Alphonso Jackson, Truman alumnus and former Board of Governors member, has been selected by President George W. Bush to become the 13th secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development pending a U.S. Senate confirmation.

Bush nominated Jackson to become HUD’s deputy secretary on March 9, 2001, and that nomination was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 3, 2001.

As deputy secretary, Jackson served as HUD’s Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the $32 billion agency with a core mission of providing affordable housing and promoting community and economic development.

Jackson came to Washington as the president of American Electric Power-Texas, a $13 billion utility company, located in Austin, Texas.

From January 1989 until July 1996, Jackson was president and CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas, a $100 million operation.

Previous to The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Jackson was director of the Department of Public and Assisted Housing in Washington, D.C., a $137 million operation. Also, he served as chairperson for the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency Board.

Jackson received a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in education administration from Truman and a law degree from Washington University School of Law.

Several activities are planned to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

A Read Out kicks off the activities beginning at 1 p.m., Jan. 17, at the Adair County Public Library. Children’s stories of different cultures will be read.

The Ecumenical Service of Love and Peace will be at 3 p.m., Jan. 18, at the First United Methodist Church. This service will contain reflective messages and performances on the teachings of King.

Unity IX, a celebration of unity through song, dance and words, will take place at 3 p.m., Jan. 19, in Baldwin Auditorium. Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir, Praise Dancers and other Truman students will perform.

A step show titled “March into the Future - Steppin’ for the Past” will be the featured event at the fourth annual Unity Luncheon at noon, Jan. 20, in the SUB Georgian Room. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. The Martin Luther King Jr. Statewide Committee will provide financial assistance for the event. The performers will demonstrate the heritage and origins of stepping, a traditionally African American art form of handclapping, footstomping and rhythmic movements done in unison by a group.

Cost for the luncheon is $7.50 and those who plan to attend should R.S.V.P. by Jan. 16 to the Public Relations Office at 785.4016.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium begins at 3 p.m., Jan. 22, in Violette Hall 1000.
Looking for a new screen saver or desktop wallpaper? Scenic images of Truman are now available for use as screen savers, desktop wallpapers, cards and posters at http://www.webshots.com by searching for the member “trumanweb.” Membership in the site is free. Use of the screen saver application does require that visitors download and install a relatively small application on their computer.

Truman and MCC Sign Transfer Agreements

Truman and Metropolitan Community Colleges (MCC) have finalized 25 articulation and credit transfer agreements that will allow MCC students who complete an associate’s degree to transfer the maximum number of credits and make a seamless transition to Truman.

The agreements are in the areas of accounting, agriculture, art history, biology, business, chemistry, communication, economics, English, French, German, justice systems, math, philosophy, psychology, physics, religion, Spanish and social anthropology.

Europe in Transition to Visit Normandy Coast, Brussels, Luxembourg, Heidelberg/Mannheim

An international study program titled “Europe in Transition” will leave for the Normandy coast, Brussels, Luxembourg, Heidelberg/Mannheim, Strasbourg and Paris on May 12 and return May 29. Participants will earn six hours of academic credit. University policy allows students to fulfill three hours of the inter-cultural requirement and three hours of elective credit.

The brochure, available in the Business and Accountancy Division office, details a program which will be a life-changing experience. Students may read about the things they will experience, but to experience them is to really understand them. In a world which is more global every day, the travel experience will help students understand the people of other cultures. With this understanding students will be able to interact, conduct business, and live more peacefully in a fast-changing world.

Europe in Transition is an approved study abroad program of Truman State University.

Mary Giovannini, professor of business and administration, has organized and conducted this program for 14 years. Jason Lin, professor of business administration and co-leader of the group, has participated in the program since 1997.

Students will study the European Union and the effects of the Euro. Students will learn about and interpret cultural events and historical events as time permits. Beginning the first week of February, weekly study classes will be held. Readings are required. As a part of the study meetings, participants will listen to speakers on the European Union, speakers from countries they will visit, and orientation sessions. The more one knows about these matters ahead of time, the more that will be learned from the on-site experience.

Each student is expected to keep a journal starting with the first study-orientation class. While traveling, the student will keep track of places visited, the people talked with and their impressions about the conversations and events. Students are required to write a paper upon returning to the United States. In the paper the student will combine information from readings and lectures with actual experiences. The paper will be due June 30.

Informational meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 15, 5 p.m. Jan. 19, and at 5 p.m. Jan. 21. All meetings will be in Violette Hall 1400. Contact Lin in Violette Hall 2430, call 785.4349 or e-mail jlin@truman.edu or contact Giovannini in Violette Hall 2448, call 785.4365, or e-mail maryg@truman.edu for more information.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, had his musical composition accepted for performance at the 2004 Region VI Conference of the Society of Composers. “The View from the Tower” for soprano, piano and tuba will be performed on Jan. 30 by Arkansas State University music faculty.

Daniel Mandell, assistant professor of history, has had his article “‘We, as a Tribe, Will Rule Ourselves’: Mashpee’s Struggle for Autonomy, 1745-1840,” published in “Reinterpreting New England Indians and the Colonial Experience,” eds. Colin Calloway and Neal Salisbury.

Robert Martin, professor of education, gave an invited talk titled “Inventing the World One Conversation at a Time” at the Heinz von Foerster Congress in Vienna, Austria, on Nov. 15. The conference was co-sponsored by the Heinz von Foerster Society of Vienna and the American Society for Cybernetics. Martin was a student of the late von Foerster.

Hattie McDowell, senior nursing major from Bonne Terre, Mo., was recently invited to present her research at the Ninth Annual Research Day at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing in Quincy, Ill. Her presentation, “Prenatal Screening for HIV in Northeast Missouri,” was based on undergraduate research conducted during summer 2003. This research project, funded by Truman, involved a telephone survey to obstetrical providers in a six county area. She determined 73 percent of obstetrical providers routinely screened prenatal clients for HIV.

Kit Hadwiger, assistant professor of nursing; Stephen Hadwiger, associate professor of nursing; Rebecca McClanahan, assistant professor of nursing; and Stephanie Powelson, nursing program director and associate professor of nursing; also presented sessions during the Research Day.

Sara Murray, junior health science major from Eden Prairie, Minn., has been selected to the 2003-2004 Academic All-America Women’s Soccer Team. Tameem Yehyawi, senior biology major from Keokuk, Iowa, has been selected to the 2003-2004 Academic All-America Football Team. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a scale of 4.0, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

Scholarship opportunities are currently available to Truman students.

Applications are now available for the 2004-2005 Truman State University Foundation Scholarships. All current Truman students are welcome to apply, and there are scholarships available in all divisions. Students can access the application by going to the Truman Web site at http://www.truman.edu and clicking on “Current Students” and then “Foundation Scholarships.” These scholarships are made possible through generous contributions from alumni, parents and friends of the University. More than 400 scholarships were awarded through the Foundation last year to deserving Truman students.

The Jack I. Isgur Foundation will be awarding scholarships to Missouri residents who are interested in teaching humanities such as art, literature, music, poetry and dance in Missouri. For more information and to pick up an application, go to the Financial Aid Office located in McClain Hall 103.

The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City is offering educational grants and interest free loans to female college students who are residents of the greater Kansas City area and attending Kansas or Missouri schools. The Kansas City area is defined as Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Applicants must be a senior or graduate level student at the beginning of the next academic year, with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Sorority membership is not required to apply for the program. To be considered for a grant or loan, a completed application form, all required supporting material, and a letter of reference must be on file with the Grants and Loans Committee by Feb. 10. Applications are available online at http://www.kcpanhel.com.

Vote ‘04 Live Coverage on Student Media

Tune into KTRM for live coverage of the Jan. 19 Iowa Caucus. KTRM will broadcast live hourly updates from Iowa starting at 5 p.m. Jan. 19 with a half hour wrap-up when all votes are counted. In addition, the Index will produce a Jan. 22 special edition and TruNews will broadcast political coverage Jan. 29 and Feb. 3.

Twelve convergent media reporters from the Vote ‘04 Press Corps project will be in Iowa next weekend and also will have live coverage of the Feb. 2 Missouri Primary.

The project is sponsored by the communication-journalism discipline and the Division of Language and Literature.

Art Exhibit to Display Maps, Money, Printed Matter

The Division of Fine Arts presents “The Cole Collection,” maps, money and other printed matter from the collection of David and Lily Cole. The show will feature fine art prints by Rembrandt, Prud’hon, Blake, Daumier, and others. It will also include U.S. paper currency and maps showing both world history and Missouri history. The exhibit will be on display in the University Art Gallery from Jan. 20-Feb. 20.

A public reception will kick off the exhibit at 6 p.m., Jan. 20, in the University Art Gallery.
The Student Recreation Center has several upcoming fitness/wellness activities taking place in January. FITTE sign-up list is now available. Sign-ups are limited to 25 participants. The sign-up sheet is located in the Campus Recreation Office. Weight Room orientations will be from now until Jan. 25. Individuals who would like to be acquainted with the equipment can see a weight room instructor for a free orientation. Body compositions will take place from 10:30 a.m. until noon and from 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 26. Sign-ups take place in the Campus Recreation Office. Cardiovascular orientations will take place Jan. 26-Feb. 1. Individuals who would like to be acquainted with the equipment can see a weight room instructor for a free orientation. A spring fitness reward program will begin Jan. 26. See a weight room instructor for details. For more information about these programs, go to http://recreation.truman.edu.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs begins the semester with “What Can I Do with an Instructional Designer?” from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Jan. 14, in the SUB Spanish Room. The session features David Penrose, Collegis instructional designer. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information. The Student Union Building will be open from noon until midnight on Jan. 19. All offices, as well as Freshens Smoothie Company, Jazzman’s Cafe, Mainstreet Market and Tierra Del Sol in the SUB will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Truman Bookstore will be open from noon until 5 p.m.

Weather permitting, the University Observatory will be open to the public from 8:30-10:30 p.m., Jan. 22, at the University Farm. Contact the Division of Science at 785.4597, Michael Adams at 785.4088, or go to http://observatory.truman.edu for more information.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee invites abstracts for a conference in honor of Women’s History Month, March 25-27. The deadline for abstracts is Jan. 30. Contact Linda Seidel at lseidel@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman chapter of the national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi invites its student members who are planning on enrolling in graduate or professional-level programs in fall 2004, to apply for a Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship. Sixty fellowships will be awarded nationwide in the amount of $5,000 each to assist students entering graduate/professional programs in meeting their financial obligations. One Truman student applicant will be selected as the local chapter’s nominee for a fellowship. Applications are due by Feb. 2 and should be sent to Terry Olson, division of social science. Application instructions and forms are available on the national Phi Kappa Phi Web site at http://www.phikappaphi.org and click on “Scholarships and Awards.”

Proposals for Summer 2004 Undergraduate Research Stipends/Faculty Addendum are now being accepted. Up to 44 stipends of $2,000 each will be awarded to students. Faculty mentors are also eligible to receive up to $1,000. Interested students need to work with a faculty mentor in developing a brief research proposal. Proposals need to be submitted to the division head of the faculty mentor’s division by Feb. 6. Interdisciplinary proposals should be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs also by Feb. 6. Application packets with additional information are available in division offices or online at http://vpaa.truman.edu/URSGuidelines2004.pdf.

Upward Bound, a college-preparatory program, is currently accepting applications for the 2004 on-campus summer session. Positions are available for residence hall staff; photographer; college freshman mentor/tutor and instructors in ACT prep, composition, digital video, math, performance, science (biology, chemistry and physics), Spanish, and yearbook/journalism. Completed application packets with references are due Feb. 13. For information and/or application materials, contact Upward Bound located in Kirk Building 220 at 785.4244, ubub@truman.edu or at http://ub.truman.edu.

The Student Health Center still has approximately 150 doses of the needleless FluMist vaccine available at $10.00 each. Faculty, students, and staff can receive this vaccine at the Health Center by making appointments at 785.4182. Individuals over age 49, those who have asthma, or who have had a fever within the last three days, are ineligible for this vaccine.

Interested in teaching in France as a teaching assistant in a public school next year? Applications and information are available at http://www.frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/2004-05.html. For more information, e-mail Gregg Siewert at gsiewert@truman.edu.

Student W-2 forms for 2003 will be available
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Jan. 27-28
outside McClain Hall 106
A photo ID will be required.

Faculty/Staff W-2 forms for 2003 will be in divisions/departments on Jan. 26.

All W-2 forms not picked up by 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 will be mailed.

Reissued W-2 requests will begin Feb. 16 with a three day processing time.