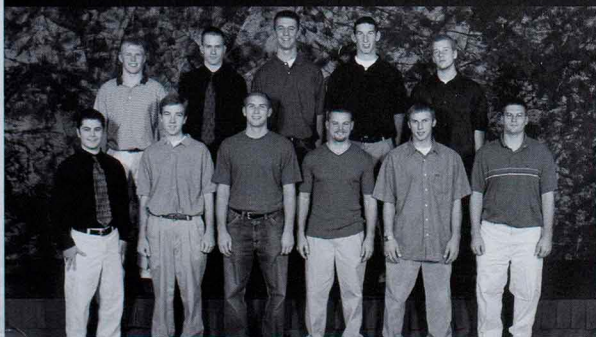


photo by Beth Kelly

▲ Freshman Casey Hollensteiner spikes the volleyball over the net at a team practice. The team practiced three days a week in the Student Recreation Center.

## men's volleyball club *sets* sights on *victories*



FRONT ROW: Richard Schuessler, Mike Reuther, Greg Guckes, Jeremy McCormick, Matt Craine, Lucas Blevins. BACK ROW: Matthew Tooley, John Wesley, Brandon Bennett, Casey Hollensteiner, Joel Fuehrmeyer.

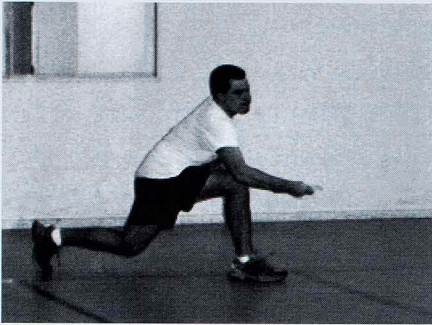


photo by Beth Spinney

▲ Sophomore Damon Webb gets ready to toss the flying disc while practicing in the Student Recreation Center. The Ultimate Frisbee team met in the rec center during the winter months to practice. When the weather was nice, the team met on the field behind Centennial Hall to practice.



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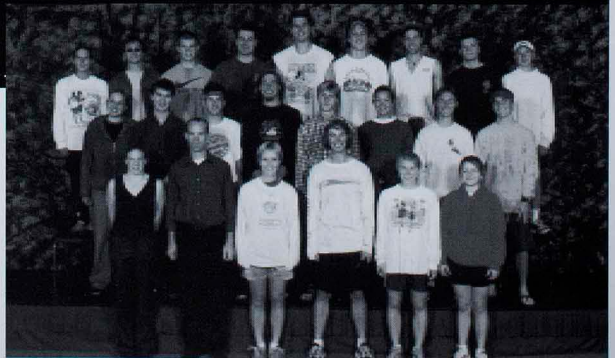
▲ Sophomores Tom Yonker and Michelle Lilly, senior Sean O'Brien and sophomore Damon Webb sit at an informational table in the Student Union Building. The team members wished to recruit more members. The team also wanted to inform more students of the existence of the Ultimate Frisbee Team on campus.



▶ Senior Justin Plassmeyer jumps to make the catch while practicing for an upcoming match. The Ultimate Frisbee team was the only coed club sport at the University.

## ultimate frisbee *glides* through a *lively* season

FIRST ROW: Diana Young, Justin Plassmeyer-president, Erin Schuster-captain/treasurer, Nick Turco-captain, Abby Doriani, Christy Bruemmer. SECOND ROW: Amanda Lopez, Sean O'Brien, Tom Yonker, Travis Turco, Dylan Smith, Jenny Saklar, Morgan Moody, Brady Nelson. BACK ROW: Laura Hansen, Derek Ozkal, Cliff Jody, Matt Grothoff, Steve Meyer, Mike Lovinguth, Greg Irwin, Dave Fischer, Steve Hosack.



# Ultimate players

The ultimate frisbee team plays at a competitive level while encouraging sportsmanship and honor among all players

What did Yale University students from the 1920s throwing around used pie tins have to do with a group of 25 of Truman State University students? The answer lies within the Truman Ultimate Frisbee team.

Those used pie tins, manufactured by the Frisbie Pie Company, were tossed by Yale students for recreational purposes. The idea became popular and eventually evolved into the modern plastic Frisbee disc. In 2002, there were thousands of people who participated in Ultimate Frisbee leagues, clubs and teams, including the University's own Ultimate Frisbee team.

Established at the University in 1996, the coed team was comprised of approximately 25 members. The team competed in inter-collegiate tourna-

ments throughout the region, including Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.), Knox College (Galesburg, Ill.), University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kan.) and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"Our team is amazing," sophomore Greg Irwin said. "Everybody wants to get out and bust their butt."

Every year sectionals, regionals and nationals followed tournament play.

Ultimate was a non-contact club sport with rules similar to football and soccer. However, there were no referees. Without referees, it was the students' responsibility to call their own fouls. Ultimate players committed to following what was known as the "spirit of the game," which dealt with sportsmanship and honor.

As with many new organizations, the University team struggled to establish itself on campus.

Senior Erin Schuster, co-captain and treasurer was very involved in the team.

"When I started, there were only a couple people who actually participated,"

Schuster said. "During [2000], we made it to sectionals and the next year we qualified for regionals. Our competitive level has totally increased. The number of people who take the sport seriously has skyrocketed."

After a rocky start, the team thrived.

"It was pretty haphazard during the first couple of years," senior president Derek Ozkal said. "But we are starting to be more recognized as a viable club sport."

Team members agreed that it required team participation and cooperation.

"Ultimate Frisbee is very conducive for team unity," Ozkal said. "You can't just

win with just one great player. It has to be a team effort."

2002 was assistant professor of English Royce Kallerud's second year as the faculty adviser for the Ulti-

**Our team is amazing. Everybody wants to get out and bust their butt.**

-greg irwin, sophomore

mate Frisbee team.

"He doesn't usually come to practices or tournaments," Schuster said. "He just signs the papers mostly. We don't really have faculty coaching."

The lack of a coaching staff presented some challenges.

"It's hard being disciplined with no coach," Irwin said. "It requires a lot of student leaders. But the atmosphere is a lot more laid back. Anybody of any athleticism can play and enjoy."

The team encouraged all students to participate in the sport. Ultimate was relatively new to the University and constantly welcomed new members.

"I'm the only one graduating in May [of 2002]," Schuster said. "It's a really young team. The team bond will only increase because people will have more time together. There is strength in team camaraderie and friendship. ..."

Carrie Sheffield

Staff Writer

photo by Beth Spinney

## Sports Shorts

The 25 member team was nicknamed "Waffle Stop" when they traveled

The team participated in 7 tournaments in fall of 2001 and spring of 2002



Sophomore Rebekah Fredlund loads a van as the women's soccer team prepares to leave for a game against Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg), while freshmen Anna Sonderman and Lisa Manns sit in the back seat waiting for departure. The women's soccer team traveled to 11 away games during the 2001-2002 season. The 31 team members traveled to Colorado, Minnesota, Kansas and various cities in Missouri.

*photo by Jessica Lowe*

# 'Dogs travel to compete

Truman State University athletes juggle the rigors of practicing, attending classes, completing homework, maintaining a social life and traveling across the country to compete

Being a member of a traveling sports team was a privilege for many students at Truman State University. Dedication to not only the sport, but also to academics required planning. For many University teams, out-of-town events took place at least twice a month. Participating in these events affected the social and academic lives of the athletes involved.

"Being a freshman on the traveling swim team required me to put in a lot of hard work. ....," freshman Christina Blose said. "The most difficult part of being so involved was not being able to see my family and other friends as often as I would have liked to. I was away to meets almost every weekend, so I spent the free time I had trying to make up missed classwork rather than being able to drive home for the weekend."

Scheduling classes was difficult, but not impossible, for many of these students. Teams usually left Friday afternoons for away games. Many athletes tried to avoid scheduling a Friday afternoon class, in order to keep this time free for traveling.

Trying to fit in a full load of courses with restrictions on a student's schedule was often a challenge. The challenge did not stop at scheduling, many athletes felt it was a challenge to keep up with their class assignments and projects.

"For me, trying to keep up with my homework and participate in baseball at the same time was difficult," freshman Matt Maxfield said. "I ended up having to drop one of my classes because I didn't think that I would be able to keep up with it missing so much class. I tried to study on the bus and at the hotels as much as I could to keep from getting behind while gone."

Going to competitions held at other universities resulted in the athletes traveling in buses and staying at hotels. Since the University did not own coach buses, students rode in shuttle buses, which held between 20 to 25 people. For many, taking trips was a different experience compared to their high school trips.

"The first thing I noticed about traveling with the track team was how concerned the coaches were with personal hygiene,"

freshman Candice Hoskins said. "We were required to take showers before getting on the bus to go to the hotel or campus, which was different than in high school where we just piled on the buses without showering."

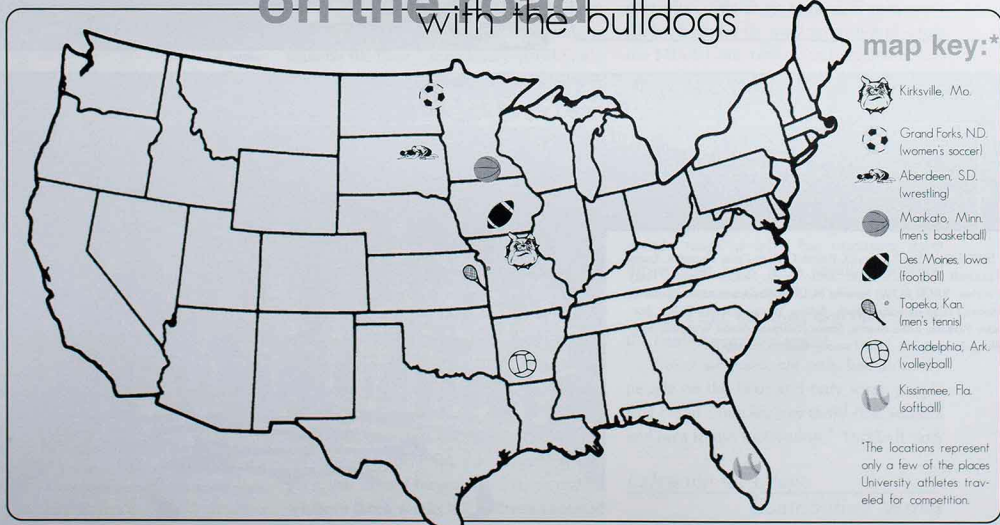
Even with taking in consideration the potential results missing classes had on the athletes' grades, many student athletes agreed that participating in a sport was one of the most rewarding things they did at the University.

"I think that being part of a team helps to shape a person's personality and gives them a chance to find their strengths and weaknesses," freshman Merrick Meyer said. "Being on the wrestling team has been very rewarding for me. It helped me to develop friendships with other teammates, and also taught me to be dedicated to what I do. ... You find ways to balance everything and, in the end, everything somehow manages to work out."

*Tiffany Marchbanks*

*Staff Writer*

on the road  
with the bulldogs



# basketball

## scoreboard

| opponent                                        | us/them |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Northern Michigan University (Marquette)        | 82/93   |
| Metropolitan State College of Denver (Colorado) | 79/78   |
| Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)             | 73/49   |
| Greenville College (Ill.)                       | 62/44   |
| Lincoln University of Missouri (Jefferson City) | 59/39   |
| Park University (Parkville, Mo.)                | 83/57   |
| Kentucky State University (Frankfort)           | 95/48   |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 75/62   |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 61/64   |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 55/53   |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 57/68   |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 73/64   |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 64/57   |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 57/72   |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 78/90   |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 61/23   |
| Missouri Southern State College (Loplin)        | 50/80   |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 74/77   |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 58/82   |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 60/62   |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 62/71   |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 52/69   |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 75/77   |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 83/80   |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 75/55   |
| Missouri Southern State College (Loplin)        | 62/61   |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 51/68   |

Final Record 14-13; MIAA 7-11



## women's basketball team *dribbles* home many *victories*

FIRST ROW: Sarah Bernard, Robyn Gerber, Tessa Thurman, Emily Turnbull, Wendi Sobaski, Kelli Floyd, Keagan Thalín, Jessy Fletcher. BACK ROW: Jennifer McDonnell-student assistant coach, Marne Fauser-assistant coach, Ashlea Wood, Jennifer Fisher, Jennifer Perkins, Katie Martin, Jamie Huffman, Annie Westhoff, John Sloop-head coach, Erin Tweedy-student manager.



# Bouncing back

The women's basketball team overcomes injuries and a seven-game losing streak to earn a place in the MIAA conference tournament

It's Senior Day 2002. Senior guard Wendi Sobaski stepped to the free throw line. She landed both free throw attempts. The Bulldogs were up by one. Missouri Southern State College (Bolivar) took the ball down the court and attempted a shot. It was no good—the Bulldogs won the game.

The women's basketball team faced much opposition and tough games during the season, but in the end landed on top.

Assistant coach Marne Fauser said the Bulldogs began with 14 women, but two quit early in the season. The team's troubles did not end there. Two players were out for the season due to injuries.

"Rotations closed down," Sobaski said. "Sometimes we traveled with eight or nine players."

In addition to player injuries and poor rotation, the team also suffered from a seven-game losing streak.

"We were losing by two points, three points, one point," senior guard Robyn Gerber said. "It was really frustrating."

In spite of the obstacles, the players said they met their goals.

"Team-wise, the main goal was every day to get better and be the hardest working team on the floor," sophomore guard Emily Turnbull said. "Overall as a team, we wanted to make the conference tournament this year."

After all of the downfalls, the silver lining showed itself to the team. Turnbull said that after losing to Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville), head coach John Sloop told the team that this was the point where they had to decide whether they were going to give up or fight to make it to the conference tournament.

"It was close to the point, I guess, where things turned around," Sloop said. "The kids were pretty down. I think they knew the situation we were in. Basically, I just made the comment to them, 'You know, we can feel sorry for ourselves and just pack this in and forget about it, or realize we have three weeks left in the season and



photo by Beth Spianey

▲ Freshman guard Kelli Floyd dribbles down the court while fending off a Park University (Parkville, Mo.) player. The team made 41.5 percent of field goals attempted during the season.

try to make the best out of it.' And that's exactly what they did."

At that point, the team dealt with many obstacles. The 'Dogs needed to overcome these obstacles in order to earn a place in the MIAA Conference Tournament.

"We had a big change in the last four or five games," Gerber said. "We did have a set offense that we ran the entire year."

Gerber explained that they switched to a motion offense and got rid of set plays because the 'Dogs realized they were playing too much in spots. They began to simply react to what the opposing team threw their way. As a result, individual strengths came through.

In the end, the 'Dogs won their spot in the conference tournament.

"Since we knew we only had so many people on the floor and only some people that could come in, [we took] that setback and turn it into motivation," Turnbull said.

*Lajeanne Grinnage*

*Contributing Writer*



▲ Freshman center Jamie Huffman takes a hook shot during a game against Kentucky State University (Frankfort), while senior forward/center Jennifer Perkins and junior forward Jennifer Fischer get into position for the rebound. The Bulldogs scored a total of 1,815 points during the 2001-2002 season.

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▲ Sophomore forward Annie Westhoff runs for a loose ball against a Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) player. Early in the season, the Bulldogs tied a University record with seven consecutive wins.

# Real experience

Men's basketball team comes into the season young, but comes out with hopes for the future while breaking records

The men's basketball team had high expectations and a desire to make an impact in the MIAA Conference during the 2001-2002 season. However, the Bulldogs faced adversity and finished the season with a record of 3-23.

"The season was a disappointment and we had a lot higher expectations," sophomore Matt Beran said. "We started pressing and just kept blowing it at the end of the game."

Senior Dan Mailath said despite the closeness of the team, they did not perform at the level they were capable of.

Aside from their losses, the Bulldogs' record did not do justice to the effort the team put forth. Ten of the team's MIAA losses were within 10 points or less, including four losses of four points or less.

"We lost some close games early and dug ourselves a hole," sophomore Aaron Mueller said. "Once it started going downhill, we couldn't turn ourselves around. We didn't catch a lot of breaks and a lot of games we should of won didn't go our way."

Regardless of the hardships, the 'Dogs walked away with many positives, such as setting University records for three-point shooting.

The 'Dogs set a record of 237 three-pointers made in a season and 707 three-point attempts. They also set a record with 16 three-point shots made in a single game. Leading this three-point explosion was freshman Mark Huppe with 92 three-point field goals and junior Jiri Mikl with 65 triples.

The 'Dogs brought a young team to the floor, which meant less game experience. Head coach Jack Schrader saw room for improvement in the team's performance.

"The inexperience hurt and we needed to learn how to finish games up better," Schrader said.

Schrader described the season as a rebuilding year.

"We had a young team and I think if we gain experience, there is a bright future



photo by Beth Spanney

▲ Freshman Mark Huppe shoots over the head of a University of Missouri-St. Louis player as senior Scott Coykendall watches. Huppe was the high scorer in eight games of the season.

for our program with the players we have here," Mueller said.

Four team members graduated after the season finished. The graduates included seniors Dusty Bruner, Scott Coykendall, Dan Mailath and Nathan Owen. These men led the 'Dogs on and off the court, striving to set a good example for other players.

"The seniors taught us a lot, to work hard and think positive," Huppe said. "The seniors didn't give up."

Throughout the arduous season, players went through many situations that tested them physically and mentally. Coming to the court every day was difficult for the team when they faced a losing streak most of the season, but the team remained positive.

Owen said the team got stronger with the adversity. He remembered the season as, "disappointing, but educational."

"Learning to fail is as important as learning to succeed," Owen said.

Shannon Cox

Contributing Writer

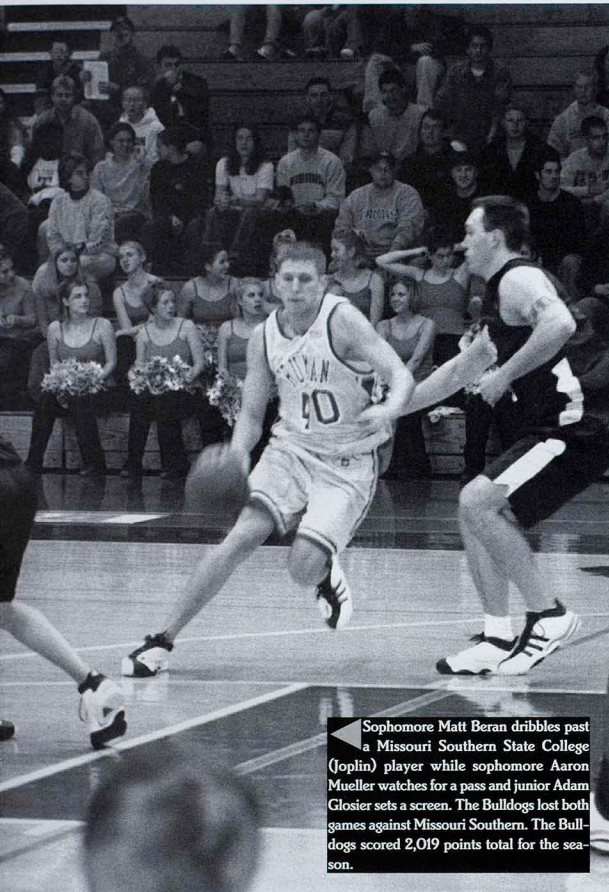


## SportsShorts

3 Bulldogs were red shirted

Head coach Jack Schrader led the team for 7 seasons

4 freshmen and 13 upperclassmen were on the varsity team



◀ Sophomore Matt Beran dribbles past a Missouri Southern State College (Joplin) player while sophomore Aaron Mueller watches for a pass and junior Adam Glosier sets a screen. The Bulldogs lost both games against Missouri Southern. The Bulldogs scored 2,019 points total for the season.

photo by Beth Spinney

## basketball scoreboard

### opponent us/them

|                                                 |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Wayne State College (Neb.)                      | 72/78  |
| Minnesota State University (Mankato, Minn.)     | 60/92  |
| University of Missouri-St. Louis                | 52/66  |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 74/79  |
| Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)             | 80/75  |
| Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)        | 60/84  |
| Culver-Stockton College (Mo.)                   | 79/77  |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville       | 67/79  |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 83/84  |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 73/83  |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 61/73  |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 65/74  |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 75/79  |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 75/82  |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 68/93  |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 60/68  |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 62/77  |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 56/58  |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 64/79  |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 58/54  |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 50/79  |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 61/71  |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 60/83  |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 56/64  |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 72/75  |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 77/101 |

Final Record 3-23; MIAA 1-17

## men's basketball shoots into the *three-point* record books



FIRST ROW: Nathan Owen, Eric Delaney, Cory Long, Torre Finley, Aaron Mueller, Matt Brock, Mark Huppe, Jeff Nepple, Bret Maxwell. SECOND ROW: Matt Beran, Matt Teeter-student assistant, Andy Guethle-graduate assistant, Tim Deidrick-assistant coach, Jack Schrader-head coach, Ryan Durham-manager, Stephanie Horton-trainer, Scott Coykendall BACK ROW: Jiri Miki, Adam Glosier, Brett Wereniski, Marshall Newman, Cory Miller, Dusty Bruner, Dan Mailath.

# wrestling

## scoreboard

opponent us/them

|                                                 |               |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Midwest Championship (Indianapolis, Ind.)       | 16th/18 teams |
| University of Nebraska-Kearny                   | 6/35          |
| Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.)         | 12/27         |
| Southwest State University (Marshall, Minn.)    | 21/28         |
| Northern State University (Aberdeen, S.D.)      | 27/26         |
| Minnesota State University (Moorhead)           | 4/41          |
| Minnesota State University (Mankato)            | 8/34          |
| Central College (Pella, Iowa)                   | 20/16         |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville       | 21/31         |
| Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Mo.)        | 12/38         |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 4/42          |
| MacMurray College (Jacksonville, Ill.)          | 45/3          |
| NCAA Midwest Regional (Aberdeen, S.D.)          | 7th/11 teams  |
| NCAA Division II Championship (Kenosha, Wis.)   |               |

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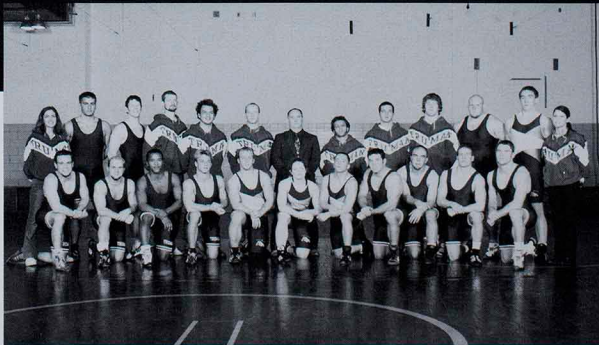
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► Bulldogs' grappler freshman Allen Stokes wrestles a competitor from Central College (Pella, Iowa). Stokes had an individual record of 12 victories and 21 losses.

## wrestlers *grapple* with an *injury-filled* season

FIRST ROW: Philip Wilkey, Grant Strickland, Kelley Latting, Merrick Meyer, Aaron Armstrong, Kelly Hewitt, Allen Stokes, Scott Smith, Tom Tajkowski, Nolyn Wagner, Bo Rinehart. BACK ROW: Angela Reyes-manager, Nate Kessen, Corey Crandall, Sean Wilson-trainer, Wyatt Pickering, David Buhler, David Schutter-head coach, Phil Esposito, Chris Pivrotto, Gregg Nurrenbern, Bryan Jovick, Matt Sonn, Jamie Beres-manager.



# Pinning the rest

A strong freshman class takes charge on the mat and helps the wrestling team through a season plagued with injuries

Wrestling had a new face during the 2001-2002 season and it was younger than ever.

Having dealt with heartbreaking injuries from top wrestlers, the Bulldogs wrestling team bit back with a strong class of freshmen athletes who took control of the season. Leading the pack of grapplers were freshman Merrick Meyer and sophomore Grant Strickland. Meyer and Strickland became the only Bulldogs to qualify for the National Championship.

"We all stepped up to fill the empty spots on the team," said Meyer, who was 31-9 entering Nationals.

Head coach David Schutter said he was especially pleased with Meyer's successful season.

"Having Merrick go to Nationals as a true freshman was definitely a highlight of the season for the squad," Schutter said.

The team's key leaders, however, were set back by muscle strains, ligament separations and other injuries.

"This season was hard because we were plagued with so many injuries," said junior David Buhler, who hurt his neck so badly he needed surgery in the off-season.

Filling in the spots on the team, freshmen Gregg Nurrenbern, Matt Sonn, Allen Stokes and Tom Tajkowski all battled for wins that helped the team

succeed in different meets.

Despite the setbacks the team faced, Meyer said the overall team unity remained strong.

"Everyone stuck together and helped each other out this season," Meyer said. "I had a great time this season wrestling ... but traveling with the team was also a blast. We had a good time fooling around."

The highlight for 'Dogs came at the only home meet against Central College, (Pella, Iowa).

"Getting a big win at home in front of a huge crowd was awesome," Strickland said.

Following the win at home was the Regional Competition in Aberdeen, S.D. Four University wrestlers went to the mat. With a 3-1 record at the tournament, Meyer placed third and qualified for Nationals.

The team also was the National Academic Champion while Buhler, senior Corey Crandall and junior Kelley Latting were named Academic All-Americans.

"I am pleased that everyone got better, especially wrestling against such tough competition," Schutter said. "Our record doesn't show how hard and inspired the team wrestled."

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*Contributing Writer*



photo by Heather Coons

## question & answer with merrick meyer

Freshman Merrick Meyer was a business administration major with a finance concentration.

Meyer was one of two University wrestlers to compete at the 2001-2002 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Meyer was the ninth wrestler in the history of the University to post 30 or more victories in a single season.



- q: What was your most memorable moment from Nationals?  
a: My most memorable moment was when I looked up in the crowd and saw my family there cheering their heads off, no matter if I won or lost.
- q: What is the most valuable thing you have learned from being a wrestler at the University?  
a: I've learned commitment, discipline, responsibility on and off the mat and it takes hard work to be successful.
- q: What else is important about your wrestling career?  
a: ... I have worked hard and it does pay off. Over the years, I have won state AAU eight times, USA four times and placed fourth in the nation ... due to ... hard work on and off the mat.

# A woman hits the mats

Kelly Hewitt, the second female wrestler in Truman State University's history, puts in the time and effort to show she has what it takes to survive in a male-dominated sport

With her curly hair drawn back in a ponytail, she sat cross-legged on her light purple PowerPuff Girls sheets as she discussed her goals.

"I want to be bigger, tougher and stronger," said freshman Kelly Hewitt, wrestler for Truman State University.

Hewitt, who began wrestling her senior year of high school, was the only female on the University's 2001-2002 wrestling team.

"Kelly is the second female wrestler," head coach David Schutter said. "It was no big deal. I had a female wrestler before and there are going to be a lot more as the years go on."

With Schutter's support, Hewitt began to practice with the team at the beginning of the 2001 school year.

"There is some animosity, but for the most part it's the same," said freshman Tom Tajkowski, Hewitt's teammate. "[The guys] give her the same trouble they give everyone else."

Hewitt wrestled for nearly two months at the Division II level before she was dropped during a meet and suffered a separated shoulder.

"I got to wrestle twice in meets," Hewitt said. "I wrestled with guys and I lost both times, but I did better than I thought I would."

Although she was pinned during both of her matches, Tajkowski said Hewitt worked hard and wrestled well.

"She tried hard," Tajkowski said. "She accomplished what she said she wanted to go out and accomplish."

After her shoulder injury, Hewitt was out for the rest of the season. Hewitt received an operation in March 2002, but said she expected a 10-month rehabilitation period.

"I'm aiming for sooner, but I'll be doing [rehabilitation] and just trying to keep the weight under control," Hewitt said, commenting on how she planned to get back on the mat for the 2002-2003 season.

With Hewitt out of the game, Schutter said the whole team was at a disadvantage because they lost a crucial player.

"When you have a player with an injury it sets you back; not only her, but the whole team," Schutter said. "We have one kid who is sick at a place she would fill in. If she wasn't banged up she would probably be going in."

According to Hewitt, someone observing a wrestling practice may not have understood the dynamics of wrestling, especially when a female wrestler was a part of the team.

"People who don't wrestle don't understand that when Coach is saying my ass looks fat that it isn't about me being a girl, it's about making the weight and the sport," Hewitt said.

Schutter said he did not treat Hewitt any different than he did the rest of the wrestlers.

"I don't look at the fact that she is a female," Schutter said. "I see her as a wrestler who wants to meet her goals in the sport of wrestling. There is very little in this world today that a female can't do that a male can or vice versa. As long as she shows up and puts in the same effort, intensity and desire as a male there is no reason why a female can't wrestle."

Hewitt said being a woman in a male-dominated sport was a challenge she was willing to face because of her love for the sport.

"I get banged up more than most girls in other sports do," Hewitt said. "I just deal with the aches and pains, the eyes gouged, the separated shoulder and just deal with it cross-faced. I like it, though, because it is so hard. That's the appeal."

Jessica Lowe

Sports Editor

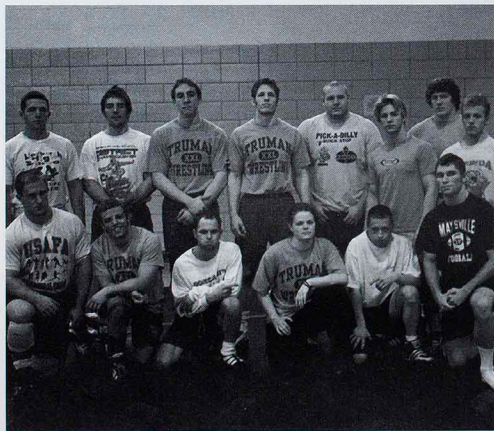
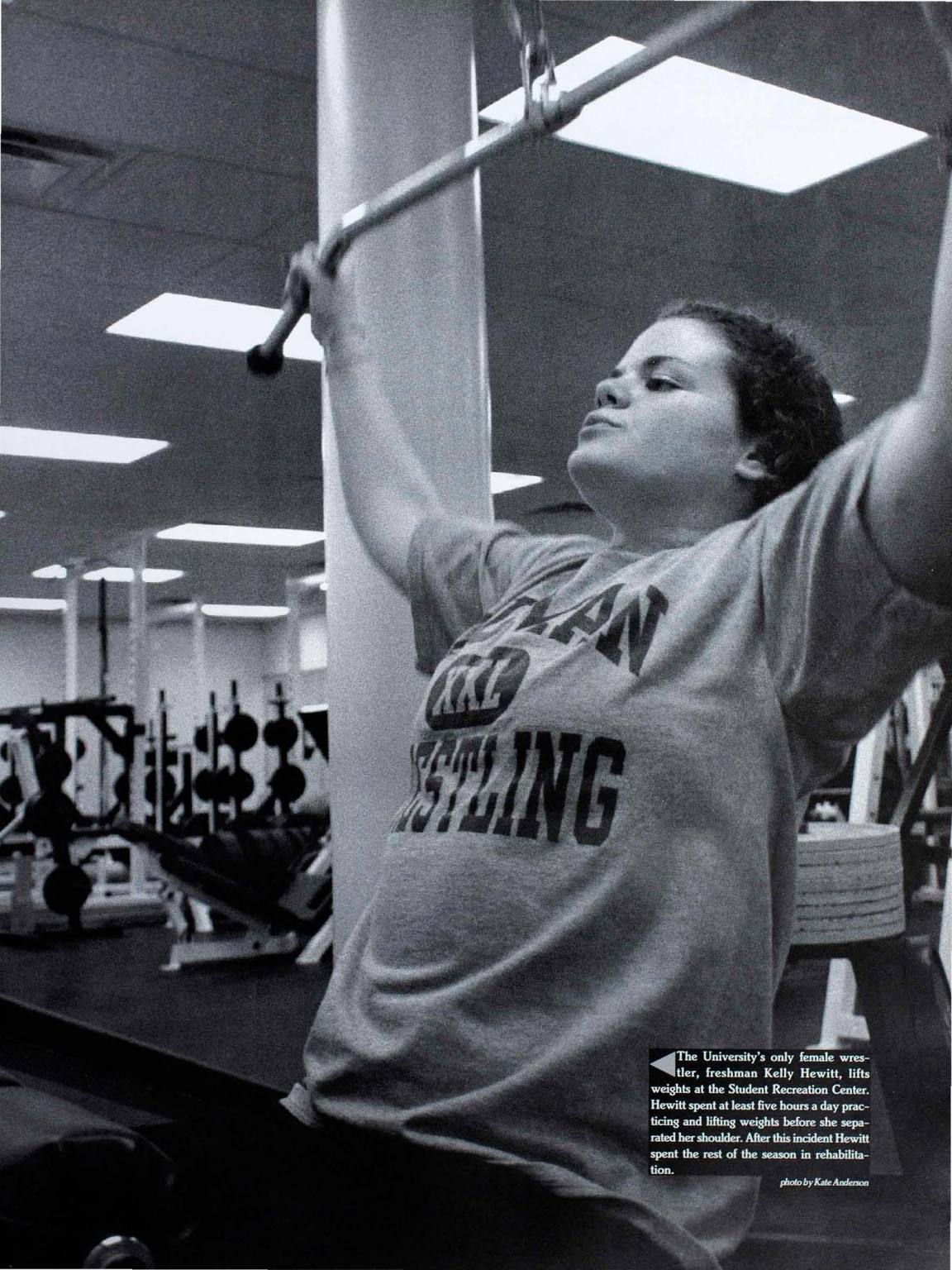


photo by Kate Anderson

The University's wrestling team adds a new element to the team, a woman. Freshman Kelly Hewitt was the only woman among the 18 men on the 2001-2002 wrestling team.

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-kelly hewitt, freshman



◀ The University's only female wrestler, freshman Kelly Hewitt, lifts weights at the Student Recreation Center. Hewitt spent at least five hours a day practicing and lifting weights before she separated her shoulder. After this incident Hewitt spent the rest of the season in rehabilitation.

*photo by Kate Anderson*

# Making a splash

Men's swim team has a victorious season, goes to national competition and earned a ninth place honors

The men's swim team jumped back into the top ten at the NCAA Division II National Competition in 2002 with a ninth place finish, tying the second-best national finish in Truman State University's history.

The season included a lot of improvement. This included sending nine swimmers to Nationals and moving up from their 16th position finish in 2001. The nine-member squad was the largest group of qualifiers to go to Nationals in team history. They finished the meet with 174 points, just one point short of eighth place.

"It was a long year," head coach Seth Huston said. "The swimmers had to overcome the physical and mental fatigue from training and school, and that is hard to do."

Highlights of the season, along with the National Competition, included winning the meet against the University of Missouri-Rolla for the second time ever, winning the University of Nebraska-Omaha's Invitational and placing third in the Central State Championship.

"Beating Rolla was pretty cool," sophomore Brian Teson said.

The squad also defeated University of Missouri-Columbia, a NCAA Division I school, in relays, qualifying the team for national competition.

The nine National qualifiers included Teson, both of the team's seniors, Andy Ladrow and Kyle Sterup, junior All-American Matt Pray, junior Drew Yemm, sophomores Andy Harken, Robby Cooper, Vince Struble and freshman Phil Brown.

"It was really motivating to go to the National Competition and see how fast the other guys really were," Teson said. "I am actually excited to start training for next year and I'm already setting goals."

Huston said he was pleased with the team's performances at Nationals because almost everyone set new personal records. The results established new school records for Cooper in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles and for Sterup in the 1,000- and 1,650-yard freestyles. Pray had two of the

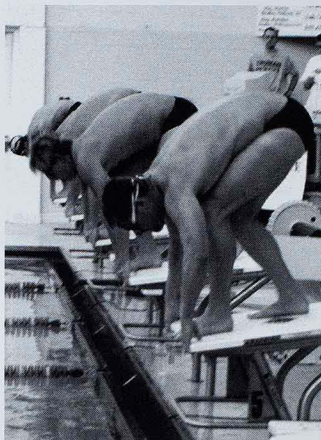


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Senior Andy Ladrow waits for the starting signal at a home meet against University of South Dakota (Vermillion). Ladrow finished third in the 200-yard freestyle with 1 minute 49.54 seconds.

highest finishes for the Bulldogs as he registered third place in the 100-yard butterfly and fourth in the 200-yard butterfly, which claimed new school records.

"Brown was our only freshman to make it to the competition," Huston said. "I was pleased, but would like to have more."

Being a freshman going into Nationals was not always an easy task.

"Going to Nationals as a freshman was a natural season highlight, heading into conference, I didn't expect it," Brown said.

Several individuals earned honorable mention All-American finishes along with the 800-yard freestyle relay team. The relay team including Sterup, Ladrow, Brown and Cooper placed 10th. Teamwork, dedication and perseverance helped build a team bond and led the team to victory.

"The best part is learning, growing up, having a good time with everyone and just being part of a championship team," Brown said.

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*Contributing Writer*



## Sports shorts

9 records were set by the men's swim team members at the 2002 National competition

9 men qualified in 5 events for 2002 National competition



photo by Beth Kelly

the club

## swimming scoreboard

| opponent                                          | us/them     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Lewis University (Wheaton, Ill.)                  | 1st/3 teams |
| University of South Dakota (Vermillion)           | 119/84      |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                      | 110/95      |
| Delta State University (Cleveland, Miss.)         | 120/83      |
| Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.)            | 122/81      |
| Omaha Invitational (Omaha, Neb.)                  | 1st/5 teams |
| University of Missouri-Columbia                   | 75/130      |
| Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.)                   | 108/116     |
| Western Illinois University (Macomb)              | 117/75      |
| Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)               | 80/157      |
| Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield) | 93/138      |
| Central States Invitational (Springfield, Mo.)    | 3rd/6 teams |
| NCAA Division II Championship (Orlando, Fla.)     | 9th         |

Final Record: 7-4

◀ Freshman Vince Struble practices for the men's 100-yard breast-stroke, an event he competed in at the NCAA Division II National Championship in Orlando, Fla. Struble also competed in the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard free relay.

## talent surfaces in the men's swim team



FIRST ROW: Matt Peeples, Ashtyn Beek, Jay Westensee, Dustin Engles, Ryan Blase, Bobby VanBeceelaere, Vince Struble, Andy Ladrow, Eric Paden, Caleb Hopkins. SECOND ROW: Christie Williamsen-student assistant, Joe Fanthrop-assistant coach, Justin Brosseau, Nick Joslin, Steve Koenig, Bryan Meyer, Brian Teson, Seth Huston-head coach, Jess Martin-assistant coach. BACK ROW: Ben Buras, Robby Cooper, Kyle Ediger, Phil Brown, Kyle Sterup, Matt Pray, Matt McDuff, Drew Yemm, Andy Harken, Ryan Jacobi.

# True champions

Swimming through record-breaking season, the women's swim team reclaims national title for second year

Truman State University's women's swim team glided its way to the top and won the NCAA Division II National Championship for the second consecutive year in 2001-2002.

"Every meet we got faster and better, especially by Nationals," junior Sara Hatcher said.

As if one National Championship was not enough, the team came out on top once again and reclaimed the title in spring of 2002. Along with head coach Seth Huston, 18 women spent their spring midterm break in Orlando, Fla., competing for the title.

"The season was a work in progress because we got off at a rocky start," sophomore Krista Pray said. "But when we came together as a team, we really came together."

The team was led by Huston along with senior captains Beth Joslin and Bridget Riley. Pray said that the strong leadership and a sharp focus really made the difference.

"We voted Bridget and Beth for our captains and they really motivated us," Pray said. "When we weren't coming together as a team or swimming fast enough, they really cheered us on."

By emphasizing unity and working diligently, the team achieved its goals.

"We set out to defend our championship and that's what we did," Pray said.

With a season that lasted from the first day of school until the National Championship in March 2002, the women had only three losses all season. Their biggest competition was Drury University (Springfield, Mo.), who the Bulldogs defeated three times.

"We were really competitive against big schools," Hatcher said. "Every meet we got faster and better, ... especially by Nationals and we were beating Division I teams."

Not only did the women's swim team win at Nationals, it also had many new record-breaking times, with several team members earning individual honors.

Freshman Diana Betsworth won five of her competitions and was named the 2002 Div. II Women's Swimmer of the Meet. Betsworth won the 250-yard freestyle competition, 1,000-yard freestyle and the 1,650-yard freestyle.

"We broke three national records," Huston said. "We won three-fourths of the events our first night."

Huston said the women went into the season with winning attitudes and it paid off in the end. The team stayed focused and continued to win one competition after another at Nationals.

"We were dominating this meet," Huston said. "We were working hard and were so far ahead. Before it was even over, we weren't asking if we were going to win, but how much we were going to win by."

By winning Nationals in 2001, the team knew that repeating the win again in 2002 was a possibility.

"Winning for the second year in a row was amazing," Pray said. "Before we went to Nationals, I thought it would be cool if we won, but since we won last year I didn't think it was going to be as big of a deal. But we didn't let down and the feeling was even better than last year."

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*Contributing Writer*



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▲ Sophomore Allison Blyth practices for the 100- and 200-yard butterfly. Blyth placed sixth at the NCAA Division II National Championship with a time of 2 minutes 6.30 seconds in the 200-yard butterfly.



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## swimming scoreboard

| opponent                                          | us/them      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lewis University (Wheaton, Ill.)                  | 1st/3 teams  |
| University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)         | 82.5/122.5   |
| University of South Dakota (Vermillion)           | 137/150      |
| University of Nebraska-Omaha                      | 125/78       |
| Delta State University (Cleveland, Miss.)         | 139/58       |
| Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.)            | 119/78       |
| Omaha Invitational (Neb.)                         | 1st/8 teams  |
| University of Missouri-Columbia                   | 136.5/67.5   |
| Texas A&M University (College Station)            | 122/85       |
| Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.)                   | 146/66       |
| Iowa State University (Ames)                      | 157/105      |
| Western Illinois University (Macomb)              | 122/77       |
| Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)               | 123/108      |
| Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield) | 133/106      |
| Central State Invitational                        | 1st/7 teams  |
| NCAA Division II Championship                     | 1st/26 teams |

Final Record: 11-3

▶ Trueman State University's women's swim team members celebrate their first place win at the 2002 NCAA Division II National Championship. It was the team's second consecutive National title and the second national title for the University in any sport.

## women's swim team *dives* into *national* glory



FIRST ROW: Sarah Dance, Sophie McKay, Alison Blyth, Christine Gould, Cassie Roudebush, Kelly Van Der Kar, Liz Hug, Diana Young, Gina Fettig, Sue Ellen Thoma, Kacie Rice. SECOND ROW: Joe Fanthrop-assistant coach, Christie Williamsen-student coach, Sarah Wells, Bridget Riley, Beth Joslin, Kelli Dudley, Meghan Vaughn, Amanda Shearer, Christina Blose, Megan Losee, Jess Martin-assistant coach, Seth Huston-head coach. BACK ROW: Katie May, Ellen Frick, Jessica Kovarik, Calie Fulmer, Diana Betsworth, Krista Pray, Lindsey Ehret, Michaela Osborn, Sara Hatcher, Meghan Osborn, Michelle Seck.

# Record breaking coaching

With extensive experience and a record filled with honors from his career as the head swimming coach, Seth Huston made a splash with the men's and women's swim teams

Seth Huston, head coach for the men's and women's swim teams, did not just know the taste of success—he wrote the recipe. During Huston's eight years coaching the swim teams at Truman State University, he molded the University's swimming program into one of the best collegiate swimming programs in the United States.

In both the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 seasons, Huston took the women's team to Nationals, where they won first place in the NCAA Division II. In 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002, he claimed the honor of College Swim Coaches Association of America NCAA Div. II Women's Coach of the Year. He was also named Mideast Classic Championship Women's Coach of the Year for four consecutive years. Huston's overall record

for the women's team was approximately 29-15 overall.

Huston believed there were many factors that contributed to his coaching success.

"I think in general I'm pretty open-minded and I'm a pretty good listener when people choose to talk to me," Huston said. "I let them have their say. I don't just dictate. I play a good salesman and can sell what I want the team to do. I also have high expectations."

Some swimmers noticed other key elements that made Huston's coaching strategy successful.

"He takes a personal interest in the swimmers on the team," senior Kyle Sterup said. "He does his job professionally, but he also takes an interest in swimmers' lives and says he's always available if someone needs to talk. He's very open to everyone."

Junior Sara Hatcher thought Huston's coaching techniques and his positive attitude played a key role in the success of the two teams.

"He is really good about individualizing and he talks to us and sees how we're feeling," Hatcher said. "He's also so much fun to be around. We just love swimming because it is fun and when you enjoy swimming, you get better at it."

Many Bulldog swimmers agreed that practices were much more enjoyable because of Huston's good-natured personality.

"He's a fun guy," senior Andy Ladrow said. "He's easygoing and tries to have a

really good time with us."

Senior Bridget Riley liked Huston's cheerful mood during early morning practices.

"He's always in a really good mood at morning practices, which are at 5:30," Riley said. "He's always really awake and excited. He does goofy things to try to get everyone in a good mood and tells jokes before practice."

Several other incidents stuck out in the minds of the swim team members when they thought about the role Huston played in their college swimming careers.

"We do a set of 1,000 yards on training trips and he gets in and swims it with us, which is pretty impressive," junior Drew Yemm said.

Freshman Diana Betsworth thought she would always remember practices with Huston.

"I'll probably never forget the crazy things he says and does and the crazy ways he always has of getting us motivated and excited about practice," Betsworth said.

In light of his success as a coach, Huston also had a few comments to share.

"I really love my job because coaching swimming is like my lifeblood," Huston said. "I get up every day and every season looking forward to what we're going to do next. Working at Truman is a blast because I get to work with such quality people. That, obviously, can make whatever you do a whole lot more fun and fulfilling."

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*Staff Writer*

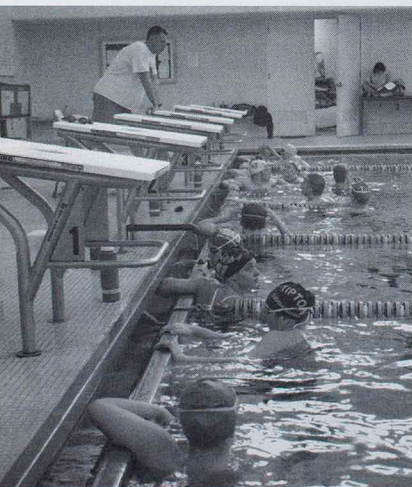
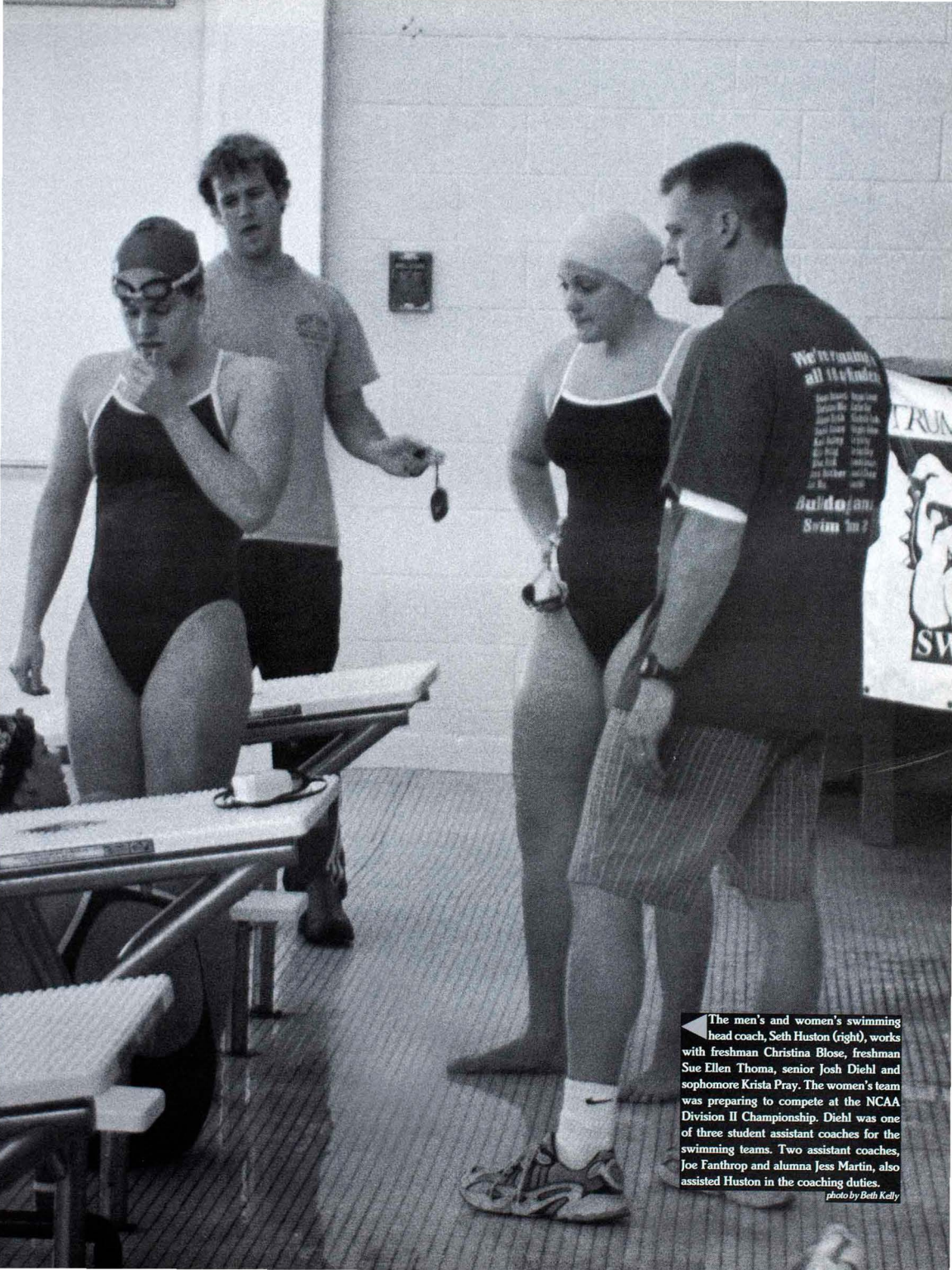


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▲ Head coach Seth Huston gives the women's swim team pointers as they take a short break from swimming laps. Huston coached a total of 56 students. Thirty-one students were on the women's team and 25 students were on the men's team.

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*-seth huston, head coach*



◀ The men's and women's swimming head coach, Seth Huston (right), works with freshman Christina Blose, freshman Sue Ellen Thoma, senior Josh Diehl and sophomore Krista Pray. The women's team was preparing to compete at the NCAA Division II Championship. Diehl was one of three student assistant coaches for the swimming teams. Two assistant coaches, Joe Fanthrop and alumna Jess Martin, also assisted Huston in the coaching duties.

*photo by Beth Kelly*

# Bulldogs serve it up

Truman State University's women's tennis team serves losses to opponents, while the men's tennis team focuses on the basics to rebound from a tough season

At one time or another throughout 2002, most people would have loved to slam a ball as a stress release. For most people this was just a dream, but for the men's and women's tennis team members, it was a reality.

Both teams went into their first matches with rackets swinging, allowing them to serve Quincy University (Ill.) dual losses. For the women, the 9-0 win catapulted them into a successful first half of their season.

"The women won all of the matches that they played," head coach Pete Kendall said.

The most important of these wins, according to Kendall, was the win over Western Illinois University (Macomb), an NCAA Division I school.

In addition to going 4-0 in matches, the women were very competitive in tournaments. In the Truman Invitational, juniors Adri Atwell and Amanda Black and senior Jessica McKinney were undefeated. The Western Illinois Doubles Classic also brought the women success. Atwell and partner, junior Meghan Konrad, won third place while junior Allison Schuller and freshman Abigail Souders followed in fourth.

The same tournament gave the struggling

men's team some positive energy to carry into the spring season.

"[Sophomore Ben Smith] and [senior Erich Podzinski] won the Western Illinois Doubles Tournament, which we had not done before in the men's," Kendall said. "The women have done well there in the

**"We wanted to keep our record as good as possible and do our best; we wanted to play well against good competition."**

-amanda black, junior

past, but the men had never won. That had to be the highlight [of the fall]."

The first part of the season was rough for the men's team, but the Bulldogs stayed positive.

"It was a good experience," sophomore Chris Larson said. "We had a lot of younger guys playing. We lost some close

[matches] at the beginning, but we gained experience and pulled some out in the end."

While the teams did not compete during the winter months, they still worked hard, running, lifting and hitting inside Pershing Arena.

All of the hard work paid off when the North Central Region rankings were released prior to the 2002 spring tennis season.

"We did well in the fall and that helped our ranking," Black said.

The players remained positive and optimistic throughout the season. Instead of growing overconfident or frustrated, the teams put in many hours of hard work and sweat to achieve goals they set in the fall.

"We wanted to keep our record as good as possible and do our best," Black said. "We wanted to play well against good competition."

The women's season ended with a 3-5 loss to Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) in the NCAA Div. II North Central Region Tournament. The men went to the MIAA Tournament.

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*Contributing Writer*

Senior Jessica McKinney warms up before her match against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville). McKinney finished the season with a record of 24 wins and 2 losses. The women's team won the game against Northwest with a score of 5-4, but lost to them in the MIAA tournament.

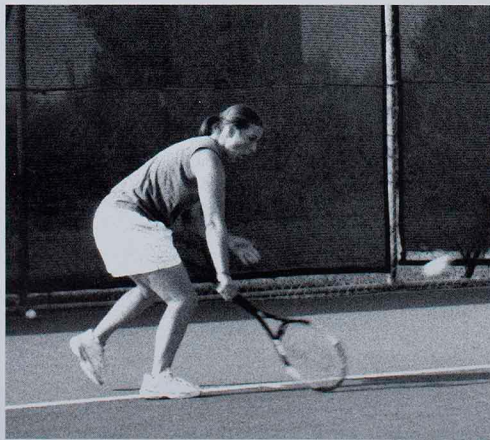


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## Sports Shorts

4 members of the women's tennis team traveled to Greeley, Colo. to participate in the NCAA Division II North Central Region tournament



◀ Junior Chris Larson smashes the ball over the net at the Truman Invitational held Sept. 21-22, 2001. Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville), Quincy University (Ill.) and Jefferson College (Hillsboro, Mo.) were invited to the Truman Invitational.

photo by Dan Sem

## tennis scoreboard

| opponent                                        | us/them |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
|                                                 | women   | men   |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 9/0     | 6/3   |
| Graceland University (Lamar, Iowa)              | 8/0     | 0/9   |
| Central College (Pella, Iowa)                   | 9/0     | ----- |
| Western Illinois University (Macomb)            | 6/3     | ----- |
| University of Missouri-St. Louis                | 8/1     | 0/9   |
| University of Northern Colorado (Greeley)       | 4/5     | ----- |
| Colorado School of Mines (Golden)               | -----   | 1/8   |
| University of Colorado Springs                  | 8/1     | 4/5   |
| University of Southern Colorado (Pueblo)        | 7/2     | 0/9   |
| Graceland University (Lamar, Iowa)              | 6/3     | 0/9   |
| St. Cloud State University (Minn.)              | -----   | 0/9   |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 8/1     | ----- |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 5/4     | ----- |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 8/1     | 5/4   |
| Baker University (Baldwin City, Kan.)           | 8/1     | 1/8   |
| Central College (Pella, Iowa)                   | -----   | 5/4   |
| Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)         | 5/4     | 0/7   |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 6/3     | 1/8   |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)        | 5/4     | ----- |
| Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)        | 5/4     | ----- |
| University of Northern Colorado (Greeley)       | -----   | 2/7   |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 5/4     | ----- |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | -----   | 4/5   |
| MIAA Tournament (Springfield, Mo.)              | 3rd/7   | 4th/6 |
| NCAA Regionals                                  | 3/5     | ----- |

women: 16-2; MIAA: 6-0

men: 3-14; MIAA 1-4

## the tennis teams *serve* up a *smashing* season



FIRST ROW: David Maginness, Eric Babb, Erich Podzinski, Adam Rees, Ben Smith.  
SECOND ROW: Pete Kendall-head coach, Hannah Roth-trainer, Matt Lunneen, Nathan Salmons, Steve Jones, Chris Larson, Jordan Mahaney, Andrew Hellner-student assistant coach.



FIRST ROW: Adri Atwell, Meghan Konrad, Jessica McKinney, Allison Schuller, Amanda Black. BACK ROW: Pete Kendall-head coach, Hannah Roth-trainer, Jennifer Hopper, Alisha Dalsted, Kelcie McLaughlin, Abigail Souders, Melissa Dudak, Andrew Hellner-student assistant coach.

# Spirit leaders

Cheerleaders train, practice and perform to perfect their sport and cheer the Bulldogs on to win

Common stereotypes portrayed cheerleaders as fragile women with short skirts and pretty faces, and men who were not tough enough to play sports. This stereotype was likely created by someone who was never a cheerleader. Although they were not the main attraction at sporting events, the Truman State University cheerleading squad worked as hard as the other athletes. Their goal was just slightly different.

"Our number one priority is to support the team, but we play a rotating role," senior student coach Brent Nelson said. "At some away games, such as Northwest Missouri State [Maryville], where there isn't as much fan support, we cheer more to the team. At the home games where there are big crowds, we get the crowd into the game more and let them do the cheering."

The squad put a lot of hard work into stunts that wowed the crowd in 2002. They practiced for two hours, five nights a week, to prepare for games. Every cheerleader underwent physical testing to make sure he or she was strong enough. The women's test consisted of a one-mile run, bench presses and squats. Men's testing was similar, but also included military presses and other weightlifting exercises.

During practices, the cheerleaders mainly worked on stunts because those pleased the crowd the most. They trained with weights and ran to build their strength.

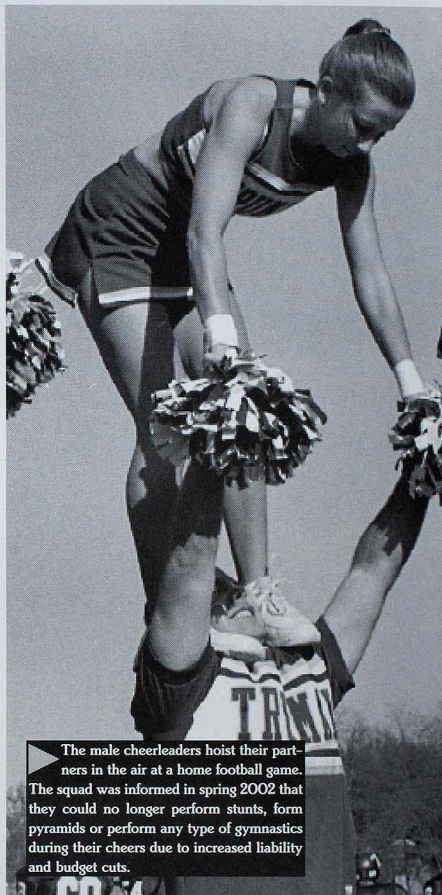
"Weight training is a big part of it, but it's a unique lifting situation," Nelson said. "Guys do a lot of throwing and overhead lifts, so they need a strong upper body. Girls do a lot of jumping, so they need a lot of leg strength. Girls also work on balance and body control for stunting."

In addition to 10 hours of practice, extra time was needed to train and hone skills.

"I'm in the weight room three to four days a week for two hours a day," junior men's captain T.J. Kussman said. "I have to keep myself in shape or there's no way I can lift even a 90-pound girl in the air."



photos by Dan Stern



▶ The male cheerleaders hoist their partners in the air at a home football game. The squad was informed in spring 2002 that they could no longer perform stunts, form pyramids or perform any type of gymnastics during their cheers due to increased liability and budget cuts.

Tryouts were held twice each year, following a four-day clinic. The prospective members were judged on their ability to do two chants, the University fight song, a standing back handspring and four stunts. University cheerleaders also had to be full-time students and maintain a 2.5 GPA, same as every University athlete.

Although they worked hard and received little recognition, the Bulldog cheerleaders thought it was worth the effort.

"Everyone does it for their own satisfaction," junior women's captain Stephanie Tice said. "We do it because we love it."

*Melissa Allen*

Staff Writer

## Sports Shorts

February 24, 2002

the cheerleaders went to their first intercollegiate competition in 4 years

Kansas Wesleyan University (Salina, Kan.) hosted the event



photo by Dan Sem

## question & answer

with spike the bulldog



photo by Dan Sem

**q:** What is your favorite part about being a college mascot?

**a:** My favorite part of being a college mascot is interacting with the fans at the games. It makes my tail wag when I see the transformation in people's faces giving them a high-five or waving to them. Some people smile and laugh, while others get very embarrassed and try to pretend I'm not there. They're really fun!

**q:** How does the crowd respond to you at the games?

**a:** If I can get the crowd fired up by doing the wave, chanting 'Defense,' or what have you, then I've done my job. The hometown crowd gives our teams a huge advantage and I want to make sure that the advantage is as big as it can possibly be. I love being able to contribute to our teams in that way. Plus, I get to lift my leg on the competition!

## bulldog cheerleaders *pump* up school spirit



FIRST ROW: Karen Bohack, Nicole Harris, Katie Barrett, Stephanie Tice, Natasha Vogel, Michelle Weist, Beth Eckhardt, Jenn Wallace, Jennifer Edwardson. BACK ROW: Kurt Nilson, Tim Hanrahan, Will Enochs, T.J. Kussman, Nathan Ziebold, Josh Volkerding, Andrae Naraine.



Freshman Diana Betsworth practices for the 2002 Division II National Championship held in Orlando, Fla. Betsworth was named the 2002 Div. II Women's Swimmer of the Meet, the second woman in University history to earn this honor.

*photo by Beth Kelly*

# A stroke ahead of the rest

Women's swim team member Diana Betsworth breaks records and earns first-place honors in national competition to close out an outstanding freshman season

The women's swim team was flung into the giant swimming pool at the NCAA Division II National Championships after being named the number one women's swim team in their division. As the women's swim team was pushed into the water, another honor was being bestowed upon a Bulldog. Freshman Diana Betsworth was named the 2002 Div. II Women's Swimmer of the Meet.

"They announced the [award] as we were being pushed into the pool," said Seth Huston, men's and women's swimming head coach. "I don't even think she heard it announced, but she was a bit uncomfortable being singled out."

Betsworth became the second women's swimmer in Truman State University's history to receive the honor. Assistant coach Jess Martin received the honor in 2001.

"You have to understand that she is a girl who came in with barely having qualifying times to go to the meet and then to be named the swimmer of the meet. It was exciting for us all," Huston said.

Betsworth put her name on four NCAA Div. II Championship records, including individual records in the 200-yard freestyle and the 1,000-yard freestyle.

"As a freshman you could tell by watching her swim the first few days in the water she would be one of the best in her meets," Huston said of his first impressions of Betsworth's skills. "As a coach or teacher or whatever role you are in, you can see students and athletes who have a lot of potential. Some just take a lot longer to reach that potential or will never live up to it. They'll limit

themselves, but she didn't get caught up in that."

There were few limitations to Betsworth's performance at the championship. She finished first in five of the seven events she competed in. She won three individual events: the 1,000-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle and 1,650-yard freestyle. She placed second in the 100-yard freestyle and she was also part of two first place finishes in relays at Nationals. Betsworth, along with her teammates, won first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay and 800-yard freestyle relay. She also helped her relay team win second in the 200-yard free relay.

"There was a definite sense of accomplishment [after the race]," Betsworth said of her teammates' and her performances at the National meet. "You put all that time in all year for that one meet."

Betsworth added more awards to her list, receiving All-American honors in seven events at the Championship. She was also named a Swimming and Diving nominee for the 2002 Honda Award, which honored the Div. II Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Betsworth said the support of her coach and teammates helped her performance.

"Definitely Seth has

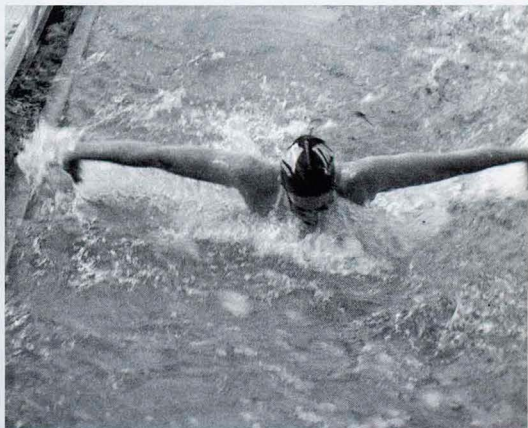
been an amazing coach and being what each of us needs," Betsworth said. "The work ethic of all the team, their dedication, extreme dedication to what they do and long hours in tough practices shows that it really pays off."

Although she praised her fellow swimmers and her coach, the compliments were returned to Betsworth.

"She doesn't limit herself and the big key was her being both physically and mentally prepared for this year," Huston said. "Most people don't have the same approach to life and swimming as she. ..."

*Jessica Lowe*

*Sports Editor*



*photo by Beth Kelly*

▲ Freshman Diana Betsworth works to fine tune her butterfly stroke. Betsworth broke four records and won five first-place honors at the 2002 NCAA Division II National Championship for women's swimming.

**The work ethic of all the team, their dedication, extreme dedication to what they do and long hours in tough practices shows that it really pays off.**

*-diana betsworth, freshman*

# Right on track

The men's track and field team leads the pack in the MIAA conference for both the indoor and outdoor track seasons

Running the fastest, jumping the highest or throwing the farthest was what the men's indoor and outdoor track and field team strived to do every day.

Head coach Ed Schneider said the team trained harder in the off-season than they had in the past, which resulted in a more successful season.

"They've been willing to do the little extra above and beyond the normal call of duty that we normally ask them to do," Schneider said.

This work ethic helped the team overcome injuries and gain a higher place in the MIAA and NCAA Division II Championship during the indoor track and field season than they had in 2000-2001. The team placed third in the MIAA and 21st at the NCAA Div. II Indoor Track and Field Championship.

Sophomore Phil Andreas said besides just working hard, track and field was a game to see who could stay healthy.

"We push ourselves during the week, [to] be ready for the weekends," Andreas said.

Freshman James Walton, sophomore Brian Dzingai and senior Ben Rosario all stayed injury free and made their presence known during the season.

Walton placed second in the long jump, earning All-American honors and Rosario placed 10th in the 5,000-meter run at the NCAA Div. II Indoor Track and Field Championship.

Schneider said records were not his main concern though.

"As far as coaching goes, an athlete doesn't necessarily have to break a record or be the number one finisher to have an outstanding meet," Schneider said. "What I really look for is just improvement from the athletes from one year to the next and see how they're progressing. As long as they're working and training hard and improving, I think that's about all you can ask from an athlete."

However, when an athlete did break a record, it was a great accomplishment.



photo by Tricia Scott

▲ Senior Dave Mayhew takes a warm-up lap around the track before competing at the Truman Open. Mayhew had a provisional qualification in the 110-meter hurdles.

"Anytime you can break a record, it really indicates you've done something special," Schneider said.

Dzingai made a trend of breaking meet records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes throughout the season.

Besides training harder in the off-season, Dzingai's outlook on track changed from the previous season. He thought that he could have a future in the sport.

"Mentally, I'm a lot stronger now, and I know what my long term goals are," Dzingai said.

An aspect of track and field that made it different than other sports was that an individual could succeed, but success for the whole team was much harder to obtain. Dzingai said the team did well because they had more team spirit.

"Compared to most of last year, we were just a team, we weren't that close," Dzingai said. "But this year, I see that we are more of a single unit."

Kevin Moore

Contributing Writer



photo by Tricia Scott

▲ Junior Dan Boyle, followed closely by freshman Andy Person, competes in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Truman Open. Boyle and Person placed fifth and sixth, respectively.



photo by Tricia Scott

## men's track provisional qualifiers

| name           | event                      | time         |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Andy Doering   | 10,000-meter run           | 30:11.79     |
| Brian Dzingai  | 100-meter dash             | 10.46        |
| Brian Dzingai  | 200-meter dash             | 20.70        |
| Matt Helbig    | 1500-meter run             | 3:51.21      |
| Jake Kingery   | decaathlon                 | 6,824 points |
| Dave Mayhew    | 110-meter hurdles          | 14.57        |
| Brian McQueary | 3000-meter<br>steeplechase | 9:14.9       |

◀ Sophomore Alfonso Pugh slides into the sand during his long jump at the Truman Open held March 30, 2002. Pugh placed second at the meet with a jump of 22 feet and 10 inches.

## men's track *sprints* to *record-breaking* times



FRONT ROW: Scott Downard, Mark DeBold, Chris Elledge, Brian Dzingai, Dan McLaughlin, Nolan White, Jason Willis, Aaron Decker. SECOND ROW: James Walton, Mike Brower, Trey Robinson, Phil Andreas, Ben Rosario, Brad Peter, Ryan French, Nick Blackburn, Erik McFarlane. THIRD ROW: Pat Boyle, Andrew Schermbeck, Mark Chrismer, Brian McQueary, Matt Helbig, Andy Doering, Matt Groeper, Dave Mayhew. BACK ROW: Jake Kingery, Zach Schluender, Alan Heincker, Roland Reeves, Walter Washington, Jacob Condon, Matt Judson, Mike Nelson.

## women's track provisional qualifiers

| name                                                                | event                       | time         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Kasye Hahn                                                          | 200-meter dash              | 24.87        |
| Kasye Hahn                                                          | 400-meter dash              | 56.26        |
| Jill Lowry                                                          | 100-meter dash              | 12.04        |
| Jill Lowry                                                          | 200-meter dash              | 24.78        |
| Beth Luebbering                                                     | 10,000-meter run            | 37:48.61     |
| Suzanne Schmidt                                                     | 3,000-meter<br>steeplechase | 11:15.6      |
| Karena Singleton                                                    | triple jump                 | 39'1"        |
| Megan Williams                                                      | 100-meter high hurdles      | 14.06        |
| Christina Winkler                                                   | 400-meter hurdles           | 1:01.51      |
| Christina Winkler                                                   | heptathlon                  | 4,484 points |
| Kasye Hahn,<br>Christina Winkler,<br>Jamille Curry &<br>Candi Jones | 4x400-meter -relay          | 3:47.23      |
| Megan Williams,<br>Kasye Hahn, Jamille<br>Curry & Jill Lowry        | 4x100-meter relay           | 47.79        |

► Senior Jamille Curry takes the baton from senior Kasye Hahn during the 100-meter relay at the Truman Open held March 30, 2002. The Bulldogs received six first-place finishes at the meet.



## women's track team *runs* toward university *records*

FRONT ROW: Alisha Smyth, Leah Zidon, Jill Lowry, Jackie McDuffey, Jennifer Tesmer, Karena Singleton, Merande Green. SECOND ROW: Sara Jessen, Jamille Curry, Karla Jordan, Cammie Ewing, Joanna Hoag, Dani Rawlings. THIRD ROW: Becky Kudrna, Taran May, Amy Johnson, Bridget Luebbering, Beth Luebbering. FOURTH ROW: Emily Komiskey, Kasye Hahn, Candice Hoskins, Christina Winkler, Nikki Moore, Candi Jones. BACK ROW: Sonya Yamnitz, Megan Williams, Brandy Leffler, Suzanne Schmidt.





photo by Tricia Scott

# Tracking in glory

Drive and determination help the women's track team run away with a successful indoor and outdoor seasons

The women's indoor and outdoor track team broke away from the pack during the 2001-2002 season, setting personal, meet and school records for Truman State University.

The indoor season sent senior Megan Williams and junior Karena Singleton to the National meet in Boston, held in March 2002. Williams set a school record with a time of 8.7 seconds in the finals of the 60-meter hurdle, earning fourth place and receiving All-American honors for the second consecutive time at the indoor meet. In addition, Williams also previously earned two outdoor All-American titles in 100-meter high hurdles. Singleton placed 12th in the triple jump, with a jump of 37 1/4 feet.

"It was a great experience, but I hadn't trained much because of injuries," Singleton said. "It was really rewarding since it's hard to go indoor. It was also nice to go to Boston and see people that I always see at outdoor."

Senior Kasye Hahn broke a 12-year-old school record at the Bill Hillenbrand Invitational in Vermillion, S.D., with a time of 1 minute 16.43 seconds in the 500-meter dash.

At the Truman Open, the only home outdoor meet of the season, the Bulldogs took six first-place wins. Two University members achieved NCAA Division II provisional qualifying times at the open.

Senior Suzanne Schmidt set school, stadium and meet records in the 3,000-meter steeple chase at the Truman Open, earning a first place win and beating the old school record by nearly one minute.

"It was really exciting to do at home," Schmidt said. "I hope to run even faster this season."

The time also earned Schmidt an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Head coach John Cochrane explained what it meant to be a provisional qualifier.

"There are two sets of standards, Cochrane said. "In the automatic, the person will definitely go, if there are not



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▲ Freshman Karla Jordan competes in the women's triple jump at the Truman Open, held in Stokes Stadium. Jordan placed third in the meet with a 11.06 meter jump.

enough people to fill the 16 spots in each category from the automatic group, then the best of the provisional list is used to fill in [the 16 spots]."

Williams also earned a provisional mark at the Truman Open. Williams won first place in the 100-meter hurdles event.

"We've had more successful seasons in the past and a lot of us were around for that," Schmidt said. "But people are working well together and a lot of people did well personally during the indoor season."

The ultimate goal of the team was to make it to Nationals.

"There's no secret routine," Cochrane said. "We just train and work on the physiology."

Having high expectations for the Bulldogs, they worked hard keeping their eyes on the goal.

"It's a mental thing," Singleton said. "We know we can do it now."

*Chelsey Ilten*

Features Editor

## Sports Shorts

9 team members were 2002 NCAA Division II Provisional Qualifiers

7 All-Americans returned to the squad for the 2001-2002 season

# Softball stars

Softball team makes adjustments to new leadership, looks for success in a winning season

The Truman State University softball team launched the 2002 season with a mix of anticipation and uncertainty. After reaching the final round of the North Central Regional Tournament in 2001, the Bulldogs had hopes of surpassing those accomplishments. Yet the departure of head coach Kristy Schroeder raised questions about how the team would fare.

"It's hard losing a coach that made such an impact," sophomore center fielder Katy Mueller said. "It was very difficult at first because it was such a shock."

The void was filled by Kristi Bredbenner, a four-year veteran of the team who graduated in December 2001.

"It was pretty easy," Bredbenner said. "A lot of help came from me knowing the girls really well and being a captain for the last two years."

Yet, for some of the players, the transition was jagged.

"It was tough because a majority of us have lived with [Bredbenner] as well," sophomore center fielder Krystl Brown said. "You have to respect her as a coach and as a friend, and you have to deal with that."

Additionally, Brown said the team was forced to contend with growing pains.

"Compared to a lot of other teams, we were really young," Brown said. "There had been so many changes and we had to deal with those changes as they came."

Consequently, the team floundered at the beginning. The Bulldogs lost their first three games and failed to place in the top 25 in the USA Today National Fastpitch Coaches Association preseason poll.

After the slow start, the Bulldogs beat the opposition at a tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. From there, the team vaulted back into the top 25, led by sophomore shortstop Elizabeth Economon. Economon led the team in every offensive category and even chased some of Bredbenner's single-season hitting records.

"One of our main goals was to peak towards the end of the season, when it was



important," Brown said.

With its new coach in place, the "Dogs looked to advance beyond the regional round of the NCAA tournament and perhaps to a showdown University of Nebraska-Omaha, which ousted the team from the tournament in the 2001 season.

"At the beginning, we wanted to live up to what we did last year and perhaps go further than that," Mueller said.

Derek Spellman

Contributing Writer

## Sports shorts

Sophomore Elizabeth Economon was the 2002 MIAA MVP with a .516 batting average



▶ Bulldog first baseman, sophomore Leann Paul waits for the pitch during a game against Pittsburg State University (Kan.). The Bulldogs won both games of the doubleheader against Pittsburg State with wins of 8-0 and 5-2.

photo by Kate Anderson

## softball scoreboard

| opponent                                            | us/them   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Columbia College (Mo.)                              | 0/1, 3/4  |
| American International College (Springfield, Mass.) | 2/3       |
| Ashland University (Ohio)                           | 3/2       |
| Merrimack College (N. Andover, Mass.)               | 5/4       |
| Bloomsburg University (Pa.)                         | 4/3       |
| Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.)             | 5/1       |
| University of South Dakota (Vermillion, S.D.)       | 2/4       |
| Tiffin University (Ohio)                            | 14/2      |
| Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights)     | 5/4       |
| Minnesota State University (Mankato)                | 7/6       |
| Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville           | 7/4       |
| Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)                 | 5/4       |
| University of Nebraska-Lincoln                      | 10/6, 6/1 |
| Maple Woods College (Kansas City, Mo.)              | 3/3       |
| North Dakota State University (Grand Forks)         | 1/2       |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)         | 2/1       |
| University of Nebraska-Omaha                        | 0/8       |
| Minnesota State University (Mankato)                | 7/2       |
| University of Nebraska-Kearney                      | 7/4       |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)     | 2/3       |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)         | 4/1, 4/2  |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)                   | 8/0, 5/2  |
| Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)            | 4/2, 3/0  |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)         | 8/5, 0/5  |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)     | 3/5, 9/0  |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)                  | 3/8, 9/12 |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                     | 6/1, 5/2  |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)     | 2/4, 1/2  |
| University of Nebraska-Omaha                        | 1/5       |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)         | 7/8       |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                        | 1/0, 0/1  |
| MIAA Tournament                                     | 6/1 games |
| North Central Regional                              | 0/2 games |

Final Record: 31-19; MIAA: 11-7

## 'dogs round the bases in a successful season



FIRST ROW: Kristi Bredbenner-interim head coach, Stephanie Cepicky, Angela Ligouri, Elizabeth Economon, Katy Mueller, Missy Kane-graduate assistant coach. SECOND ROW: Laura Paul, Natalie Balli, Courtney Strubel, Holly Kessler, Ashley Siegel, Breanna Wonderly, Krystal Brown. BACK ROW: Catherine Ramsey, Amanda Holland, Jennifer Hulsopple, Grace Wachter, Britni Buford, Shelby Ortwerth.

# Promises on the field

Baseball team utilizes younger and older players to improve confidence and consistency in close games, putting the Bulldogs ahead in season competition

The Truman State University baseball team gave its fans both signs of promise and moments of disappointment in head coach Lawrence Scully's second season.

"We're trying to take it a step up," said junior first baseman Brian Walters, a 2001 honorable mention for all-MIAA honors. "Confidence on the team is low because in the past we have had bad records and were not one of the best teams in the conference. But I think that if everyone believes in one another, we'll still be all right."

At the pinnacle of an up and down season, the Bulldogs swept division powerhouse Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) during an away doubleheader. One week later, the team upset Pittsburg State University (Kan.), ranked 29th in the nation at the time, in the second game of another away doubleheader.

For a team with only four seniors on the roster and a second-year head coach, wins at away games against difficult opponents proved to be inspiring.

"We feel that if we can make solid plays in every part of our game, we can win versus the big teams," freshman pitcher/outfielder Coley Lewis said. "We think we can be, and should be, one of the big teams to beat."

Lewis, along with freshmen teammates, catcher Mark Kirchhoff, outfielder Patrick Hardin and outfielder Andrew Paul, saw extensive playing time during the season. This was an indication of the team's strong commitment.

"Most of the guys who play a lot and contribute are juniors, sophomores and freshmen," senior third baseman

Eric Howe said. "The biggest asset of our program is the youth."

However, the youth of the team brought growing pains.

Contrasting the impressive wins against Northwest and Pittsburg State, the Bulldogs traveled to Quincy University (Ill.) and built a 3-1 lead against their nationally-ranked hosts, only to give up three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lose 4-3.

"When we get a lead, we kind of relax," Howe said. "There's been a lot of games where we've had leads and ended up losing. I think the biggest thing [we need to learn] is how to play with the lead, protect the lead and build on the lead."

Youth was a potential factor in the inconsistent play of the team, the players agreed that the freshmen and sophomore starters were solid contributors to the team.

"Overall, I think everybody's handling their duties very well," Walters said.

The flashes of promise that highlighted the Bulldogs' 2002 season were a good indication of the team's continued effort to build confidence and learn from their mistakes.

"We were just making a lot of jitter mistakes because we were nervous or trying too hard," Lewis said. "Coach Scully has kept pressing us to keep working, to relax and trust ourselves and our abilities. Everyone tries to pick each other up if someone makes a mistake."

*Andy Ashbaugh*

*Staff Writer*

## baseball team *hits* a *home run* of a season

FRONT ROW: Scott Theriault, Shannon Cox, Nick Heineman, Jamie Wolf, Andrew Paul, Patrick Hardin. SECOND ROW: Nate Rueckert, Keith Cronin, Brad Miller, Blake McWilliams, Chris Linck, Matt Kupferle, David Brandt, Jesse Bohlmeier, Clay Biggs-student assistant coach. THIRD ROW: Evan Adair-student assistant, Mark Kirchhoff, Scott Gaines, Brian Walters, Nate Alexander, Tony Jenkins, Eric Howe, Matt Wine, Lawrence Scully-head coach. BACK ROW: Coley Lewis, Jeff Sparks, Clayton Johnson, Paul Cornejo, Matt Maxfield, Wes Creech, Jason Sparks, Matt Anderson.





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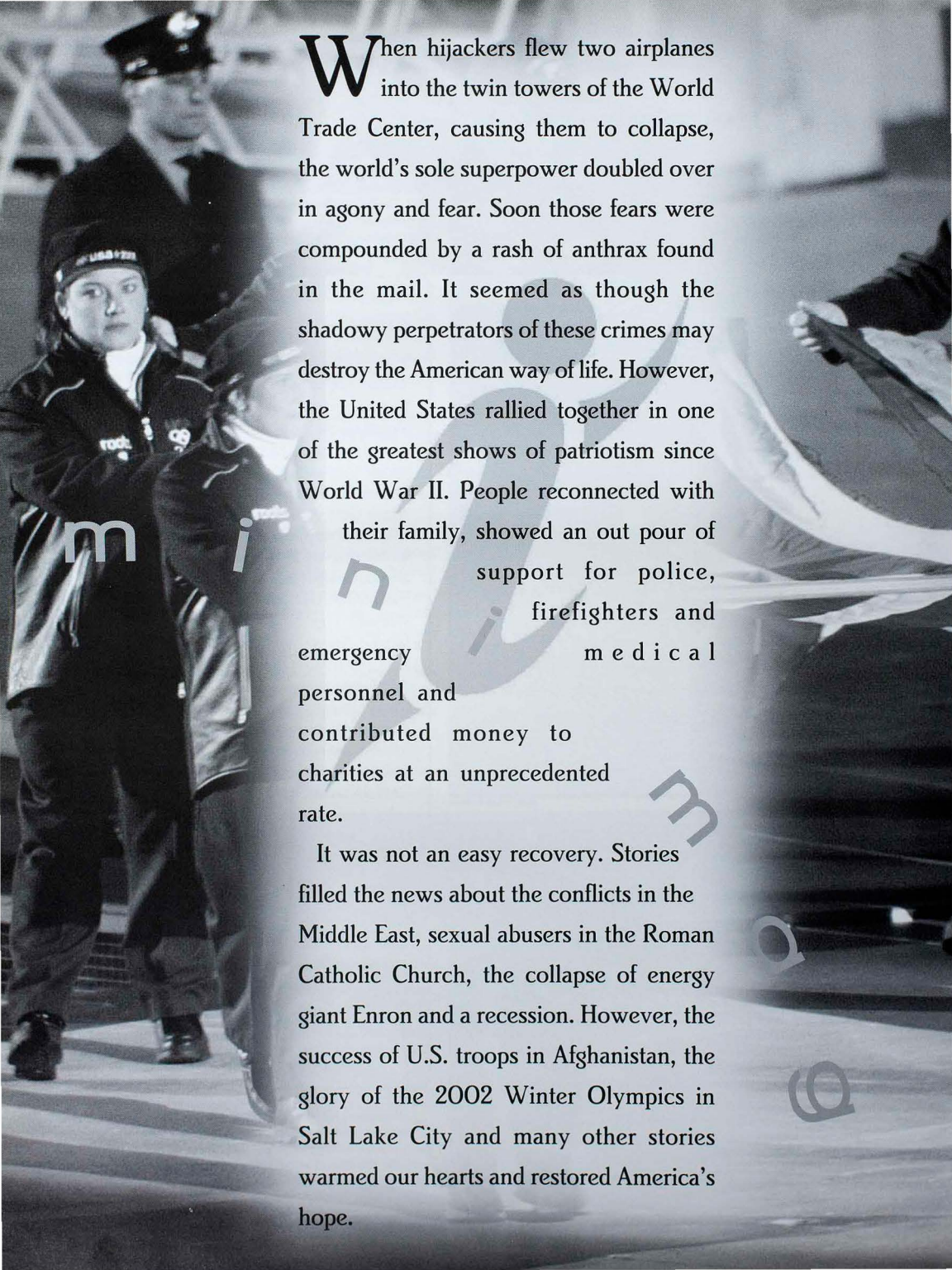
◀ During the fourth inning sophomore pitcher Wes Creech keeps an eye on the runner on first base, making sure he does not steal second during a game against Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.). The Bulldogs lost the game in the 10th inning with a score of 22-21. The team held all opponents to 224 runs over the course of the 2002 season.

## baseball scoreboard

| opponent                                        | us/them    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Southern Indiana University (Evansville)        | 4/11, 10/8 |
| Southern Indiana University (Evansville)        | 2/14       |
| Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.)                | 5/3        |
| Marietta College (Ohio)                         | 0/3        |
| University of South Dakota (Vermillion)         | 15/10      |
| Northern State University (Aberdeen, S.D.)      | 13/6       |
| Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.)                | 1/2        |
| Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.)         | 4/3        |
| Ohio Dominican College (Columbus)               | 3/4, 7/8   |
| Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)         | 5/10       |
| Simpson College (Indianola, Iowa)               | 4/7, 2/4   |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 2/8, 7/6   |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 2/21       |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 7/16, 3/11 |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 9/7, 5/2   |
| Quincy University (Ill.)                        | 3/4        |
| Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)              | 2/1, 7/8   |
| Pittsburg State University (Kan.)               | 7/12, 7/4  |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 1/9        |
| Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) | 0/10, 3/10 |
| Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)     | 1/8, 4/8   |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 21/22      |
| Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)     | 2/4, 12/5  |
| Iowa Wesleyan College (Mount Pleasant)          | 17/13      |
| Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) | 4/9, 3/6   |
| University of Missouri-Rolla                    | 5/2, 3/5   |
| Emporia State University (Kan.)                 | 7/6, 5/19  |
| Missouri Southern State College (Loplin)        | 3/4, 5/7   |
| Missouri Southern State College (Loplin)        | 7/1        |

Final Record 15-29; MIAA 9-19

◀ Sophomore outfielder Jamie Wolf takes a swing during the game against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville). Wolf had a personal batting average of .286 for the 2002 season, after being up to bat 105 times. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a team batting average of .275.



When hijackers flew two airplanes into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, causing them to collapse, the world's sole superpower doubled over in agony and fear. Soon those fears were compounded by a rash of anthrax found in the mail. It seemed as though the shadowy perpetrators of these crimes may destroy the American way of life. However, the United States rallied together in one of the greatest shows of patriotism since World War II. People reconnected with their family, showed an out pour of support for police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel and contributed money to charities at an unprecedented rate.

It was not an easy recovery. Stories filled the news about the conflicts in the Middle East, sexual abusers in the Roman Catholic Church, the collapse of energy giant Enron and a recession. However, the success of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the glory of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and many other stories warmed our hearts and restored America's hope.



U.S. athletes and New York City police officers and firefighters carry a American Flag removed from the World Trade Center debris into Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The flag was discovered after being buried for three days at Ground Zero. The flag was at several memorial services for members of the Port Authority Police Department before arriving at the Olympics.

photo by Associated Press

# Terror Strikes America

*The Horror of September 11, 2001*

Smoke engulfed the sky as a ghastly nightmare came to life in New York City in one of the deadliest terrorist attacks the United States had ever seen.

At 8:45 a.m., a hijacked passenger jet, American Airlines Flight 11, crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center creating a massive hole in the building. People all over the nation were glued to their television sets when they witnessed United Airlines Flight 175 crash into the south tower 15 minutes later.

The two buildings were home to more than 50,000 employees who rushed to escape from the buildings, some jumping out of windows. Flames shot from the buildings as 10,000 rescue personnel rushed to the site from all parts of the city, having no idea how many were injured or dead. Both buildings eventually collapsed to the ground in a shower of dust, debris and paper, sending onlookers racing away for their lives. The entire area of lower Manhattan was evacuated.

Approximately 30 minutes after the second crash, American Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. A fourth flight, United Flight 93, crashed near Shanksville, Pa. A passenger on the fourth flight heard about the previous crashes while talking on a cell phone. It was believed that this passenger, along with others on the plane, overtook the terrorists and crashed the plane in Pennsylvania. The terrorist's destination for the fourth plane's remained unknown, but speculations placed it heading for the White House. A total of 266

passengers and crew on the four planes were killed.

A nation paralyzed with fear reacted quickly, unsure if more attacks would take place. In the first-ever national ground stop of aircraft, all flights nationwide were stopped at their departure airports. Philadelphia landmarks, the Sears Tower in Chicago and the United Nations building in New York City were evacuated. The U.S. stock markets closed, as did Walt Disney amusement parks in Florida and California. Washington, D.C. and San Francisco both declared states of emergency. Professional sports teams postponed games.

The evening of Sept. 11, 2001 was grave, lawmakers gathered on the steps of the Capitol for a display of unity and a spontaneous chorus of "God Bless America." Members of Congress promised to stand together and vowed revenge.

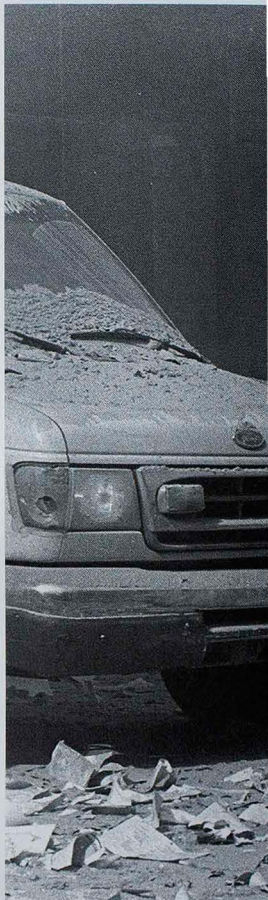
Sept. 12, 2001, arrived with fear and disbelief on faces across the United States. The rescue teams searched the rubble, but found only a few survivors. Many of the bodies pulled from Ground Zero were beyond recognition.

FBI began investigations with Osama bin Laden, a suspected leader of terrorism, as a main suspect.

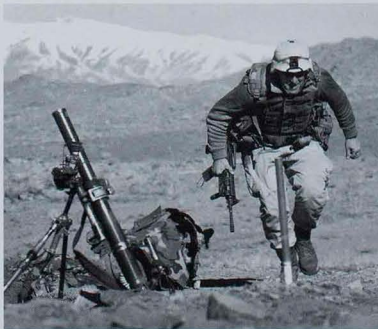
Slowly, the cleanup process began. People grieved, but turned their pain into patriotism. American flags were hung on buildings, houses and cars as people found new meanings in the words "United We Stand."

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▲ Deputy U.S. Marshal Dominic Guadagnoli carries an injured woman from Ground Zero. Rescuers did not find any survivors at the World Trade Center site after Sept. 12, 2001.



▲ First Sgt. Johnathan Blossom runs for cover from mortar fire near Sirkankele, Afghanistan. Blossom's position was under attack from mortar fire, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine-gun fire.



▲ President George W. Bush and firefighter Bob Beck during stand atop the World Trade Center rubble during Bush's tour of the devastation. During his visit, Bush gave a speech to rescue crews.

## The Aftermath Of Terror

### The Nation Recovers, Fights Back

► Following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, charities raised over \$1 billion for victims. Despite the generosity of the U.S. citizens, allegations arose over the misuse of funds.

► On Oct. 7, 2001, U.S. and British military forces launched the first military strikes targeting the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden. Within two months, U.S. forces along with the Northern Alliance pushed the Taliban from military strongholds.

► On Nov. 19, 2001, President George W. Bush signed an aviation security bill. This made the Transportation Security Administration in the Department of Transportation responsible for airport security. It required baggage to be screened by a Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System and required flight schools to check the backgrounds of foreign nationals before training them to operate aircrafts over 12,500 lbs.

► Five people died from inhalation anthrax following the attacks. There were 18 confirmed cases: 11 inhalation and seven skin cases. Many of the infections occurred through contact with infected mail.

► In December 2001, the Taliban's rule of Afghanistan ended. Hamid Karzai was sworn in as the leader of an interim government.

► Richard Reid boarded American Airlines Flight 63 in Paris on Dec. 22, 2001, and allegedly tried to light explosives hidden in his shoes. Passengers and crew subdued Reid. He was then arrested in Boston and later indicted on nine charges.

► Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, 38, was kidnapped in Karachi, Pakistan on Jan. 23, 2002. Pearl was investigating the connections between Richard Reid and the al Qaeda network. After a month, the kidnappers released a video showing Pearl's murder.

► In March 2002, the U.S. launched "Operation Anaconda," prompting more than 2,000 U.S., Coalition and Afghan troops to find the remaining Taliban and al Qaeda loyalists.

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Three men help each other forge through debris as they flee the site of the terrorist attacks in New York City. An estimated 2,830 people were killed in the World Trade Center attacks.

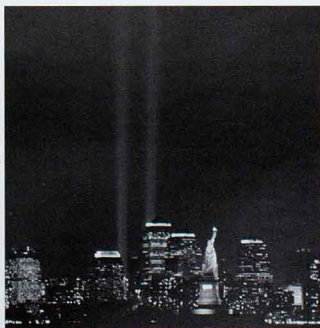
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▲ A Des Plaines, Ill., fireman brings out postal employees' clothing in plastic bags. An unidentified white powder was found on mail from the Des Plaines post office on Oct. 15, 2001.



▲ Former Taliban fighters sit inside a cell in a jail complex in Shebargan in northern Afghanistan. The fighters surrendered to the Northern Alliance following their defeat in Kunduz in northern Afghanistan.



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▲ Two beams of light shine in the New York City skyline from near the World Trade Center site. The two lights served as a temporary memorial from March 11 until April 13, 2002.



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee speaks to former Enron employees during a rally she sponsored in Houston on April 5, 2002. The rally also served as a petition drive for the recovery of workers' severance packages.

photo by Associated Press

# Energy Giant Files Bankruptcy

## Employees Enraged over Loss of Retirement Funds

After months of stock prices plummeting and suspicions flying around the company, its partnerships and the Bush administration, Enron filed for bankruptcy. The collapse left 20,000 employees unemployed and without their 401(K) retirement funds.

Early in 2001, rumors developed that Enron was using its partnerships to cover up millions of dollars of debt. In August 2001, Enron's vice president, Sherron Watkins, sent an anonymous letter to Kenneth Lay, Enron's chief executive officer. The letter further explained that former CEO Jeffrey Skilling's resignation led to suspicions about the company's stability. At the same time, Lay, along with other executives, sold 93,000 shares of company stock, earning millions of dollars. Meanwhile they urged employees to invest their 401(K) into the company.

In October 2001, Enron executives took measures to protect themselves and the company—they hired an law firm to conduct an investigation. The investigation found Enron not to be at fault. A day later, Enron announced upwards of \$6 million in third-quarter losses and over \$1 billion in other losses. Enron's accounting firm, Arthur Andersen LLP, began destroying documents late in the month. Lay started to phone calls to people in the Bush administration, warning them of the potential collapse of the company and possible economic repercussions.

On Nov. 30, 2001, Enron stock plummeted. It went from \$77 a share at the start of 2001, to 26 cents share. Four days later, Enron officially filed for the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

January brought the admittance of the document shredding. Enron's was removed from the New York Stock Exchange.

On March 14, 2002, federal prosecutors indicted Andersen for allegedly obstructing justice when the company shredded Enron documents and deleted important files from their computers. However, the Justice Department was willing to settle its obstruction of justice case against Andersen in exchange for a public admission that the firm shredded documents illegally.

Also trying to avoid charges was former Enron treasurer Ben Glisan and David Duncan, former Andersen partner and Enron's chief auditor. They offered information about the energy trader's financial collapse to avoid criminal charges.

A number of hearings and trials followed in order to discover whom, if anyone, was at fault for the mismanagement of funds and whether the partnerships illegal. Most of the partnerships developed with companies owned by Enron's board of directors. It was thought that this was to hide millions of dollars of debt.

Thousands of people were without work and without their life savings after Enron's fall. Several groups of former employees worked on a case against Enron and its board for the lost money. There was a slim chance of the people getting anything, if the courts could not prove wrongdoing on the part of the company or its executives.

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# Catholic Church Under Fire

*Priests Accused of Sexual Misconduct, Cover-up Suspected*

Riddled with accusations and confessions, the Roman Catholic Church took a major blow to its credibility. Thousands of people came forward to tell stories of sexual misconduct performed by various members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and of efforts made by the church to cover up many incidents.

Many Americans were becoming aware of priestly pedophilia in January 2002 when John Geoghan, who had a prior pedophilia conviction, was exposed and sued by 86 people and accused by several more. The problem, however, surfaced as early as 1985 when Reverend Gilbert Gauthier was sentenced to 20 years for molesting dozens of children in Louisiana.

Other cases appeared in the years to follow and were settled for millions of dollars, but there was no evidence of efforts made to prevent future occurrences.

Often allegations stayed within the confines of the Catholic Church, where a realm of secrecy existed that began when the Cardinal system formed. They took a vow before the Pope to keep anything that would threaten the church to themselves. Individual bishops, however, often handled episodes of sexual abuse and often priests were merely relocated after incidents occurred, despite the church's knowledge of the violations.

In 2001, new rules were discreetly released by the Vatican, instructing that allegations of sexual misconduct must be presented secretly for judgment by Rome's congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. This was to keep these judicial procedures within church control.

The churches' links to the law encroached on necessary modifications. Churches were not subject to mandatory reporter laws and only 19 states required clergy to report allegations or suspicions of sexual misconduct against minors to authorities.

Steps to correct the problem, including a zero-tolerance policy were discussed and even put into practice by some bishops.

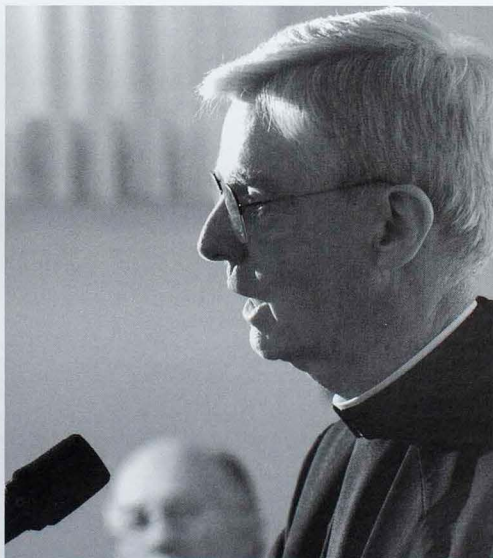
In the wake of the numerous accusations, Roman Catholics looked for openness and accountability to replace the church's secretive culture. Some Roman Catholics questioned the cause of the happenings; looking to the celibacy requirement and the men-only clergy. However, Pope John Paul II gave no sympathy, suggesting that any changes that would be made would have to be implemented by his successor.

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◀ Parishioners at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Norwood, Mass., protest outside Cardinal Bernard Law's home in April 2002. In 2002, Pope John Paul II summoned the U.S. Cardinals to the Vatican to discuss abuse allegations.

▲ At a news conference, Bishop John McCormack speaks on sexual abuse charges. He was one of two bishops on the Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Abuse of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops who was accused of helping priests who had molested children.

# The Winter Olympics

*Athletes Around the World Compete for Gold*

The 2002 Winter Olympics, held in Salt Lake City, had a deeper meaning for the United States as a result of the events that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. Most countries supported and expressed sympathy for the United States. During the Opening Ceremony, the flag from Ground Zero was raised to the U.S. National Anthem by an honor guard consisting of athletes, firefighters and police officers. The flag was flown in the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium until the conclusion of the games.

Security was heightened to ensure maximum safety, due to the terrorist attacks. Increasing security at large-scale events had always been required. However, due to the attacks months earlier, it was more essential during the 2002 Olympics. There were no direct threats to Olympic events, but several occurrences elsewhere in the country showed potential for problems and made the extra precautions necessary.

One of the few crimes that occurred during the 2002 Olympics were labeled as unruly celebrations. Toward the end of the games, there were a few crowd disturbances. Disturbances occurred at the beer tent, Bud World, where several windows were broken and property was damaged. Also, the crowd harassed the police who were then forced to make arrests and shoot rubber bullets to gain control of the situation.

Despite minor complications, the games proved successful. The USA's first gold medal of the 2002 games was won by 18-year-old Kelly Clark, who had the winning halfpipe run, with a score of 47.9 points.

The games also hosted new events. The sport of skeleton, twice-banned from the Olympics for being too perilous, emerged again in 2002. It was stomach-down, headfirst sledding on what looked like a cafeteria tray on carving knives. The gold medal for the event went to American Jimmy Shea, a third generation Olympian.

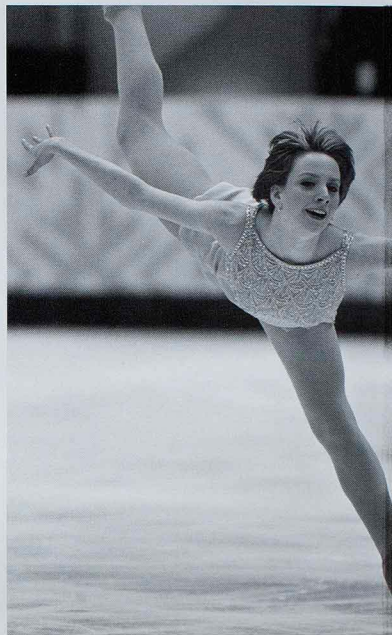
One of the most well-known events and scandals occurred during the pairs' figure skating competition. Russian skaters Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze were announced as the gold medalists, but there was controversy over whether the Canadians, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, should have won. Russia claimed they were discriminated against because of other Russian athletes who allegedly had illegal substances in their blood. Russia threatened to pull out of the games, but the discrepancies were resolved. Two sets of gold medals were given out as a result. On television interviews, the four skaters said they felt they were a part of history, knowing that they shared a unique situation.

Controversy also arose in the 1500-meter short track speed-skating final. South Korean Kim Dong-Sung was disqualified after chief referee James Hewish judged that Dong-Sung was guilty of cross-tracking, or interfering, with American Apolo Anton Ohno's path when Ohno was trying to move up the inside lane. Ohno was awarded the gold medal, much to the outrage of South Korea, who also threatened to pull out of the games.

Overall, the games were a success for the United States with 34 gold medalists. To conclude the Winter Olympics on Feb. 24, 2002, Christina Aguilera, KISS, Bon Jovi, Harry Connick Jr., Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Oksana Kazakova and other famous performers entertained large crowds during the Closing Ceremony.

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◀ Sarah Hughes of the United States skates during the women's free skate program on the final night of women's figure skating competition. Hughes skated one of the most technically demanding programs ever attempted in a woman's Olympic competition including two clean triple-triple combinations.

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▶ Canadian pairs figure skaters, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, and Russian pairs figure skaters, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, pose with their gold medals at a special awards ceremony for the pairs competition. Pelletier and Sale defeated Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze at the 2001 World Championships.



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▶ Bode Miller speeds down the giant slalom course in Park City, Utah, during his second run in the men's competition. Miller won the silver medal in the combined and the giant slalom events.

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## In the News ...

### Major Events and News

▶ Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was executed by lethal injection at the Terre Haute Federal Prison in Indiana, on June 11, 2001. McVeigh's death was the first federal execution since 1963. McVeigh was executed for the April 16, 1995, attack that killed 168 people and wounded hundreds.

▶ A total of 92 million checks, ranging from \$300 for single tax filers to \$600 for married taxpayers, began to be mailed out in July 2001 as part of President George W. Bush's \$38 billion tax rebate. The rebates were part of Bush's tax legislation that reduced the base income tax from 15 to 10 percent.

▶ On Aug. 1, 2001, the MTV cable television network celebrated 20 years of being on the air. The network commemorated its 20-year-run with a day of celebration and star-studded concert and party in New York City.

▶ R&B singer and actress, Aaliyah, was killed in an airplane crash in the Bahamas on Aug. 25, 2001. Aaliyah and eight others died when an overloaded Cessna 402 crashed.

▶ Shark attacks were a common occurrence on the world's beaches in 2001 with three deaths and over 50 injuries sustained from unprovoked attacks. There were 41 attacks in the U.S. with 29 in Florida alone.

▶ American Airlines Flight 587 crashed into a New York neighborhood in Queens on Nov. 12, 2001, three minutes after taking off from John F. Kennedy International Airport. The plane was headed to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The crash killed 262 people.

▶ Advanced Cell Technology, a private U.S. research company based in Massachusetts, announced in November 2001 it had cloned embryos. The cloning was done by removing DNA from an adult human body cell and placing it into an egg cell. The cell then grew into a six-cell embryo. A decision from President George W. Bush allowed federal funding for stem cell research on already existing lines, but did not allow the creation of new lines. Stem cell research was expected to find a cure for several types of diseases, including Parkinson's Disease.

▶ Former Beatles guitarist George Harrison died Nov. 29, 2001, in Los Angeles at the age of 58. Harrison died of cancer.

▶ Wendy's restaurant chain founder and spokesperson, Dave Thomas, died at the age of 69. Thomas died in his home in Florida from liver cancer.

▶ The MTV reality series "The Osbournes" premiered in 2002 and quickly captured the title of cable television's number one show by drawing over six million viewers per week. The show chronicled the lives of rocker Ozzy Osbourne, wife Sharon, daughter Kelly and son Jack was the highest-rated show in MTV history.

▶ On March 14, 2002, comedian Rosie O'Donnell made her first public comments regarding her homosexuality on the television show "Primetime Live" during an interview with reporter Diane Sawyer. O'Donnell went public with her sexual orientation in hopes to raise awareness and support for gay parents and gay adoption.

▶ At the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), student residence advisers voted to become affiliated with the United Auto Workers Local 2322 in March 2002. The residence advisers were the first group of undergraduate employees to become unionized. The University of Massachusetts opposed the unionization.

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At the 88th Annual Rose Bowl game, University of Miami (Florida) football player Andre Johnson kisses the Sears Trophy. The Miami Hurricanes defeated the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) with a score of 37-12.

# The Year In Sports

## Wins, Losses And Record Breaking Seasons

Super Bowl XXXVI gave fans exactly what they wanted—the excitement of a dramatic last-second finish. Following a 53-yard, nine-play drive by the game’s MVP Tom Brady, Adam Vinatieri executed a 48-yard field goal, earning the New England Patriots’ their first Super Bowl title. The final score was 20-17 shocked the St. Louis Rams. This was just one of the dramatic finishes seen in the 2001-2002 sports season.

The World Series also delivered a first when the Arizona Diamondbacks won their first championship. The Diamondbacks beat the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 7. The Diamondbacks’ win ended the Yankees four-year reign over the World Series.

A memorable moment of the 2001 baseball season occurred when San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds’ successful pursuit of the single-season home run record. Bonds shattered the 70-run record set by St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire. Bonds approached retirement, but planned to play for another season in hopes of hitting his 600th career home run. Consequently, Bonds also drew a major league record of 177 walks, due to his hitting style.

The Los Angeles Lakers won another NBA Championship with they defeated the New Jersey Nets in Game 4 of the 2002 NBA Finals, 113-107. Shaquille O’Neal joined Michael Jordan as the only players to win Finals MVP three years in a row.

The 2001 WNBA Championship title went to the Los Angeles Sparks when they defeated the Charlotte Sting 82-54.

In the 2001 men’s NCAA Final Four, the University of

Maryland (College Park) Terrapins earned their first National Championship title in their victory over Indiana University (Bloomington), 64-52. This was the first championship loss for Indiana, which won each of the five previous final games.

The women’s Final Four had the University of Connecticut (Storrs) Huskies completing one of the most dominant seasons in women’s college basketball history, as they defeated the University of Oklahoma (Norman) 82-70. The Huskies finished their season with a perfect record of 39-0.

In 2001, the Colorado Avalanche denied the New Jersey Devils the chance to clinch the Stanley Cup with a 3-1 victory. In his 22nd season in the league, 40-year-old Avalanche player Ray Bourque finally held the Cup, after playing a record of 1,825 games without winning.

A goal from forward Dwayne De Rosario in the sixth minute of overtime earned the San Jose Earthquakes the team’s first Major League Soccer Championship title. The Earthquakes defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy 2-1 in MLS Cup in 2001.

Cancer survivor and Texas native, Lance Armstrong, won the 2001 Tour de France cycling race for the third consecutive year.

Tiger Woods continued his legacy in 2002, when he won his second consecutive Master’s Tournament and third overall.

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# Music and Movie Awards

Film, Music Industry Stars Take Home Top Honors

Outstanding performances in music, on the screen and stage were recognized in the highly-discussed award shows of 2001 and 2002. Actress Halle Berry made history when she became the first black woman to receive Best Actress in a Leading Role. She earned the Oscar for her work in "Monster's Ball" at the 74th Academy Awards. Berry won an award for the same work at the 8th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles. The NAACP Image Award named her Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture for "Swordfish."

Also recognized by the Image Awards was Denzel Washington, winning Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture for his controversially-crooked role as a police officer in "Training Day." This also earned him an Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role.

The Academy Award for Best Picture went to "A Beautiful Mind." The Golden Globes awarded it Best Motion Picture-Drama, and its leading actor, Russell Crowe, won Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama. For her part in "A Beautiful Mind," Jennifer Connelly was the recipient for Best Supporting Actress at the Golden Globes and the Academy Awards.

"Moulin Rouge" collected awards in both music and film award shows. The film won the Oscar for Best Art Direction. Nicole Kidman won Best Performance in a Motion Picture-Musical.

Craig Armstrong was awarded for producing the Best Original Score at the Golden Globe Awards. "Lady Marmalade," from the "Moulin Rouge" soundtrack, won Video of the Year at the 2001 MTV Video Awards.

The 44th Annual Grammy Awards served up a surprising choice for Album of the Year in 2002; the soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" beat out legends Bob Dylan and U2. The soundtrack was a mixture of traditional folk, bluegrass and spiritual music. The nation's new appreciation of folk and bluegrass music racked up a total of five Grammy awards.

The American Theatre Wing's 55th Annual Tony Awards honored the best on Broadway of 2001. "The Producers," took home more than half the awards given out that night, totaling 12. Next in line for recognition was "Proof," winning Best Play and Best Direction of a Play. Mary-Louise Parker, won the Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play.

As promised every year, awards shows held audiences captive as people waited to see their favorites in music, in movies and on stage receive the credit that was due for their performances.

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◀ Alicia Keys poses with the five Grammys she won at the 2002 Grammy Awards. Keys won for Best New Artist, Song of the Year, Best R&B Song, Best R&B Album and Best Female R&B Vocal Performance. Keys tied Lauryn Hill's 1999 record of five awards won at once.

▲ Christina Aguilera and Mya belt out "Lady Marmalade" during a performance at the 44th Annual Grammy Awards. Mya, Aguilera, Pink and Li'l Kim won the Grammy Award for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals for this song. The song was included on the "Moulin Rouge" soundtrack.

# Horror Events Unfold

*Deaths, Disappearances Shock Americans*

Disbelief filled American homes during 2001-2002, when tragic incidences were revealed. A mother was convicted of murdering her five children, people disappeared from their homes and hundreds of bodies were discovered near a crematory. Shocked citizens could hardly look beyond the unusual nature of each of these events.

On June 20, 2001, police in Houston, Texas received a call made by Andrea Yates, 37. Upon arriving, police found a disheveled Yates who admitted to drowning her five children in their family home.

After further investigation, police found Yates' son, Noah, 7, facedown in the bathtub and the bodies of her four other children, Luke, Paul, John and Mary, under a sheet in her bed. Noah was the oldest, and Mary, 6 months, was the youngest of the five children.

Prosecutors chose to charge Yates with just two counts of first-degree murder, in order to leave the opportunity for potential further prosecution.

Yates pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. However the prosecution pointed out that when they had arrived she made contact with them and had no problem understanding directions. Yates was found guilty by a jury and received a life sentence.

Unlike Yates, Brenda van Dam was not aware of the events that lead to the death of her 7-year-old daughter, Danielle van Dam.

Three weeks after Danielle was reported missing from her San Diego bedroom on Feb. 1, 2002, searchers discovered her body in a vacant lot.

Police revealed their prime suspect to be David Westerfield, a neighbor of the Van Dans. Westerfield claimed to be on a road trip the weekend of Danielle's disappearance. A forensic expert testified at a preliminary hearing that blood spots from Westerfield's jacket and recreational vehicle matched Danielle's DNA.

Westerfield was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping. He was charged with murder, kidnapping and possession of child pornography. It was suspected that Westerfield had a sexual motive for abducting Danielle due to the child pornography that was found, but her body was too decomposed to determine whether she had been raped.

The parents of Chandra Levy had no clue as to the whereabouts of their 24-year-old daughter, who had just completed an internship in Washington, D.C., in 2001.

Levy was last seen in a Washington, D.C., gym on April 30, 2001, where she canceled her membership. She was last heard from in an e-mail to her parents on May 1,

2001. It was speculated that her disappearance was connected with California Congressman Gary Condit.

Condit admitted to having sexual relations with Levy. Police did not officially declare him a suspect.

Police hypothesized that Levy left with someone she knew, because after searching around both Condit's and Levy's apartments no evidence was found. The only thing that was missing were Levy's car keys.

In another case, officials discovered 339 human bodies near the Tri-State Crematory in Lafayette, Ga.

After discovering a skull and torso in a lake near the crematory, police began an investigation for more bodies around Tri-State.

Ray Brent Marsh, crematory operator, was arrested on Feb. 16, 2002, with 118 counts of theft for allegedly receiving payment to cremate the bodies. Instead of properly cremating the dead, Marsh disposed of the bodies and passed cement powder and dirt off as ashes.

Marsh claimed that the incinerator was not working, but after testing the machine, authorities denied his claim.

In response to the Marsh case, the Alabama's House of Representatives approved a bill 84-0 providing the Alabama Funeral Services Board power to regulate the cremation process.

After a puzzling year, officials continued to look for clues and pursue justice.

▶ Andrea Yates, accompanied by her attorney, George Parnham, enters the courtroom for Yates's arraignment for the charges of first degree murder for the deaths of her five children. Yates was ordered to serve her time in solitary confinement.

▼ Funeral director of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes, Rob Walley, and employee John Porche wheel a dead body into the funeral home. The U.S. crematory industry was questioned by many in 2002, due to the discovery of the remains of dead individuals who had wished to be cremated at a Georgia crematory.



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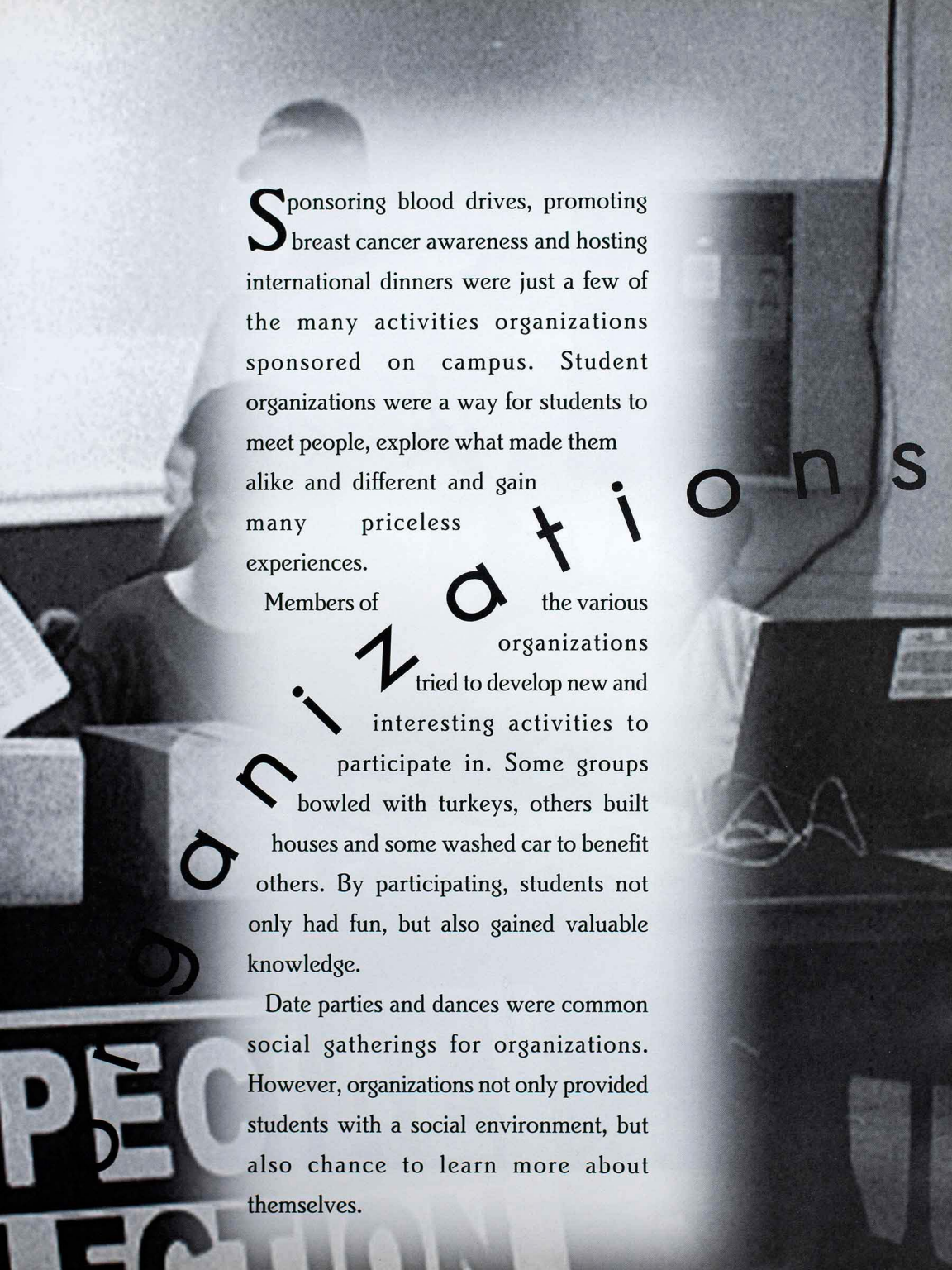
- ▶ 13-year-old Brittanie Cecil died March 18, 2002, two days after she suffered a rare injury from being struck in the forehead by a hockey puck while attending a game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Calgary Flames. An artery was damaged when the force of the puck forced Cecil's head backward.
- ▶ Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of England died in her sleep on March 30, 2002, at the age of 101. Born a commoner, the Queen Mum was the creator of the modern British monarchy. Over 400,000 people turned out for the funeral at Westminster Hall, along with three generations of the British royal family.
- ▶ At the age of 70, Tom Christerson became the first artificial heart transplant recipient to be sent home long-term from a medical facility in April 2002. Christerson was the second patient to receive an AbioCor artificial heart.
- ▶ The number of suicide bombings in Israel rose in 2001 and 2002, with 60 bombings taking place in 19 months. An attack by Palestinian Shadi Tobasi in a Haifa, Israel restaurant on March 31, 2002, killed 15 people. In March 2002, the families of suicide bombers began to receive \$25,000 apiece from Saddam Hussein, the leader of Iraq.
- ▶ The United States' unemployment rate jumped to a new high in April 2002. The rate reached 6 percent, the highest in nearly eight years. Economists blamed high unemployment on a labor market that was struggling to recover from a recession that caused more than 1 million job cuts in 2001.
- ▶ The 32-story Pirelli Tower, Italy's tallest building, was badly damaged April 18, 2002, when a single-engine Commander 112 airplane accidentally crashed into it. Two female lawyers were killed while 29 others were injured. The pilot, 68-year-old Luigi Fasulo, was also killed in the crash. The building reopened four days after the crash.
- ▶ Lisa Lopez, better known as "Left Eye" from the female R&B group TLC, died at the age of 30 on April 25, 2002, in a car accident in Honduras. The other two members of TLC, Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas, were also in the accident, but survived.
- ▶ Flooding in the Appalachian Mountains killed at least 12 people, nine in West Virginia, one in Kentucky and two in Virginia with numerous others missing in May 2002. Four inches of rain fell in six hours on May 2, 2002, causing rivers to overflow their banks in a five county area where West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky meet. A state of emergency was declared and the National Guard was called to duty as thousands of residents were evacuated from their homes. Flooding in Missouri also killed at least two.
- ▶ A fire raged through southern New Mexico, destroying over 9,500 acres of land and 20 structures in May 2002. Officials suspected William Meyers caused the fire. Meyers killed himself on May 1, 2002, at his home in La Luz, N.M. Meyers believed he accidentally started the fire with either a cigarette or a spark from his all-terrain vehicle.
- ▶ Skeletal remains of missing former Washington intern Chandra Levy were found in a park in Washington, D.C., May 22, 2002. Almost 13 months passed since Levy's disappearance and the discovery of her body. Police had no suspects or motives at the time of the discovery.

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▶ Junior Allison Holt casts a ballot in the Funds Allotment Council's Special Election. The election was to recall FAC members and to change the FAC constitution. Both of the issues on the ballot failed by a considerable margin.

*photo by Julia Karll*



Sponsoring blood drives, promoting breast cancer awareness and hosting international dinners were just a few of the many activities organizations sponsored on campus. Student organizations were a way for students to meet people, explore what made them alike and different and gain many priceless experiences.

Members of the various organizations tried to develop new and interesting activities to participate in. Some groups bowled with turkeys, others built houses and some washed car to benefit others. By participating, students not only had fun, but also gained valuable knowledge.

Date parties and dances were common social gatherings for organizations. However, organizations not only provided students with a social environment, but also chance to learn more about themselves.



▶ Meghan Barnes of Drury University (Springfield, Mo.), presents her paper critiquing the Aristotelian world view. A panel of University students selected eight out of the 11 papers submitted by undergraduate students to be presented at the conference.

photo by Tom Palmier

# DIFFERENT VIEWS

students across the midwest give presentations at the 12th annual undergraduate philosophy and religion conference

Truman State University students and faculty, along with students from other colleges and universities, had the opportunity to attend the University's 12th annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference.

University students, with some faculty assistance, organized and ran the conference. The conference took place at very little cost to the Philosophy and Religion Club.

"It does not cost us anything to bring in the speakers since they are all undergraduate students," senior Callista Webb said. "They are responsible for paying for all of their own expenses and [the Division of Social Science] provided pizza for the banquet, which also saved us a lot of money."

In order to speak at the conference, undergraduate students submitted a nine to 12-page paper pertaining to any area of philosophy or religion. Senior Cabell Gathman wrote a paper for the conference, but was unable to attend, so her presentation was videotaped and shown during her allotted time.

"I wrote my paper about women and Gnosticism, since eastern religions interest me," Gathman said. "Writing this gave me a stronger look at Christianity and how structured people have shaped the institution. I wished I could have been at the conference to present my paper, but I was required to be somewhere else."

The presentations lasted an hour each, and included a reading of the research paper and a discussion session. The audience responded to the presenters, by asking questions for further clarification or voicing their opinions.

Webb felt the conference had a positive impact on the students and faculty.

"I think the conference went really well,"

Webb said. "We had very good discussions on the papers, averaging around 30 minutes each. This conference impacted a lot of the people in attendance in some way. The conference impacted the University because it encouraged students to experience something they might otherwise not have had the chance to."

Some students attended the conference for a class. After attending, many students were glad they went.

"I thought the conference was very interesting," freshman Michelle Zieres said. "Some of the opinions speakers had were different from mine, especially the abortion paper, but it was still interesting to listen to someone else's view. I now have a different perspective on these issues."

The conference brought together many students and faculty.

"All the sessions were very well attended, which I think says a lot about the intellectual curiosity and aptitude of our own students," said Derek Daschke, assistant professor of philosophy and religion. "My hope is that the conference inspired more students to study philosophy and religion and to think about the great issues they raise."

*Tiffany Marchbanks*



photo by Jenn Lutteke

Senior Callista Webb participates in a discussion session at the conference. Webb, Philosophy and Religion Club president, was one of the main students involved in organizing the conference. The conference included eight speakers, from seven universities presenting their papers.

*Staff Writer*



Senior Doug Baer and graduate student Erin McFarland demonstrate their dance moves at the 2001 Fall Activities Fair. Baer and McFarland hoped to attract people to their information table by displaying some swing moves. The University Swingers met weekly during the school year.

photo by Katie Rose

# SWINGING IN STYLE

university swingers practice several types of dances to improve their technique and for entertainment

Kicking up their heels with their hands flying, the University Swingers offered opportunities to learn several types of dance.

Any student interested in joining could attend the weekly one-hour-long workshop for the general group. Students also had the opportunity to audition for the University Swingers performance team. The performance team practiced an additional four hours a week, along with instructing and practicing with the general group.

The performance team took part in events such as Homecoming and Lakeside Revue. They also held workshops at the Kirksville High School and performed at nursing homes.

Auditions for the performance team were held in the fall with spots opening only if members graduated or decided to discontinue participation. Members were not required to audition to renew their position on the performance team.

"Anywhere between 15 and 50 people audition for the performance team," sophomore Nick Turco said. "The group consists of six couples."

Approximately 60 students came to the weekly group meetings.

"Lots stay in the general group," junior T.J. Bross said. "We try to throw in new things every year so things won't get stagnant."

The groups focused on swing, but also learned dances such as Latin, waltz, tango, salsa and cha-cha.

"We need to incorporate social dance into the show," junior Luke Andermann said. "We want a bigger variety of dancing styles."

The University Swingers started with one couple who taught the group, and since then everything has been passed down.

The organization also brought in workshop

groups such as the Lindyhop Swing Association from St. Louis. Lindyhop came for a weekend and worked with the University Swingers on improving techniques. Lindyhop also held a workshop for anyone on campus who was interested.

Students had a variety of reasons for joining the organization from getting more exercise to meeting people. Regardless, they were there to have a good time.

"It's a really laid-back group," Bross said. "We get together and just have fun."

Andermann worked on the group's goals, along with his personal goals.

"I've accomplished my goals of learning dances," Andermann said. "I just want to improve my skills and become a better technical dancer."

Above all the group members wanted to perfect their dancing skills.

"We want to work on technique and precision," sophomore Hilary Wright said. "With better technique, we'll be able to go out on the dance floor and dance with people other than those taught at Truman. It'll also make us better leaders and followers."

The group set high goals for 2002 with successful performances from the past in mind and hopes for greater accomplishments.

"[During a performance] second semester of my freshman year, we got a 5-minute standing ovation; it was so awesome," Andermann said.

*Chelsey Ilten*

*Features Editor*

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**Luke Andermann,  
junior**

# IDENTITY

## International Students Club

**"[International students] can teach us so much. Americans who don't have international students as friends don't know what they're missing out on."**

**Shanee Perkins, senior**

**Size:** 80

**President:** Kartik Gaddam, senior

**Vice President:**

Sitinga Kachipande, junior

**Secretary:** Ajaya Panday, junior

**In the past we have ...**  
hosted international dinners and sponsored international week.

**What gives us our identity?**

**We were founded to promote friendship and understanding among students of many different nationalities on campus.**

**Our challenge:**

**We cater to students from 50 different countries who attend Truman State University.**

▶ Graduate student Rachel Carrico and senior David de la Fuente perform sevillanas at the International Dinner for the Society of Dance Art. Sevillanas was a type of flamenco dance from Sevilla, Spain, that utilized folkloric couples dance and flamenco singing.





photo by Jennifer Main

international students club brings

# UNITING students of different backgrounds together ACROSS in order to explore diversity on campus CULTURES

Many organizations at Truman State University encouraged diversity among students. The International Students Club was devoted solely to the awareness of other cultures. The organization tried to help make connections for international students. These connections helped students become involved on campus and it helped students meet other international students.

"The International Club is a cultural and social organization created to unite many people from different backgrounds, including all American and overseas students," junior Sitinga Kachipande said.

The group took field trips to other cities in Missouri to allow international students to see more than just Kirksville.

"We take the students to get a better perspective of America," Kachipande said. "Since they are from other countries, they may only get to see Kirksville while they are here in America. We want them to know that there is more out there than what they see here in Kirksville."

Although taking trips to cities like Columbia, Mo., and St. Louis. allowed students to see more than just the Kirksville area, it also provided a way for the international students to get out and socialize with others.

"My friends and I went on the trip to Columbia so that we could go shopping," sophomore Neema Jha said. "We had a lot of fun."

International students were not the only people who were involved in the club. Many American students were also members.

"I originally joined because I was in the French Club at my high school and I really liked it," freshman Maggie Mayhan said. "They are kind of the same, but on an entirely different scale."

Learning about the many cultures represented at the University helped students develop an appreciation for diversity.

"The International Banquet is a showcase of many international foods," junior Kartik Gaddam said. "We ask some students to prepare dishes from their culture and they do, for the 500 guests that we expect."

Admission to the banquet cost \$5 and all of the money went to the cost of food. The admission charge did not deter people from attending the banquet though. In 2002 the banquet sold-out for the third consecutive year.

"I missed the dinner [in 2001] and really regretted it," sophomore Anita Pierre said.

Along with the International Banquet, the International Students Club organized semiformals each semester.

"The semiformal is a social event to allow all the students to get together to dance," junior Jessica Moe said. "Anyone is invited and we play a lot of music brought from the international students' own countries."

*Katie Dains*

*Staff Writer*



▶ Firefighters simulate a drunken-driving accident during Alcohol Awareness Week. According to a survey of 580 University students administered in March of 2001, 99 percent of students have never been arrested for DWI/DUIs. More than 70 percent of students never have driven a car after drinking.

photo by Brady Miller

# MOST 'DOGS DON'T

groups sponsor alcohol awareness week in order to educate students and promote responsible drinking in the community

The slogan, "Most 'Dogs Don't)" was boldly plastered across campus. The slogan referred to the alcohol consumption of Truman State University students. It was a part of a campaign issued to educate students about responsible drinking habits.

The campaign began around the same time as National Alcohol Awareness Week. Bacchus and Gamma saw this as an opportune time to educate University students about responsible drinking.

"We heard about National Alcohol Awareness Week from our national chapter and thought it was a good idea," said junior Robert Miller, Bacchus and Gamma member. "With Homecoming coming up, we decided it would be a good idea to sponsor the week here at Truman because it could benefit our campus."

Bacchus and Gamma held many events from Sept. 28 to Oct. 8, 2001. The organization coordinated these events not only to educate the campus and community about alcohol, but also to entertain students.

"In sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Week, we had two goals in mind," Miller said. "First, we wanted to educate students about responsible drinking. However, we also wanted to provide an environment where students could hang out, talk about their views on drinking and have fun."

Events ranged from actual presentations about drinking and driving to having bands play while students looked at information about alcohol. The most well-attended event occurred on the rugby field. Students watched as presenters simulated what could happen in a drunken-driving accident.

"It was amazing how much detail they put into it," freshman Pam Kogel said. "They showed a crashed car and even had a helicopter fly in to show the severity of the crash. It was really effective."

To get students involved, Bacchus and Gamma invited other organizations to help sponsor the week. They also put up fliers, spoke to athletic teams and invited fraternities and sororities to participate in these events.

The week was set up with hopes of impacting the campus and surrounding community. The presenters hoped the material they presented was taken into consideration and that because of the risks associated with drinking, the number of drinking-related incidents would be reduced.

"We wanted to really make the campus aware of the issues when it comes to alcohol," said senior Lindsey Gamlin, Delta Zeta president. "It is an obvious issue on campuses and with college students and we hoped to make a difference."

*Reena Karan*

*Staff Writer*



*photo by Brady Miller*

▲ A Missouri State Trooper shares drunken-driving accident statistics with University students during Alcohol Awareness Week. Over 90 percent of students had never been in trouble with the police or University officials because of drinking, according to a survey taken in March of 2001.



*photo submitted*

▲ Kirkville police chief, David Pingel, and assistant to the dean of student affairs, Victoria Burke, answer questions at the alcohol forum. The forum, held on Sept. 27, 2001, addressed concerns about the new alcohol policies on campus.



*photo submitted*

▲ With junior Rob Miller playing guitar, junior Clint Borgstadt singing the lead and sophomore Kaleb Unger playing the drums, the band Blame it on Davis performs for Alcohol Awareness Week. In the CORE drug and alcohol survey, 40 percent of University students stated they did not drink alcohol at all.

amnesty international promotes the

# THROUGH improvement of human rights NONVIOLENT through various events on campus MEANS

The clock tower rang overhead as it did every 15 minutes, sending a reminder to all within earshot.

On one particular night, the chimes of the clock tower at midnight sent a reminder to a group of Truman State University students gathered by candlelight outside Pickler Memorial Library. The chimes signaled a moment of remembrance for a lost life and a renewed purpose in working toward a shared goal.

The students were members of the University's chapter of Amnesty International, and they gathered in protest of an execution in Missouri. Sophomore Dan Sem, vice president of Amnesty International, explained the purpose of the vigils.

"It's kind of a protest, but it's kind of more of a reflection that we've lost another battle in fighting the death penalty," Sem said.

The vigils occurred from 11:30 p.m. until midnight on the nights of an execution. During those 30 minutes, participants were encouraged to discuss the circumstances of the particular execution, as well as any other thoughts they had about the death penalty.

This was only one of the many ways Amnesty International promoted the improvement of human rights. Amnesty International also focused on using nonviolent means to sway government officials to free prisoners who were being held for crimes of conscience.

"What Amnesty defends are prisoners of conscience, which is a term that they have invented that means any prisoner, any non-violent prisoner for starters, who has been in prison simply for their beliefs," said senior Dave Yost, president of the University's chapter. "For their religion, for their ethnicity, for their sexual orientation, virtually any first amendment right you can think of."

Junior Kathy Widitz said she joined the group because it was not very time consuming and its efforts were very effective.

"It's a way of helping out in the world that you can do in Kirksville," Widitz said.

Another major project the organization undertook was Urgent Actions. Members informed their local chapter of places where prisoners of conscience were being held. At their weekly meetings, members wrote letters to be sent all around the world.

Amnesty International had ambitious goals. Members were eager to improve human rights around the world and take steps toward abolishing the death penalty in Missouri. Members of Amnesty International knew, however, that until their goals were reached, they would continue to be humbled at the midnight vigils.

"That [night of the vigil] pretty much signifies that it happened and we can't do anything about it," Sem said.

*Julie Strahle*

*Contributing Writer*



► Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, speaks about tolerance during a peace rally on Sept. 20, 2001, on the Quad. The rally organizers hoped to make students aware about Islamic traditions.

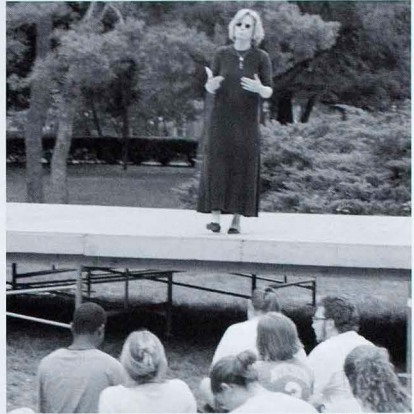


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photo by Dan Sem

▲ Students reflect on a Missouri execution during a candlelight vigil. Approximately 125 students were associated with the University's chapter of Amnesty International. Twenty-five members regularly attended the meetings.

► Senior Dave Yost participates in a peace rally. Over 200 people at the two-hour protest signed petitions that were sent to President George W. Bush. They urged Bush to use restraint in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

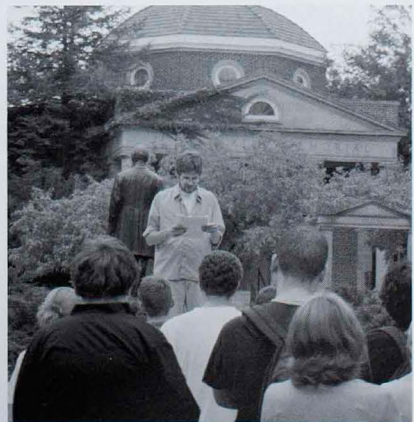
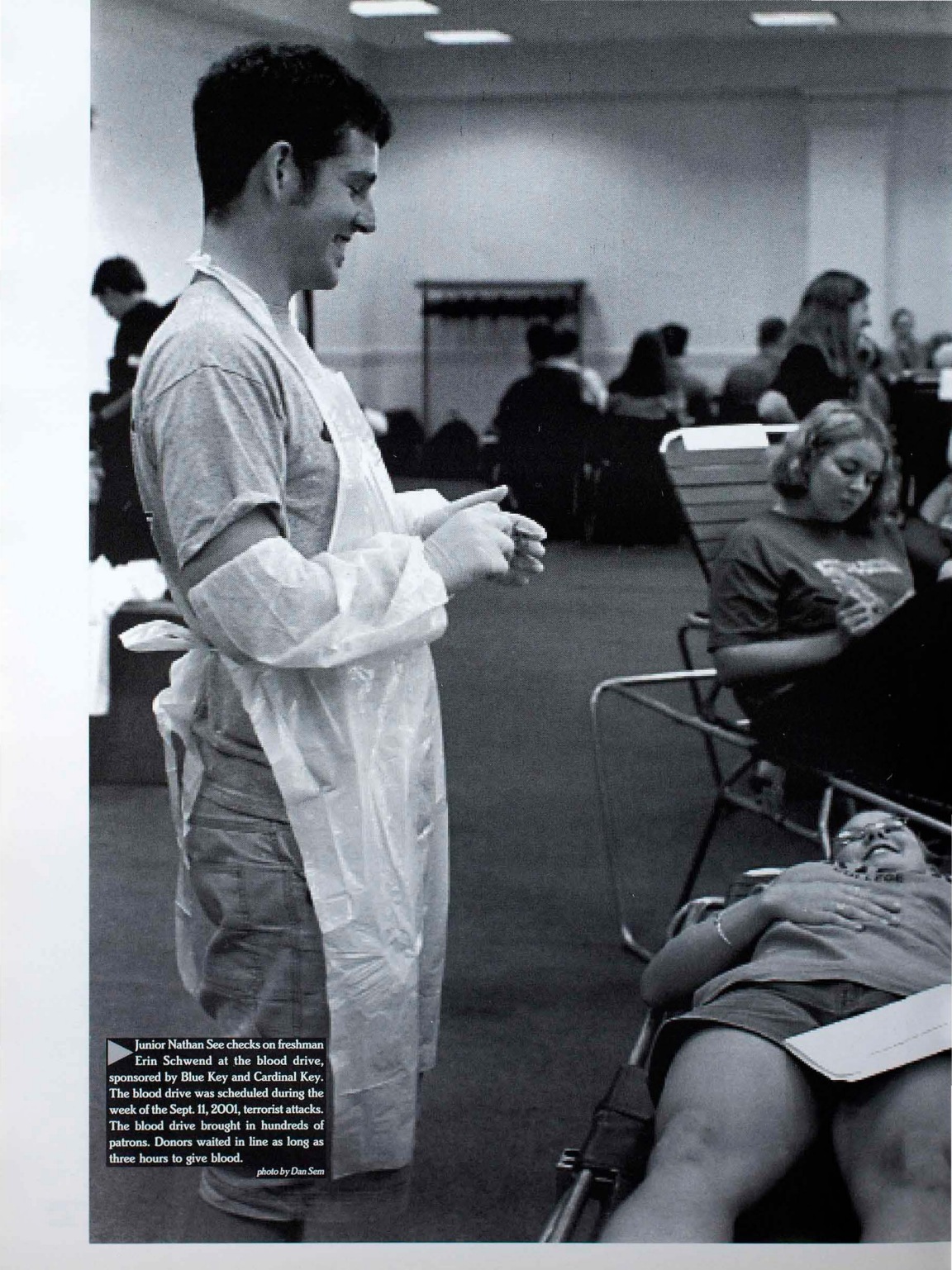


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—Dave Yost, senior



▶ Junior Nathan See checks on freshman Erin Schwend at the blood drive, sponsored by Blue Key and Cardinal Key. The blood drive was scheduled during the week of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The blood drive brought in hundreds of patrons. Donors waited in line as long as three hours to give blood.

*photo by Dan Sem*

# JOINING FORCES

diverse organizations across campus pull together for common purposes-ranging from fundraisers to entertainment

From building houses to hosting blood drives, organizations on campus came together to make projects even more rewarding. Even though organizations came together for many different reasons, they managed to put their differences aside to attain the goal at hand. There were many opportunities for students to reach targets as newly-combined teams. Many students did not realize how many events teams put on.

Habitat for Humanity president, senior Kelly Metcalf, said that not only did Habitat for Humanity members want to help build houses, but so did members of other organizations.

"We have had such an overflow of volunteers that we just don't know what to do," Metcalf said. "We had members of [Phi Kappa Tau] come out and help us one weekend, and we had a blast."

Metcalf believed that volunteering was an activity that everyone enjoyed participating in.

"No matter the organization, religion, fraternity or race, people love to help," Metcalf said.

Habitat for Humanity constantly took volunteers and hoped the demand for houses would rise in Kirksville, so that everyone would get a chance to help.

An example of people putting aside their differences occurred

during Sorority Recruitment. Rho Chi representatives from each of that national social sororities came together to help aid the recruitment process. Rho Chi were required to conceal the social sorority they were in.

"We just want each girl to fit in where she is comfortable," said senior Lindsay Hyatt, a Rho Chi. "That is not necessarily in your own sorority, so you must be objective."

Rho Chi's goal was for each woman to go through sorority recruitment without dropping out. They also attempted to make sure each woman was happy with her decision of which sorority she joined.

"It was such an inspiration to know that each of these ladies were from a different sorority, but they were all so awesome and got along so well," sophomore Jilian Miller said.

Teams were also formed during Homecoming Week. There were organizations that worked alone, such as Alpha Phi Omega and the Newman Center, but most organizations worked together. The teams participated in events such as the Lip Sync competition and the Skit performances together.

"The greatest challenge in doing this was communicating with one another," senior Jessi Johnson said.

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▲ Sophomore Brandon Harrington, senior Miranda Feldmann and Don Kincaid, Salvation Army representative, organize food for the KTRM 88.7 and SERVE Center food drive. Food donations were collected for a month and were given to local residents.



photo by Beth Spinney

▲ Students participate in an AIDS memorial service. The service, which recognized those who died with AIDS, was sponsored by the Nursing Students Association and Lifestyle Advocacy Program.



photo by Julia Kartl

▲ University students keep warm at the Homecoming bonfire that followed the pep rally held in Pershing Arena. Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsored the bonfire which was held on Oct. 12, 2001, at Red Barn Park.

## WORKING TOGETHER

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Honor organizations also benefited from working with other organizations. Cardinal Key was typically a national coed organization, but since Blue Key was also on campus, both groups were unisex. This brought the two honor organizations closer to one another, both in the social and service aspects.

The two organizations were hosting a blood drive when the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center occurred. With the willingness of both organizations to stay late and the overwhelming amount of student support, they set a record of 600 units of blood donated during the three-day period.

"The only difficulty in planning activities like these is finding a time that works for everyone," said senior Brittan Hallar, Cardinal Key president. "You now have to deal with twice as many schedules."

Another benefit of working with other organizations was the fact that many more people had the opportunity to help out and get involved in projects. Blue Key called on Cardinal Key to help out in their annual Fall Harvest.

"This is a time that we can build friendships, which make it even easier for us to work together for a common goal," Hallar said.

When working together, there was often a third party that benefited from the groups' labors. Sigma Kappa and Tau Kappa Epsilon worked together to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

"Past President Ronald Reagan was a TKE and our organization recently changed our philanthropy to honor him," said junior Tim Wolf, TKE president.

The two groups sat huddled on couches for three days in 30 degree weather asking for donations to support their cause.

"Working together really takes off any misconceptions and prejudices that organizations have about one another," junior Zack Wotawa said. "It gives us a chance to actually sit down and spend time with groups and get to know people on a personal level and not just as a massive group of stereotypes."

Much was learned when organizations worked with one another, whether they were bonding while building a house, collecting blood or raising money. When organizations came together they were able to put aside their differences for the pursuit of a common goal.

*Allison Holt*

*Contributing Writer*



*photo by Dan Beary*

▲ Women run down the hill at Red Barn Park during Yell In, the final event of Recruitment. Each of the five national social sororities on campus chose a couple members to become Rho Chis. All of the Rho Chis came together to help potential members through recruitment.

▶ Senior Kari Schuster baby-sits Kimberly Olson at Faculty Night Out, sponsored by Tau Lambda Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon during Homecoming week. Faculty Night Out provided faculty and staff with free baby-sitting services.



photo by Jenn Luttko

Senior Carrie Ahillen expresses herself by painting on a canvas while listening to music at the Break Paint Coalition sponsored by Campus Music Collective and Funds Allotment Council. The organizations brought in artist Mike Adams to help promote the event.



photo by Julia Karl

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**-Zack Wotawa, junior**

# PROVIDING FUNDS

fac works with campus organizations to bring activities and events for university students to enjoy

The thick, colorful chalk lines adorning Truman State University sidewalks reiterated the notices on the many posters plastered all over campus bulletin boards. Some announced a visiting speaker, while others publicized musicians. In any case, the Funds Allotment Council often helped subsidize these smaller events.

The Student Activities Board stood front and center in the University entertainment scene, but FAC sponsored far more events in any given semester. FAC provided financial assistance to student organizations that wished to bring speakers or smaller events to campus, giving students more power to determine the entertainment provided on campus.

"Any University-chartered organizations are allowed to apply for FAC funding," senior David Fieleke said.

Becoming a chartered organization took effort and planning but was free of charge and fairly light on restrictions. Junior Kartik Gaddam gave a brief summary of the process organizations went through to become chartered.

"For an organization to become chartered, they must get an organization packet to turn in to the [Center for Student Involvement]," Gaddam said. "There is a renewal time at the beginning of every year. If they do not renew their organization every year, then they do not get funding."

Gaddam also said that an organization could apply to be chartered at any time during the year and the group could cover any interest.

The possibility of FAC funding for groups was often incentive to become a chartered organization.

"On the upside, when you're accepted, you get a mailbox at CSI," Gaddam said. "Once a club is chartered, they are free to apply for funding from the FAC."

Providing funding for organizations was the main reason the FAC existed.

"If an organization wants to put on an event that

they can't afford, then they come to the FAC and apply for funding," Gaddam said. "If we think that the event is helpful or interesting to students on campus, then we fund the event."

Organizations that requested funding were asked to explain their request to the FAC.

"They fill out an application and turn it in and go through a hearing, where the group sends a few of its members to talk to the FAC about why they want funding, what they would do with it, how their event would help the campus, and so on," Fieleke said.

Behind closed doors, the 12 members of the FAC deliberated about which organizations would get a portion of the \$33,000 to \$34,000 allotted to the FAC each semester.

Several factors determined which groups received money.

"It depends on our past experience with the organization, like if they got money but could not hold the event," Gaddam said. "We also want to have a diverse slate all the time. We decide on how many people it's going to attract. It does not depend on how many people are in the organization, just as long as it's helpful to the Truman community and attracts a lot of people."

Senior Ben Gaskill, Climbing Club president, had worked with the FAC before to get money.

"The FAC gave us \$1,780 to bring a portable rock-climbing wall to campus in April [2002]," Gaskill said. "[In spring 2001] we got denied, but I can see why. We neither had a location nailed down, nor proof of insurance submitted. That's why we were denied."

Gaskill had some advice for any organizations seeking funding from the FAC.

"If you want money, when you submit your application, you need to have it as complete as possible," Gaskill said.

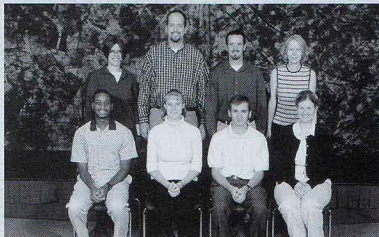
*Jon Sanders*

*Contributing Writer*



◀ Sophomore Jennifer Starbuck works during her office hours in the Funds Allotment Council office. The FAC was an independent subcouncil of Student Senate. It became an official organization with the University in 1994.

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photo illustration by Jo Ann Croghan*

**ACCOUNTING CLUB** business

FRONT ROW: Chadwick Epps-president, Renee Schlichting-vice president, Michael Braun-secretary, Abby Simmons-treasurer. BACK ROW: Dominique Vogeler, Aaron Cooper, Gary Courtois, Karen Dierking.

**AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION** cultural

FRONT ROW: Niroshini Perera, Satomi Maeda, Daniel Sekwao, Tara-Louise Kachipande, Thokozile Kachipande. BACK ROW: Sitinga Kachipande-secretary, Percy Azamate, Kofi Marfoh, Oseyi Ikuenobe, Nyika Kupara, Fadzai Smout.

**ALPHA CHI SIGMA** chemistry

FRONT ROW: Mark Benmuvhar, John Hagen, Catherine Schmidt, Nathan Mooney, Julie Strandquist, Corey Koch-treasurer. SECOND ROW: Stephanie Tiemann, Justin Paschall, Sarah Welch, Leslie Blanchard, Tom Everett, Sarah Dorn, Julie Rogers. BACK ROW: Christine Gould, Eric Patterson, Jon Hoffman, Doug Knigge, Peter Kelsey, Nathan Calkins, Nick Harbison.

**ALPHA GAMMA DELTA** social sorority

FRONT ROW: Meghan Finnegan-vice president, Leslie Niemeier-secretary, Allison May-treasurer, Breehan Geist, Beth Fahrney. SECOND ROW: Sarah Walkenbach, Stephanie Nielsen, Melanie Gipson, Krissi Dittmeier, Mackenzie Smith, Abigail Peters, Kim Kellett. THIRD ROW: Amanda Drescher, Jessica Voorhies, Katie Schwaller, Jessica Talbert, Anne Gumbel, Natalie Gerke, Jessica Vandivort, Lindsay Combs. BACK ROW: Jamie Conley, Julie Jeffries, Rebecca Henn, Jamie Martin, Gretchen Ott, Katie Stoverink, Julie May, Bridget Evers, Courtney Lehman.

**ALPHA GAMMA DELTA** social sorority

FRONT ROW: Jessica Gildehaus, Delaine Yowell, Bridget Deuschle, Jessica Sleater, Jenny Boyce. SECOND ROW: Emily Ogier, Leslie Bayless, Sarah Brandenburger, Melissa Seifert, Nicole Kellogg, Amy Poos, Alaina Denney, Brooke Sherrard. BACK ROW: Lisa Mueller, Tiffany Tiller, Danielle Hicks, Michelle Zieres, Malissa Riehl, Rachel Oetting, Sara Rhoad, Beth Evers, Sarah Auxter.

**ALPHA GAMMA DELTA** social sorority

FRONT ROW: Angela Hill, Lindsey Harris, Christina Davis, Laura Moore, Stephanie DeGuire. SECOND ROW: Angela Barry, Susan Hensley, Teresa Martinez, Stephanie Amick, Carolyn Bopp, Kelli Kraft, Racheal Ruble, Josephine Medallada. BACK ROW: Jenny Comrie, Alexis Dougherty, Jennifer Misuraca, Christina Clark, Mary Dziewa, Kim Thiesfeld, Molly Goode.

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA** social/service sorority



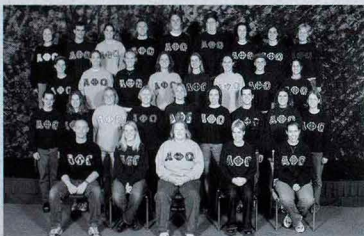
FRONT ROW: Michelle Lawrence-treasurer, Franita Smith-president, Lajeane Grinnage-secretary. BACK ROW: Kim Joseph, Angela Ballard, Jocelyn Sanders, Rasheedah Merrick.

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA** social/service fraternity



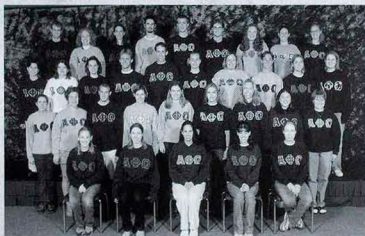
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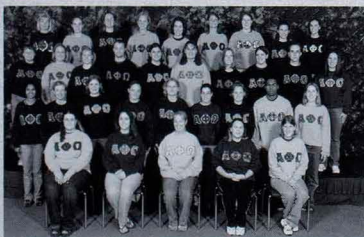
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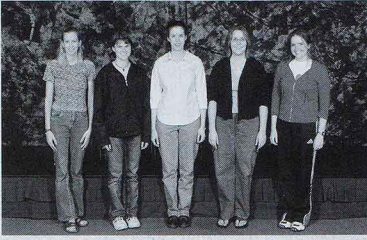


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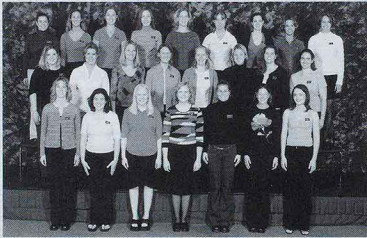
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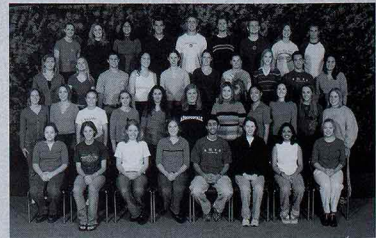
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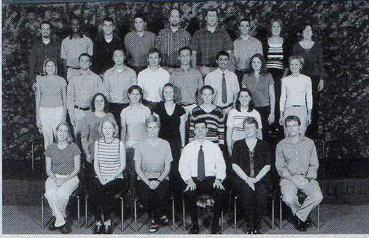


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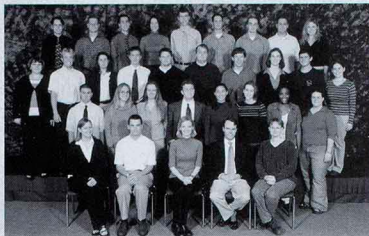
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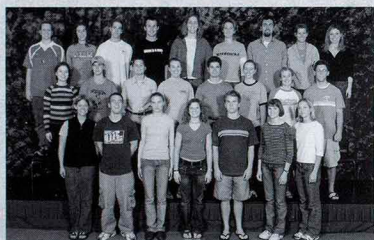
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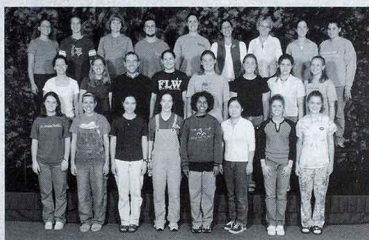
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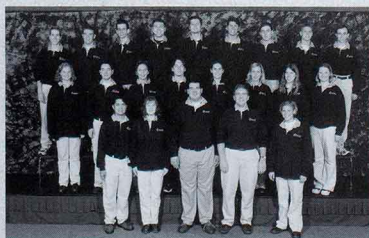
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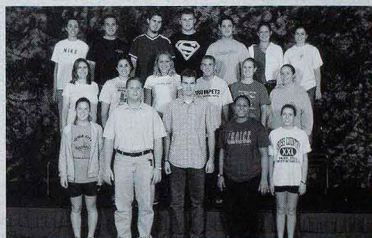
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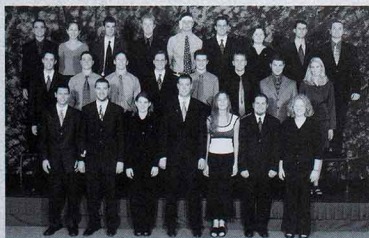
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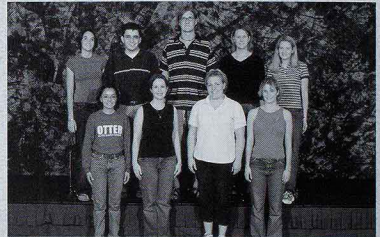
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**DELTA ZETA** social sorority

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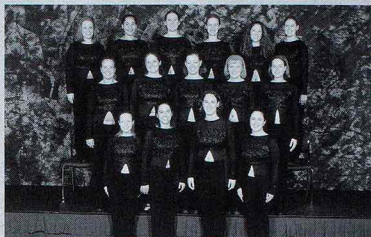
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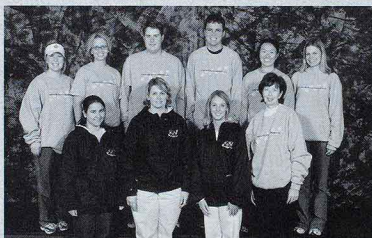
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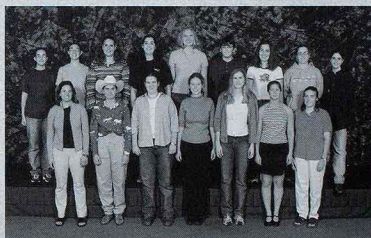
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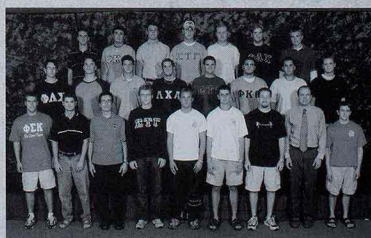
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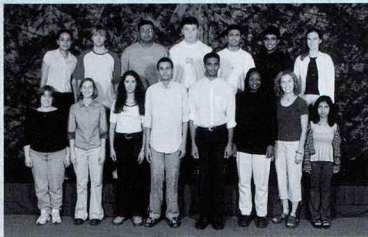
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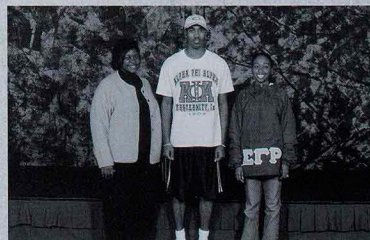
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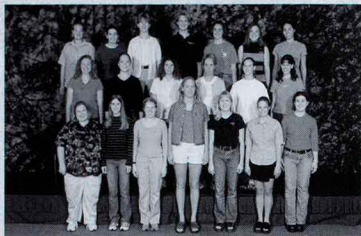


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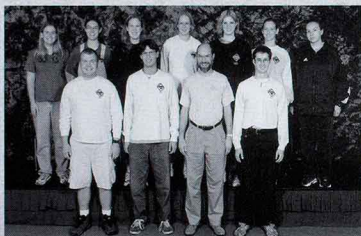
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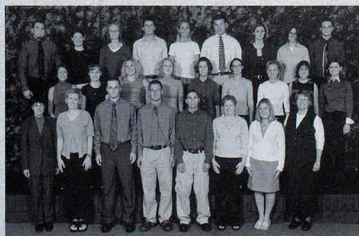
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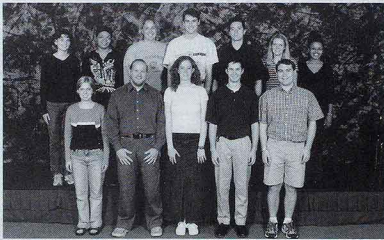
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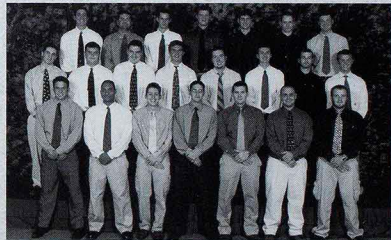
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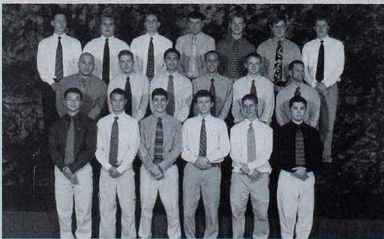
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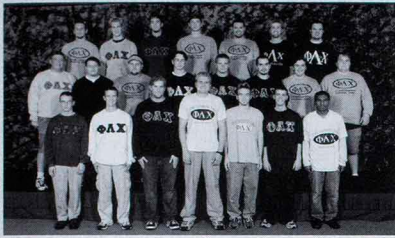
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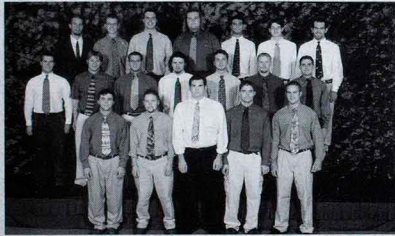
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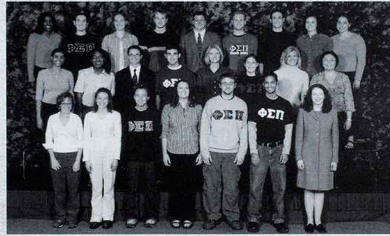
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# SUPPORTIVE BRAS

alpha sigma gamma raises funds  
by hanging bras on quad

Traditional pink ribbons were not the only decorations seen across campus in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month—hand-decorated bras were found hanging on clotheslines on the Quad. Alpha Sigma Gamma sponsored the “Show Your Support” bra display fund-raiser in hopes of attracting the attention of the Truman State University community.

“We wanted not only to raise money for the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, but also to raise awareness on campus,” said junior Susan Jacobsmeyer, ASG service co-chairwoman. “If we could get just a few girls to do a breast self-exam, that would be a success.”

The decision to display bras publicly faced opposition. After receiving permission to use the Quad, ASG sent proposal to the Dean of Student Affairs’ office. The office urged ASG to reconsider the project and to understand that there might be criticism from the student community.

“They couldn’t prevent us from doing it because it wasn’t violating the student code of conduct,” senior Erika Hernandez said. “They felt it fell in the gray areas as far as what was appropriate by community standards.”

ASG talked to other organizations on campus to inform them about the display. ASG also wanted to answer any questions they had.

“We felt the cause was worth any criticism we had to take,” Hernandez said. “Overall, we received positive responses.”

Bras could be sponsored for a donation of \$20 for organizations or \$3 for individuals. Contributors could either decorate their own bra or use one of 75 that were donated to ASG by the Bali Company.

“We decided as an active body to sponsor a bra,” said senior Lindsay Cosgrove, Society of the Prim Roses president. “Breast cancer is one of the biggest focal points of our time. ASG does a lot of great work with this issue. [The display] was something unique and creative.”

Phi Epsilon Kappa, a professional exercise science fraternity, also sponsored a bra.

## IDENTITY

Alpha Sigma Gamma

“I love doing service and the girls  
are a lot of fun.”

Theresa Bono, sophomore

**Size:** 140

**President:** Maggie Dooling, senior

**Vice President:** Kira Moore, junior

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Theresa Bono, sophomore

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**Treasurer:** Becky Gini, senior

**In the past we have ...**  
sponsored Eating Disorders Week and the  
Run/Walk program.

**What gives us our identity?**  
We are a nonselective service sorority that  
is open to a wide variety of women who  
are looking to be active on campus.

“Breast cancer has to do with general health and health awareness, and we decided it was a good cause to be involved in,” said senior Kate Fletcher, Phi Epsilon Kappa president.

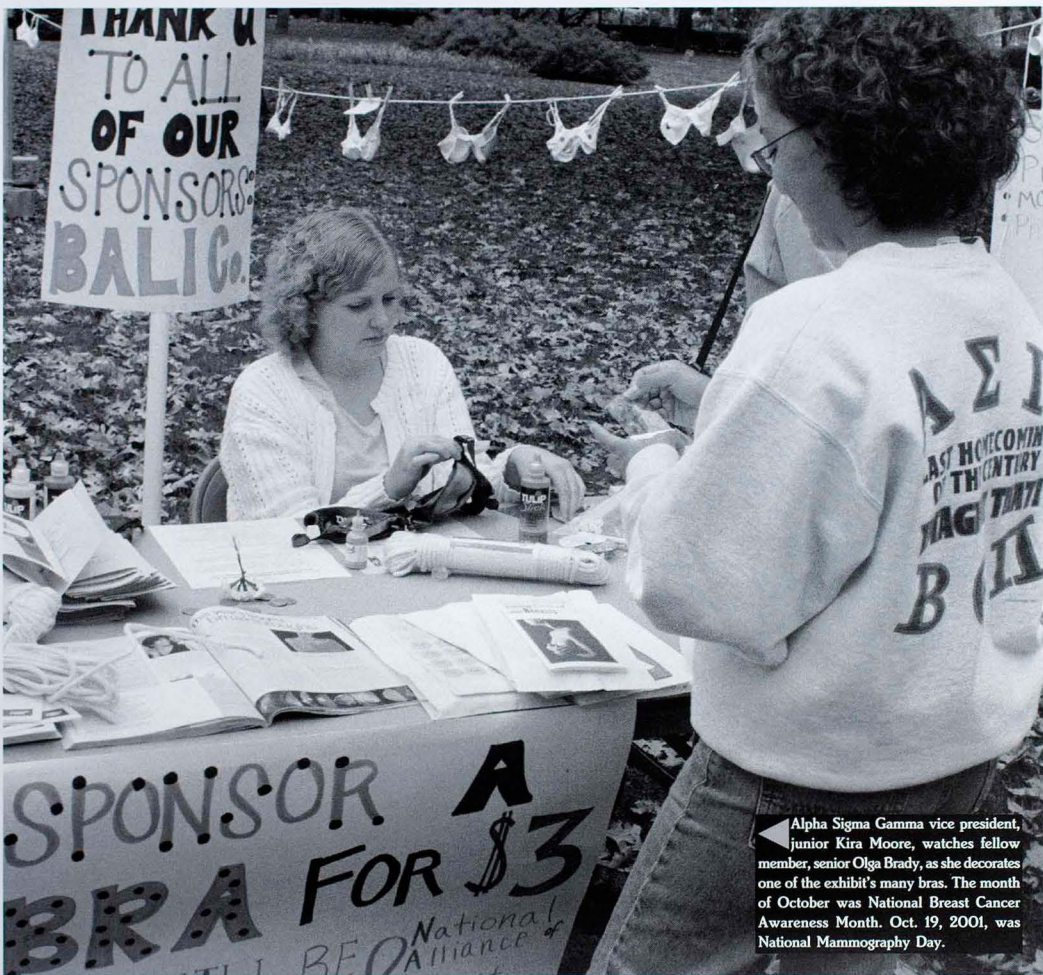
Bras were adorned with pink ribbons and phrases such as “In memory of” and “It’s worth the fight.”

One male student sponsored a T-shirt in honor of a man who died of breast cancer. Though the risk was minimal, men were also afflicted by the disease..

“It can affect men in other ways as well. It could be their mother, sister, girlfriend or daughter with the disease,” Jacobsmeyer said.

**Ginny Windels**

*Student Life/Academics Editor*



◀ Alpha Sigma Gamma vice president, junior Kira Moore, watches fellow member, senior Olga Brady, as she decorates one of the exhibit's many bras. The month of October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Oct. 19, 2001, was National Mammography Day.

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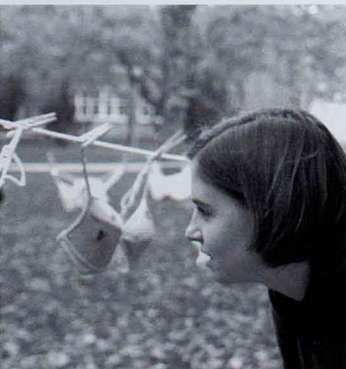


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◀ Freshman Breanne Allmon looks at one of the many bras hanging on clotheslines on the Quad for the University's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Each member of ASG was required to participate in one fund-raising activity each semester. Some foundations ASG raised money for included: the American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Association and Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

▶ During Alpha Sigma Gamma's "Show Your Support" display on the Quad, a decorated bra serves as a memorial to a woman who died with breast cancer on Aug. 10, 2001. Even though 80 percent of all breast tumors were malignant, over 40,000 people died with breast cancer, in 2001.



photo by Katie Rose

the university offers a variety of opportunities for students to display their talents

# SONG AND DANCE

On a typical day, Baldwin Hall was filled with the sounds of instrumental and vocal music, while Pershing Building was filled with hip-hop music accompanied by stomping feet. Both buildings housed different musical sounds and both were practice places for Truman State University's various performance groups. These groups had many similarities and differences.

Cantoria was a select ensemble composed of 60 men and women. They performed concerts regularly on campus and in the community.

"Cantoria sings a wide variety of music, anything from modern to classical," junior Tom Harper said.

One distinctive characteristic of Cantoria was that its members received one credit hour per semester for participating. Unlike some classes, members looked forward to going to practices.

"I love to sing and it is just a great break in the day," Harper said. "If I am having a bad day,

singing in such an excellent ensemble always cheers me up."

Like Cantoria, the members of Franklin Street Singers were a select group. Franklin Street had 12 men and 12 women in the group. In addition to singing, Franklin Street's performances also consisted of dancing.

"It is the closest thing to musical theater on campus," sophomore Chris Slaten said.

Auditions were held at the beginning of

each school year and consisted of a solo performance, a quartet performance and a dance component. Although being a member of Cantoria involved a lot of time and hard work, the friendships formed made it all worthwhile.

"Everyone knows how to have a good time," Slaten said. "And our instructor, Dr. [Jacqueline] Collett, is one in a million."

The Showgirls Dance Squad was another performance group, though they focused strictly on dancing. Members practiced in Pershing for two hours every day, with extra practices before special events.

"Showgirls is time consuming," junior Megan Murphy said. "But I don't feel like I spend too much time on it because it is what I love to do."

Just like the other performance groups, the close bonds that the members shared helped make practices less strenuous.

"We are a very close-knit group because we spend so much time together," Murphy said. "We are fellow squad members, but we are also friends."

Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir was different than the other performance groups because there was no limit to its membership. Anyone who was interested in singing could join, even people who did not have any experience.

"If you do not have any training in singing, our director and musician will teach you how to blend with the rest of the choir," senior Monique Murray said.

While each of the performance groups had its own unique qualities, they were all doing what they loved.

**Carey Michenfelder**

*Staff Writer*

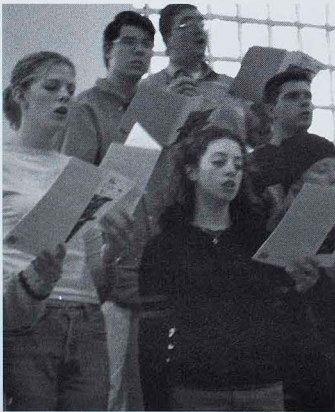
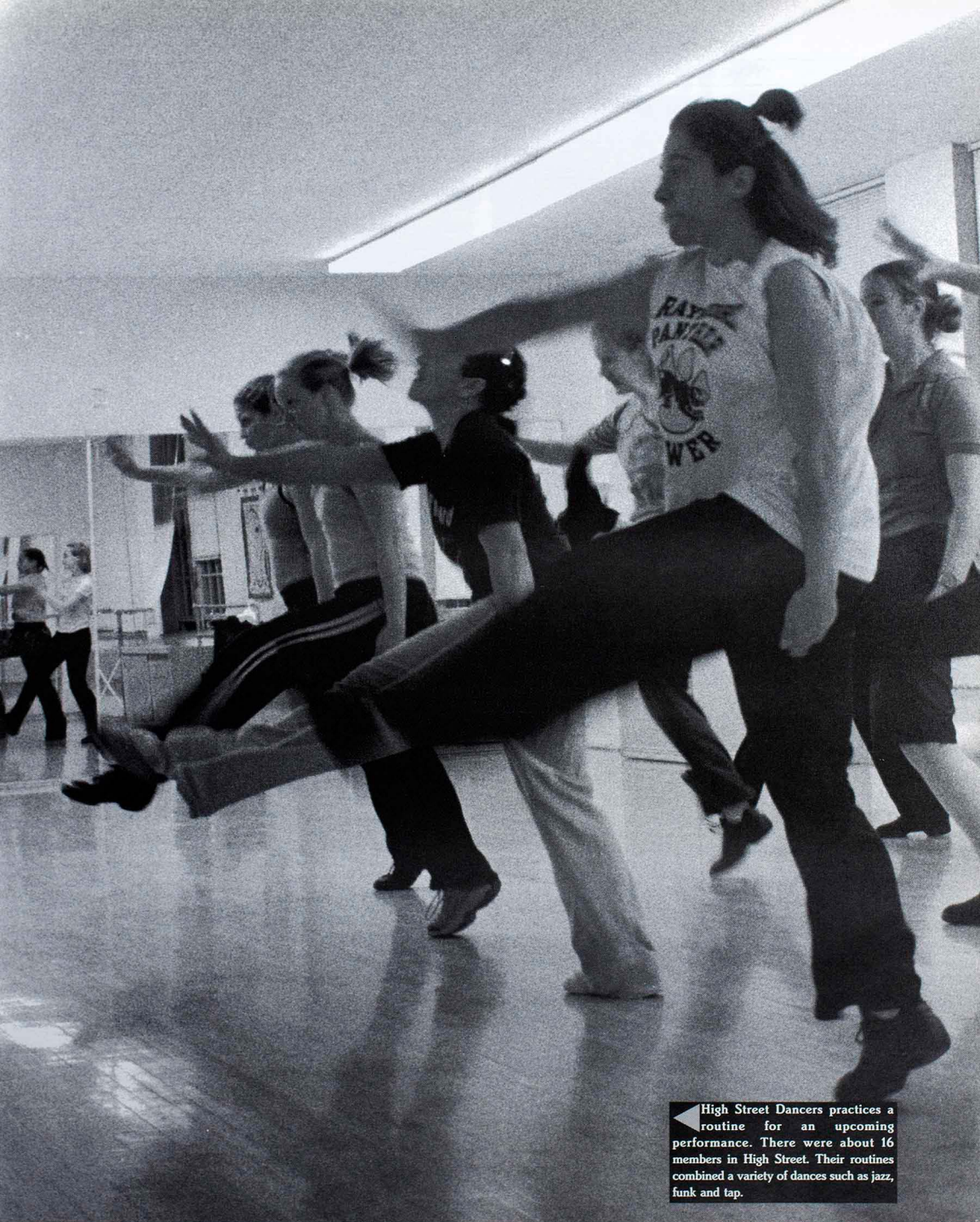


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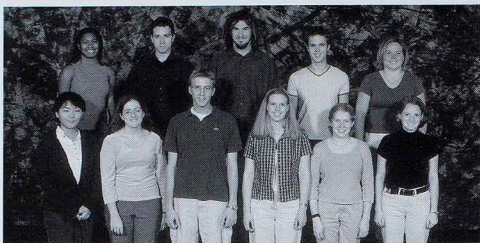
▲ Cantoria rehearses during their daily hour-long practice. Approximately one-half of the ensemble were music majors. The repertoire performed usually included choral literature from the 16th century to the present, with an emphasis on a cappella works.



◀ High Street Dancers practices a routine for an upcoming performance. There were about 16 members in High Street. Their routines combined a variety of dances such as jazz, funk and tap.

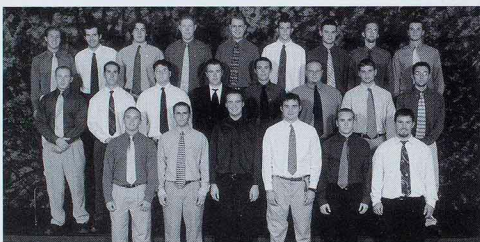
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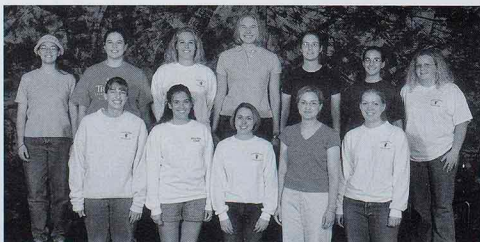
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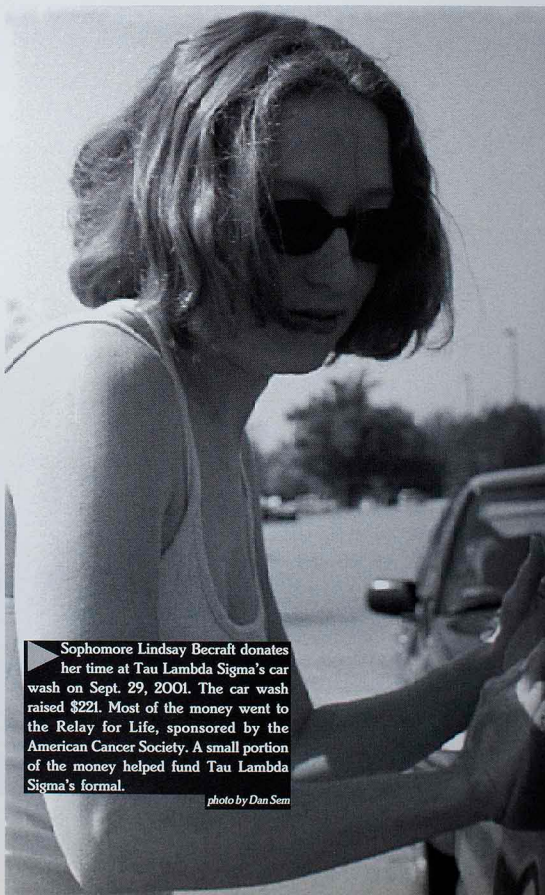
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Sophomore Lindsay Becraft donates her time at Tau Lambda Sigma's car wash on Sept. 29, 2001. The car wash raised \$221. Most of the money went to the Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. A small portion of the money helped fund Tau Lambda Sigma's formal.

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At Papa John's Pizza, Phi Eta Sigma members, senior Matt Petersen, sophomore Molly O'Donnell and junior Tim See, compete in the Tau Lambda Sigma pizza-eating contest. Delta Sigma Pi's team won by eating four pizzas in six minutes.

Tau Lambda Sigma member, junior Ashley Amer, makes Thanksgiving cards for Twin Pines Adult Care Center residents. TLS made cards before every major holiday.

# MULTIPLE BENEFITS

despite their small size and selectivity, members of local service sorority tau lambda sigma find advantages while reaching out to the community

For the members of the service sorority Tau Lambda Sigma, small numbers meant closer friendships. With 28 active members and 18 pledges in the fall of 2001, TLS was smaller than other service organizations, but members generally found the size to be an advantage.

"I think it's a benefit because we know everyone really well," sophomore Rachel Henning said.

Senior Traci May, vice president, said the group's size resulted from being more selective than larger service organizations.

"We're intentionally small," May said. "We function better."

TLS chose new members through recruitment and a voting process. Once selected, the members met for service, sisterhood and social events.

Sophomore Allison Dougherty said occasionally the group's size was a detriment.

"I think sometimes because we're local and small, people don't take us as seriously, so we have to make sure we're on the ball, serving the community and not just trying to have Greek letters," Dougherty said. "Being smaller means we have to work harder to prove that we're legit."

May said some large-scale service projects required more people than TLS could provide, but with every member contributing a required 15 hours of service per semester, the community benefited from TLSs efforts.

TLSs main philanthropy was the American Cancer Society, which was selected after one of their alumna members was

diagnosed with cancer. The group participates annually in Relay for Life, raising at least \$1,000 each year for the American Cancer Society.

Originally in their charter, the group applied to be a social/service sorority, but that category did not exist. The group declared themselves a service sorority, but still participated in the same activities of social sororities, including formals, Lakeside Revue, Homecoming and sisterhood events.

"We have a lot of fun together," Henning said.

Members saw social and sisterhood activities as not only fun, but as a necessity for success in service.

"Without a bond with other members, events won't go as well," Dougherty said.

The group made equal effort to raise money and provide service.

"... we walk in the CROP walk to show support and we also try to raise money for it," Dougherty said.

Other service work included donating canned goods to food pantries, visiting the Adair County Humane Society to play with the animals, raising money and tutoring elementary school students.

As a new member in 2002, sophomore Jessica Radinsky was happy to find a group of friends with a focus on service.

"I love it so far," Radinsky said. "All the girls are very genuine and we have a lot of good causes we work for."

Corinne Brinkerhoff  
Contributing Writer



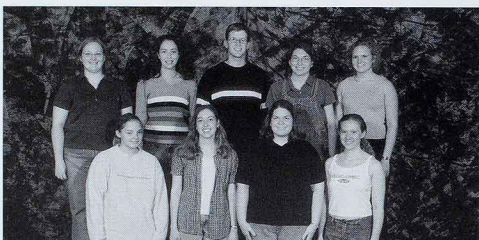
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**PRISM** gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, straight alliance



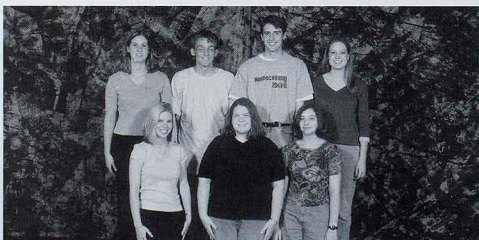
FRONT ROW: Kimberly Phillips, Melissa Hursman, Libby Beilsmith, Leanna Heritage, Evan Lewis, Meaghan McGraw, Cathy Schneider, Cabell Gathman. SECOND ROW: Jeremy Anders, Kristen Haley, Chelsea Wilson, Dana McGinnis, Cassie Phillips, Brianna Coleman, Jenna Forkaker, Amy Hartman. BACK ROW: Stephanie Nash, Nick Harbison, Richard Smith, Carl Lehnen, Leo Kirsch, Wendy Hehn, Remigio Darby.

**PSI CHI** psychology



FRONT ROW: Jamie Bateman, Rachel Westhoff, Amy Hall, Stephanie Steinman. BACK ROW: Kristin Curtis, Kelley Rudolph, Curt Stokes, Christine Hrcirik, Sara Walkenbach.

**PSYCHOLOGY CLUB** professional



FRONT ROW: Christina Clark-president, Amy Hall-treasurer, Dianne Galanos. BACK ROW: Julie May, Thomas Barhorst, Eric Meyer-secretary, Rachele Arntz.



▶ Roommate Game Show host, senior Kristen Dohack, questions sophomore Laura Gatti while her roommate, sophomore Jennifer Wallace, sits in front of her, waiting for the answer. Prizes for the game show included pizza and sub sandwiches donated by local businesses.



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cram and residential living join

# TALKING together to improve communication THROUGH between roommates on campus TROUBLES

**C**onflict Resolution and Mediation was busy after a new Office of Residential Living policy required students who wished to change residence hall rooms to meet with CRAM mediators before they moved.

Residential Living was in contact with the student organization for several months prior to the implementation of the policy in 2002. Residential Living and CRAM looked for ways to assist students in resolving conflicts that occurred between roommates.

Andrea O'Brien, director of residential living, said the policy was established to encourage roommates to speak with each other before the move took place, and to possibly resolve conflicts between them.

"We were finding that a large number of students were not discussing any of the concerns that they had with their roommate before they moved," O'Brien said. "We had students in the past whose roommate had completely left them, but they had no knowledge that they were going to be left."

Each mediator was required to go through a four-hour training session that taught them how to mediate disputes in an unbiased manner.

Junior Kevin Haworth, CRAM president said he found the mediations to be an effective tool for students.

"We definitely have seen that students have been given a chance to provide closure to the situation," Haworth said.

Junior Sherry Rhoades, CRAM program chairwoman, said the organization mediated roommates about twice a week.

"I think it's a good process," Rhoades said. "It helps students decide whether they can resolve their differences and continue living together, or if they can't and need to move."

*Brady Miller*



photo by Tricia Scott

▲ Junior Kevin Haworth, senior Kelly Lane and freshmen Stacy Ortmann and Jon Tucker act out a mock mediation. CRAM had about 35 students involved in their organization. All students were invited to join the organization.

*Contributing Writer*

raising funds for united way  
coheres campus organizations  
and the student body to help  
kirkville organizations

# CAMPUS UNITY

The fund-raiser for the United Way took a new turn in an effort to get more of the campus involved with raising funds.

"We really emphasized with the student week bringing students together for a single cause and having a good time this year," said senior Matthew Gorton, co-chairperson of the student committee for United Way.

The student committee for United Way was a link between the campus organizations and others who wanted to do service for the committee during the United Way campaign. Anyone who expressed interest to Gorton or senior Stacy Wright, co-chairperson, was invited to join the committee.

"It takes a belief in the cause to actually get up there and ask your peers to help and to donate their time and money," Gorton said.

The student committee for United Way raised money with the annual Food Fast in the residence halls and by asking student organizations for monetary donations. The Food Fast involved students in the residence halls giving up one meal so a portion of the cost of that meal could be donated to the United Way.

Sophomore Carry Mold was one of the many students on campus who donated a meal for the United Way.

"It was something little I could do to help," Mold said. "The University made it really easy for me to donate that meal, so I did."

The student committee for United Way added something different to the food drive in 2001. They asked local businesses for "in-

***Katrina Reschly***

kind" donations. This included things such as promotional items and coupons. The committee organized a raffle and used the donations as prizes.

Throughout October of 2001, organizations sold tickets for prize drawings and held fund-raisers to raise money for the United Way in an effort to meet the student drive goal of \$6,000.

One event that raised money and sold raffle tickets was Phi Kappa Theta's Turkey Bowling on the Mall. Students had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets and had a chance to turkey bowl.

"In having a lot of neat prizes, not only are students giving to the community by buying a ticket, but it's giving back to us," Gorton said.

Wright said the members on the student committee for United Way thought including a prize drawing would be more fun for the committee and the organizations on campus.

"The raffle serves as a way to get the entire campus involved rather than just those who live in the residence halls," Wright said.

Seniors Krista Romportl, Matt Gorton, Merideth Schneider and Stacy Wright plan the University fund-raiser for United Way during a committee meeting. The University's goal for United Way was \$47,500.

Junior B.J. Smith bowls with a turkey for United Way. Fifteen Kirkville organizations received the money from United Way. In the fall of 2001, United Way hoped to raise \$270,000 in Kirkville.



*Contributing Writer*



photo by Beth Kelly



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**RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION** residential living



FRONT ROW: Vanessa Foppe, Laura Lamorette, Paula Hensley-secretary, Kristen Shelver-vice president, Justin Ream-treasurer. SECOND ROW: Kat Field, Marie Langabee, Jenna Meyer, Sarah Miller, Crystal Paddock, Laura Lash, Nicole Black. BACK ROW: David Korkoian, Leigh Ochsner, Betsy Schmidt, Ayanna Bradley, Richard Goering, Stephanie Nigus, Jamie Hairston, Katie Shore, Neil Meredith.

**RYLE HALL SENATE** residential living



FRONT ROW: Marie Langabee, Vanessa Foppe-treasurer, Renee Schlichting-president, Travis Wesley-vice president, Kristin Hoskins-secretary, Sharice Adkins. SECOND ROW: Melissa Prillaman, Kimberly Wishon, Leslie Bayless, Carissa Jellison, Mary Beth Nakai. BACK ROW: Matthew Thomas, Russell Warner, Erik Aubuchon, Erin Donohue, Leigh Ochsner.

**SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB** special interest



FRONT ROW: Leslea Ready, Jennifer Watson, Carey Michenfelder-president, Amanda Brown. BACK ROW: Mukhtar Koshkarov, Dean Yzon, Don Bindner-adviser, Tim Scott, Almas Tulepov, Justin McAninch.

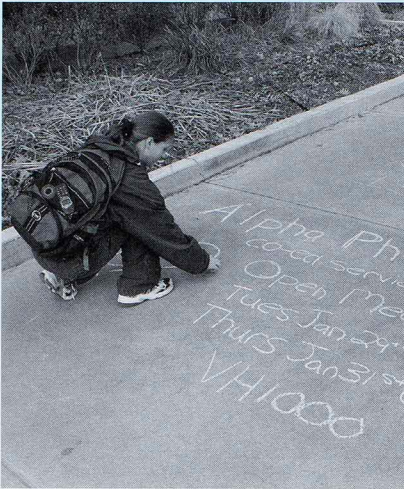


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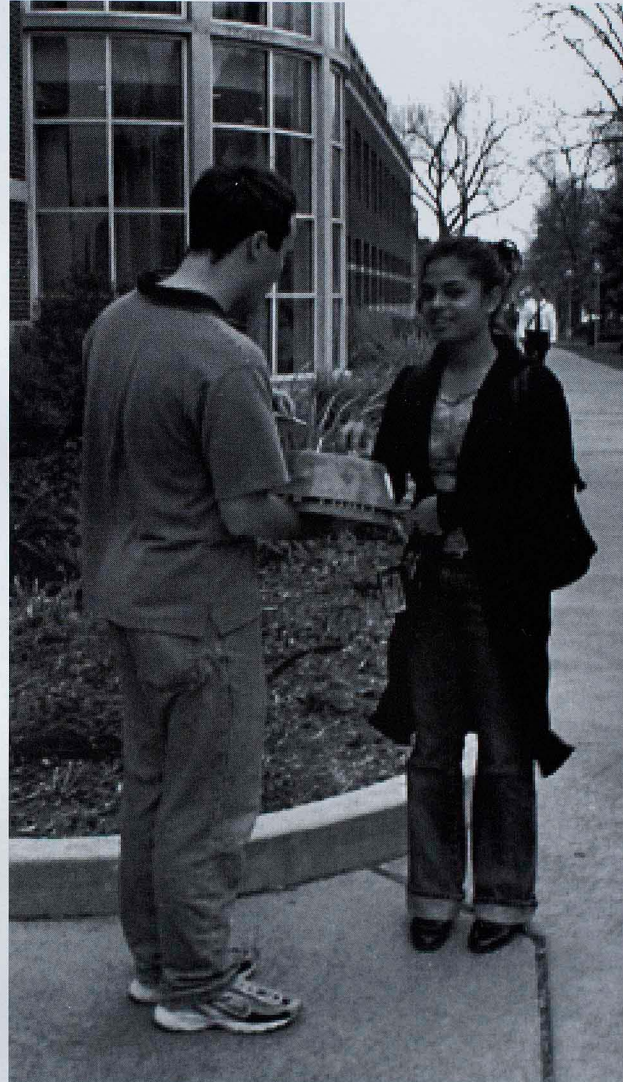
◀ Junior Vicki Clark chalks information about Alpha Phi Omega's open meeting. The University had restrictions on the chalking of activities. Students were prohibited from writing on any walls or any bricked sidewalks.

**“It’s challenging to come up with new and creative ways to advertise. It’s tough enough to get the students’ attention, but it’s important to promote the events.”**

**-Kim Tempel, senior**



photo by Julia Karll



◀ Banners hang from Pickler Memorial Library to advertise campus activities. Banners were required to be approved by the Center for Student Involvement. Banners were allowed to hang for a maximum of two weeks.

▲ Senior Justin Kempf advertises for the Bulldog Party by handing out candy to freshman Dhara Amin outside Pickler Memorial Library. The Bulldog Party hoped to restore student empowerment by persuading more students to vote.



photo by Julia Kartl

organizations on campus search for

# GETTING

innovative ways to promote activities,

# THE WORD

recruitments, events and speakers

# OUT

For some organizations, getting their name out across campus involved more than just word-of-mouth.

“Our advertising campaign is pretty involved,” said senior Kim Tempel, Student Activities Board president. “Although word-of-mouth is our most effective method [of advertising], it helps to use handbills and campus media to advertise SAB events.”

SAB sponsored many events and to advertise these events SAB utilized its resources to market its events, from sponsoring a parachute drop for the 2001 Dog Days, to handing out candy and condoms to advertise a comedian.

“In that case, the condoms really didn’t have any significance to the comedian,” Tempel said. “Our goal was to get the attention of the students so that we could tell them about the event.”

Although unique marketing tactics might have helped to advertise events sponsored by organizations with larger budgets, those without substantial advertising budgets found thriffter ways to spread the word.

“Promoting Beta Beta Beta is pretty cheap,” senior Sarah Lovern said. “Most of what we do involves copying fliers and chalking sidewalks. We make copies for free in Magruder Hall and the chalk is pretty cheap.”

One strategy organizations used that always seemed to catch students’ attention

was giving away free items, especially food.

“This year we set up a table in the Quad and offered free cookies and lemonade,” said senior Nate Chisholm, Campus Crusade for Christ member. “We recruited several members of Crusade that way, so it was well worth it.”

SAB allocated some of its budget to advertise in the Index and the Monitor. SAB also placed announcements on KTRM 88.7 with their free public service announcements. Another popular form of marketing for SAB was putting up table tents in Mainstreet Market.

“It’s challenging to come up with new and creative ways to advertise,” Tempel said. “It’s tough to get the students’ attention, but it’s important to promote the events.”

With bulletin boards swarmed with fliers, groups had to make their flier stand out in order to be effective.

“We try to make the flier as creative as possible,” Chisholm said.

Despite its simple appearance, sidewalk chalking sometimes presented problems and frustrated group members at times.

“One day we spent all afternoon chalking for an event that was the following Monday,” Lovern said. “It ended up raining during the weekend so the art just washed away. It has happened four times this year.”

*Norm Dalager*

*Contributing Writer*

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# REWARDS

kirksville community brings understanding

# FROM

and fulfillment to students

# RENOVATING

**T**ruman State University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity worked closely with the Kirksville chapter to build affordable housing for community residents.

"You would be shocked by the amount of people living in poverty-level houses right here in Kirksville," said senior Kelly Metcalf, president of the University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. "No one really gets the chance to drive around and see. Things would be different if everyone realized how bad things are."

Even though students volunteered their time for many reasons, many of them had an interest in helping the community.

"I believe people get involved in Habitat because they want to not only get involved in an organization on campus, but they want to get involved with an organization that benefits others," senior Erin Prescott said. "Being involved in Habitat allows you to donate your time and abilities to others who are less fortunate. Being involved in Habitat for Humanity allows you to meet all different kinds of people because so many different kinds of people volunteer."

Junior Joseph Brooks said he became involved in Habitat for Humanity after assistant professor of psychology Sal Costa suggested his class do volunteer work. After Brooks joined, he enjoyed the experience so much that he continued volunteering after the class ended.

The main function of Habitat for

Humanity was to educate the campus and community about affordable housing. The group focused on building and renovating houses, as well as raising funds to help pay for mortgages and supplies.

For the chapter at the University, raising funds and awareness was taken care of at the same time. At fund-raisers, they spoke to the audience and participants about the history, goals and upcoming projects of the campus chapter. Chili suppers were popular fund-raisers. Habitat for Humanity not only provided food but also entertained the guests with a night of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

The True Men, along with other organizations, also helped with fund-raising. They volunteered their time by putting on performances and donating the money raised to Habitat for Humanity.

The campus chapter accepted help for fund-raising and worked with other special interest groups on campus in the actual building of the houses.

Metcalf said the Interfraternity Council, Blue Key and the Baptist Student Union volunteered to help when the chapter needed volunteers.

Prescott said that Habitat for Humanity was gratifying to all involved.

"[Being involved in Habitat for Humanity] is a really rewarding feeling," Prescott said.

*Julia Karll*

*Photography Editor*

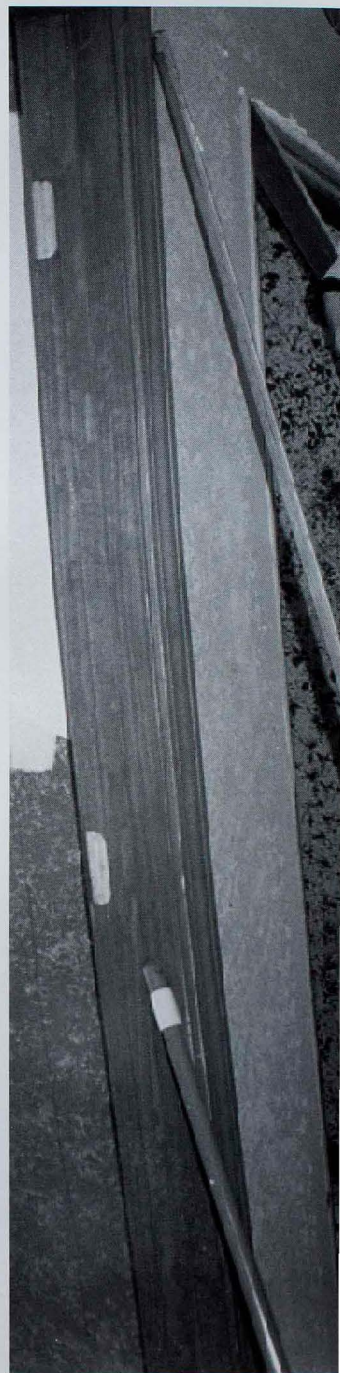




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## IDENTITY

Habitat for Humanity

"Habitat for Humanity gives me a good way to be active both in the Truman community and the Kirksville community while doing something that gives back to these communities."

Joseph Brooks, junior

Size: 60

President: Kelly Metcalf, senior

Vice President: Erin Prescott, senior

Secretary: Joseph Brooks, junior

Treasurer: Katrina Reschly, junior

In the past we have ... held fund-raisers and traveled to help other chapters of Habitat for Humanity.

**What gives us our identity?**

Our mission is to capture the imagination, energy and hope of students in order to productively and effectively involve them in the work of Habitat for Humanity International.

◀ Senior Brian Lux removes the door frame from a bedroom in one of the Habitat for Humanity renovation projects in Kirksville. Students in the campus chapter took weekend trips to Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis to help other colleges and universities chapters work on houses.

campus pals serve as role models

# REACHING

and mentors in the kirksville area

# INTO THE

by spending time with local children

# COMMUNITY

Through activities like playing toss, baking cookies, or just hanging out Truman State University students became role models for local children.

Campus PALS, People Acting Like Siblings, paired local children with student mentors. After an application and interview process, students were selected to mentor a child.

**“It’s good for the kids to have someone. When I was little I thought the biggest thing was when someone older spent time with me.”**

**-Tricia Jaworski,  
sophomore**

“I got involved in the program because of my deep love of children,” senior Greg Dessau said.

The program was for children between 5 and 13 years old.

“I typically spend one to one and a half hours a week with my little brother,” Dessau said.

Students took their pals to on-campus events as well as activities in Kirksville.

“Recently, I took my little sister to the Jessica Andrews concert,” sophomore Tricia Jaworski said. “That was really fun for her.”

The activities not only occupied the children but were also fun for the University students that participated.

“I like seeing the kids and doing fun kid stuff,” sophomore Rory Kane said.

The program allowed University students to be a stable figure in the children’s lives.

“It’s good for the kids to have someone,” Jaworski said. “When I was little I thought the biggest thing was when someone older spent time with me.”

The Campus PALS program was rewarding for all involved.

“It’s great knowing that they look forward to having me there every week,” Dessau said.

Nicole Hackett

*Contributing Writer*





◀ Freshman Nicole Black helps her pal pick out candy at Mainstreet Market in the Student Union Building. University students involved in Campus PALS spent at least an hour a week with their pal. Campus PALS also organized parties for all of the students and their pals to participate.

photo by Kathleen McGovern

### SHOWGIRLS DANCE SQUAD dance



FRONT ROW: Kelly Muncy, Amanda Becker, Megan Murphy, Jessie Smith, Kiley Hemminghaus. BACK ROW: Jennifer Mason, Natalie Vick, Darcy Johnson, Carrie Brown, Jill Hartnett, Clair Collins, Katie Bohn, Stacey Cook.

### SIGMA ALPHA agricultural



FRONT ROW: Jeannie Patterson-vice president, Angela Schreiber-treasurer, Chelsea Gerrish-vice president, Shannon Klepper-president, Kari Hermesmeier-secretary, Erin McAlvany. SECOND ROW: Sara Lile, Jennifer Scott, Theresa Larson, Dodi Wear, Karen Schwartz, Jaime Sumner, Teresa Pafford, Krista Hediger. BACK ROW: Missy Miller, Stephanie Waters, Staci Lewis, Andrea Finzel, Valerie Hentges, Liz Hicks, Michelle Griffin, Danielle Sallee, Alicia Taylor.

### SIGMA ALPHA IOTA music



FRONT ROW: Sally Noedel, Dawn McKee, Renee Parviz-vice president, Allison Webb-president, Amanda Hanks-vice president, Christy Dicks-secretary, Karen Dodson-treasurer, Beth Rozier. SECOND ROW: Brook Theodore, Jane Harrison, Carla Youngdahl, Ann Shirley, Cherayla Davis, Brandy Lawrence, Susan Meierhoff. THIRD ROW: Becca Johnson, Becca Hopkins, Kelli Boone, Kate Christman, Brandy DeCassios, Susan Nixon, Gwen Boggess, Emily Nelson. BACK ROW: Maggie Crawford, Katie Ramsey, Erin Gibson, Jessica Inch, Jessica Schmitz, Mary Dean, Ann Hier, Annette Nicks, Katie Collins.

# WOMEN OF HONOR

the women's resource center holds a banquet to recognize outstanding women on campus and to announce the 2001 woman of distinction

**F**inely dressed, the Woman of Distinction nominees and their guests entered the dimly lit, elegantly decorated room. It was time to revel who would be named the 2001 Woman of Distinction.

Interim assistant dean of multicultural affairs Bertha Thomas and junior Neetu Abad shared the honor at a banquet sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

The annual banquet honored outstanding women on the Truman State University campus. A committee from the WRC collected nominations and chose two faculty members who picked the recipients of the award.

"We had a pool of very strong nominees to choose from," said assistant professor of history Sylvia Macauley, one of the two judges for the competition. "By reviewing the nominees, we realized it was going to be hard to boil down."

Macauley and fellow judge, assistant professor of communications Diane Johnson, decided to give the award to two women. They chose a faculty member and a student as the recipients. They did not want students to compete against faculty because students did not have the same opportunities to impact policy. They wanted the each woman to be judged against her peers.

"These two went over and beyond the normal," Macauley said. "A lot of women are doing a lot of things these days. These [women] did things that went beyond most."

The banquet recognized women who had an impact on the University.

"A lot of women don't take recognition for their work and aren't given recognition for their work," said sophomore Laura Cox, WRC special events committee member. "It's a cool opportunity to give them the recognition they deserve, and I think it's also important to the women's cause just to say, 'Look what these women did. Women can do things that are important to the community too.'"

The WRC special events committee was responsible for organizing all aspects of the banquet.

"We started by talking to the Women's Co-op group, and then put nomination forms in different mailboxes in the [Center for Student Involvement] office," Cox said. "We then put up signs around campus asking for nominations."

The University financially supported the WRC. Funds for the banquet came from money allotted to the special committee.

"The most difficult part was trying to get the word out and get nominations," Cox said.

The recipients were grateful for being recognized and thankful to the people who nominated them.

"I just got the letter telling me I was nominated," Abad said. "I was really surprised, and it was just great to be nominated. It's very satisfying to know that there are people who are recognizing the works of women on this campus."

*Chelsey Ilten*

*Features Editor*

▶ Brooke Goans, owner of Originals Paper Art, speaks about her pursuits as a businesswoman. Her speech was designed to honor other women and to inspire women to find success.

▼ Junior Kevin Haworth and senior Nick Purifoy, friends of junior Neetu Abad, show their support during the evening. Abad received the honor for her work promoting feminism on campus.



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Interim assistant dean of multicultural affairs Bertha Thomas receives flowers at the Woman of Distinction Banquet. Seven nominees were honored at the banquet in December 2001.

photo by Beth Kelly

### SIGMA CHI DELTA local social sorority



FRONT ROW: Andrea Benton-president, Erin Kelly-vice president, Terri Durst-secretary, Heather Howard-treasurer, Michelle Pulliam, Rebecca Hollane, Arrley Eolley, Sarah Ebert. SECOND ROW: Meaghan Cochran, Angela Rosario, Lindsey Cashe, Amber Easley, Erin Rottinghaus, Rory Kane, Abby Youngberg, Jamie Dobbs. BACK ROW: Melody Quinn, Jacqueline Paulson, Michele Brungardt, Jené Ahrens, Chrissy Cahill, Emily Holdsworth, Crystal Schrage.

### SIGMA GAMMA RHO social sorority



FRONT ROW: Melanie Patty-vice president, April Howard, Carla Ezell-president.

### SIGMA KAPPA social sorority



FRONT ROW: Genny Kluesner, Corinne Brinkerhoff, Cassy Dominick, Vivian Jensen-president, Elizabeth Tate-vice president, Julie Thomas, Nicole Kriegshauser. SECOND ROW: Amanda Schnabel, Jessi Rockwell, Amanda Pankau, Catherine Bradley, Erin McHenry, Christy Dixon, Erica Wille, Wendi Merritt, Nicole Scanio. THIRD ROW: Katie Funk, Sandy Montgomery, Rachel Reinhold, Heather Fails, Laura Sexton, Cynthia Campbell, Kristin Dressel, Liz Hug, Lindsay Gentry, Erin Davlin. BACK ROW: Jenny Ploch, Jenifer Zurovsky, Lauren Campbell, Jen Kayser, Lisa Birkenholz, Emily Keen, Katie Stacy, Katie Pederson, Natalie Preston.

members of beta theta pi

# FOCUSING

strengthen their bond through road trips,

# ON

intramurals and academic achievements

# BROTHERHOOD

**B**eta Theta Pi was young in 2002 compared to the other social fraternities existing on Truman State University's campus. However, their youth did not stop the group from being active. Whether it was academics, philanthropies or extracurricular activities, the Betas strived to be the best.

Senior president Matt Walczewski said the chapter started at the University in 1995. He said the fraternity prided themselves on their "Run for the Border" philanthropy. The philanthropy helped the Kirksville Head Start program.

"What we do is collect pledges from local businesses and independent people," Walczewski said. "They pledge a certain amount [for us to run from Kirksville] to the Iowa border. It's a whole day thing. It helps us strengthen our bonds together."

Everyone in the fraternity was involved in and contributed to Run for the Border. It took the fraternity five to six hours of constant running and a lot of teamwork to reach the Missouri-Iowa border.

Besides running north to Iowa, the Betas also traveled east. In the spring 2002, the Betas drove eight hours to Miami University (Oxford, Ohio).

Senior Greg Thompson explained that the Miami University visit was an exciting experience for all of the fraternity brothers.

"Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, was

where Beta was founded in 1839, long time ago," Thompson said. "We wanted our [fall 2001 pledge class] to get initiated there, at their initiation hall."

Thompson said this was a great moment for all the members to experience the fraternity's history. The group hoped to continue making trips, if schedules permitted enough time.

Adding to the 2002 adventures, the Betas competed for athletic titles.

"We won [intramurals] the past two years," Thompson said. "We won it in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons. I mean we are very competitive, but we try to make sure we don't focus on that."

Sophomore Drew Lammy felt intramural involvement was essential to the fraternity and that it increased bonding.

"It's something we take pretty seriously," Lammy said. "Sports is something we do for brotherhood."

The fraternity emphasized the importance of academics as well as athletics.

"We are also very big on doing well academically," Thompson said. "It's really one of our principles here, to strive for academic excellence. We typically, each semester, win the highest GPA [of all the social fraternities]."

*Donna Gallo*

*Contributing Writer*





◀ Freshman Kelly Gamlin learns about the history of the eight founding fathers of Beta Theta Pi while looking at fraternity memorabilia. The Betas looked at the Beta Theta Pi archives while visiting Miami University (Oxford, Ohio).

*photo submitted*

**SIGMA KAPPA** social sorority



FRONT ROW: Lauren Lundry, Ali Soderholm, Lisa Vandegriffe, Ellie Goedeker, Katie Moran, Colleen Peterson, Mandy Wriedt. SECOND ROW: Becca Warner, Maggie Kroepel, Allison Dougherty, Katie Storms, Erin Carroll, Lianna Boone, Katherine Betz, Nicole Harris. BACK ROW: Jessica Leonard, Kelly Brown, Becca Newman, Pamela Foster, Kristen Wadsack, Melissa Storms, Angie Bangert, Kim Dodson, Mona Bennani.

**SIGMA KAPPA** social sorority

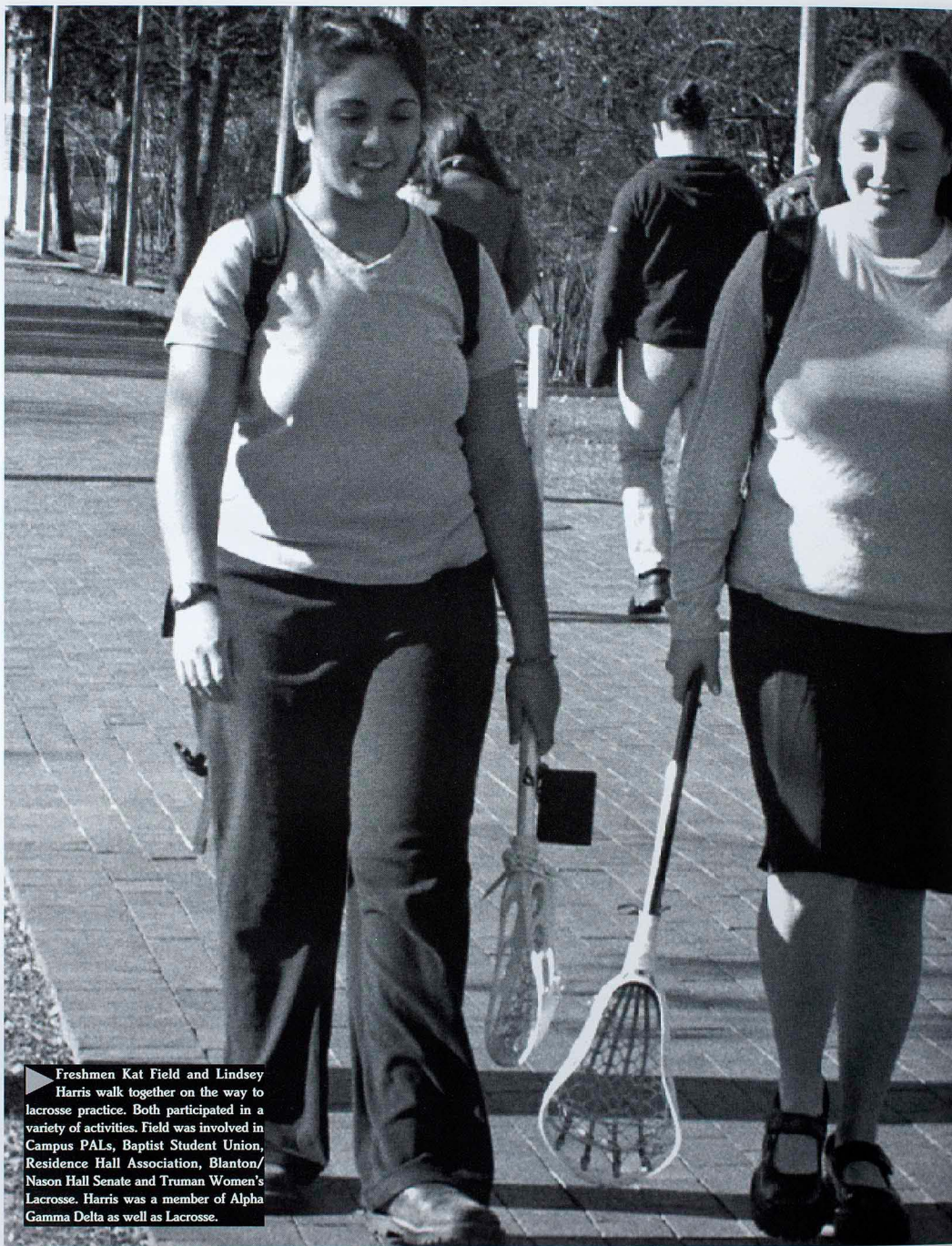


FRONT ROW: Katie Arnold, Jocelyn Warner, Rebecca Zak. SECOND ROW: Karyn Francis, Tricia Goen, Lauren Rosenfield, Marty Glenn, Jen Crosswhite, Laura Hinkson, Alicia Robinett, Stephanie Sommer. BACK ROW: Tara Seelig, Karen Becherer, Alisha Newman, Pascael Barclay, Allison Spotser, Jennifer Wollbrink, Maria Samayoa, Suzie Sexton, Julie Gerecke.

**SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA** cultural



FRONT ROW: Tanya Darris, Bethany Ordaz, Andrea Isbell.



► Freshmen Kat Field and Lindsey Harris walk together on the way to lacrosse practice. Both participated in a variety of activities. Field was involved in Campus PALs, Baptist Student Union, Residence Hall Association, Blanton/Nason Hall Senate and Truman Women's Lacrosse. Harris was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta as well as Lacrosse.



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involvement in too many organizations

# QUALITY

could affect students' performances

# VERSUS

unless schedules are planned carefully

# QUANTITY

Everywhere students looked on campus, they found posters inviting them to join an array of organizations. However, students walked a thin line when it came to overloading themselves. The possibilities of spreading themselves too thin, lowering grades and hurting their organizations were concerns.

Many students found by carefully managing their time, they were able to participate in several activities as well as prepare for their futures.

"I enjoy being involved on campus," senior Kim Tempel said. "It's a good way to meet people and it gives me a sense of fulfillment and makes me feel my time here is valuable."

Tempel, president of the Student Activities Board, was involved in five other organizations while at Truman State University. But, she also saw it from the organizations' points of view. She realized people who sacrificed too much in order to be a part of several organizations potentially harmed the themselves and the organizations.

"I think the organization really suffers when people don't give it their all," Tempel said. "I don't think it's right to belong to an organization just to fill a résumé. Because, really, it doesn't count for that much. It's better to belong to two and give 100 percent than belong to five and give 50 percent."

However, other groups saw benefits of having their members active on campus.

"It all depends on their outlook," said junior Lindsay Johnson Funds Allotment Council vice-chairperson. "If a person is very committed to our group, they can enhance it by being involved. They can do outreach to the other groups they're in, and since we're a small group, their work [for FAC] can be done in their free time."

Members of organizations such as Delta Sigma Pi also saw it as a way to enhance their own group.

"Some people are incredibly involved and really helpful; they bring stuff in that they learn elsewhere," junior Erika Van Tuyl said. "As a whole, we don't have a problem with people dragging us down."

In addition to benefiting the organizations, being involved also benefited the students.

"For me, specifically, [involvement has] given me the opportunity to broaden my horizons in different areas," senior Brandon Harris said. "Hopefully it'll prepare me if and when I encounter different situations and different types of people."

Many students believed it was possible to be an asset to multiple organizations.

"I do a lot of planning and time management," junior David Morley said. "It's tough sometimes, but I think usually you can make time for what you want to do."

*Chelsey Ilten*

*Features Editor*



▶ Sophomore Elizabeth Kukal participates in the 24-hour Jump Rope for Heart in front of Wal-Mart. Alpha Phi Omega raised money through donations for the American Heart Association, which promoted research and educational programs for heart diseases and strokes.

photo by Tricia Scott

# 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

alpha phi omega celebrates through community service  
with on-campus, local, and regional activities

The Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Omega appeared to be just another fraternity to some students on campus, but through the eyes of those they helped, the organization was something more than ordinary.

APO, a coed national service fraternity, was an active component of the community. Not only did APO serve the community around Truman State University, but the organization also served others on a national scale. During spring 2002 APO participated in the Region VIII Conference, which they hosted for the first time.

The main focus of the Conference was to celebrate the chapter's 75th anniversary, using the motto "Racking Up 75 Years of Service." The Conference, held every two years, involved a diverse group of volunteers that represented APO chapters from all eight states in region VIII.

"The Conference was the biggest part of the year for the Epsilon chapter," junior Karin Ellis said.

Throughout their weekend at the University, Conference attendees participated in fellowship events, workshops, service projects, a banquet and a dance.

In addition to the Conference, the University's chapter of APO participated in National Service Week, held in November 2001. During that week, APO members organized a service auction, Faculty and Staff Appreciation in Centennial Hall, shelf

reading at the Adair County Public Library and Operation Christmas Child.

Throughout 2002, the chapter helped with the book drive for children of the Philippines. Members collected donations from local businesses and went door to door asking for donations.

Locally, APO did a great deal of volunteer work with the Boy Scouts of America.

"Our main work was done at Camp Thunderbird in Moberly," senior president Dan Clark said. "We went there once each semester to clean, renovate and help out in any way that we could."

The University's chapter hosted a Metit Badge College Day for local Boy Scouts. On this day, members of APO provided Boy Scouts with the opportunity to participate in activities that would help them earn different merit badges.

Senior Matt Wright, vice president of membership, said that with almost 200 members, he thought APO was the largest attendance-taking organization on campus.

"The more I thought about it, I was really very proud to be a member," Wright said. "The more involved I got, the more I realized how much we were able to do with the community because of our large size and terrific leadership."

*Lauren Backowski*

*Contributing Writer*



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▲ Alumnus Glenn Gothaus, junior Lindsay Johnson and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford) junior Matt Fulton compile informational packets as a service project for the Admissions Office. Packets were sent to students interested in learning more about the University.



*photo by Katie Dains*

▲ Announcer sophomore Sean O'Neil showcases formal wear competitor Rich Strathmann of St. Louis University (Mo.), as he vies for the title of Mr. Region Eight. Strathmann, using the stage name "Amber," won first place in the pageant.



*photo by Sarah Borton*

▲ Sophomore Jenny Bordogna vacuums at the Family Advocacy Center as a service project during the Region VIII Conference. Alpha Phi Omega members had to fulfill a minimum of 22 hours of service in spring 2002. Some members exceeded the minimum requirements by setting higher goals.

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FRONT ROW: Audra Fanning, Jaque Neuwöhner, Carrie Koc-vice president, Kerry Massman-president, Ashley Schwartzman, Lisa Campbell, Britni Kaelin. SECOND ROW: Melissa Perris, Melissa Dudek, Jessica Hawkins, Karen Sims, Lydia Hines, Jacki Griffin, Katherine Shaw, Lauren Drawe, Jessie Fee. THIRD ROW: Jessica Symes, Tiffany Burton, Lindsay Eichenberger, Shuang Li, Karah Burris, Charissa Manuat, Dani Logan, Kristen Ward, Angie Gain, Karris Weidinger. BACK ROW: Amie Branch, Rachel Phillips, Karrie Haberstroh, Sara Anderson, Lindsay Niermeyer, Megan Dougherty, Andrea Stevber, Ashley Gore, Kerry Burd.

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**SIGMA TAU DELTA** english honor fraternity



FRONT ROW: Renee Becker-president, Sarah Davis-treasurer, Leslie Neimeier-secretary, Meaghan Phelan.



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advisers give time and put forth effort to promote excellence in academic and fellowship areas within organizations

# THE ART OF ADVISING

◀ Sal Costa, assistant professor of psychology, leads a conversation at an Interfraternity Council meeting. Advisers were required to help group members follow University policies.

▼ Delta Zeta adviser Bridget Morton speaks at the Greek Development Conference. Morton stressed the importance of working together and striving for success. Advisers helped organizations remain financially and legally responsible.



photo by Beth Kelly

Many factors went into producing a successful organization, but perhaps one of the unsung heroes in that process was the adviser. Advisers contributed to their organizations in obvious ways as well as working behind the scenes. Wherever they were, their goal was to help the organization and the students involved succeed.

Janet Gooch, associate professor of communication disorders, was the adviser for the Communications Disorders Association and the Panhellenic Council.

"I think my biggest role is an advocate for the students—to help them accomplish the goals they have for the organizations," Gooch said.

In CODA, Gooch helped the students reserve speech pathology speakers and raise money for special education. For the Panhellenic Council, she made sure the women followed national procedures and helped them find ways to develop the Greek system on campus. Gooch also oversaw the finances and room reservations.

"Getting to know the students is the biggest thing for me," Gooch said. "It's just fun to get to know students on a

different level, between having them in class and seeing them perform academically."

Senior Alison Berti, CODA president, said Gooch helped plan speakers and register CODA to be affiliated with national organizations.

"She is one of our professors, so pretty much everybody knows who she is," Berti said.

Liz Jorn, instructor in health and exercise sciences, was the adviser for Cardinal Key, an organization she was a member of when she was a Truman State University student.

"Being adviser now, I feel like I've moved up in the ranks," Jorn said. "I can see how it has developed, and I can give them guidance to help develop [the organization] in the future."

Sal Costa, assistant professor of psychology, was the director of Greek affairs and adviser of the Interfraternity Council. Costa also advised the social sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma. He attended meetings and made sure they contacted the national offices for compliance with the risk management program.

"If an adviser does what they're supposed to do, they're involved in it," Costa said. "If they're a paper adviser, they are not benefiting anybody."

Costa said he had no problem balancing the activities with his classes.

"I feel if I get involved in something, I want to be involved 100 percent," Costa said. "I do it because I really love it, otherwise I wouldn't."

*Elizabeth Foerstel*  
Contributing Writer

international readers association provides books  
**MAKING READING**  
for new mothers and reads to children  
**AS EASY AS**  
to promote literacy in the community  
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Whether it was making book packets for new mothers or reading to children, the goal of each project was to promote literacy. This goal was carried through 2002, the second year of the International Readers Association.

"IRA is a national organization that promotes literacy through professional development in the community," said Linda Colton, instructor of education and IRA adviser. "We are kind of divided into two goals—service and professional development."

The organization sponsored several service activities within the community, earning it the Outstanding New Organization in 2002 award given by the Center for Student Involvement. Books for Babes was IRA's main service activity.

**“In Books  
for Babes, we  
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books to give to  
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the hospital. ...”**

Megan Quigley,  
graduate student

"Promoting literacy is the over-arching goal of IRA," graduate student Megan Quigley said. "One of our big projects is called Books for Babes. In Books for Babes, we prepare packets of books to give to new mothers in the hospital after they had a baby, to promote literacy at an early age."

The Books for Babes project targeted more than just English-speaking parents.

"About 25 percent of the Books for Babes packets are in Spanish for the increasing Mexican community," said graduate student Heather Mosley, IRA president.

IRA also participated in the Children's Literature Festival, an annual literacy awareness event.

"[The Children's Literature Festival] is a great opportunity to hear children's literature authors—how they write, where they get ideas and see how they present their book to kids," Quigley said. "We also have a time where people can have books signed. ..."

IRA focused not only on increasing literacy in the Kirksville area, they also spent time participating in professional development activities for educators.

"We brought in a number of speakers who are reading teachers," Mosley said. "They showed us fun techniques to help those students who have problems reading."

*Jo Ann Croghan*

*Editor in Chief*

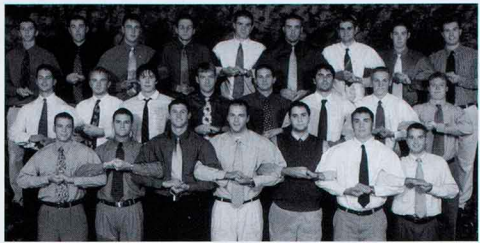




Juniors Courtney Danner and Amy Huedepohl assemble packets for Books for Babes. In the spring of 2002, the International Readers Association distributed approximately 100 children's books to new mothers.

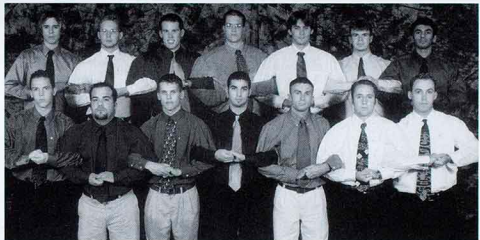
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**SIGMA TAU GAMMA** social fraternity



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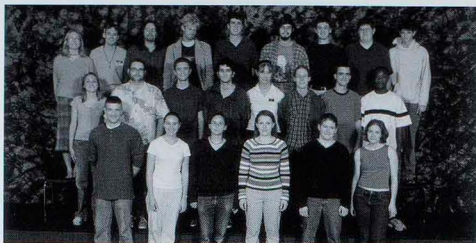
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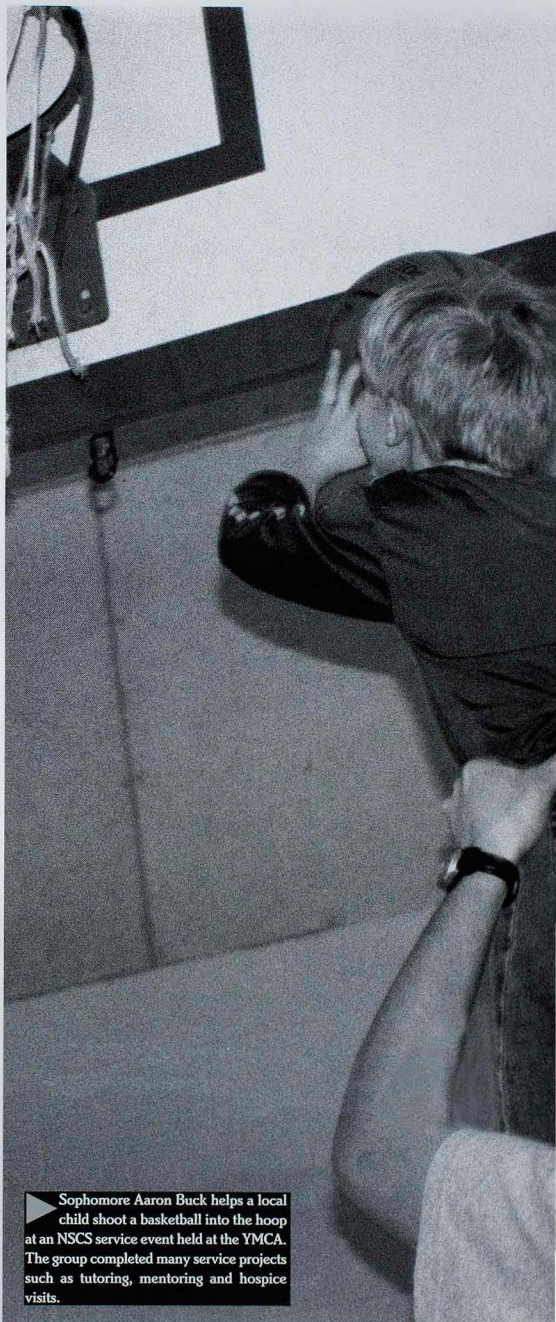


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Sophomore Aaron Buck helps a local child shoot a basketball into the hoop at an NSCS service event held at the YMCA. The group completed many service projects such as tutoring, mentoring and hospice visits.



photo by Lauren Meyer

high-achieving underclassmen  
**INVITATION**  
receive rewards for  
**FOR**  
academic excellence  
**HONOR**

**T**he National Society of Collegiate Scholars made its first appearance on Truman State University's campus in spring 2001. Due to its renowned National status, the group had a few problems obtaining new members.

"To recruit members, we get a list of names from the registrar of those students that meet the requirements and then we send that list to the national office," senior secretary Maria Piantek said. "Then [the national office] sends out invitations to those that are eligible."

Receiving an invitation was an honor, especially since 2002 was the organization's first full year on campus. However, meeting the requirements was tougher than students expected.

"In order to be in our organization you have to be a first or second year student with a 3.4 GPA or higher," sophomore Danny Motta said.

The 3.4 GPA requirement was the reason only 500 students out of the freshman and sophomore classes at the University received an invitation in 2001. Out of those 500, over 250 chose to be inducted.

"I believe that we had a really good turnout considering how small of a campus we have," said sophomore Tanya Hentges, executive vice president. "Not only can you join for recognition, service or as an honor; it is a lifetime membership. You pay the \$60 dues once and you are a member for life."

Lifetime membership was just one incentive of joining NSCS. Another was participating in service activities. The main service project for NSCS was Planning for College Success. For this service project, NSCS members informed local junior high students about the benefits of going to college.

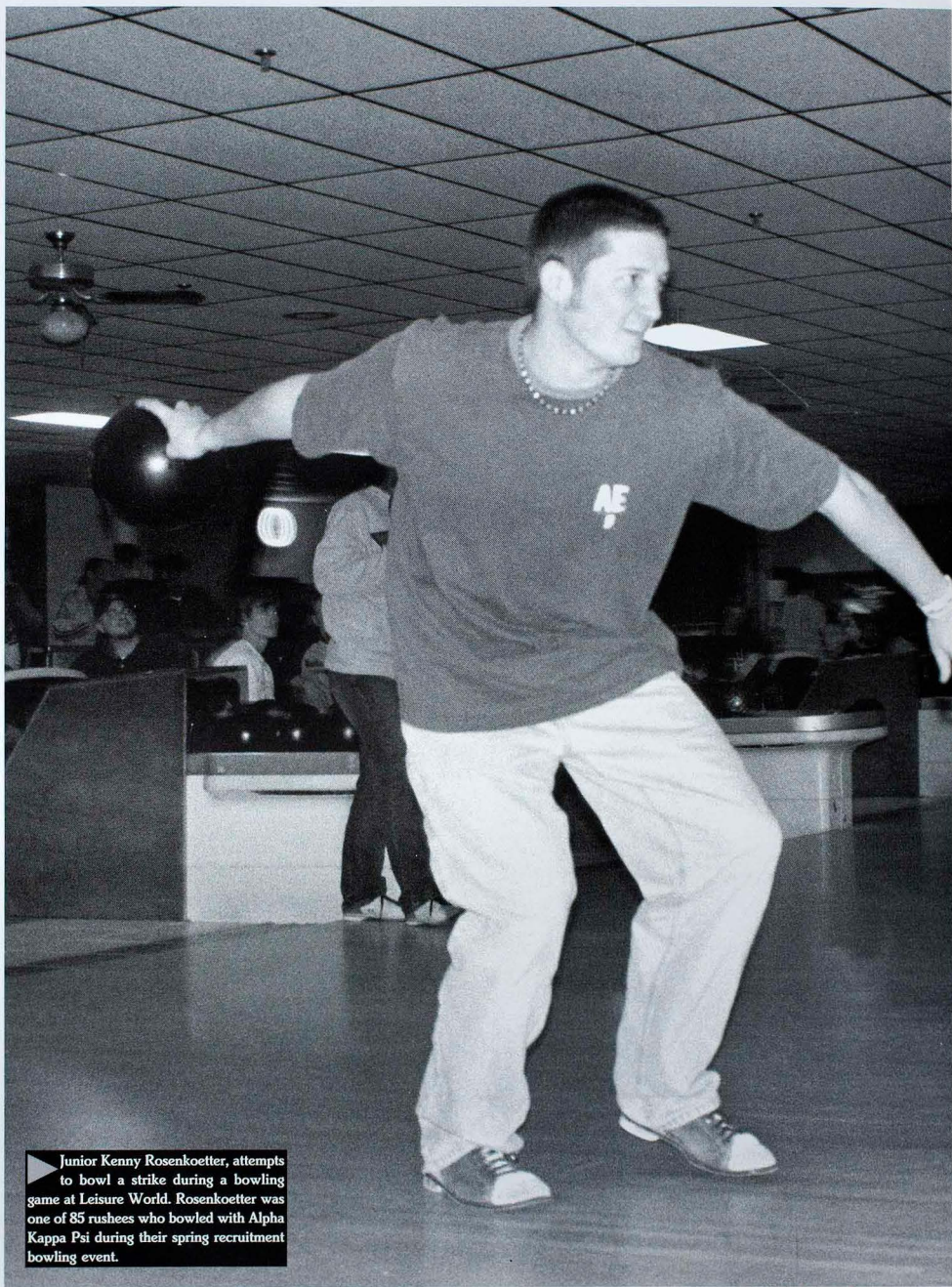
"We invite the local junior high students to the campus and give them a tour," Motta said. "We also talk to them about what they need to do in high school in order to make it to college."

NSCS served several functions for the students involved.

"It is a way to recognize academic achievement," Hentges said. "To really get involved with service."

**Katie Dains**

*Staff Writer*



▶ Junior Kenny Rosenkoetter, attempts to bowl a strike during a bowling game at Leisure World. Rosenkoetter was one of 85 rushees who bowled with Alpha Kappa Psi during their spring recruitment bowling event.

*photo by Jovee Henahan*

# SPRING INTO ACTION

organizations advertise their name in attempts to attract new members while facing the challenges of spring recruitment

Every semester, like clockwork, many organizations covered the sidewalks with chalk, held dinners, hosted guest speakers and planned social events with hopes of attracting new members to join their organization.

Several organizations on campus recruited new members in the spring.

"We like to hold recreational events to give prospectives a chance to find out what we are about," said senior Carolyn Meade, Delta Sigma Pi vice president. "This semester we had an informational night to answer questions. We had 'Meet-the-Chapter' night, where we ate pizza and mingled. We held a bowling night, which allowed prospective brothers to get to know each other. We had a professional speaker to talk about the importance of our organization. We had a faculty luncheon and a cocktail party in the Student Union Building with ice breakers and prizes."

Many organizations held similar rush activities, such as dinners and special "Chapter Nights." Phi Sigma Pi also held a Coffee House Night as a way to entertain existing and potential members and encourage interaction between students.

"The coffee house seems to be pretty popular with our prospectives," said sophomore Caitlin Sutton, Phi Sigma Pi

rush chairwoman. "We serve coffee and ask odd questions so that the prospectives are not so nervous."

However, planning an event was only half the battle. Organizations also had to come up with creative ways to let their potential members know about the social events.

"We made announcements at the beginning of business classes describing what [Alpha Kappa Psi] was and why they should join," said junior Sam Grefrath, vice president of membership. "We also put posters in Violette Hall and in the residential [halls], and worked informational tables in the Violette Hall lobby."

Posters and announcements were not the only ways that organizations grabbed the attention of students.

"We actually handed out business cards," Meade said. "We encouraged our members to hand them out, which also listed the dates of our recruitment events."

Delta Sigma Pi's business cards caught students' attention, they especially interested freshmen who were not eligible the semester before.

"Second semester we have more people apply because of the requirements needed to join," said junior Brady Miller, Phi (continued on page 242)

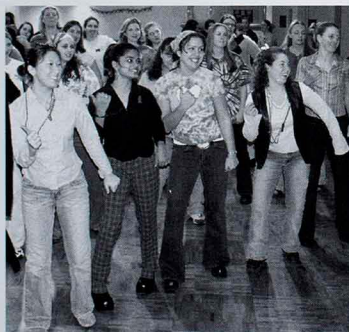


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▲ Sophomore Ali Soderholm, freshmen Dhara Amin and Amy Ortega and sophomore Laura Gatti learn the hustle in the Down Under of the Student Union Building. Fellowship Night was the third and final night of Alpha Sigma Gamma's spring rush.



photo by Brandi Brown

▲ Rushees eat with members of Delta Sigma Pi to learn more about the business fraternity. Activities, like bowling and Meet the Chapter Night, gave rushees the opportunity to meet fraternity members.



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▲ Sophomore Dana Schoonover looks at organizations' booths during the spring activities fair. Schoonover received a free box of laundry detergent from Eklesia. The 2002 spring activities fair was the first spring activities fair for the University.

## SPRING INTO ACTION

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Sigma Pi president. "In order to join you have to have one semester of coursework, completed [15 to 75 University credit hours], a minimum GPA of 3.0 and service requirements. You are also only eligible to join starting the second semester of your freshman year through the first semester of your junior year."

If a student met the requirements, they became eligible to join the organization. In order to further promote their organization to eligible students, some organizations tried to persuade potential members to join their organization by describing the benefits that came with being a member of their group.

"Main draws to [Alpha Kappa Psi] for already-established students were the founding father status [they] would get after joining, the fact that there are hundreds of thousands of alumni that you can use to your advantage for networking and it doesn't hurt that [Alpha Kappa Psi] is the largest, most prestigious business fraternity," Grefrath said.

Alpha Kappa Psi's national recognition helped the local chapter during their first year at the University. The number of new members more than doubled between fall 2001 and spring 2002 rush.

"Since the fall [of 2001] was our first semester on campus, there was no real rush, but the recruitment director from the national office chose the 75 members to start the organization with," said senior Vijay Yalamanchili, Alpha Kappa Psi president. "But with our first spring rush we were able to more than double our organization with 85 new members."

Doubling their membership after the spring 2002 recruitment was quite an achievement for Alpha Kappa Psi. Much like Alpha Kappa Psi, many organizations on campus found their spring recruitment typically drew more members compared to their fall recruitment.

"The spring usually has a bigger initiate class because there are more people to choose from [since more students qualified]," Sutton said.

Having more people interested in joining an organization made the elimination process more difficult for some organizations. Many groups needed to have an elimination process in order to control the number

of members in their organization and to keep their organization selective.

"Since we encourage all the rushees to meet as many brothers as possible, we take head shots [of the rushees] to show the brothers when we vote," Sutton said. "In deciding who is invited back, we ask the brothers to only vote on those that they met, and then those who have the highest numbers are invited back."

The elimination process became difficult at times, but also necessary for many organizations. However, some organizations did not have an elimination process.

"Since our organization has different guidelines, we don't feel the need to eliminate anyone during rush," said junior Dawn McKee, Sigma Alpha Iota corresponding secretary. "Our organization is based on music and academics, so we only invited those that have good grades and are involved in music."

**Katie Dains**

*Staff Writer*



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▲ Freshman Kristen Sievels and senior Jen Hwang of Phi Sigma Pi get acquainted during the Coffee House Night. On the first night of rush, 108 potential members attended. By the end of the week, Phi Sigma Pi initiated 24 new members in spring 2002.



◀ Freshman April Owen and junior Joanna Hoag decorate a pillowcase during Alpha Sigma Gamma's service night as juniors Megan Cotter and Becky Dial watch. The pillowcases were donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

*photo by Marcie Manns*

members of equestrian team and horseman's association share love for horses, but focus on different aspects

## ON THE SADDLE

The Equestrian Team and the Horseman's Association may have sounded similar to the layperson, but anyone involved in either group knew there was a difference.

"The Equestrian Team is a competitive team in a region with nine other schools," said Tammi Jay, the Equestrian team's coach.

Members of the Equestrian Team paid for their own entry fees, food, hotel, costs of show clothes and yearly dues.

"A western show outfit could cost at least \$500," junior Sara Sandker said.

Dedicated members not only spent money for their competitions, but also spent several hours a week training. This included missing some Friday classes for away competitions that were usually held on Saturdays.

"How many hours a week a person spends practicing depends on how involved they are with the team," junior Sarah Krutzman said.

All the hard work paid off when a team member won a category though, receiving a ribbon as well as individual and team points.

Although team members practiced year-round, Truman State University hosted the first competition in November 2001. Competitions went into April 2002. To help pay for the expenses of hosting a competition, team members held fund raisers. Members also sold advertisements in their programs to local businesses and individuals.

"Fund-raisers cover the costs of renting an arena, feeding the horses, trailers to transport the horses, bedding and stalls," Sandker said.

While the Equestrian Team's main focus was competitions, the Horseman's Association looked at horses in a different manner.

"The Horseman's Association is about educating people about horses and how to care for horses," sophomore Cammy Mold said.

The Horseman's Association members did not compete, but could learn how to ride and had access to 30 horses included in the riding herd at the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm. The group met year-round and was open to any student.

"At the weekly meetings an executive board member chooses a topic to discuss, like parts of a saddle," Mold said.

The group learned while they discussed and then gained hands-on experience.

"We care for the horses every Saturday," Mold said. "A person is assigned to a horse for that day, then takes them out, halters, cleans and rides them."

*Julia Karll*

*Photography Editor*

Junior Susan Guittar, member of the Horseman's Association, grooms a horse. The Horseman's Association hosted the Circus Equus, which was a celebration of horses. Trainers from Missouri, Iowa and Illinois performed demonstrations at the event.

Freshman Kelly Bauer, Liz Kackley and sophomore Cammy Mold put a saddle on a horse. In competition, Equestrian Team members were judged at different skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced.



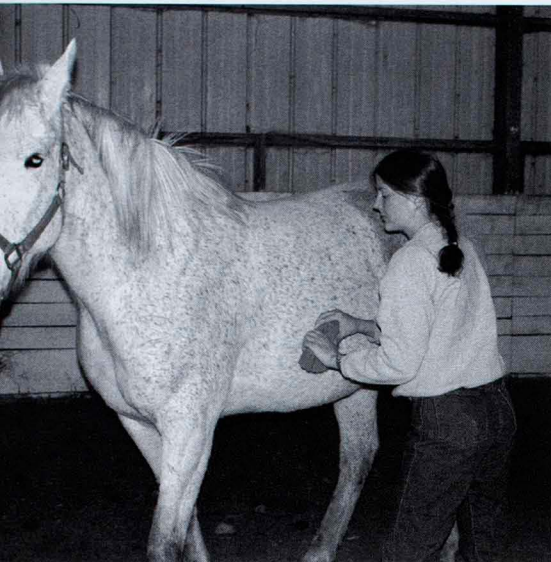


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**STUDENT AMBASSADORS** university tour guides



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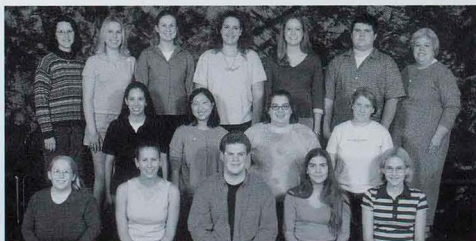
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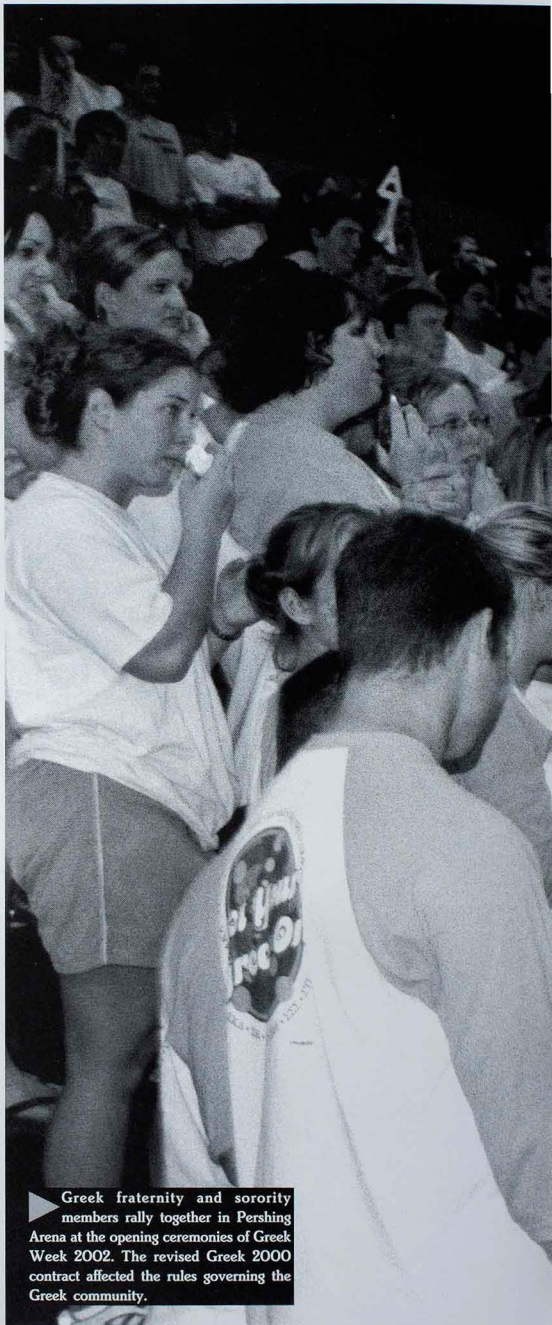


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▶ Greek fraternity and sorority members rally together in Pershing Arena at the opening ceremonies of Greek Week 2002. The revised Greek 2000 contract affected the rules governing the Greek community.



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representatives from greek organizations

# ELIMINATING

work together to clarify the

# DOUBLE

15-year-old greek 2000 contract

# JEOPARDY

The Princeton University Dictionary stated that double jeopardy was “the prosecution of a defendant for an offense for which he or she has already been tried; prohibited in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.”

Members of Truman State University’s Greek community worked during the 2001-2002 year to ensure that students in Greek organizations no longer were subject to double jeopardy by being punished for infractions against both the Greek 2000 Contract and the University Student Conduct Code. This and other changes were implemented to remove any confusion from the Greek 2000 contract.

“The way it was before, we couldn’t make heads of it,” said Sal Costa, director of Greek Affairs. “It was basically a piece of junk and there was a lot of garbage we had to clear out of it.”

Greek 2000 consisted of the governing guidelines for the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The Greek 2000 contract was created as a joint statement of the regulations for the University’s 18 social fraternities, six sororities and seven National Pan-Hellenic Greek organizations. It dealt specifically with Greek issues and outlined a type of court system, called a Judiciary Board. The Board was comprised of students and designed to hold hearings and hand down punishments to individuals and organizations for violations of the policy rules.

“[The old contract] was not really a coherent document,” junior Nikki Martinez said. “It was made up of insurance polices kind of meshed together. ... It was kind of a constitution, a mission statement and bylaws all rolled into one.”

Delegates from each Greek society met and voted on the changes to the constitution. Subsequently, each delegate reported the proposed changes to the members of his or her organization. The organizations then voted to approve or reject the changes.

After presenting their revisions to Warren Wells, the University’s general counsel, the final changes were submitted to Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, for approval.

“I think the new contract will better govern us as a whole,” said junior Michelle Lawrence, assistant Greek adviser and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. “There were some things that needed to be taken out.”

Costa agreed that the Greek community would see benefits from the changes.

“I think it will benefit the Greek community in a very, very positive way,” Costa said. “It is based on changes the Greeks want, because they’re the ones who masterminded it.”

**Carrie Sheffield**

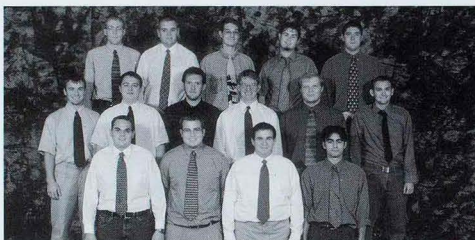
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### STUDENT SENATE student government



FRONT ROW: Lisa Schroeder, Rudy Arredondo, Matt Brooker-president, John Hilton-vice president, Beth Evers-treasurer, Amanda Brink. SECOND ROW: Heather Pierce, Alicen Blassl, Rory Roundtree, Diane Gollaher, John Peluso, Justin Kempf, Bethany Ordaz, Johanna Westlin, Rachael Clouse. THIRD ROW: Ryan Walkiewicz, Todd Billy, Ryan Hager, Heather Lasher, Ted Snodgrass, Evan Lewis, Adrianna Mayson, Jamie Hairston, Nolan White, Micheal Shelton. BACK ROW: Shawn Doyle, Kyle Branson, Wayne Yocum, Corey Schaecher, Jen Heien, Jon Beckmeyer, Grant Mulkey, Jerry Schirmer, Stephanie Nigus.

### TAU KAPPA EPSILON social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Tim Wolf-president, Paul Werner-vice president, Kevin Knickman-secretary, Mike Mangiore-treasurer. SECOND ROW: Tom Rodeghero, Ben Edwards, William Alexander, Zack Wotawa, Gregory Brown, Todd Ross. BACK ROW: Curtis Niezwaag, Turk Behlmann, Jake Ruckman, Kevin Hennessey, Jeff Danford.

### TAU LAMBDA SIGMA local service sorority



FRONT ROW: Heather Frericks, Lisa Army, Gina Mack, Traci May, Heather Pogue, Chaney Cox, Nicole Vazquez, Shannon Smith, Jenny Pottroff. SECOND ROW: Courtney Jackson, Emily Cope, Julie Guignon, Rachel Henning, Lindsey Mentel, Andria Rockwell, Tarrah Moore, Ashley Amer, Rachael Clouse. THIRD ROW: Hannah Casillo, Julie Schaper, Laura Hesley, Becky Tague, Eve Schlenk, Kari Schuster, Lindsay Becraft, Gloria Dirnbeck, Katie Markham, Sarah Doedli. BACK ROW: Jessica Radinsky, Betsy Braddoek, Carrie Miller, Laura Whitted, Batina Gray, Stacey Unnerstall, Christina Eberhard, Emily Lempa, Christina Carr, Angie Gain, Kristen Stanley.



Senior Amanda Henderson places a flamingo on President Jack Magruder's lawn while trying to avoid being caught. Magruder supported Tri-Beta by paying \$10 to have Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, flamingoed next.

# "FLAMINGOED"

through an innovative technique, beta beta beta raises funds that provide learning opportunities

Imagine sneaking around professors' yards in the dark for the sole purpose of littering them with homemade pink flamingos. That was just what the members of Beta Beta Beta, the biology honor society, did. About once a month, they found their way to the next victim's house and set up the flamingos, hoping not to get caught in the act.

"Flamingoing' is a Tri-Beta fund-raising event," said senior Amanda Henderson, fund-raising committee chairwoman. "We put Styrofoam flamingos in the professor's yard and place a letter on the door telling them that they can retaliate if they want. Five dollars will buy them insurance that they will not be flamingoed again, \$10 buys them the insurance and the chance to get someone else. Those chosen to be flamingoed are picked by whoever was flamingoed last."

As odd as being flamingoed seemed, professors tended to get a kick out of it. The innovative fund-raising idea was started by Tri-Beta president senior Sarah Lovern.

"I had been visiting a former teacher from my high school and she told me about it," Lovern said. "She mentioned that there were Web sites that did it professionally. After looking at those, I decided that I didn't want to invest that much money, just in case it didn't turn out right. So we figured out a way to make our own. We spray painted poster board pink and had someone trace flamingos on it to be cut out and tape them to hangers."

The pink poster board was not all just for fun though. The money that Tri-Beta received from people like President Jack Magruder and John Rutter, assistant professor of biology, went to good causes including the supporting of student research.

"The money we receive goes towards sending members to the regional undergraduate research conference where they present research that they have been doing all year," Henderson said.

Only a few members participated in the conference, however, it was not solely what the organization was about.

"We are a national honor society for biology majors," Lovern said. "Not only do we do normal organization stuff, but we like to invite speakers to come and talk to the members about possible career opportunities with a biology degree."

Although the speakers brought a lot of insight for the members, some saw Tri-Beta as a social organization as well.

"We have an end of the year party and we also have soccer games verses the faculty twice a year, we won both times," sophomore Robbi Kupfer said. "The coffee house was philanthropy, but also a lot of fun."

*Katie Dains*

*Staff Writer*

photo by Brandi Brown

# THE FEMALE CAUSE

feminist majority leadership alliance members unite in the name of equality as they hope for growth as a university, a nation and a gender

They were not mad at the world and they did not hate men. They did have a mission though, and it was to seek equality for women in all areas of life. They were members of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

FMLA was created by the Feminist Majority Foundation to inform young women of the threats of anti-feminist theories and also to provide organizational training in confronting these views to the society. FMLA was established at Truman State University in the fall of 1999.

"The parent organization's mission is to empower women through various channels, like university campuses," said junior Neetu Abad, president of FMLA.

The organization supported abortion rights and fought for other women's rights-including pay equity, reproductive rights and global awareness about issues affecting all women.

"Our goals basically boil down to two things-awareness and communication," Abad said.

The group sponsored awareness events like a pay-equity bake sale which showed differences in salaries in the work force. Students were charged based on race and gender, which symbolized salary distribution.

"FMLA wants to make the point that those differentials in pay still exist and we're not past that yet," said Linda Seidel, professor of English and FMLA adviser.

The organization also participated in a statewide protest held at all Wal-Mart stores to inform the public about the need for the store to carry emergency contraceptives. Prescriptions for emergency contraceptives could not be filled at Wal-Mart according to Wal-Mart's nationwide policy.

In October 2001, FMLA also increased awareness by sponsoring speaker Jean Kilbourne. The presentation explored the relationship between women in advertising with violence, rape and sexual harassment.

Despite its focus, FMLA welcomed all genders. The organization had several male members that participated in the organization, including senior Cormac Smith, FMLA treasurer.

"I think that it would strengthen our stance if you had people that weren't getting any benefit directly," Smith said. "If someone's in an organization like this and is reasonably committed to it, it strengthens it rather than weakens it."

Allison Schuller

Contributing Writer

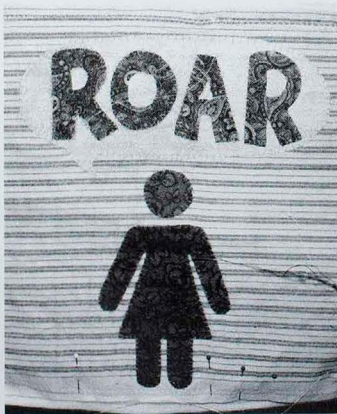


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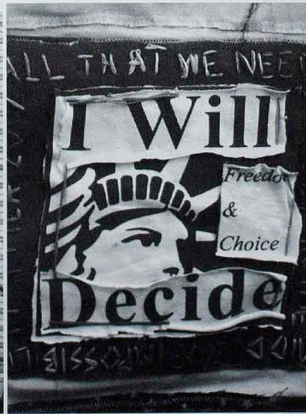


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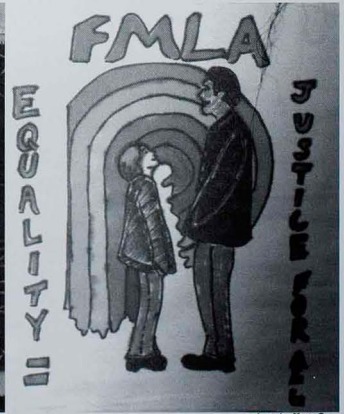


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Created by Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance members, these squares are just a small part of the organization's banner, which hung at their meetings and activities. The banner was a symbol for FMLA's continuing desire to create interest and involvement in women's issues such as health concerns and political stances.

Senior Stacia Dreyer and junior Jen Duplissie, members of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, participate in a statewide protest in front of Wal-Mart in Kirksville. FMLA stood in front of the store to speak out against Wal-Mart's refusal to carry emergency contraceptive pills. Store managers asked the protestors to leave the stores premise after 25 minutes.



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# MORE OPPORTUNITIES

students are provided with more organizations to participate in when new and newly revived organizations join the campus

Truman State University often boasted that the campus offered something for everyone. Yet, if for some reason a student could not find a group that supported his or her interests, the Center for Student Involvement made it easy for a new group to form. All a student had to do was round up five friends, find a faculty adviser, fill out the necessary paperwork and the University had its newest organization to cater to the ever-changing needs of the students.

For sophomore Laura Spaeth, one of the founding members of the University Scrabble Club, forming the organization was a way to make the nightly Scrabble game with her friends into an official, University-recognized organization.

"[In 2001,] we held a nightly, unofficial 'Scrabble Club' in our lounge, because Scrabble was really the only game we had," Spaeth said. "We joked around about starting an actual Scrabble Club. At the beginning of this year I looked into getting a charter and found out it wasn't too difficult. So the [University] Scrabble Club was born."

Senior Amy Robinson wanted to start a religious organization unlike any of the others present on campus. Beginning with a small group of students, the Truman Pagan Fellowship sought to inform students and community members that paganism was an acceptable religion.

"I just hope that this organization will provide education to [the University] and the surrounding community about paganism," Robinson said. "I hope that someday, when members of

our group are asked what religion they are, they can say without embarrassment, 'I'm a witch' or 'I'm a druid' or 'I'm a shaman.'"

Charting a new organization did not always mean having a completely new idea. As easily as organizations began on campus, they also disappeared. These "dead" groups, as they were called, could be reinstated later when students showed an interest in the organization.

Sophomore Katie Margavio was disappointed to hear that the Freethinker's Society had been declared "dead" due to lack of interest. Margavio was still very interested in the ideas that the Freethinker's Society supported.

"I wished there were some sort of group for people whose belief system didn't fit in with the rest of society's, so I finally just decided to do it," Margavio said.

However, due to the alternative beliefs of the Freethinker's Society, some hurdles had to be cleared.

"People do not seem to receive us well because they see Freethinkers as an 'anti-Christian' organization," Margavio said.

Other organizations also faced difficulties such as finding an adviser, agreeing on a meeting time and making room reservations. Yet despite the obstacles, new organizations continued to develop on campus allowing for more diversity and satisfying the ever-changing needs of the University students in 2002.

Laura Thomas

*Staff Writer*

► University Scrabble Club members, freshman Brian Santos, sophomore Laura Spaeth and sophomore Sarah McCush, challenge each other in a game of Scrabble. There were 16 members in the organization. At Scrabble Club's weekly meetings in Barnett Hall, members played against each other and also discussed strategies to improve their performance.



*photo by Beth Kelly*

► Senior Brian Lowry and sophomores Susan Guittar and Adam Hardin of the Filmmaker's Club work on "Far from View," the group's second film. Their first film, "Thomas," was completed in fall 2001.



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◀ The Society of Dance Arts practices in Pershing Building dance studio. The group choreographed dances in "Brigadoon" for Kirksville High School students. The group performed at the Lambda Lady Ball and the International Dinner. Members in the Society of Dance Arts performed a variety of dance styles such as cultural, jazz, tap, ballet and modern dances.

▲ Sophomore Zac Cooper, founder of the Iron Dogs Weightlifting Team, bench presses in the Student Recreation Center. The Iron Dogs was divided into two weightlifting categories, power lifting and Olympic lifting. Iron Dogs was a chartered organization on campus prior to 2002, but was disbanded due to lack of interest. In 2001, students applied to recharter the organization.

winter guard jumps headfirst into their

# MORE

season and faces the challenges of being a

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new organization on campus

# TWIRLING

Three-foot sabers and wooden rifles may not have seemed standard for a group of flag-twirling women, but for Truman State University's seven-member Winter Guard squad, this peculiar combination resulted in a display of artistry and dance.

In addition to being more focused on artistic interpretation than Colorguard, Winter Guard performed indoors and used more elaborate scenery and props.

"You move the whole time in our shows and are constantly doing flag work," senior captain Sarah Windhorst said. "Also, there is no wind blowing inside, so we can plan more difficult routines."

Yet being a first-year organization, a number of problems plagued the aspiring group.

"It's hard to find the direction we're going in since some of us are new," sophomore Denise Smith said.

**“It's hard to find the direction we're going in since some of us are new.”**

**Denise Smith,  
sophomore**

Recruitment and funding were also troublesome areas. The group tried a variety of fund-raisers throughout 2002, but most proved to be unsuccessful.

"Getting people interested to try out and keeping those people has definitely been a challenge," sophomore Jill Roberts said. "Also, equipment is very expensive. Some of the money came out of our own pockets."

In addition to funding, a lack of practice space and lack of expert advice posed challenges.

"Getting a place to practice and filling out the right forms has been a struggle," Windhorst said. "Most other schools also have paid choreographers and

directors staffed. Going into the competing world, we are very much the underdog."

Despite the challenges the Winter Guard faced, the team continued to perform every chance they could.

"As a performing group, I think we're doing excellent in the fact that we have no supporting staff and we're still competing well," Windhorst said. "They're all here because they want to be here. We don't have to teach them the basics, so we get to do the fun tricks like exchanges and visual illusions."

**Ginny Windels**

*Student Life/Academics Editor*





◀ Freshman Blair Engemann, senior Sarah Windhorst and senior Amy Hall run through their routine during a winter guard practice. In addition to competitions and individual practices, members spent five hours a week perfecting their routine as a group.

photo by Katie Dains

### TRIATHLON AND RUNNING CLUB recreational



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Hahn, Ryan Hickman, Juan Valencia. BACK ROW: Kurt Brockman, Tony Rigdon, Dave Grant-president, John Vikelech-vice president.

### TRUE MEN a cappella ensemble



FRONT ROW: Corey Webel, Nick Cloud, Matt Fieleke, Joshua Webster. BACK ROW: Greg Hudson, Jonathan Brader, Jeff Henson, Derek White, Brad Herndon, Tony Esterly.

### UNIQUE ENSEMBLE GOSPEL CHOIR religious music group



FRONT ROW: Monique Murray-president, Matthew Scott-vice president, Harry Cecil, Wynter Hollie-secretary, Tara Johnson-treasurer. SECOND ROW: Steven Green, Karyn Stewart, Faith Givan, Yolanda Dale, Salena Mathurin, Aesha Williams. THIRD ROW: Ebony Moore, Courtney Carter, Siobhan Stone, Ashley Smith, Jeremiah McCluney, Melissa Bevel, Karisa Lawson, Nicol Arrington. BACK ROW: Larry Asberry, Jennifer Drake, Donovan Foster, Lekesha Dean, LaTrisha Gunn, Adrienne Johnson, Toyia Poole.

# FAITHFULLY HAVING FUN

through social events and educational programming, organizations bring together members and strengthen religious bonds

Picnics, tae kwan do, roller-skating and dances were not typically thought of as religious activities. They did, however, help bring students together outside their place of worship. The frequency of these social events varied with each organization.

"Every Monday in the Spanish Room, we have a different member of our church show off their talent," said sophomore Gregory Hudson, Ekklesia member. "Such as, one member did tae kwan do and one taught us how to read music."

Aside from holding activities on campus, Ekklesia held frequent events off campus.

"Every month ... we have a social gathering," Hudson said. "We go bowling, skating or have a picnic, if it is warm."

Other organizations did not plan events ahead, but still enjoyed getting together.

"We are friends and we get together to hang out on occasion," said junior Cynthia Khan, Islamic Student Al Muttaqun president. "Because of our [small] size, we do not organize social events."

The reasons for holding the social activities varied for each organization.

"We want to have a good time and to strengthen our fellowship with one another," said senior Benjamin Mulford, Wesley House member. "We want to be a place for people to come to and have a good time."

Campus Christian Fellowship offered many social events that were open to all.

"We have had an '80s roller skating party," said senior Erin Harris, CCF member. "We try to have a movie night, dance or

activity often. Everyone is invited to attend. We also want to reach out and show God's love to new members."

Another reason religious groups held social activities was to help students develop or strengthen their religious beliefs.

"We try to use fellowship activities to start a contact," Mulford said. "We try to help with their spiritual quest and help point them toward Christ."

Ekklesia also hoped to help students develop an interest in the organization's religious preference.

"We are trying to reach out to anyone interested through secular activities at first and then reach out in other ways," Hudson said.

Socializing with people of the same faith helped some students strengthen their religious beliefs.

"It gives us an opportunity to be around people with the same values and beliefs," said senior Kristen Erekson, Latter-day Saints Student Association president. "A lot of the time, our activities were of spiritual nature, which helps us gain cohesion."

Many religious organizations had one thing in common, a belief in God. Through social events, groups hoped to share this belief with as many people as possible.

"Usually our activities develop friendships to people that don't attend church," Hudson said. "Through these friendships people become closer to God."

*Jo Ann Croghan*

*Editor In Chief*

Junior Sarah Macy watches as freshman Caleb Salt helps sophomore Richard Goering prepare for a Hawaiian Luau held by the Latter-day Saints Student Association. The group usually met three or four times a week.

Freshmen Maureen Ferry and Elizabeth Vanderhoof participate in a game at the Campus Christian Fellowship fall retreat. The 2001 fall retreat was held at Christian Church in Bethel, Mo.



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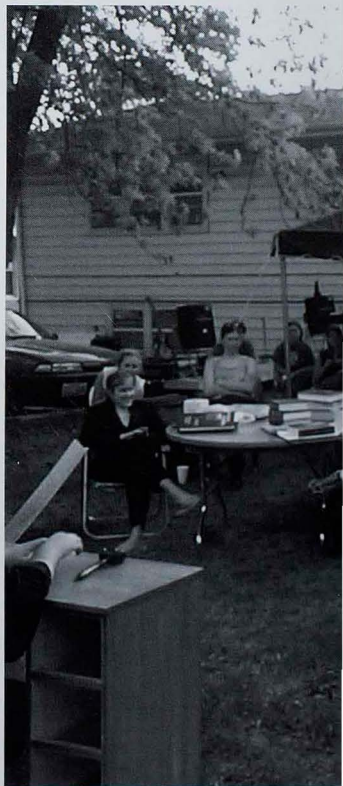




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UNIVERSITY SWINGERS PERFORMANCE GROUP dance



FRONT ROW: Laura Andersen, Kate Smorodkina, T.J. Bross, Abby Doriani-secretary, Kelly Brown-secretary, Doug Baer-president, Hilary Wright-president, Annie Youngwirth-treasurer, Erin McFarland. BACK ROW: Jenny Anderson, Ben Harris, Dan Schmidt, Nick Welchert, Robert Miller, Nick Turco, Luke Andermann.

UNIVERSITY SWINGERS dance



FRONT ROW: Lauren Mungenast, Susan Guittar, James Stayton, Damon Webb, Aislyn Wright, Carl Plummer, Stacey Berger. SECOND ROW: Nick Kremer, Brady Nelson, Dan Sem, William Broz, John Ebel, J.P. Watson, Dylan Smith, Rob Bunting. BACK ROW: Joseph Hainline, Kristen Heidbreder, Alex Zier, Travis Turco, Ken Mayo, Erin Gardner, Alex Gillette, Adam Glick, Shawwna Gewin.

UNIVERSITY SWINGERS dance



FRONT ROW: Lauren Mungenast, Elizabeth Huitt, Damon Webb, Lacey Hale, Susan Guittar. SECOND ROW: Julie Bates, Rebecca Betts, Kimberly Sessoms, Carol Carlson, Kristen Shelver, Theresa Veile, Nickie Geraci, Chi Le. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Vanderhoof, Lauren Jackson, Emily Maulin, Staci Imes, Kristin Walstrom, Ashley Born, Lindsey Wendleton, Kathleen Kersey, Lauren Schulte.



Graduating seniors of Wesley House are "put on trial" at the spring 2002 barbecue. Other popular social activities for this group included road rallies, dances and movie nights.

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members of honorary organizations combine academic successes with social involvement

# WITH HONORS

Although they faced their own individual challenges and served different purposes on campus, honor societies were a vital part of Truman State University.

Omicron Delta Kappa, an honor society for upperclassmen, held roundtable discussions with University president Jack Magruder. ODK sponsored the Student Hall of Fame and performed community service.

"Omicron Delta Kappa is unique because of its connection with the faculty and administration," senior president Brandon Harris said. "We try to use that to make some positive changes for campus while developing our leadership skills."

French honor society Pi Delta Phi had different goals.

"It promotes French scholastic achievement and excellence in French," senior president Brian Beall said. "We show French films, we discuss French culture and we have French dinners ... to explore the culture of the country and the French world."

In addition to their diverse goals, most honor societies faced different challenges within their groups. Networking with other groups on campus was a concern for members of Phi Eta Sigma.

"I think it's kind of a challenge to have contact with other organizations or to do things with them," senior president Lauren Rider said.

One challenge many honor societies faced was overcoming the stereotype that membership was just an addition to a student's résumé.

"Our organization made a decision that we didn't want to be just something to put

on your résumé," Rider said. "We're trying to really make it a worthwhile and beneficial thing to be a member of Phi Eta Sigma."

Phi Eta Sigma emphasized the academic aspect of their organization.

"The ideals of the society include maintaining honor and academic integrity and integrity in all aspects of life," Rider said.

In spite of their differences, honor groups provided an important contribution to the University.

"Just the idea of honor groups at a college in general is a source of motivation," said junior Lisa Gilbert, Pershing Society president. "Having them on campus makes it better for everyone, not just the people who are in them. It does offer the University as a whole more prestige and more honor."

Beall emphasized the benefits that came with participating in honorary organizations.

"I would just encourage students to get involved with honor societies," Beall said. "It's one more thing you can distinguish yourself with when you get out of college and [it will] help you have a more well-rounded experience at Truman."

Junior Melissa Vanost and senior Craig Portell, Omicron Delta Kappa member, socialize before the meeting. ODK was an honorary leadership organization. ODK held meetings twice a month. President Jack Magruder attended one meeting a month.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Catherine Stimpson, discusses "Jane Eyre" and the life of Charlotte Brontë with students. Business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi helped organize and advertise Stimpson's presentation.

Jennifer Main

People Editor





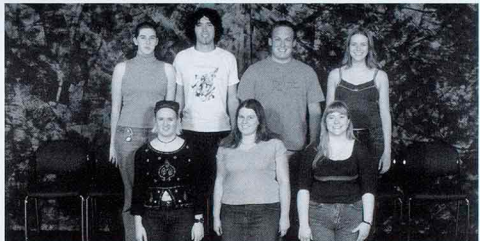
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**WESLEY HOUSE** religious



FRONT ROW: Eric Anderson-campus minister, Nick Kindred-peer minister, Ben Mulford-peer minister, Laura Green-peer minister. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Finley, Mackenzie Taylor, Maggie Mayhan, Amanda Brown, Laura Hittmeier, Melissa Allen, Kate Pickett, Laura Schmitz. BACK ROW: Stephanie Cox, David McDaniel, Ryan Delgado, Daniel Gladish, Jonathon Sherwood, Scott Niermann, Callista Webb.

**WINDFALL** literary magazine



FRONT ROW: Cabell Gathman, Jessica Ford, Shawna Archer-secretary. BACK ROW: Peggy Amor, Eric Tumminia, Walter Wiese, Suzanne Chappelow.



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student ambassadors promote  
the University and community  
to prospective students

# PROVIDING A LINK

They could be seen all over campus at any time during the day, pointing out buildings and answering questions for prospective students and their families. Student Ambassadors were an important link between Truman State University and prospective students and this was a role the Ambassadors took very seriously.

"We are not just tour guides; we represent Truman when we talk to the prospective students," senior Stacy Wright said.

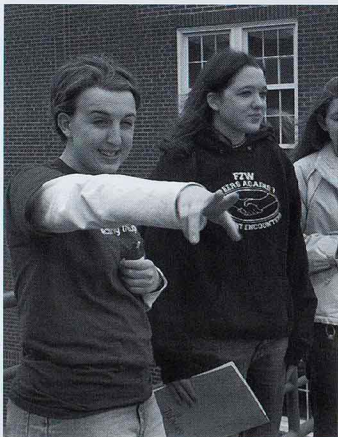


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▲ Senior Josh Mareschal, points out Ryle Hall while commenting on residence halls and dining halls to prospective student Josh Spurgeon of Jefferson City, Mo. Tours were an important part of recruitment. In fall 2001, 897 visitors toured the University.

Kristin Sollars, admissions counselor and adviser to the Ambassadors, emphasized that a campus visit was often a deciding factor in whether or not a prospective student attended the University.

"I think that tours can be the making or breaking points for families," Sollars said.

Wright also thought the college visit and interaction with the student representative was a critical aspect in selecting a college.

"It's the most important part of the admissions process," Wright said.

Ambassadors received no pay for their services, they were strictly volunteers. This was emphasized in interactions with prospective students and their families.

"It makes families believe in the University more I think, to really have an honest student there with them," Sollars said.

There were 130 to 150 Ambassadors and

each Ambassador was required to give at least one tour per week as well as be present for the five visit days over the course of the school year.

Before leading tours on their own, new Ambassadors completed an orientation program and shadowed an experienced Ambassador on five to six tours. With the potential to affect so many prospective students, maintaining enthusiasm was stressed to the Ambassadors.

"I think that most Student Ambassadors need to keep in mind that they might have given a tour every week, or maybe they give more than that, and this is the only chance this family gets to see the University," senior Kelly Metcalf said. "Even though you've repeated yourself a hundred times, that's the first time they've heard it. You still have to be enthusiastic."

In spite of its challenges, the role of Ambassador brought satisfaction to many University students involved.

"The most rewarding is probably actually getting to talk to the students and answering their questions," junior vice president Neesheet Parikh said.

Metcalf noted the benefits that Ambassadors provided other members of the community as well.

"They're actually educating not only prospective students, but a lot of their friends," Metcalf said.

As a link between prospective students and the University, Ambassadors served an important role on campus.

"More than anything, it's just a great way to give back to the University," Sollars said.

*Jennifer Main*

*People Editor*



◀ Walking past Kirk Building, sophomore Kim Zamasti conducts a tour with prospective student Sally Dockendorff and her parents, Richard and Susan Dockendorff, of O'Fallon, Mo. Tours were given every half-hour by the Admissions Office to prospective students.

*photo by Kate Anderson*

# CLOSER TO GOD

baptist student union provides an opportunity and place for students to gather, learn and worship

Six weeks of preparation, along with many student volunteers and countless hours, went into the production of each weekly Damascus Road. The event was held two times each Thursday evening. Damascus Road was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. They aimed to promote awareness on topics related to Christianity that were relevant to students, whether Baptist or not. Topics for the service ranged from self-worth to love to movies.

"The purpose of Damascus Road is to give Christians a comfortable place to bring friends not familiar with Christianity and [provide] a friendly place to talk about God," said senior Ryan Miller, intern for Damascus Road. "We cut out all of the confusing stuff and take down as many barriers so [people unfamiliar with Christianity can] understand how things work."

Preparations for the event were divided between four main teams and each included four smaller teams. A producer oversaw the complete production. Ideas originated with the teaching team, which focused on choosing a topic.

"The teaching team is a group of students that brainstorm, pray and think about what might be topics of interest to students," campus minister Gene Austin said. "They look at ideas from the aspect of a person that wasn't brought up in a church or with little Christian background."

After deciding on a topic, the work was passed to the creative planning and the arts and production teams. They developed topics and brainstormed ways to communicate through music, drama or art. What music, skits and video clips would be used during each event were then decided. Most services included a main speaker who prepared a speech relevant to the topic and the target audience.

"The person speaking comes back to the teaching team and actually gives the talk," Austin said. "They start with an outline first. We give comments on the outline and make sure they are going in the direction we want. Then, they actually give the talk and we give them comments. They give their final talk two weeks before the service."

## IDENTITY

Baptist Student Union

"Damascus Road is a really good reach-way to spread the world of Christ on campus. It's awesome to see how much it's grown."

Nick Billington, freshman

Size: 250

Programming Intern: Tim Suddarth, senior

Outreach Intern: Jesse Snodgrass, senior

Group Bible Study Intern: Erica Duenow

Music and Worship Intern:  
Ryan Miller, senior

We have ...  
gone to San Antonio on a mission trip, held weekly outreach services, hosted retreats and had small group Bible studies.

What gives us our identity?  
We transform students into fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Other teams, such as the atmosphere team, led by sophomore Kari Hoebing, brought additional meaning to the selected topic through decorations.

"We just plan table decorations that go along with the message of the service and any decorations on the walls," Hoebing said. "We meet once a week to plan for services."

Many people worked together to put on the program for the approximately 250 to 300 people that attended the two events each week.

"For each weekly Damascus Road, there are probably at least 50 people that contribute in some way to that event on Thursday night," Miller said.

Tricia Scott

Assistant Editor



◀ Sophomore Kari Hoebing talks with sophomore Emily Cope during a Damascus Road committee meeting. The Baptist Student Union obtained a new building in downtown Kirksville for their events because they outgrew the previous building.

photo by Beth Spitzney



◀ Senior Brendan Bradley sings during a Damascus Road event. The topic for the evening was Bible 101, which included a skit, video clips, music and discussion. Damascus Road took its name from a story written in the Bible where Saul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus and converted to Christianity.

photo by Jessica Lowe

▶ Sophomore Josh Davis helps the Damascus Road planning team by writing down ideas during a brainstorming session for future Damascus Road events. The planning team met weekly to decide what type of entertainment would best fit the topic for the evening.

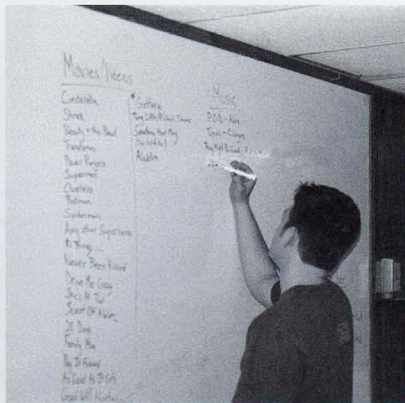


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the women's cooperative hosts the first

# CELEBRATION

implosion in order to encourage women on

# OF

campus to share their talents

# EMPOWERMENT

A feeling of empowerment filled the air of the Down Under as performers shared their talents with an energized crowd. Implosion was a program sponsored by the Women's Cooperative, a group comprised of members from a few campus organizations. The acts at the Implosion, ranging from to dance numbers to poetry readings, as well as a display of visual art, entertained audience members.

Implosion served as much more than a source of entertainment for the evening.

"[Implosion] was an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of women in the fine arts," said senior Melissa Derrick, leaders' board representative.

Sophomores Caitlin Sutton and Katie Ramatowski, members of the Women's Resource Center, amused the crowd with a musical comedy act.

"[We performed] because we wanted to participate in the Women's Co-op, which is a wonderful [network of organizations]," Ramatowski said. "We wanted to promote other women's organizations too."

Sophomore Akela Cooper chose to recite three pieces of poetry in the program.

"A friend of mine told me about [Implosion] and I thought it sounded like a cool thing to do," Cooper said.

The idea for a talent show and its name came from a brainstorming session during a forum in then fall of 2001.

"We kind of nicknamed it 'Implosion'

from the beginning," said senior Rayna Matczak, coordinator of Women's Co-op. "Instead of going outward, it comes in to focus on women, their strengths and their art."

Planning for Implosion began during the fall of 2001. The search for acts began immediately after the beginning of the 2002 spring semester.

"We solicited four groups and invited organizations that would be interested," Derrick said. "[We invited] both performance and women's groups. Then we put together the program."

The effort invested in the careful planning of Implosion was not made in vain. A large crowd gathered to watch the show.

Junior Dana Kuhnline, who recited poetry, believed Implosion was a success.

"I was really pleased with the outcome," Kuhnline said. "We had a good variety."

Derrick's favorite part of Implosion was the original art that was presented.

"We got a lot of original art," Derrick said. "We had original visual art, poetry, songs and dance routines to celebrate Truman women's accomplishments in the arts."

Due to Implosion's success in 2002, Matczak hoped it would become a tradition.

"It would be a cool tradition to start, especially because the Co-op is so new," Matczak said. "It would be something that was there from the beginning."

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▶ The Showgirls Dance Squad perform a hip-hop dance number to "Stronger" by Britney Spears. Implosion was organized by the Women's Cooperative Leadership Board, who met once a week. Five organizations made up the Co-op.



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▶ Members of the Illusion Danz Team perform a combination routine of hip-hop and jazz. Illusion, a new organization in spring of 2002, held rigorous practices, with the 12 members rehearsing more than six hours a week.

▶ Seniors Rayna Matczak, Lindsay Salvatore and Sarah Stanze sing four folk songs. Their repertoire included "Thin Line" by Gerard McHugh, "If I Wrote You" by Dar Williams and "Least Complicated" and "Strange Fire" by the Indigo Girls.



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-Rayna Matczak, senior



▶ Senior Sarah Wilmes reviews Art Club's silent auction bid sheet. Club members donated art work to the show in order to help the Art Club raise money. The funds were used to buy supplies and organize workshops, such as the candle-making workshop.

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# SHOWING AND TELLING

art club members find several new ways to attract members and extend the involvement of art in campus activities

Armed with paints, metals and textiles, the Art Club provided students a chance to hone their artistic skills outside the classroom. While open to all majors, the Art Club was primarily composed of art majors. Many members joined hoping to meet new people within their major and become creatively involved with the campus and the community.

"Occasionally we'll get together and learn something new, but we try to do things that are beneficial to the group as well as for the rest of the campus," senior Sarah Wilmes said.

The Art Club met once a week, with a typical meeting usually consisting of a little socializing and then discussion of the next project. One of the more successful projects the Art Club sponsored and organized was the High School Art Show.

"It was something we did to promote high school art," Wilmes said.

The group sent letters to high schools around Kirksville asking students to submit 2-D and 3-D works. They planned the event on a University visit day to attract a larger audience. When the pieces arrived, they were judged against the artists' peers' works.

"Art faculty from Truman selected winners for first, second, third and honorable mention awards," junior Tom Witzofsky said.

The event also served as a way for the Art Club to recruit new members.

"Our hope is to each year widen our region as we build a name for [the art show] until we get bigger and bigger," Witzofsky said. "It's just for grades nine through 12 and it's a chance for them to show their work at a college level."

Another activity organized by the Art Club was the group candle-making workshop. The project gave all students an opportunity show their creativity, have fun and take a piece of their artwork home with them.

"We do workshops to try and get people interested in doing art work," said senior Ruth Racher, Art Club president.

The Art Club was also interested in doing new and innovative projects that would reflect positively on both the club and the community. One of these projects was a mural outside Twin Pines Adult Care Center, which was expected to be completed by the summer of 2002.

"We were asked through the SERVE Center to execute one or more murals for Twin Pines," Witzofsky said. "They want the themes based on Missouri or the Midwest, we don't know how many we're doing yet but we hope to get started by the end of the year or in the summer."

Many members believed a benefit of being a member of the Art Club was the networking opportunity they developed within the community.

"I joined because it was the logical thing to do," Wilmes said. "It was a way to meet other art majors and get involved."

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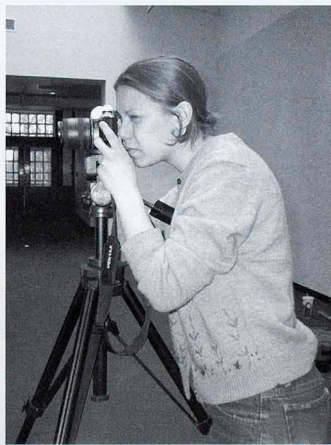


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▲ Senior Ruth Racher sets up the lighting for a slide shoot. The Art Club sponsored slide shoots for art majors so they could have their work shot for \$1 per slide. Most participants were graduating seniors who used the slides for portfolios.

specialized organizations allow students to gain

# PROMOTING educational experience while THE EDUCATION helping themselves and others OCCUPATION

Many students at Truman State University were getting a head start in their careers in education. These students were assisted by the organizations catering to those interested in teaching.

The National Education Association Student Program, the Student Missouri State Teacher Association and Mathematics Students for Secondary Education provided extra knowledge and experience to future educators.

"There are many benefits from being a part of National Education Association," junior president Leslie Spears said. "As a member, you are kept up to date on current issues in the education field and you are exposed to situations that you may face one day in your career. It's a good experience."

The experience students gained did not only help them prepare for future careers, but also for graduate school.

"Being a part of Math Students for Secondary Education allows us to get up-to-date information on requirements for the [Master of Arts in Education] program," senior Amy Wilson said. "Our adviser lets us know what deadlines are coming up and any changes made to the program that we need to know about."

Different activities offered unique opportunities for students. These activities were not only for University students, but also toward students in local schools.

"We do several activities that promote

education," Spears said. "We are involved in the Read Across America program where; we go to the elementary school and read to kids. At Halloween, we helped out at the party for the Kirksville community children. We also attend lectures and host guest speakers at our meetings that talked on a range of topics from counseling to teaching."

All the organizations desired to promote education and each group was open to anyone with goal.

"The Student Missouri State Teacher Association is a group that is open to anyone interested in education," sophomore president Kelly Lynch said. "We have no requirements, except every member must pay dues. We do ask that they attend the meetings and participate in service projects, but none of that is mandatory."

Members who attended meetings gained not only valuable information, but also the added benefit of valuable connections.

"As a member of Math Students for Secondary Education, I have found a very close-knit group of students on the same level as me," Wilson said. "This helps form study groups and is a good support system."

Educational organizations supported students interested in pursuing a career in education. While the groups focused on promoting education, students were able to gain insight for future careers.

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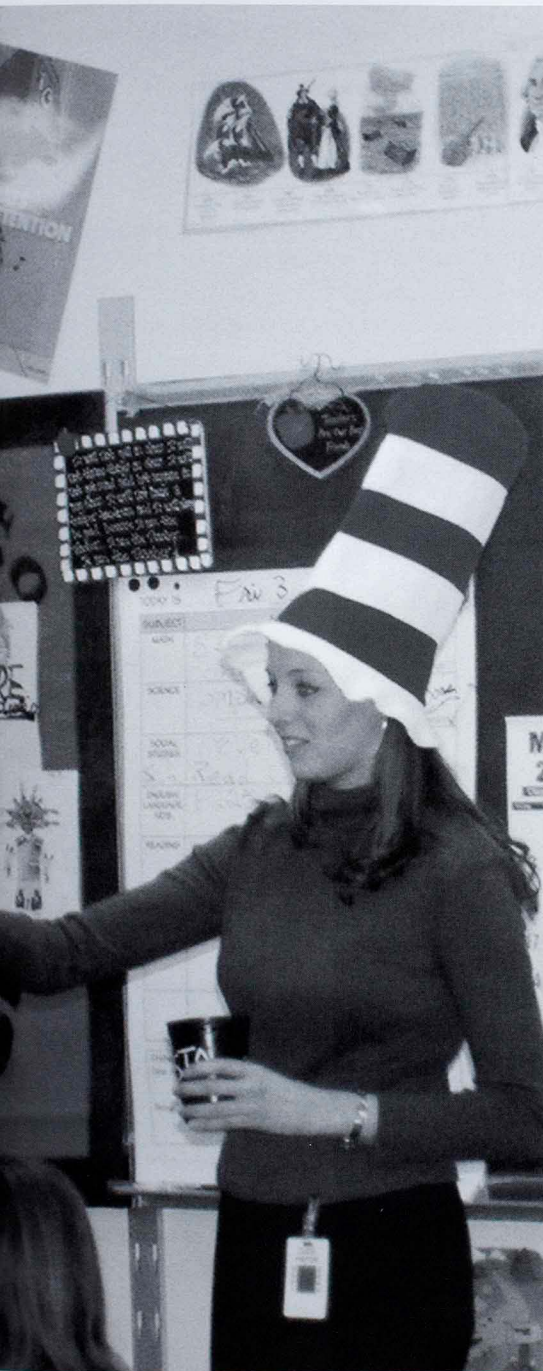


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## IDENTITY

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**In the past we have ...  
participated in Read Across America,  
sponsored speakers and attended edu-  
cation conferences.**

◀ National Education Association Student Program member senior Jamie Midden gives away "Yertle the Turtle," a book written by Dr. Suess. Midden was at Ray Miller Elementary school on March 2, 2002, as part of a service project for Read Across America. The NEA-SP visited Ray Miller Elementary School to participate in a celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday. NEA-SP took part in other projects at Ray Miller Elementary School including the Ray Miller tutoring program, Adopt-A-Classroom and Science Night.



▶ Kim Mercier watches as athlete Jessica Wohlers competes in the long jump at the Special Olympic Games. To be eligible for competition, athletes had to be 8 years or older and have a mental disorder or some other developmental disorder.

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# A LENDING HAND

many student volunteers pull together to help with special olympics activities by encouraging and making friends with the participants

**L**et me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," was the motto for the Special Olympics Spring Games, held April 13, 2002, at Stokes Stadium. More than 400 volunteers, most of which were Truman State University students, lent a hand to 146 athletes with disabilities from 17 counties surrounding the Kirksville area.

Students provided a variety of services throughout the day. The event was designed to give children and adults with developmental disabilities the chance to compete and interact with their friends and families.

Many students signed up to volunteer through organizations. Sophomore Colin Agler, like many other students, worked as a buddy and was paired up with a games participant to provide companionship and encouragement throughout the day.

"I had stereotypes about people with disabilities before I got here," Agler said. "But once you're here, they all get thrown back in your face. They're just like you and me."

The Special Olympics featured 26 competitive events, such as walking, jumping and throwing, with five different age categories. With numerous heats, almost every athlete won an award.

Sophomore Jen Thurman also volunteered to be a buddy.

"It's really rewarding," Thurman said. "I think it's good to get out in the community and interact with people you wouldn't normally interact with."

Other students worked booths where Olympic participants could play football, soccer, blow bubbles, participate in a ring toss, make crafts or pet puppies while waiting for their event.

Freshman Grant Mulkey worked in the Olympic Village.

"It's been so much fun," Mulkey said. "It's events like these where there's a lot of unity in the community. ... I would almost say it's been a blessing."

The Special Olympics was sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children, an organization with 20 members.

Junior Kate Kelly, student director of the games management team, was a volunteer for three years.

Kelly said SCEC members chaired six planning committees which met throughout the school year to plan the Special Olympics Spring Games.

Funding for the games came from a bowl-a-thon held in October by the University's SERVE Center. Other sources of funding came from T-shirts sold for \$5 and sponsorships from Kirksville businesses.

The athletes looked forward to the games much of the time, according to Kelly.

"It's a lot of hard work," Kelly said. "But it's definitely worth it on the day of the games when you see the smiles on the athlete's faces."

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*Staff Writer*



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◀ With the help of his buddy, a Special Olympics participant makes a crown at a station in the Olympic Village. About 210 University students volunteered as buddies during the event.

◀ Freshman Ryan Hager, a volunteer at the football toss, holds a hoop for participant James Moore. About 470 volunteers helped plan and coordinate the booths and the events at the Special Olympics.

seven organizations form an alliance

# DARE TO

in hopes of highlighting differences

# DISCOVER

and developing common interests

# DIVERSITY

Diversity on Truman State University's campus was sometimes overlooked before President Jack Magruder suggested the formation of the Student Organization Center. The purpose of this new group was for organizations to come together and promote diversity on campus.

The SOC was comprised of seven organizations selected by Student Senate's SOC committee. The organizations that were selected then voted on which members would be representatives. African Students Association, Bacchus and Gamma, Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Lifestyle Advocacy Program, Phi Sigma Pi, Prism and Residence Hall Association comprised the SOC during its first year in 2001-2002.

After selecting members, the new group had the challenge of finding its identity as a new organization.

"Our major problem at the beginning was we weren't sure what we were supposed to do," said senior Stephanie Steinman, Lifestyle Advocacy Program representative.

Senior Stephanie Merritt, Phi Sigma Pi representative, thought the structure caused problems in decision-making.

"We had all the same problems all new organizations have, like trying to develop a constitution and figuring out how the SOC would operate," Merritt said. "But the problems were compounded because the members were organizations, not individuals."

One of the SOC's biggest tasks during the year was planning Diversity Day.

"It has been our main project this year, so we have gradually worked on it throughout the fall and more this spring," said sophomore Sarah Linke, Bacchus and Gamma representative.

University students were educated and entertained during Diversity Day, which took place in March 2002. Events included a talent show, activities fair and speakers presenting different topics.

Although 2002 was their first year of operation, the SOC members worked on offering benefits to University students.

"As of right now, the main benefits of the SOC are ensuring an annual Diversity Day and giving organizations a chance to come together and support each other in promoting diversity on campus," Merritt said. "In the future, we hope that the SOC will host more events, provide some type of service in scheduled office hours and recognize individuals and groups that promote diversity at [the University]."

Linke also had high expectations for the future concerning the SOC.

"I hope to show students that there are many diverse things and people already in existence on campus," Linke said. "They just need to go out and find and/or join them."

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*Staff Writer*



▶ Freshman Makoto Hotta performs a variety of magic tricks in one of his two shows during the talent show held as a part of Diversity Day. To become a member of the SOC, organizations submitted applications to Student Senate.



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▶ Junior Sara Swenson, playing Esther, battles with her evil enemy Haggar, graduate student Doug Reside. "Esther," presented by Campus Christian Fellowship, had a biblical basis and used theater to educate others.

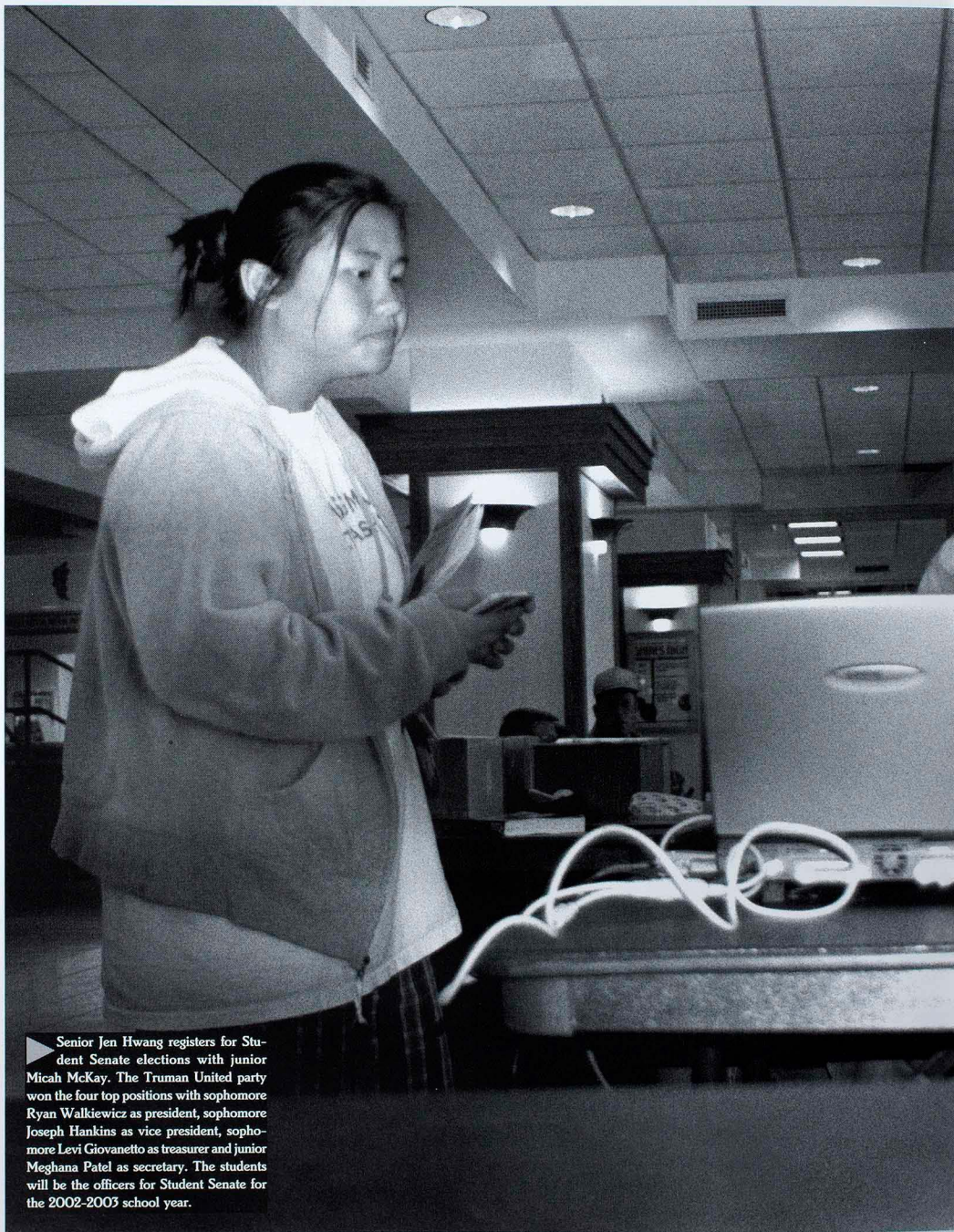
▶ Visiting assistant professor of sociology Sharon Squires delivers a speech titled "A 'Far Side' Look at Diversity." Professors and students presented topics covering diversity's role at the University and its influence on the community.



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**–Sarah Linke, sophomore**



▶ Senior Jen Hwang registers for Student Senate elections with junior Micah McKay. The Truman United party won the four top positions with sophomore Ryan Walkiewicz as president, sophomore Joseph Hankins as vice president, sophomore Levi Giovanetto as treasurer and junior Meghana Patel as secretary. The students will be the officers for Student Senate for the 2002-2003 school year.



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organizations prepare for the following year

# LOOKING as they face the challenges of FOR finding and selecting new leaders LEADERSHIP

Every organization needed leaders in order to run smoothly. It was important to select the right leaders—ones who would benefit the organization and help it fulfill its goals successfully. In order to accomplish this, many organizations had a detailed process to select its leaders.

“We select our executive committee once a year,” said senior Kim Tempel, Student Activities Board president. “The executive board consists of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. After they are selected, they then receive applications for chair positions of committees.”

SAB selected its leaders in a different manner than some other organizations.

“Unlike Senate, we go through an interview process called selections, rather than elections,” Tempel said. “Also, nominations are necessary for one to become a candidate.”

One organization that did have elections was Habitat for Humanity.

“We have elections every year,” senior president Kelly Metcalf said. “Any one of our members can run for a position, they just have to be nominated. On the day of elections, each candidate has to say something about themselves—such as how long they have been with Habitat for Humanity and how they are the right person for the job, in order for the other members to know who to vote for.”

Another organization that utilized elections

was Student Senate. However, there were some differences in this selection process.

“We select our members via election by the student association,” said senior Matt Brooker Student Senate president. “We select a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. We also elect five junior representatives, five sophomore representatives, five senior representatives and five representatives-at-large. This all occurs in the spring election. We also elect six incoming members and five more representatives at large in the fall semester. You have to get 75 unique signatures to run for class representatives and 150 signatures for the representative-at-large and executive positions.”

Once members were elected or selected as leaders, it was usually just a short time before they began to perform their duties.

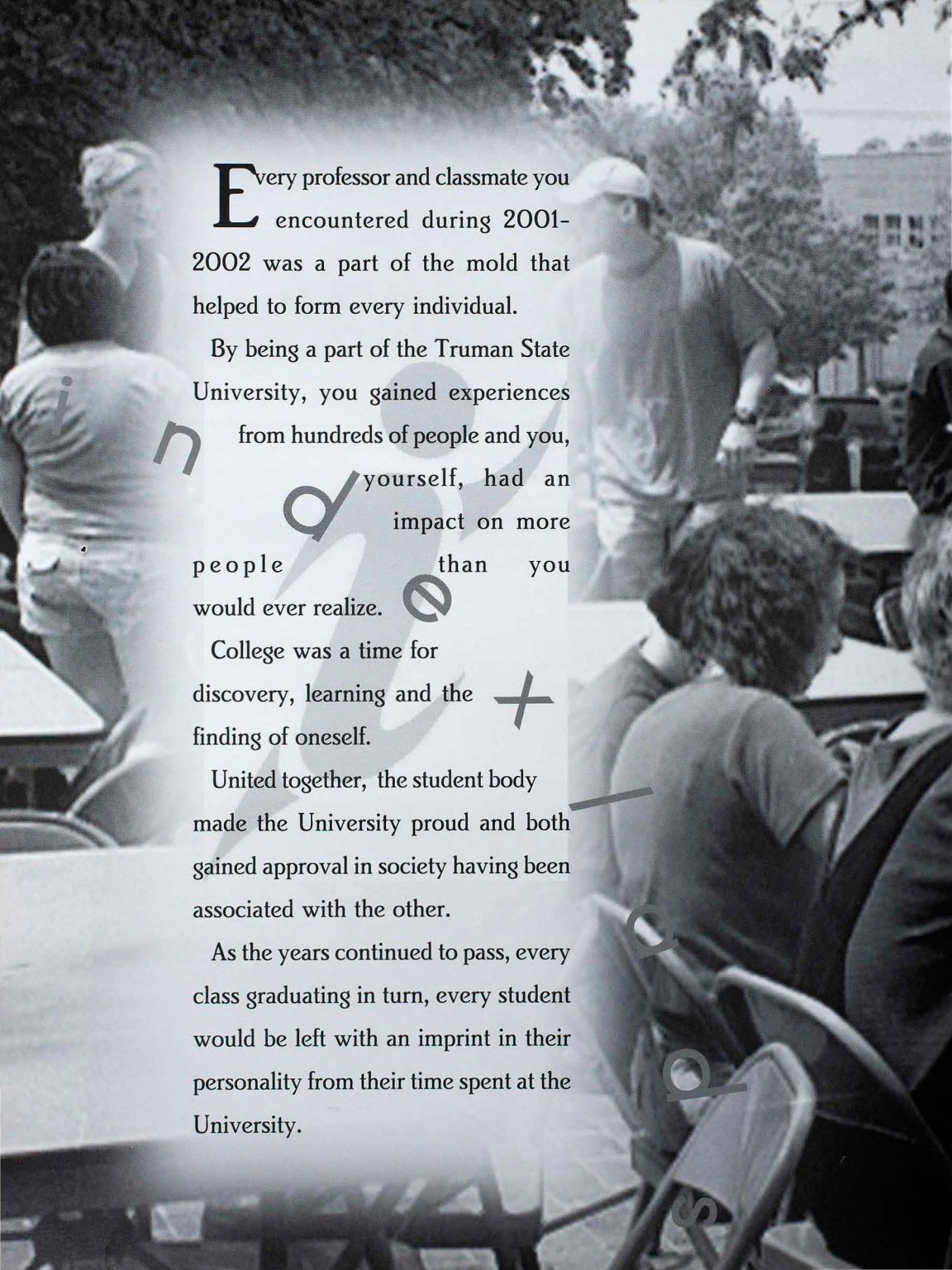
“Being put into a new position takes effect almost immediately,” Tempel said. “We have a week in between executive selections and appointments, but chair positions are almost immediate.”

While the selection process required extra work, organizations did not usually have problems finding members willing to accept the challenge of leading an organization.

“We have never had the problem of finding someone to become the new leader,” Tempel said. “Someone always steps up.”

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Every professor and classmate you encountered during 2001-2002 was a part of the mold that helped to form every individual.

By being a part of the Truman State University, you gained experiences from hundreds of people and you, yourself, had an impact on more people than you would ever realize.

College was a time for discovery, learning and the finding of oneself.

United together, the student body made the University proud and both gained approval in society having been associated with the other.

As the years continued to pass, every class graduating in turn, every student would be left with an imprint in their personality from their time spent at the University.



◀ Students sit at tables on the Mall during the 2002 Truman Day celebration and senior picnic. Graduating students had the opportunity to eat a free barbecue meal, enter in drawing for door prizes and receive gifts if they chose to attend the picnic. The picnic also celebrated the anniversary of Harry Truman's birthday. In honor of Truman Day, all students were able to enter in drawing for one of four round trip tickets to fly from Kirksville to St. Louis.

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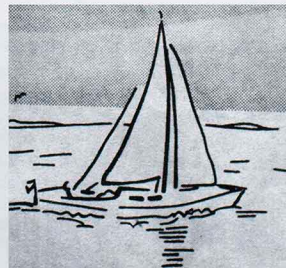
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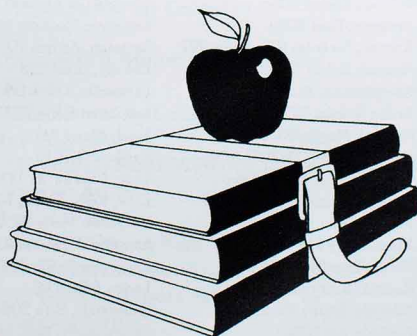
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- 9) "Supreme" - Robbie Williams
- 8) "What it Feels Like For a Girl" - Madonna
- 7) "Thank You" - Dido
- 6) "All For You" - Janet
- 5) "Angel" - Shaggy featuring Ray Von
- 4) "Lady Marmalade" - Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya & Pink
- 3) "Don't Tell Me" - Madonna
- 2) "Love Don't Cost a Thing" - Jennifer Lopez
- 1) "It Wasn't Me" - Shaggy featuring Rik Rok

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# Grammy Winners

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## Record:

“Walk On” by U2

## Album:

“O Brother, Where Art Thou? Soundtrack” by Various Artists

## Song:

“Fallin’” by Alicia Keys

## New Artist:

Alicia Keys

## Dance Recording:

“All For You” by Janet Jackson

## Pop Vocal Album:

“Lovers Rock” by Sade

## Rock Album:

“All That You Can’t Leave Behind” by U2

## Alternative Music Album:

“Parachutes” by Coldplay

## R&B Album:

“Songs in A-Minor” by Alicia Keys

## Rap Album:

“Stankonia” by OutKast

## Country Album:

“Timeless - Hank Williams Tribute” by Various Artists

## New Age Album:

“A Day Without Rain” by Enya

## Best Compilation Soundtrack Album:

“O Brother, Where Art Thou?” by Various Artists

# **O** Golden Globe Winners

**Best picture-drama:**

*"A Beautiful Mind"*

**Best picture-musical or comedy:**

*"Moulin Rouge"*

**Actor in leading role-drama:**

*Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind"*

**Actor in leading role-musical or comedy:**

*Gene Hackman in  
"The Royal Tenenbaums"*

**Actress in leading role-drama:**

*Sissy Spacek in "In the Bedroom"*

**Actress in leading role-musical or comedy:**

*Nicole Kidman in "Moulin Rouge"*

**Actor in supporting role:**

*Jim Broadbent in "Iris"*

**Actress in supporting role:**

*Jennifer Connelly in "A Beautiful  
Mind"*

**Director:**

*Robert Altman for "Gosford Park"*

**Screenplay:**

*"A Beautiful Mind"  
by Akiva Goldsman*

**Television Series-drama:**

*"Six Feet Under"*

**Television Series-musical or comedy:**

*"Sex and the City"*

**Actor in leading role-drama:**

*Kiefer Sutherland in "24"*

**Actor in leading role-musical or comedy:**

*Charlie Sheen in "Spin City"*

**Actress in leading role-drama:**

*Jennifer Garner in "Alias"*

**Actress in leading role-musical or comedy:**

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**Best Costume Design:** "Moulin Rouge"  
**Best Actress:** Halle Berry  
**Best Actor:** Denzel Washington  
**Best Supporting Actress:** Jennifer Connelly  
**Best Supporting Actor:** Jim Broadbent  
**Best Cinematography:** "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"  
  
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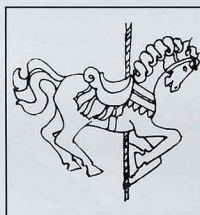
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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

While we were producing this book, I couldn't help but wonder what was my identity (that being the theme and all). Well, I didn't have to wonder long. For the past four years, I have been fully-devoted to the many productions of the Echo yearbooks. In the beginning I shaped and developed the Echo... but somewhere between writing cutlines and editing spreads, the yearbook began to shape and develop me.

Throughout the years the Echo has become a major part of my life. With this being the last page to be designed and completed, it is great to think back over all of the things we have done together.

When we started off, I wasn't sure how we were going to produce a 328-page book, after all we only had nine months to do it. It seemed impossible. However, you guys came into the year ready to work. At the Yearbook Workshop and Idea Forum, you showed me your dedication to this book. You gave many suggestions and slowly we formed the identity of the 2002 Echo.

In October 2001, four of us found Echo adventures awaiting in New Orleans. In New Orleans we had a lot of fun exploring the French Market and local stores. We tried many restaurants, knowing that we could always order a cheeseburger if all else fails. Even though we were mistaken for high school students two times, we still managed to walk away with many great memories and the knowledge that Maine is a state.

At the end of the first semester we had our fabulous Christmas party. We exchanged gifts while

I read the "The Night Before a Deadline."

In February 2002, several of us headed to the Big Apple. That trip was amazing! I believe we visited everything there was to see in Manhattan from the Statue of Liberty (a.k.a SOL sista) to Ground Zero to Times Square. It was truly an excellent trip, after all we saw Molly Ringwald in "Cabaret"—nothing could have been better.

The year was sprinkled with many Echo Events on the weekends. Through these Echo Events, we got to leave the office and had the opportunity to get to know each other better.

The Echo Events helped us develop the ever-so-important friendships. We began to share our personal lives with each other (some of us took longer than others).

We did not only form many memories together, but we created an excellent yearbook. I am very proud of all the hard work and dedication you contributed to this production.

When the University sees this book in August, people will be astounded by the high quality book we produced. They will be impressed that we recorded the 2001-2002 school year at Truman State University with such class and excellence.

We managed to successfully capture the identity of the community, the University and the student body in a mere 328 pages. I couldn't be any prouder. I could not thank you enough for everything you have done in the past year.

*Jo Ann Croghan*

*Editor in Chief*

▶ Sophomore Brandi Brown and junior Sarah Borton help cook dinner at the 2001 Echo Christmas party. Brown and Borton were helping to prepare homemade chicken and dumplings. This was the first time Brown and Borton made chicken and dumplings from scratch.

▶ During the Collegiate Media Conference in New York City, the Echo editors get ready to leave for a night out on the town. The editors were headed to the Theater District of Manhattan to see the Broadway musical "Cabaret."



▶ During the Yearbook Workshop and Idea Forum in St. Louis, senior Jo Ann Croghan insisted on showing these editors Northwest Plaza shopping mall. Northwest Plaza was Croghan's favorite place to shop in St. Louis.



▶ Senior Jo Ann Croghan, junior Tricia Scott, sophomores Brandi Brown and Chelsey Ilten and senior Ginny Windels pose for a picture while waiting for their food. The editors were eating at Hardrock Cafe in St. Louis during the Yearbook Workshop and Idea Forum.



▶ Sophomore Brandi Brown waits as junior Sarah Borton reads and senior Jo Ann Croghan cross-stitches. Brown, Borton and Croghan were the first the two-hour-long line for the hotel check-in, in New Orleans.



## to be fact-checked ...

▶ "Folios are like putting on your earrings before you get dressed. We're going to get dressed and then put on our earrings."

—Jo Ann Croghan

▶ "I want to check out your package."

—Brandi Brown

▶ "I think I have an orifice fixation."

—Jessica Lowe

▶ "Chelsey is always intoxicated. I'm only intoxicated when I'm with her."

—Marcie Manns

▶ "Right ... a bum calling us rednecks."

—Jo Ann Croghan

▶ "Girlfriends are just obstacles."

—Sarah Borton

▶ "Did you consistently those spreads?"

—Tricia Scott

▶ "Guys, I just met the man of my dreams."

—Jessica Lowe

"Again?"

—Stephanie Creed

▶ "Sometimes I run, sometimes I hide ..."

—Jo Ann Croghan

"Is that from the 'Little Mermaid'? Sometimes I run, sometimes I hide under the sea."

—Brandi Brown

▶ "There is nothing more disgusting than chewing on a pen and realizing someone else has already chewed on it."

—Ginny Windels

▲ Senior Jo Ann Croghan, sophomore Brandi Brown and juniors Tricia Scott and Sarah Borton make time for a picture while shopping at a cigar shop in the French Quarter. A random man from Chicago decided to join in the picture, after accusing the editors of being high school students.

▲ At the Echo Christmas Party, sophomore Jessica Lowe and freshman Melissa Allen talk. During the party, the staffers exchanged gifts while graduate student Jo Ann Croghan recited "A Night Before a Deadline."

▲ Junior Jen Main and seniors Tom Palmier and Beth Rozier mingle at the Echo Christmas Party while waiting for dinner. Echo Christmas parties were a tradition for the Echo staff members for several years.

## *the identity of the echo staff...*

editor in chief

Jo Ann Croghan

managing editor

Tricia Scott

advertising

Tom Palmier-editor

Tiffany Marchbanks

Carrie Shaffield

copy

Nina Ruschmeier-editor

Beth Rozier-assistant editor

John Griesedieck

features

Chelsey Ilten-editor

Andy Ashbaugh, Melissa Allen, Katie

Dains, Tiffany Marchbanks, Carey

Michenfelder, Carrie Shaffield, Laura

Thomas

mini mag

Marcie Manns-editor

Chelsey Ilten

organizations

Sarah Borton-editor

Brandi Brown-editor

Jan Akers, Melissa Allen, John

Griesedieck, Marcie Manns

people

Jen Main-editor

Jessica Lowe-assistant editor

Peggy Amor, Brandi Moeller, Chelsea

Moeller, George Pattison

photography

Dan Beaury-editor (fall semester)

Julia Karll-assistant editor (fall semester)

editor (spring semester),

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Stephanie Creed, Katie Dains, Beth

Kelly, Jennifer Lutteke, Katie Rose, Dan

Sem, Beth Spinney, Jennifer Trumpet

sports

Jessica Lowe-editor

Jen Main-assistant editor

Peggy Amor, Brandi Moeller, Chelsea

Moeller,

student life/academics

Ginny Windels-editor

Leslie Proud, Stephanie Creed

adviser

Steven Chappell

yearbook consultants

Colleen Brown, Jeremy Early,

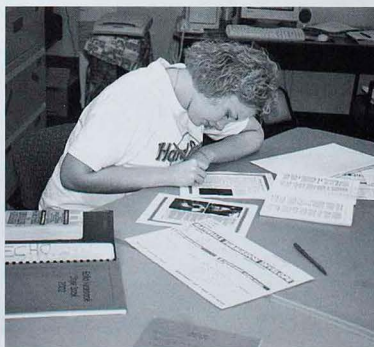
Kevin Haworth



► Sophomore Jessica Lowe pushes sophomore Brandi Brown on a luggage cart at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis. The six editors that attended the Yearbook Workshop and Idea Forum in the summer of 2001 learned design and managerial tactics while developing the theme of the 2002 Echo yearbook.



▲ Junior Julia Karll rolls film during her office hours. The Echo rolled and developed black and white film. After developed, pictures were scanned on to the spreads using a negative scanner.



▲ Senior Nina Ruschmeier edits a mini mag spread. Each spread was edited twice by Ruschmeier before she passed them to managing editor, junior Tricia Scott. Scott edited the spreads several times before giving them to the editor in chief.

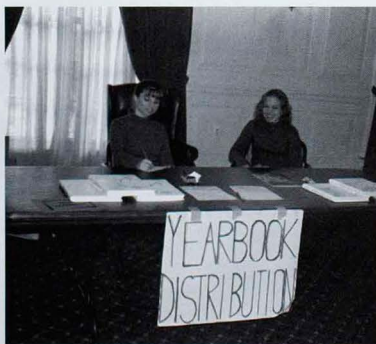


▲ In an attempt to make the office more festive, sophomore Brandi Moeller cuts some fabric to make a tablecloth for the Echo office. Moeller was the official Interior Decorator for the Echo office.



◀ Junior Jen Main slides down a pole in a New York subway car. Six editors attended the Collegiate Media Advisers' conference in the March 2002. The editors were required attend seven conference workshops.

▼ Senior Ginny Windels takes a break from working, to join the discussion. Most editorial positions required editors to work eight hours a week. Even though only eight hours a week were required, it was common for editors to work 15-25 hours a week in order to complete all their spreads for the deadlines.



▲ Senior Beth Rozier waits patiently, for a story to print. As assistant copy editor, it was Rozier's responsibility to edit and fact check each story. Every story was fact checked in order to ensure accuracy.

▲ During the 2002 Spring Activities Fair, sophomore Brandi Brown and senior Leslie Proud distribute yearbooks. The Echo held several distribution days throughout 2001-2002 in order to reach as many students as possible.

▲ Freshman Melissa Allen helps clean the office by moving boxes of books. Any student was welcome to join the Echo yearbook staff, no prior experience was required.

Junior Amy Poos takes time to enjoy the nice weather while reading on a bench on the Quad. Many students tried to combine studying with the outdoors by taking their work outside.



Senior Jacqueline Neuwoehner climbs a rock climbing wall. The Climbing Club, with financial assistance from the Funds Allotment Council, brought the climbing wall to campus. 2002 was the second year the Climbing Club attempted to bring a climbing wall to campus. In 2001, the Climbing Club applied to the Funds Allotment Council for financial assistance, but were rejected due to lack of proper planning.



Centennial Hall resident freshman Andrea Bax and her mother, Sharon Bax, pack up their car at the end of the 2002 spring semester. Students living in the residence halls were suppose to be moved out of their room within 24 hours of their last final examination.



**S**o what was your identity? By the end of the 2001-2002 school year, you became closer to discovering your true identity.

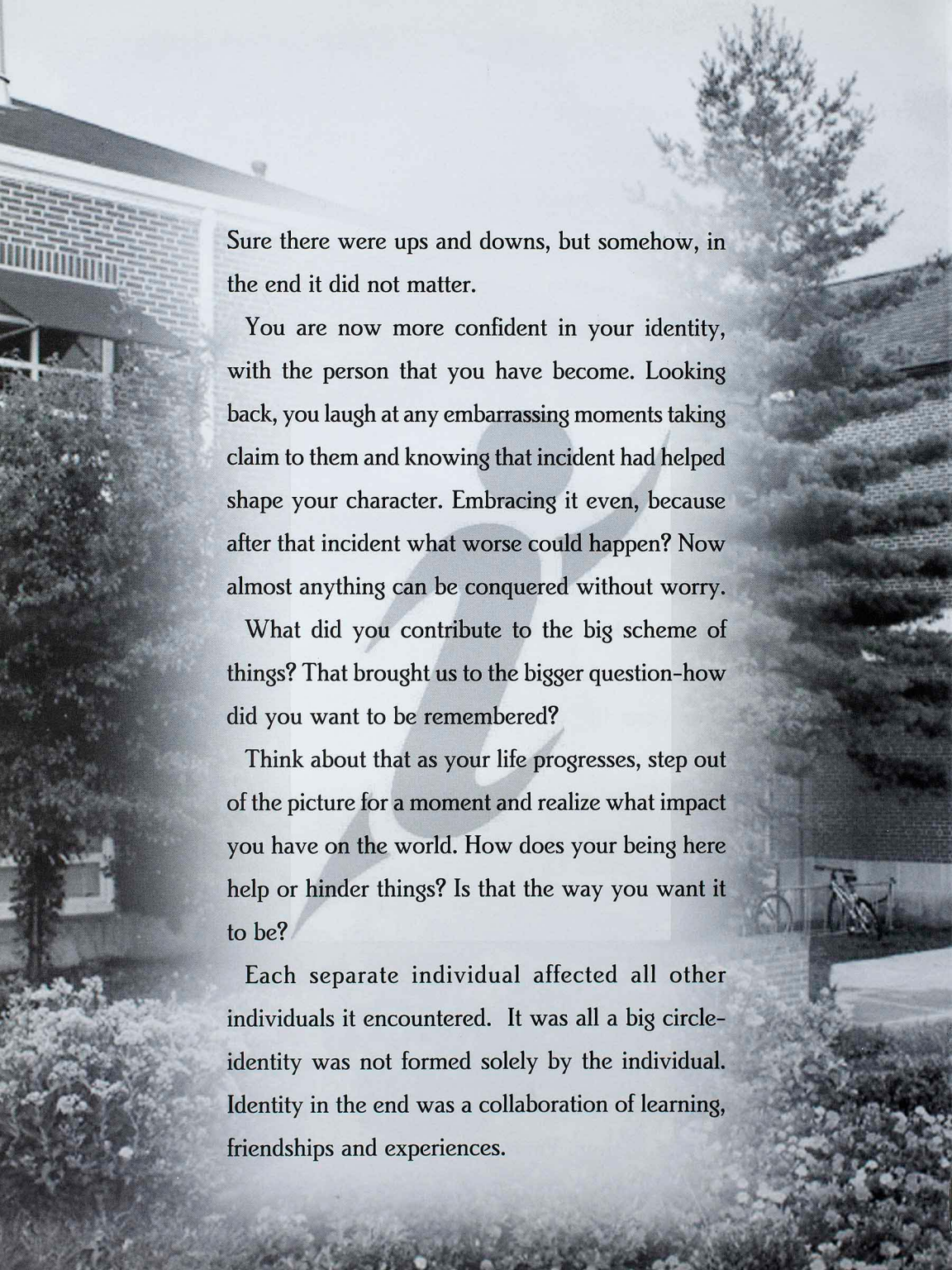
During the year, you went to the various events on campus and discovered new interests, and you tried to find people with the same newfound hobbies and values.

Maybe you developed new academic interests. You changed your minor, your major or even your career path.

You met new people. You made new friends, and you found that sometimes these people knew more about your identity than you did.

Slowly, you detached yourself from who you were before your life collided with the Truman State University community. You became more comfortable with you identity and your role within the University. You had to make a name for yourself or forever be that dreaded word-normal.

As you crept into the real world, you realized the decisions you made would affect the rest of your life. It was at that point many of us wanted to bury our heads in the sand and go back to the days where our hardest decision was whether to choose the red or the purple chewable vitamin. Yet together, we endured and ever so gradually learned about ourselves.



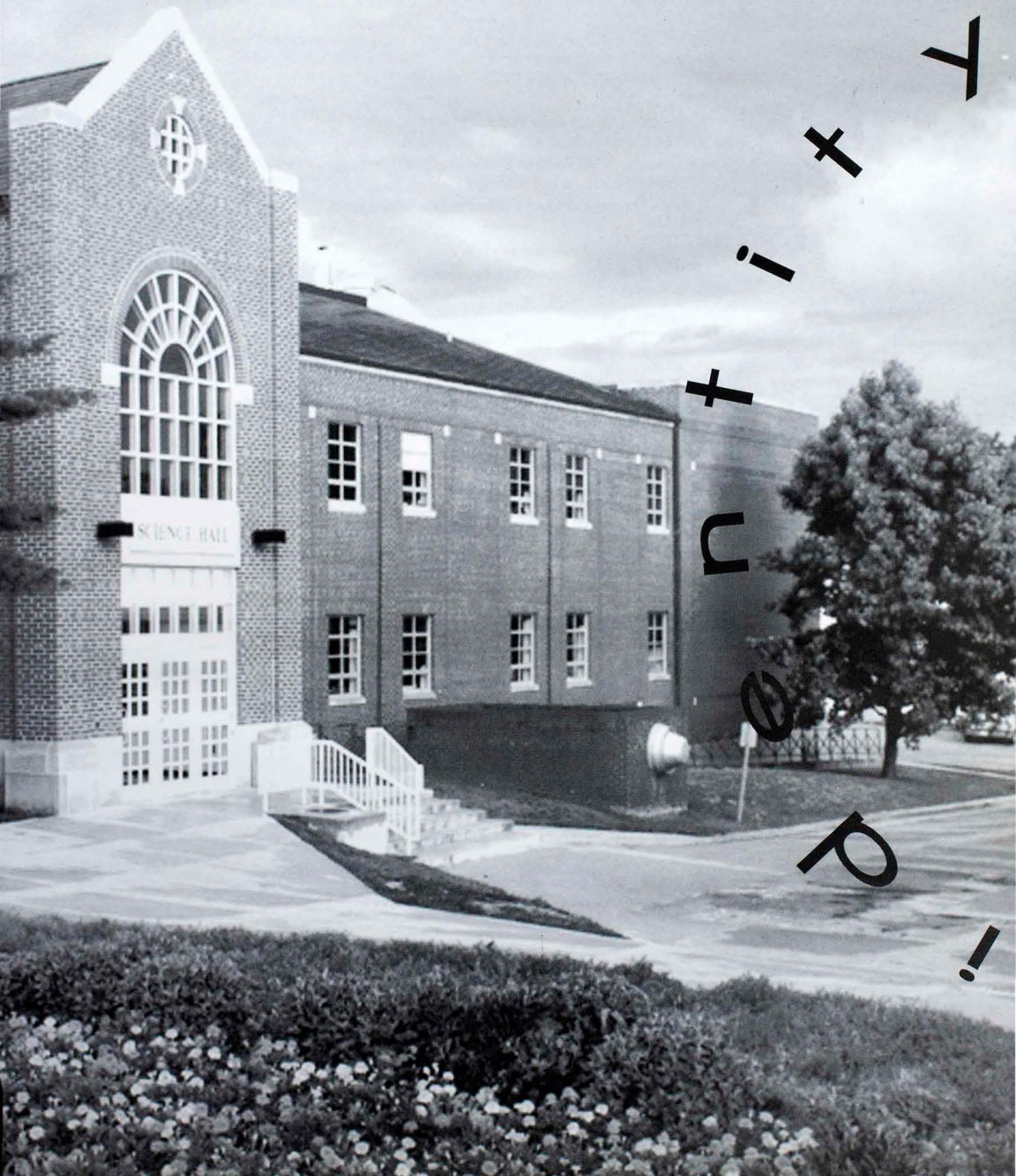
Sure there were ups and downs, but somehow, in the end it did not matter.

You are now more confident in your identity, with the person that you have become. Looking back, you laugh at any embarrassing moments taking claim to them and knowing that incident had helped shape your character. Embracing it even, because after that incident what worse could happen? Now almost anything can be conquered without worry.

What did you contribute to the big scheme of things? That brought us to the bigger question-how did you want to be remembered?

Think about that as your life progresses, step out of the picture for a moment and realize what impact you have on the world. How does your being here help or hinder things? Is that the way you want it to be?

Each separate individual affected all other individuals it encountered. It was all a big circle-identity was not formed solely by the individual. Identity in the end was a collaboration of learning, friendships and experiences.



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# C o l o p h o n

## printing

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## production

The 2002 Echo was produced using two IBM Personal Computer 350's, two IBM Personal Computer 300 GL's, three Gateway E-3400's and a Hewlette Packard Laser Jet 6MP. The 328 pages were submitted using PageMaker 7.0, Microsoft 2000, Adobe Photoshop 6.0 and Walsworth Page Enhancements.

## endsheets

The endsheets were printed on white paper. They were designed by Dan Davis of Walsworth Publishing Company's Creative Services. The tipped-in fly leaf is Natural Clear 29-pound.

## cover

The cover is a brushed metal steel color. The cover has hot foil (745 purple) and is debossed. The cover was designed by Dan Davis from Walsworth Publishing Company's Creative Services.

## pictures

Portraits and group pictures were taken by Lifetouch National School Studios Inc. Individual portraits were free to all students, faculty and staff. Organizations paid \$25 for their group picture. All other photographs were taken by Echo and Index photographers, the Truman State University Public Relations Office or were submitted. Photos were scanned with a Polaroid SprintScan 35 Plus negative scanner and a Hewlett Packard 5470c flatbed scanner. All photographs have been digitally scanned and edited to remove glares and dust spots. Phi Kappa Tau's group pictures on page 208p were digitally edited to remove inappropriate gestures.

## advertising

All advertising was sold by members of the Echo staff. Advertisements were prepared and submitted camera-ready.

## text

Body copy was 11-point AWPCDean. Cutlines were 9-point AWPCDeanBold. Various other AWPC fonts were used in headlines and subheadlines. All copy for the Echo was written by members of the Echo staff and contributing writers.

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