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2004 Educator of the Year Awards Banquet

6-8 p.m. ♦ April 14
SUB Georgian Room

The winner and all nominees
will be honored.

Finalists

Jon Beck
*assistant professor of
computer science*

Joseph Benevento
professor of English

John Ishiyama
professor of political science

Wendy Miner
assistant professor of education

Russell Nelson
associate professor of art

Sally West
associate professor of history

For tickets to the banquet,
please visit the Student
Senate Office located in the
lower level of the SUB.

For more information, contact
Jessica Hawkins at 665.6770.

Earth Day Events Planned for April 14-24

There are several upcoming events planned in honor of this year's Earth Day celebration, "Local Action, Global Vision."

The activities will be kicked off with a Residence Hall Contest April 14-21. The winning hall will be the one that recycles the most cans.

The Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) has scheduled Bear Creek clean up for April 18. Those interested should meet at 2 p.m. on the Mall.

A program titled "Building Energy Efficiency" will take place at 12:30 p.m., April 19, in the SUB Alumni Room. This event is sponsored by Sierra@Truman.

ECO is also sponsoring a night hike at 7 p.m., April 20, beginning in the McClain Hall parking lot.

Eileen McManus will present "Yellowstone: Endangered Species Act for the Grizzly Bear" at 5:30 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Alumni Room. Sierra@Truman is sponsoring this lecture.

The Environmental Conference kickoff,

sponsored by the Graduate English Organization, will take place at 7:30 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Alumni Room. The conference will continue from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., April 22-24, in VH 1000.

An Earth Day Celebration will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., April 22, on the Mall. There will be displays about the composting project, Life in Bear Creek, the University Recycling Center, ECO "Garbology," and the Environmental Studies minor. Sodexo will give away popcorn, snow cones and beverages to those who bring their own container.

Student Senate is sponsoring a picnic on the Quadrangle from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 22. The menu includes vegan sandwiches, garden vegetables, fruit salad and organic chips.

Sierra@Truman is also sponsoring a speaker at 7 p.m., April 22, in VH 1000. Deborah Lee will be presenting "Eating with Environmental Wisdom."

The Downtown Earth Day Festival, sponsored by ECO, will take place from 5-8 p.m., April 23, on the Courthouse lawn.

Rep. Bob Behnen and Rep. Jane Cunningham to Speak at Rural Policy Forum

Rep. Bob Behnen and Rep. Jane Cunningham will be participating in a forum that will focus on issues relevant to the JINS 325 "Rural America" course from 7-8:30 p.m., April 15, in the Centennial Hall Main Lounge.

The "Rural America" JINS course explores ways of conceptualizing and defining "rural," describes the geographic, social, economic and political characteristics found in rural places, and discusses the implications of using alternative perspectives. Beyond this common introduction, specific sections of the course examine in more detail selected contemporary issues

relevant to rural people and places.

Possible discussion topics for the forum include education, land use/property rights/transportation, health care, economic development and agriculture, drug use, abuse and treatment, and trends in rural voters' political attitudes, party affiliation and voting behavior.

The forum is free and open to students, faculty and staff. It will include a question and answer section.

For more information, contact Chett Breed at 785.5981, Doug Davenport at 785.4674, or Michael Seipel at 785.4316.

Retirement Reception for Kathryn Blair

professor of philosophy
4-6 p.m. • April 15
SUB Alumni Room

She has served the
University for nearly 35
years. A Book Fund for
Pickler Memorial Library
will be announced in her
name at the reception.

"THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD"

Presented by the
Division of Fine Arts

8 p.m.

April 13-17

OP Courtyard Theatre

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or placed on reserve at the Box Office in OP.

For more information, call the Box Office at 785.4515.

Upcoming Leadership Programs

April 20

Greek Leadership Workshop

7 p.m.

SUB Governors Room

Student Adviser Development

9 p.m.

SUB Governors Room

April 21

Student Affairs Staff Development

noon

SUB Alumni Room

Campus Leaders Development

Open to all students

2:30 p.m.

SUB Activities Room

Leadership Recognition Program

Open to all students, faculty and staff

Reception • 6:30 p.m.

Program • 7 p.m.

SUB Georgian Room

Nancy Hunter Denney will be the keynote speaker

Hunter Denney also will be conducting all development and leadership workshops.

For more information, call the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222.

Faculty and Staff to be Honored at Service Recognition Banquet

Members of the Truman faculty and staff who are celebrating their fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth, thirty-fifth and fortieth anniversary of service to Truman will be honored. They will be recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet at 6:30

Retirees

Theresa Acton, Student Health Center
John Applegate, Communication Disorders
Jim Barnes, Language and Literature
Harold Baugher, Physical Plant
Ben Bennani, Language and Literature
Kathryn Blair, Social Science
Beverly Blodgett, Human Resources
Janet Davis, Language and Literature
Jeanette Foreman, Regional Professional Development Center
Pyung Eui Han, Business and Accountancy
Robert Mason, Science
Joe Moyer, Math and Computer Science
Pat Smiser, Education

Fortieth Anniversary

Regina Lindhorst, Health and Exercise Sciences

Thirtieth Anniversary

Victor Hoffman, Science
James Tichenor, Social Science

Thirtieth Anniversary

Lana Brown, Upward Bound
Michael Davis, Social Science
Mary Giovannini, Business and Accountancy
James Pauls, Fine Arts
Edward Schneider, Athletics
Werner Sublette, Social Science
Melinda Wood, Financial Aid

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Kevin Ballanger, Physical Plant
Kay Clapp, Education
Jan Fishback, Career Center
Robert Jones, Fine Arts
Charlotte Mathews, Registrar's Office
Ronald Morton, Physical Plant

Twentieth Anniversary

Monica Barron, Language and Literature
Joseph Benevento, Language and Literature
Jeanie Casady, Upward Bound
Thomas Coates, Language and Literature
Cheryl Cragg, Business Office
Elizabeth Delmonico, Language and Literature
Sandra Fleak, Business and Accountancy
Lou Ann Gilchrist, Student Affairs
Gregory Richter, Language and Literature
Linda Seidel, Language and Literature
Elizabeth Sponser, Library
Roy Tanner, Language and Literature
Winston Vanderhoof, Publications
Teresa Wheeler, Publications
Mary Lou Woehlk, Language and Literature
David Wohlens, Science

Fifteenth Anniversary

Nabil Alghalith, Business and Accountancy
Stephen Allen, Business and Accountancy
Robert Cummings, Social Science
Stanley Dixon, Physical Plant
Barbara Espe, Residential College Program
Jerrold Hirsch, Social Science
Thomas Hueber, Fine Arts
Sharon Lay, Admission
Jullanna Moore, Fine Arts
Steven Nelson, Public Safety
Emmanuel Nnadozie, Social Science

p.m., April 19, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Tickets for the banquet are available for \$10 each in the Human Resources Office until April 15.

The following faculty and staff members will be recognized this year:

John Perrachione, Business and Accountancy
Alanna Preussner, Language and Literature
Rickey Sayre, Physical Plant
Maureen Slaughter, Human Resources
Thomas Zoumaras, Social Science

Tenth Anniversary

Michael Adams, Math and Computer Science
Michelle Boyd, Athletics
Clyde Cody, Student Union
Carolyn Cox, Health and Exercise Sciences
Patricia Gately, Language and Literature
Mariquitt Hadwiger, Nursing
Todd Hammond, Math and Computer Science
Mark Hatala, Social Science
Teresa Heckert, Social Science
David Hoffman, Student Affairs
Lilian Jackson, Physical Plant
Gayla McHenry, Library
Steve Reschly, Social Science
Jack Schrader, Athletics
Jonathan Smith, Social Science
Matthew Tornatore, Language and Literature

Fifth Anniversary

Tim Acton, Physical Plant
Gailon Anderson, Physical Plant
Dan Antal, Physical Plant
Jeffrey Arabas, Health and Exercise Sciences
Michelle Baier, Athletics
Becky Becker, Fine Arts
Marc Becker, Social Science
Elaine Boda, Fine Arts
Tammy Bringaze, Counseling Services
Stan Bunfill, Printing Services
David Cameron, Physical Plant
Sally Detweiler, Gender Equity/EEO Compliance
Brenda Embree, Business Office
Gary Fagan, Printing Services
Laura Fielden-Rechav, Science
Aaron Fine, Fine Arts
Lisa Glaubitz, Library
Marcy Graham, Residential College Program
Roddy Grahen, Physical Plant
Eldon Grissom, Physical Plant
Masahiro Hara, Language and Literature
Lesla Ketterlinus, Career Center
David Kincaid, Career Center
Sylvia Macauley, Social Science
Nancy Majewski, Language and Literature
Daniel Mandell, Social Science
Jennifer Marcus, Residential College Program
James McCormick, Science
Devon Mills, Residential College Program
Kevin Minch, Language and Literature
Chad Mohler, Social Science
Eric Patterson, Science
Kelly Pigg, Business Office
Marc Rice, Fine Arts
Janet Romine, Library
Philip Ryan, Math and Computer Science
Dana Smith, Fine Arts
Karen Smith, Social Science
Doris Snyder, Business Office
Carol Thatcher, Math and Computer Science
Bob Tobia, Language and Literature
Jerry Wollmering, Athletics
Phillip Worley, ITS/Media Services

Notables

Nabil Alghalith, associate professor of business administration, received a Best Presenter Award at the Global Business and Economics Research Conference.

Nabil Alghalith, associate professor of business administration; Michael Blum, associate professor of business administration; and Sandy Weber, professor of accounting; received a Best Paper Award at the 2004 International Applied Business Research Conference for their paper titled "Defining and Assessing Team Skills of Business and Accountancy Students."

Jeffrey Gall, associate professor of history and social science education, was the historian at the "Overcoming Historical Illiteracy: Building the Foundation" biography symposium March 30 at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

Lesia Ketterlinus, director of the Career Center, and Stephanie Chipman, former Career Center coordinator, presented a national webinar titled "Making Good Connections: The Career Center and the First-Year Student" for the National Association of Colleges and Employers. They have previously presented this program for regional audiences in Minneapolis and Chicago.

Dave Lusk, assistant dean of Student Affairs, and Andrea O'Brien, director of Residential Living, presented a Promising Practices Session titled, "The Other 150 Hours: The Out-Of-Class Experience Planning Map" at the American College Personnel Association annual conference April 3 in Philadelphia.

Fatima Smith, junior biology major from Pakistan; Biplaw Rai, junior political science major from Nepal; Alisher Husanov, sophomore pre-business administration major from Uzbekistan; Abayomi Aiyedun, freshman physics major from Nigeria; and Nyika Kupara, senior busi-

ness administration and economics double major from Zimbabwe; gave special presentations about human rights issues in their individual countries at the World Human Rights Forum March 31. The forum was sponsored by the International Club and Amnesty International.

Eugene Walton, junior political science major and McNair Scholar from Florissant, Mo., has been accepted into the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI), supported by the American Political Science Association and funded by the National Science Foundation. The RBSI is a research intensive program designed to prepare undergraduate students for careers as academics in political science. Only 20 students are selected annually nationwide to participate in this institute.

Several Truman students presented their research at the 2004 Missouri Association of Blacks in Higher Education Conference (MABHE) at Southeast Missouri State University, April 1-3 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of Multicultural Affairs; Elisea Avalos, junior health major from Wellington, Kan.; Tiara Pettis, senior mathematics major from St. Louis; Ashley Smith, senior biology major from Kansas City, Mo.; and Rebecca Zak, senior biology major from Osage Beach, Mo.; presented "Becoming a Student Scholar: Charting a Future by Conducting Research." Thomas and Courtney Carter, senior sociology and anthropology major from Chicago, presented "Student Success Factors: Self-reported Indicators of Success for Minority Students on the VPAA and President's List." Cherayla Davis, Multicultural Affairs program coordinator, moderated several sessions at the conference. During the MABHE luncheon, Harry Cecil, senior music major from Kansas City, Mo., was awarded the Dr. O.C. "Bobby" Daniels Leadership Scholarship.

Children's Lit Festival Celebrates 21st Year

Approximately 1,300 third through sixth grade students from north-east Missouri will be attending the 21st Annual Children's Literature Festival, which will be held from 10-11 a.m., April 16, in Baldwin Auditorium.

The program this year will feature Odds Bodkin, whose character-voice and music-filled storytelling style has been mesmerizing listeners young and old for 21 years.

University faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend, but must register in advance. To register, contact Daisy Rerick at drerick@truman.edu or call 785.4048.

For more information about the festival, contact Sally Cook at 785.4678, scCook@truman.edu or visit the Children's Literature Festival Web page at <http://library.truman.edu/ChildrensLiteratureFestival/oddsbodkin.htm>.

For more information about Odds Bodkin, or to purchase his books and cassettes/cds, visit <http://oddsbodkin.com/>. If you would like for your book to be autographed, please make reference to the Children's Literature Festival in Kirksville.

There will be a limited number of books and cassettes/cds available at a table in Baldwin Hall prior to the program, but Bodkin will not be signing autographs at this event.

WRC Donates Money to Victim Support Services



The Women's Resource Center presented Victim Support Services with a check from the money they earned by hosting V-Day activities.

Pictured from left to right are Kim LeBaron, executive director of Victim Support Services; Dana Kuhnline, V-Day organizer; Suzanne Chappelow, V-Day public relations chair; and Xander Kennedy, the play director.

The deadline for the Dr. Jack Magruder Faculty Hall of Fame and the Vonnie Nichols Staff Hall of Fame nominations has been extended to April 13. Forms are available in division offices or the Student Affairs Office and are due by 5 p.m., April 13, in the Omicron Delta Kappa mailbox in the CSI. For more information, contact Amy Wheeler at 665.4149.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with a presentation by Karen McClaskey on Library Services' "First Alert" for faculty from 12:30-1:15 p.m., April 14, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

Amnesty International is sponsoring events April 14 to bring awareness to violence against women to campus. A table set up with petitions to the Mexican and American governments will be set up on campus. Bones will be strewn around campus to symbolize the dead women in Mexico who were found when they were nothing but bone. There will be a panel discussion about violence against women and domestic violence from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in BH 251. A candlelight vigil will be held after the discussion in front of Kirk Memorial. For more information, contact Bethanie Seiglar at 785.7206.

The Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society invites all Truman students who have been accepted into study abroad programs for the Fall 2004 semester to apply for a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Completed applications are due April 15. For more information on the grant or to obtain an application, go to <http://www.phikappaphi.org>.

Cardinal Key is sponsoring Juvenile Diabetes Awareness week. There will be information tables in the SUB April 15-16. April 15 is also a ribbon day to help promote awareness of the disease. For more information, contact Lisa Sieren at 785.7108. SAB will be showing the movie "Gothika" at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 16, and 3 p.m., April 17, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722.

SAB presents Guster live in concert at 8 p.m., April 16, in Pershing Arena. Tickets are \$5 for students or \$10 for the general public and are available in the SAB Office. For more information, contact SAB at 785.4722 or at sab@truman.edu.

Truman's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be having a car wash from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 18, in the Hy-Vee parking lot. The car wash is free, but donations will be accepted.

Kappa Mu Epsilon is hosting an Integration Bee at 1 p.m., April 18, in VH 1000. There is no registration fee and students of all majors are encouraged to attend. The event is only open to undergraduates. To register, e-mail Chris Bay at charlie@truman.edu. For more information on prizes and subject matter, go to <http://kme.truman.edu>.

The Laughing Irish Comedians, sponsored by SAB, will perform at 7 p.m., April 19, in the SUB Activities Room. Admission is free with a valid Truman student ID. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

The Truman Society of Dance Arts spring dance recital, "Dance Fusion 2004: Get up and Dance" is at

7 p.m., April 21 and 22, in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free, but donations would be appreciated. There will be guest appearances by High Street Dancers, University Swingers, Capoeira, HALO, Ceilidh Club and Showgirls. For more information, contact Beth Austin at 627.2737.

Weather permitting, the University Observatory will be open to the public from 8:30-10:30 p.m. April 22. For more information, go to <http://observatory.truman.edu>.

The faculty/staff parking lot located between the SUB and McClain Hall will be closed from 5 p.m. April 23 until 6 p.m. April 24 for Dog Day events. Temporary handicapped parking will be established in the Commuter Parking Lot north of the Student Recreation Center.

Attention May 2004 graduates: Graduation clearance packets were mailed to your local address March 29. If you have not received your packet, please contact the Registrar's Office at 785.4143 or at registrar@truman.edu. This packet is a graduation requirement and must be completed by April 23. Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in December 2004 are due in the Registrar's Office no later than April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available at <http://registrar.truman.edu>.

Ryle Hall is showing the movie "Mifune" in conjunction with a diversity program as a part of Movies Around the World Part 4 from 7-9:30 p.m., April 23, in the Ryle Hall Classroom. For more information, contact Nick Harbison at 785.5973.

The Child Development Center is sponsoring a silent art auction at the Washington Street Java Company in celebration of "The Week of the Young Child." Fine arts in a variety of medium will be displayed and bids accepted until the closing reception at 3:30 p.m., April 25, at the Java Company. Families, friends, stakeholders and participants are all welcome to attend the reception. The Center for International Education Abroad (CIEA) is sponsoring a Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m., April 26, in the SUB Activities Room.

Tom Thumb is looking for art submissions for the Tom Thumb Art Extravaganza, which will be held April 30-May 2. Any medium, including musical, performance, installation or experimental, will be accepted. Submissions may be dropped off in the OP Atrium from 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday or in the OP Drawing Room at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Please include name and phone number with submissions. Contact Julia Karll at 665.5640 for more information.

Truman is hosting the MIAA Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships May 2-3. Anyone interested in helping with this meet should contact John Cochrane at 785.4341.

Interested in participating in the 11th Annual French Immersion Weekend? Sign-up now to participate in the event Sept. 25-26 at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Mo. To participate, students must have completed or be currently enrolled in French 221 and must pay a \$40 enrollment fee. Participation in the event earns students one credit hour and a yellow card is required for participation. For more information, contact Ron Manning at 785.4018.

13 TUESDAY

1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Missouri Western, Baseball Field

14 WEDNESDAY

12:30-1:15 p.m.-Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes

2 p.m.-Softball vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Softball Field

16 FRIDAY

10-11 a.m.-Children's Lit Festival, Baldwin Auditorium; see Page 3

3 p.m.-Baseball vs. Southwest Baptist, Baseball Field

6:30 and 9 p.m.-"Gothika," VH 1000; see Notes

8 p.m.-Guster concert, Pershing Arena; see Notes

17 SATURDAY

11 a.m.-Men's and women's tennis vs. Emporia State, Truman Tennis Courts

noon-Baseball vs. Southwest Baptist, Baseball Field

2-10:30 p.m.-Poker Extravaganza, SUB Spanish Room; see Master Calendar

3 p.m.-"Gothika," VH 1000; see Notes

18 SUNDAY

10 a.m.-4 p.m.-Car wash, Hy-Vee parking lot; see Notes

1 p.m.-Integration Bee, VH 1000; see Notes

2 p.m.-Bear Creek clean up, meet on the Mall; see Page 1

19 MONDAY

12:30 p.m.-"Building Energy Efficiency," SUB Alumni Room; see Page 1

6:30 p.m.-Service Recognition Banquet, SUB Georgian Room; see Page 2

7 p.m.-The Laughing Irish, SUB Activities Room; see Notes

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to ksvoboda@truman.edu or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, style and space.

TRUMAN STUDENTS EXCEL

Truman Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda Competes at State Leadership Conference

The 45th Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference was held in Jefferson City March 26-27. Members of the Truman chapter and Adviser Cathy Poyner participated. The conference theme was "Missouri PBL-The Road to Success."

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and the election of officers for next year. Alaina Murray, junior business administration major from Novelty, Mo., was

elected state secretary for the 2004-2005 school year.

The Truman chapter received second place for largest local chapter membership. The following Truman students were also recognized individually at the awards banquet: Kris Kueker, senior accounting major from Perryville, Mo., Who's Who in Missouri PBL, first place in public speaking and second place future business executive; Lisa Helgenberg, senior accounting major from Fenton, Mo., first place in accounting for profession-

als; Todd Young, junior business administration major from Quincy, Ill., first place in business law; Theresa Hopfinger, junior business administration major from Lee's Summit, Mo., fifth place in business law; Kyle Gifford, sophomore computer science major from Columbia, Mo., first place in computer concepts and first place in Java computer programming; Jason Rugeberg, senior business administration major from Lamar, Mo., second place in economics; Alaina Murray, junior busi-

ness administration major from Novelty, Mo., fifth place in hospitality management; Naoki Iijima, junior pre-business administration major from Sagami-hara, Kanagawa, fourth place in international business.

Gifford, Helgenberg, Kueker, Rugeberg and Young will represent Truman at the National Leadership Conference in July.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business.

Truman Mathematics Teams Place First, Fourth Among 25 Teams in Missouri

At the recent ninth annual Missouri MAA Collegiate Mathematics Competition, Truman's Team A won first place and Truman's Team B won fourth place. This is the first time both Truman teams have won an award.

The competition was held at Southeast Missouri

State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 1-2. Twenty-five teams competed in the contest this year.

Members of Truman's Team A are Evan Merrell, senior mathematics major from Jefferson City, Mo.; Kelly Steinmetz, senior mathematics major from Alexandria, S.D.; and

Khang Tran, senior computer science and mathematics double major from Saigon, Vietnam.

Truman's Team B consisted of Chris Bay, senior mathematics and computer science double major from Fenton, Mo.; Carlos DiStefano, senior music and physics double major from Kirksville; and Bach

Ha, freshman computer science and mathematics double major from Hanoi, Vietnam. Both of Truman's teams were sponsored by Steve Smith, professor of mathematics.

Each team is allowed to solve as many of the given 10 problems as possible in five hours.

Truman Chemistry Department Ranks in Top 25 Nationally for Preparedness

Truman State University ranked No. 22 in the nation for the preparation of American Chemical Society-certified Bachelor of Science graduates in chemistry for the 2001-2002 academic year.

This achievement was

announced in the March 29 edition of the weekly chemistry newsmagazine, *Chemical and Engineering News*.

The Truman chemistry department tied with Georgia Southern University, Pennsylvania

State University, University of Illinois-Chicago and San Diego State University with 22 ACS-certified chemistry graduates for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The "Top 25" was figured using statistics based on the number of graduating

American Chemical Society-certified chemists.

Biochemistry majors are not included under this heading.

This is not the first time Truman has been ranked among the "Top 25" undergraduate chemistry programs nationally.

Truman Journalism Student Named Best in State

Sarah St. John, *Index* editor in chief and a senior communication journalism major from Excelsior Springs, Mo., was named the Missouri College Media Association Journalist of the Year at its annual convention April 2-3 in St. Louis.

St. John also won first place in the individual awards category of investigative reporting for her story, "Officials masked sex allegations," which appeared in the Feb. 27, 2003, issue of the *Index*. She bested five other finalists for the honor. St. John will work as a reporter for the *Olathe News* in Olathe, Kan., after graduation in May.

Other *Index* newspaper staff members who won awards at the convention include:

David Brandt, *second place, sports writing*

Jaci Devine, *honorable mention, investigative reporting*

Megan Griffith, *first place, entertainment review*

Nyika Kupara, *honorable mention, regular column*

Adrian Lorincz, *third place, feature page*

Brady Miller, *first place, advertising design*

Brian Russell, *second place, sports column*

Heather Schwegler, *third place, feature page*

Dan Sem, *second place, news photography; third place, feature photography*

Mandy Sheets, *second place, photo page*

Luke Trautwein, *first place,*

story illustration; first place, advertising design; third place, information graphics; honorable mention, page one design

Laura Uhlmsiek, *second place, newswriting*

Maggie Wolcott, *third place, feature page*

The *Index* staff as a whole won second place and honorable mention for best sports page design, third place for best overall newspaper, third place for editorial and opinions page, and honorable mention for special section. Several other members of the *Index* and *Echo* yearbook staff also won individual awards.

Echo yearbook staff members who won awards at the convention include:

Andy Ashbaugh, *honorable mention, personality sketch*

Sarah Borton, *second and third place, portrait design*

Brandi Brown, *second place, overall theme development*

Jessica Lowe, *third place, feature writing; honorable mention, sports photography; honorable mention, sports page*

Tricia Scott, *second place, overall theme development*

The MCMA Contest is administered by the Missouri Press Association and is judged by professional journalists throughout the state. Twenty-eight colleges entered this year's contest which covers publications from the 2003 calendar year. Steven Chappell served as faculty adviser of the *Index* during that time and Steve Stepanek served as faculty adviser of the *Echo*.

Truman SIFE Named Rookie of the Year Team

The Truman Students in Free Enterprise team (SIFE) competed in the USA Regional Competition in St. Louis April 2 and was one of the champion teams. They will compete in the USA National Competition in Kansas City May 23-25. The team was also named the Rookie of the Year Team, and they were a finalist for National Fiscal Fitness Month.

Members of the Truman SIFE team are: Arpan Narayan, senior business administration major from Faridabad; Niki Matejka, junior business administration major from O'Fallon, Mo.; Robert Kelchen, sophomore pre-business administration and economics major from Washington, Mo.; Karla Wegner, senior accounting major from

Arlington Heights, Ill.; Nurjama Asanova, senior accounting major from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Phuong Truc Nguyen, freshman computer science major from Ba Rai Town, Vietnam; April Newman, senior business administration major from St. Charles, Mo.; Kevin Ray, sophomore business administration major from O'Fallon, Mo.; Jeni Long, freshman pre-accounting major from St. Louis; Allison Atchley, freshman pre-accounting major from Kirkwood, Mo.; Patience Rhodes, junior agriculture science and pre-business administration major from St. Louis; and Bethany Fuller, senior



Members of Truman's SIFE team gathers at the USA Regional Competition in St. Louis April 2. The team was one of the champion teams.

accounting major from Maryville, Mo. Glen Giboney, instructor in business administration and director of the Small Business Development Center; Neil Gilchrist, professor of business administration; and Marilyn Romine, instructor in busi-

ness administration; co-sponsor the team.

SIFE encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.