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## Golden Alumni to Take Part in Commencement

Half a century ago, graduates of this University felt the same excitement and pride as today's students when they receive their diplomas. More than 40 members from the classes of 1946 and earlier will relive that special milestone during the Aug. 6 commencement ceremony when they walk across the graduation platform and receive a commemorative Truman State University diploma.

"This University relies heavily on its rich history to set the course for its future. This ceremony symbolizes that relationship," President Jack Magruder said.

"I am so fond of the University and so appreciative of what they're doing for us that I wouldn't miss it for anything," said Madeline Hopp ('46) of Kahoka, Mo.

Other graduates agree with Hopp and will travel from as far as New Jersey and New Mexico to take part in the special day.

In addition to participating in the commencement ceremony, the Golden Alumni will take tours of campus and the University Residence, lunch with President Magruder and the Board of Governors and attend the Virginia Young Stanton Garden dedication.

## Commissioner of Higher Education To Address First Truman Graduating Class

Kala Stroup, commissioner of higher education for Missouri, will address the first class to graduate from Truman State University at summer commencement on Aug. 6. Approximately 200 graduates will take part in the ceremony, which will be at 6:30 p.m. on the Quad.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in Baldwin Auditorium. A reception on the Student Union Mall will follow the ceremony.

Stroup became chief executive officer of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education last year. As head of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, she helps provide constitutional and statutory coordination for Missouri's system of higher education, including the preparation of funding recommendations totaling approximately \$850 million for Missouri's public two- and four-year institutions.



From 1990 to 1995, Stroup served as president of Southeast Missouri State University. Previously, she was the president of Murray State University, vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University and dean of women at the University of Kansas.

A member of Gov. Mel Carnahan's cabinet, Stroup also serves on the executive board of the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, on the National Science Foundation's Heartland Alliance for Minority Participation board of governors, on the Missouri Technical Education Consortium board, and on the board of the Concordia University System Advancement Cabinet. She is currently commissioner of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission, and she is a senior fellow and consultant with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Stroup earned a doctorate in speech communication and human relations, a master's degree in psychology, and a bachelor's degree in speech and drama, all from the University of Kansas.

## Stanton Garden to be Dedicated

Virginia Stanton did not live to see her vision of a garden for Truman State University and Kirksville communities to enjoy. However, through her generosity that dream has come to fruition on campus, leaving a fitting tribute to her grandfather, Samuel Pickler, the University and her birthplace. The Virginia Young Stanton Garden located in front of the Pickler Memorial Library will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Aug. 6. The public is invited to attend.

Born in Kirksville, Stanton lived most of her life in Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley, Calif., where she was widely known and admired for her leadership in cultural, educational and charitable activities. Stanton returned to her birthplace in fall 1993 to attend the dedication of the Pickler Memorial Library renovation and addition. It was



her first visit to Kirksville since leaving as a young child.

Throughout her stay she often commented on how wonderful the people and community were, and how impressed she was with the University and the library named after her grandfather.

It was because of her grandfather's generosity that it was possible to build a new library immediately after fire destroyed both Library and Baldwin halls in 1924. A member of the first graduating class from the Normal School, Pickler went on to serve on the faculty from 1868 to 1873; he served on the Board of Regents from 1899 to 1905. *cont.*

# Nnadozie, Tannenbaum Receive 1996 William O'Donnell Lee Awards



Emmanuel Nnadozie, associate professor of Economics, and Mike Tannenbaum, associate professor of biology, are the 1996 recipients of the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Awards.

The awards were established in honor of the late Mr. Lee, a member of Truman's Board of Regents in the 1970s. Both Nnadozie and Tannenbaum will receive a \$1,000 professional development award.

Pictured (l-r) are Nnadozie, President Jack Magruder and Tannenbaum.

## Stanton Garden to be Dedicated cont.

Stanton was so impressed that she pledged to do something for the library. It was a pledge she would keep, and through her estate she contributed \$200,000 for the creation and maintenance of a garden outside the library.

According to Gordon Paul Smith, co-trustee of the Virginia Young Stanton Trust, Stanton lived life with enthusiasm, love and generosity. "She gave so much of herself toward a better chance, a brighter future, for so very many others in need, and their lives have prospered as a result," Smith said. "When Virginia visited Truman State University, she was deeply moved to do something for the school that meant so much to her grandfather."

The garden adjoins the Quadrangle and extends nearly the entire length of the library. It features a variety of flowers, plants, shrubs and trees, as well as an area for reading, reflection or a friendly visit.

"The Stanton Garden is a beautiful addition to our campus and the library," said President Jack Magruder. "It will inspire the soul and the mind, and that is exactly what Virginia and Samuel Pickler would have wanted."

Music for the dedication will be performed by David Nichols, professor of music, on the Dr. Ruth W. Towne Bells and Carillon. In conjunction with ceremonies, the Pickler Library will also host an open house, with tours provided upon request. A reception will follow the ceremony.

## University Picnic Set For Aug. 23

The annual University Family Picnic will be at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 23 in Red Barn Park. To make reservations, call Human Resources at 785-4031 by Aug. 20.

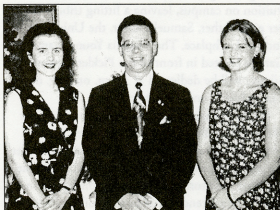
## Travis-Noe Funeral Home Establishes Annual Scholarship For Area Students

Carrie Peecher and Jenny Schmitz, 1996 graduates of Kirksville High School, are the first Truman State University students to benefit from the Travis-Noe Funeral Home Annual Scholarship. The Travis-Noe Funeral Home seeks to recognize the efforts of area high school graduates through the recently established scholarship.

The award provides \$1,000 to incoming freshmen at Truman State University who are residents of Adair County or graduates of an Adair County high school. The scholarship is renewable over a four-year period.

"Efforts to recognize our area students by community leaders like Brian Noe are a great example of local generosity and leadership and serve as a model for others to emulate," said President Jack Magruder.

Pictured are (l-r) Peecher, Noe and Schmitz. Peecher is the daughter of Cynthia and Roger Peecher; Schmitz is the daughter of Joyce and Lavern Schmitz.



## ON CAMPUS

29 MONDAY  
8 p.m.--**All in the Timing and Adaptation** presented by the Theatre Department, Baldwin Hall Little Theatre; through Aug. 31. Admission is free.

31 WEDNESDAY  
7 p.m.--**Welcome reception for the Hosei University exchange students**, SUB Alumni Room

3 SATURDAY  
**Gus Macker Tournament**

6 TUESDAY  
8:30 a.m.--**Board of Governors meeting**, SUB Conference Room  
3 p.m.--**Virginia Young Stanton Garden dedication**, Pickler Memorial Library  
6:30 p.m.--**Commencement**, on the Quad

11 SUNDAY  
2-4 p.m.--**University Residence open house**

18 SUNDAY  
**Freshmen move-in**

26 MONDAY  
**Classes begin**

## Notes

**Homestay hosts are needed for Hosei University (Japan) students, Aug. 9-11.** For more information, contact David Cicotello at 785-4136.  
**The Writing Center is accepting applications for paid peer readers for the fall semester.** Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. For forms or additional information, stop by the Writing Center, McClain Hall 303.

**A special freshman issue of Truman Today will be distributed on Aug. 18.** Deadline for entries will be Aug. 12. The first regular fall issue of Truman Today will be published on Aug. 26.