On behalf of the Board of Governors, you are cordially invited to a reception and dinner honoring President Jack Magruder.

**June 28, 2003**

**Reception**
5 P.M.
SUB Quiet Lounge

**Dinner**
6 P.M.
SUB Georgian Room
$12 per person

To make reservations for the reception, dinner or both, please fill out an R.S.V.P. card available at http://www.truman.edu/news/events/magruderdinnersvp.pdf and return it with a check to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102, as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Truman State University.

Due to limited seating, reservations will be accepted until seating is no longer available.

For those who are not able to attend the dinner, please note that a reception will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m.
June 30
University Residence
All are welcome.

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**Forensic Union Ranks Fifth in Nation**

The Forensic Union fought through a field of 82 colleges and Universities to claim the rank of fifth in the nation at the National Forensic Association’s National Championship Tournament, April 17-21 at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. This season’s finish marks the first time Truman has ranked among the top 10 in the nation as an entire program. Truman ranked second in Division I Sweepstakes this year, compared to 14th nationally and fifth in Division I in 2002.

Ian Samuel, sophomore computer science major from Pueblo, Colo., lead the 12 students representing Truman with four elimination round appearances at the National Championship. Samuel was a national finalist in extemporaneous speaking, taking sixth. He also reached quarterfinals in after dinner speaking and impromptu speaking and octafinals in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Samuel was ranked 13th in the nation in pentathlon. Heather Carmack, senior communication major from St. Joseph, Mo., was close behind Samuel with three semifinal appearances in rhetorical criticism, informative speaking and persuasive speaking. Amy Carmack, senior communication major from St. Joseph, Mo., was a quarterfinalist in after dinner speaking and poetry interpretation. Elizabeth Hobbs, freshman physics major from Arnold, Mo., was a quarterfinalist in informative speaking, and Staci Imes, sophomore communication disorders and Spanish double major from Gering, Neb., was a quarterfinalist in rhetorical criticism. Kristopher Kueker, junior accounting major from Perryville, Mo., was a quarterfinalist in after dinner speaking. Matthew Harms, sophomore economics major from Galesburg, Ill., was a double-octafinalist in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

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**U.S. Highway 63 Groundbreaking to be Held**

A groundbreaking for the official start of the U.S. Highway 63 expansion project between Macon and Kirksville will be held from 4-6 p.m., May 2, at the Kirksville Regional Airport. The gates will open at 3 p.m. Confirmed to speak include Gov. Bob Holden, Rep. Kenny Hulshof, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Chairman Ollie Gates and MoDOT Director Henry Hungerbeele.

Those attending the event will help reach another goal: to set a new world’s record for the number of people participating in a groundbreaking ceremony. The current record for the most people taking part in a groundbreaking ceremony is 1,038 set on June 1, 2002.

A shuttle service will be available at the Northeast Regional Health & Fitness Center, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 63 South and U.S. Highway 6 East, from 2:45 p.m. until 7 p.m. The sponsoring organizations would like to have 2,927 people with shovels participate to reflect the "Yes" vote the citizens of Kirksville provided at the polls in April 2002.

Everyone is invited to attend the groundbreaking. Attendees can bring their own shovel or buy one at the gate for $5. The project is a public/private effort between the Highway 63 Transportation Corporation and MoDOT.
Students to Receive General Honors Medals

The Truman State University General Honors Program Medal Ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m., May 16, in the Sunken Garden. There will be a procession from McClain Hall foyer to the Sunken Garden. In the case of inclement weather, the medal ceremony will occur in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

This year, 27 students are candidates for General Honors in Arts and Sciences, more than any previous year since the inception of the program in 1987. The recipients will be as follows: John Bisges, biology major from Jefferson City, Mo.; Rebecca Blue, biology major from Lawrence, Kan.; Jeremy Cannon, history major from Jacksonville, Ill.; Leigh Ann Christain, English and philosophy/religion double major, from O’Fallon, Mo.; Daniel Clark, psychology, mathematics and physics triple major from Warrensburg, Mo.; Michael Cone, history and physics double major from Ballwin, Mo.; Charlotte Cooper, mathematics major from Warsaw, Mo.; Cabell Gathman, philosophy/religion major from Pocahontas, Mo.; John Griffith, political science and English double major from St. Peters, Mo.; Elizabeth Hahn, biology major from Crystal Lake, Ill.; Kevin Haworth, physics major from Northbrook, Ill.; Samadhini Jayakody, accounting major from Kotte, Sri Lanka; Justinas Juknys, political science and economics double major of Kaunas, Lithuania; Marie Langabee, business administration major from Gladstone, Mo.; Katylin Mayhle, linguistics major from Lynnwood, Wash.; Heather Mollé, mathematics and physics major from Omaha, Neb.; Kevin Schlereth II, mathematics major from Gerald, Mo.; Laurnelle Schmitz, mathematics and English double major from Kansas City, Mo.; Charlotte Schnellbacher, biology, sociology and anthropology triple major from Columbia, Mo.

Truman State University’s General Honors Program offers outstanding students the opportunity to select rigorous courses in the liberal arts and sciences component of their programs. General Honors in Arts and Sciences will be awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five approved courses, with at least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, natural science, social science, and humanities, with a grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in those five courses. Students who complete a single undergraduate major may not satisfy general honors requirements with any course in their major field. All Truman State University students are eligible to pursue General Honors in Arts and Sciences by taking the courses designated by the respective disciplines as being those courses whose successful completion by a non-major is especially noteworthy.

The medals feature the lamp of learning and hang from purple and white ribbons. They will be presented by members of the Truman faculty who have played a meaningful role in each honors student’s intellectual development. For more information, contact Patricia S. Burton, professor of philosophy, at 785.4636 or Crista Chappell, graduate office secretary, at 785.4109.

Equestrian Team Named Reserve High Point Hunt Seat Team

The highlight for Truman’s Equestrian Team members this season was being named Reserve High Point Hunt Seat Team for the entire region. The team participates in approximately 10 competitions each year. Horse riding is a Truman club sport.

Becky McGinnis, senior biology major from Harrisonville, Mo., and Sarah Krutzman, senior agriculture pre-vet animal science major from Ballwin, Mo., both qualified for the regional competition for stock seat by accumulating sufficient points throughout the competition season. In addition, Carrie Huot, sophomore English major from Broad Brook, Conn., qualified for both the regional and zone hunt seat competitions and placed fifth at the zone competition hosted by Purdue University in Romney, Ind., at Foxton Farms. The team anticipates the 2003-04 competition season to be an even greater success than this season.
Notables

Kenneth Carter, associate professor of chemistry, received word that his paper titled “The Pestilence Walking in Darkness: Science and Ethics of Vaccination Policy,” co-authored with Maya Suffern, freshman biology major from Foristell, Mo.; John Bisges, senior biology and mathematics double major from Jefferson City, Mo.; Nathaniel Green, junior computer science major from Peculiar, Mo.; and Alec Pawling, senior computer science major from Warrensburg, Mo., has been accepted for presentation at the 58th Annual Meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation July 25-28 in Colorado.

Janet Davis, associate professor of communication, presented a paper titled “Teaching Violence in the Schools of Rhetoric” at the Fifth Shifting Frontiers Conference organized by the Society for Late Antiquity at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Janice Grow-Maienza, professor of education, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Chicago the week of April 21. Sam Minner, head of the division of education; Scott Olson, professor of education; and David Bethel, assistant professor of education; co-authored one of the papers titled “Use of Conceptually Based Mathematics Curricula for Professional Development of Teachers.” Susan Beal, professor and chair of mathematics at Saint Xavier University Chicago, and Tamela Randolf, an associate professor at Southeast Missouri State University, shared in the presentation of the second paper, “Conceptualization of Constructs in Korean Primary Education.” Beal and Grow-Maienza spoke at an invited symposium at Chicago State University titled “Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science: Research and Practice.”

Luke Trautwein, senior communication major from Columbus, Neb., was named Missouri Student Photojournalist of the Year by the Missouri College Media Association at its annual convention April 11-12 at Southwest Missouri State University. In addition to Trautwein’s achievement, The Index, Truman’s student-run newspaper and the Echo, Truman’s student-run yearbook, captured 33 other awards in the competition, which is judged by the Missouri Press Association. Each newspaper was allowed to submit a maximum of 30 entries for the competition. The Index placed 26 of its 30 entries, including eight first place awards, more than any other school. This gave Truman the Sweepstakes Award for best showing in the competition.

Washington Center Internships Offer Variety of Jobs

Several Truman Students have been selected to intern in Washington, D.C., during the spring 2004 semester. Jason Bush, junior political science major from Kansas City, Mo.; Elizabeth House, freshman English and international studies double major from Moberly, Mo.; Matthew Irish, senior art history major from Boonville, Mo.; Yorba Johnson, junior classics major from Kansas City, Mo.; and Ryan Maurer, sophomore English major from Vanzant, Mo.; will receive 15 credits, and work in the nation’s capital in both public and private sector organizations.

Five students are currently completing TWC internships. Sabira Arefin, junior pre-business administration major from Bangladesh, is interning for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, South Asia Division, U.S. and Bangladesh Business Council, and the SAARC countries; Sandra Bisantz, junior psychology major from Lawrence, Kan., is interning for the National Association of Women Judges; Sarah Miller, senior English major from St. Joseph, Mo., is interning for the Women’s Bureau, Department of Labor; Matthew O’Rourke, senior history and political science double major from St. Peters, Mo., is interning for the Islamic Youth Initiative, Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; and Yihong Zeng, senior computer science major from Shifang, Sichuan, ROC, is interning for the Arlington Institute.

Students interested in applying to intern in spring 2005 should contact Julia DeLancey, associate professor of art, at 785.4430 or delancey@truman.edu.

Leadership Recognition Program Workshop

“The Pestilence Walking in Darkness: Science and Ethics of Vaccination Policy,””

Barbara Kline
assistant professor of communication disorders and Speech and Hearing Clinic supervisor
2-4 p.m. • May 2
SUB Governors Room

Farewell Receptions

Doug Daubert
director of the Student Union Building
1-2:30 p.m. • May 6
SUB Alumni Room
He and his family are moving to Maryville, Mo., at the end of May.

Lisa Sprague
director of Public Safety
2-4 p.m. • May 9
Public Safety Building
She has accepted the position as associate director of University Police at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

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6:30 p.m.
Banquet
7 p.m.
April 30
SUB Georgian Room
Both sessions are the same.

Ron Gaber, vice president and dean of students at A.T. Still University of Health Science, will lead the workshops.

The workshops are free and open to any student.

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Contact Abigail Peters at 785.4222 for more information.
The Public Relations Office has extended the deadline for fall 2003 internship applicants to submit their résumé, writing samples and an on-campus reference. Interested students should drop off the requested materials in the Public Relations Office, MC 102, or e-mail ksvoboda@truman.edu, no later than May 2. Applicants should have strong background in writing and editing. Interns receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in desktop publishing and public relations office duties.

The Center for International Education Abroad will host an orientation meeting for those who plan to study abroad this summer from 4:30-6 p.m., April 29, in the SUB Governors Room. Patrick Lecaque will give tips on how to prepare for this once in a lifetime opportunity. He will describe what is to be expected, how to pack, etc. Students who have previously studied abroad will field questions.

Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor the “Ugly Man on Campus” competition. Voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 29-30, in the SUB Down Under. Prizes will be presented at 6 p.m., May 2, in the SUB Down Under. Contact Jessica Nettles at 665.7308 for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m., April 30, in the SUB Spanish Room. This week’s topic will be the changing expectations for higher education. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

The Center for International Education Abroad will host an informational meeting for students wishing to study abroad this fall from 4:30-6 p.m., April 30, in VH 1010.

The Writing Center is currently accepting applications for Writing Consultants in English and Spanish for the 2003-04 academic year. A limited number of stipend positions are available. However, candidates may choose to fulfill scholarship hours as consultants. Stop by the Writing Center, MC 303, to pick up job descriptions and application forms or check the Writing Center Web site at http://lt.truman.edu/wc/whome.html. The application process must be completed by May 1. Contact Mary Lou Woehlk, director of the Writing Center, by e-mail, mlw@truman.edu or phone, 785.4691 for information.

The Cardinal Key Service Club at Truman is conducting a book drive for the Adair County Public Library through May 2. They will accept new or used books in good condition. There is not a demand for textbooks, but the library needs all other types of books, including children’s books. Cardinal Key will accept monetary donations as well. Checks should be made payable to Cardinal Key. Please drop off the books in the designated boxes at the Adair County Public Library, the Kirkville Primary School, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Hastings, the Centennial Hall lobby and the CSI. For more information, contact Katie Sauer at 627.1336.

The University League invites all University women and faculty and staff wives to attend the University League Spring Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., May 3, at Ailerons. The guest speaker will be Adair County Associate Circuit Judge Joyce Otten speaking on “Sixty Years of Women Judges: Adair County Makes History.” The cost of the luncheon will be $8. Baby-sitting will be available with advance reservations. R.S.V.P. by May 1, to Barbara Smith-Mandell at 665.6781.

Truman State University will be hosting the MIAA Outdoor Track Championships May 3-4 at Gardner Track. Interested volunteers should contact John Cochran at 785.4341 or at cochran@truman.edu.

Amy Holland (‘02) will return to campus after teaching English in a French secondary school for a year from 6-8 p.m., May 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. She will speak about her experiences during her French government teaching assistantship. Mainstreet Market will be open for those who wish to purchase a meal. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Faculty and students wishing to learn more about this opportunity and anyone interested in teaching in another culture are especially invited.

Holland is one of 22 Truman graduates who have applied to teach English in the French school system since 1994-1995. Contact Gregg Siewert at 785.4510 for more information.

Graduation applications for graduate students are due in the Graduate Office, MC 203, by May 16 for August graduation and by Aug. 1 for December graduation.

Graduating seniors and their friends and families are invited to celebrate their graduation at the annual Baccalaureate Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m., May 17, at the Catholic Newman Center. Graduates do not need to wear their cap and gown. E-mail Kim Zamastil at zamkie025@hotmail.com for more information.

Applications are now available for the 21st Century Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to teach women leadership skills, allow them to meet key public policy people in government and learn more about public policy. The training program will be May 18-23 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. For more information, contact Patricia A. Miller at 785.4260.

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The Echo yearbook reminds graduating seniors to stop by the Echo office in the lower level of the SUB to drop off your name, non-Kirkville address, and a $5 payment to have the 2002-2003 yearbook mailed to you.

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