Carnahan to Deliver Commencement Address

Former U.S. senator Jean Carnahan will deliver the Truman commencement address at 2 p.m., May 15, in Stokes Stadium.

Carnahan was a U.S. senator for Missouri from 2000 until 2002. While in the Senate she was a member of the Commerce, Governmental Affairs, Armed Service, and Small Business Committees, and the Committee on Aging. She also chaired a field hearing on prescription drug needs of the elderly. As a member of the first congressional delegation to Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001, Carnahan conferred with heads of state in Turkey, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Oman. In addition, she met with military personnel on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier.

Prior to becoming a U.S. senator, Carnahan was the first lady of Missouri for eight years. She raised nearly $2 million for improvements to the 1871-Victorian Governor’s Mansion and the construction of a 16-ft. bronze fountain named the “Missouri Children’s Fountain.” Carnahan also designed a program to help increase immunization rates of pre-school children from 44 percent to 85 percent in Missouri. She co-organized “Children in the Workplace” to create more on-site daycare facilities in Missouri. In addition, Carnahan raised funds for the local Rape and Abuse Center while she was the first lady of Missouri.

Carnahan has written and designed three books: “If Walls Could Talk,” a 440-page four-color history of Missouri’s 50 governors; “Christmas at the Mansion;” and “Will You Say a Few Words,” a paperback collection of her remarks and speeches while first lady.

Carnahan is a 1955 graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she earned a bachelor’s degree in business and public administration.

Professors Attend Premier Chemistry Conference

Truman faculty members Barbara Kramer, assistant professor of chemistry; Brian Lamp, associate professor of chemistry; and David McCurdy, professor of chemistry; recently attended the Pittsburgh Conference, the world’s premier conference and exposition on analytical chemistry, held March 7-12, in Chicago.

Fifteen current Truman chemistry majors accompanied them on the trip, with 13 serving as student aides for the conference. In addition to the current students who attended the conference, a number of former students and alumni were also in attendance.

John Dishinger, senior chemistry major from Ballwin, Mo., presented “Preparation and Characterization of Locally Heterogeneous Electrode Surfaces Using Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy” at the conference.

Other chemistry students who attended are: Eric Null, junior from Corder, Mo.; Corey Koch, senior from Kirkville; Tom Everett, senior from Sullivan, Mo.; Kiran Khadka, freshman from Nepal; Jeff Lange, senior from St. Louis; Stephanie Tiemann, senior from St. Charles, Mo.; Sarah Dorn, senior from Barnhart, Mo.; Amy Williams, senior from Nevada, Mo.; Julie Rogers, senior from Missouri, Mo.; Rebekah Koch, senior from St. Charles, Mo.; Peter Kelsey, senior from Sibley, Mo.; Jena Whetstone, senior from Cabool, Mo.; Caleb Reed, senior from Joplin, Mo.; and Joel Brockmeyer, senior from Mt. Prospect, Ill.
The Staff Representation Exploratory Committee, which has been charged with providing President Barbara Dixon with recommendations for a staff organization at Truman, will hold a series of open forums for Truman staff members during the following times:

5:15-6:15 p.m. • April 27
8:30-9:30 a.m. • April 28
noon-1 p.m. • April 28

All meetings will be held in Violette Hall 1000.

These forums will give staff members an opportunity to share ideas about how a staff organization might be structured and how representatives might be selected. Committee members will also be present to share information on the committee’s work to date.

For further information, contact Dave Kincaid at 785.4353 or Kay Anderson at 785.4143.

Pickler Memorial Library Extended End of Semester Hours

May 2
noon-2 a.m.

May 3-6
7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

May 7
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

May 8
noon-10 p.m.

May 9
noon-2 a.m.

May 10
7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

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Students and Organizations Recognized at the 2004 Leadership Recognition Program

Athletic Leadership Award
Tameem Yehyawi

E.M.Violette Outstanding Adviser of the Year
Winston Vanderhoof

Student Activities Board and Pi Kappa Phi

Excellence in Diversity Award
Justin Smith

New Student Leader Award
Allison Atterberry

Outstanding Educational Event
Women’s Resource Center, V-Week Truman 2004

Outstanding Entertainment Event
Student Activities Board
Ben Folds

Outstanding New Organization
Graduate English Organization

Outstanding Large Organization
Beta Theta Pi

Outstanding Small Organization
Cardinal Key

Senior Leadership Award
Adrienne Johnson

Gabe Kennon
Jill Meyer

Outstanding Large Organization President of the Year
Trey Robinson

Habitat for Humanity

Outstanding Small Organization President of the Year
Lisa Schlereth

Women’s Soccer Club

Outstanding Residential Leader
Kai Gansner

Outstanding Student Worker
Aaron Armstrong

Tiara Pettis

Mackenzie Taylor

Student Excellence Award
Dustin Barnes

Ryan Hudnall

Ron and Elsie Gaber Award
Phillip Campbell

Emily Rackers

Tradition or Learning and Caring (TLC) Pass It Along Award
Mohammed Hossain

Corey Witte

Omicron Delta Kappa
Dr. Jack Magruder

Faculty Hall of Fame Award
Jeff Romine
Canady Young

Omicron Delta Kappa
Verona “Vonnie” S. Nichols

Staff Hall of Fame Award
Maureen Slaughter

Omicron Delta Kappa
Student Hall of Fame Award
Elizabeth Carpenter

Natalie Gerke

The SERVE Center

Outstanding Student Volunteer
Robbi Kupfer

The SERVE Center

Outstanding Organization
Eta Sigma Gamma

The SERVE Center Outstanding Service Organization
Cardinal Key

David and Verona Nichols Scholarship
Annie O’Donnell

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Accreditation Self-Study Subcommittee to Focus on Student Learning and Effective Teaching

This article is the fourth of several articles describing the subcommittees, consisting of faculty, staff and students, that are currently engaged in a comprehensive self-study of Truman.

The fourth criterion on which a subcommittee will evaluate the University upon is Student Learning and Effective Teaching. The subcommittee is documenting evidence that the University is meeting its educational mission as a learning-centered institution. This includes evidence that disciplines have clearly defined learning outcomes, as well as methods for assessing achievement of those outcomes. The committee is also examining the University’s support for effective teaching, its creation of effective learning environments, and the resources used to support both teaching and learning. This criterion emphasizes that effective teaching is evidenced by student learning. Thus, demonstrating that the University meets this criterion means that the institution will draw upon the results of various assessment measures to document learning, including those used for evaluating courses, disciplines, and other aspects of the learning environment.

The subcommittee is chaired by Douglas Davenport, associate professor of justice systems, and includes Nancy Asher, coordinator of testing and reporting; Mary Lou Cole, instructor in health and exercise sciences; David Gillette, professor of economics; Sharon Hackney, media/curriculum librarian; Peter Kelly, assistant professor of education; H. Marie Orton, assistant professor of Italian; Sam Minner, division head and professor of education; Suzanne Pieper, assistant professor of Italian; Sam Minner, division head and professor of education; Suzanne Pieper, assessment specialist; George Schulte, professor of physiology; Scott Thatcher, assistant professor of mathematics; Thomas Trimborn, professor of music; Sandra Weber, professor of accounting; and a student member, Eugene Walton, junior political science major from Florissant, Mo.
John Ishiyama, professor of political science, and Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, had their article “A Survey of International Studies Programs at Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities in the Midwest: Characteristics and Correlates” published in the May 2004 issue of International Studies Perspectives. Rebecca Payne McLanahan, assistant professor of nursing, and Jeffrey Vittengl, assistant professor of psychology, presented a session titled “Quality of Life and the Interdisciplinary Team” at the Interdisciplinary Clinical Education Lunch Series held April 14. Cheylynne Bosley, senior psychology major and EldgLynk Psychology intern from Omaha, Neb., and Megan Azaar, junior nursing major from Chesterfield, Mo., were involved in the planning committee for the session. Damon Thayer, senior business administration major and legislative intern from Hannibal, Mo., participated as Majority Floor Leader at the mock legislative session on the Missouri House of Representatives floor April 13. Kari Willhite, senior political science major and legislative intern from Jacksonville, Ill., participated in the mock session as the chair of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Transportation. Matthew G. Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages and linguistics, presented his paper titled “Minority Languages and Literacy in Italy” at this year’s International Linguistic Association’s conference.

Truman Forensics Union Places Fifth in Debate at NFA Tournament

Members of the Truman State University Forensic Union finished the 2003-2004 season with top-10 honors in two different divisions of the National Forensic Association National Championship Tournament held at Western Illinois University in Macomb April 15-19.

Truman’s Lincoln-Douglas debaters ranked fifth in the nation in sweepstakes, which is calculated by assigning points to competitors from the entire squad, based on win-loss records, and comparing points to those of other schools. This is the first time Truman has captured a sweepstakes award in Lincoln-Douglas debate at the national championships. Marie Tenny, junior psychology major from Villa Ridge, Mo., reached the tournament’s quarterfinal round.

Elizabeth Hobbs, sophomore science major from Newton, Kan., was seventh seed exiting preliminary rounds in rhetorical criticism and advanced to the quarterfinal round.

Additional honors went to Tyson Helder, junior political science and communication double-major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Ian Samuel, junior computer science major from Pueblo, Colo., who reached the double-octafinals in Lincoln-Douglas. Samuel was ranked eighth speaker in the tournament.

Truman also ranked tenth in Division One sweepstakes for individual speaking events, making this season the fifth consecutive year that Truman has ranked in the top-10 in its division at the national tournament. Division One is the second largest of the tournament’s divisions.

Truman Continues to Recycle Glass

Almost one year ago the dream of recycling glass at Truman became a reality with the help of a grant from the State of Missouri Region C Solid Waste Management District. Since that time, Truman has offered area residents the option of recycling glass.

The machine, which arrived in late August 2003, grinds the glass to a semi-fine sand, which can then be used in place of regular sand as drainage fill, pothole and sidewalk filler. Truman has used the recycled glass on two small concrete projects as well as for fill around a drain pipeline. Within the next two weeks, Truman will use the product to complete a cement pad for a picnic area near the Recycling Center.

The Recycling Center is located in the Delaney Baldwin complex located off of LaHarpe, across from the Truman Tennis Courts. For more information, contact Howard Worcester at 785.7672.

Sodexho Food Drive Surpasses Goal

Sodexho Food Service conducted its annual Food Drive April 5-8. This was their most successful food drive yet, collecting approximately 4,480 pounds of non-perishable food items and greatly surpassing their goal of 1,200 pounds. The food was donated by Sodexho employees, Truman students, faculty and staff members. All food items went to the Kirksville Food Bank.

EARTH DAY CONTEST WINNERS

A bucket filled with 280 ground glass bottles was on display April 22 at the Earth Day festivities on the Mall.

One hundred ninety-one people entered a contest with their guess of the number of bottles in the bucket.

Winners

Lena Reardon - 280 bottles
Rebecca Faff - 289 bottles
Katie Svoboda - 265 bottles
Jan Fishback - 301 bottles
Barb Newcomber - 312 bottles
Pat Schoonover - 251 bottles
Nikki Riess - 250 bottles
If you made a reservation for May 15 at Patterson’s prior to spring break, please call 627.4800. Patterson’s reservation book disappeared prior to spring break, so they have no record of any reservations made for spring commencement.

Looking for full-time student employment for summer 2004 changing to part-time for the 2004-2005 academic year? If so, submit an application and resume to the Financial Aid Office, MC 103. Review of applicants will begin May 3. For an application, stop by the Financial Aid Office or go to http://financialaid.truman.edu/. Alpha Phi Omega is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., April 27-29, in the SUB Activities Room. For more information, contact Kristina Sis at 785.5963.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with the 2003-2004 Diversity Fellows from 12:30-1:30 p.m., April 28, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

A Poetry Slam will be held from 7-10 p.m., April 28, in the Picker Memorial Library Pit. For more information, contact Sam Buffaloe at 665.9405.

The American Association of University Professors will meet at 9 a.m., April 29, at the University Club house (516 E. Patterson). For more information, contact Marc Becker at 785.6036.

The Truman Master of Arts in Education program invites foreign language teachers to two presentations “Texts and Technology: The Glencoe French and Spanish Programs” from 3:30-5 p.m., April 29, in the SUB. Please R.S.V.P. by April 27 to Timothy Farley at tfarley@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 29, in the Ryle Hall Classroom. For more information, contact Nick Harbison at 785.5973.

The Society of the Prim Roses is hosting a LIFE Movie Trivia Night at 8 p.m., April 29, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are $2 and may be purchased from any Prim Rose. For more information, contact Jessica Whalen at 665.7389.

Beta Beta Beta is sponsoring their 4th Annual Campus Coffeehouse from 6-9 p.m., April 30, in the SUB Down Under. The event will feature local bands and all proceeds will go to support Kirksville charities. For more details, contact Shawna Cooper at 216.2582.

SAB will be showing the movie “Mona Lisa Smile” at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 30, and 3 p.m., May 1, 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. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

The True Men spring concert will be from 7:30-9 p.m., April 30, in Baldwin Auditorium. For more information, contact Nick Cloud at 665.8224 or e-mail truemen@truman.edu.

“Raise the Roof,” a dance benefiting Habitat for Humanity, will be held at 7 p.m., May 1, in the Pershing Small Gym. Admission is $2 and covers snacks and drinks. For more information, contact Kevin Brown at 785.5841.

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Fellow Robert Richards will present “Darwin’s Romantic Biology,” addressing the philosophical roots of Darwin’s evolutionary theory, at the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeastern Missouri’s Annual Spring Lecture at 2 p.m., May 2, in the SUB Alumni Room. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, go to http://www2.truman.edu/wnemo-pbk.

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

The National Association of Scholars will meet from 3-4 p.m., May 3, in the SUB Room 309. The discussion topics will be the establishment of an academic minor in the Western Intellectual Tradition and a Center for Studies in Western Civilization. For more information, contact David Partenheimer at 785.4504.

Graduate student applications for August 2004 graduation are due May 14. December 2004 graduation applications are due Aug. 6. For more information, contact the Graduate Student Office at 785.4109.

This year’s annual boiler shutdown for maintenance and inspection is scheduled for May 16-27. The campus will be without steam for building heat and hot water throughout the shutdown period. It is anticipated that the boilers will be back online by the afternoon of May 27. If you have questions regarding shutdown, or if you have schedule conflicts to address, please notify the Physical Plant Office as soon as possible at 785.4200.

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.

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 Faculty, Staff Honored at Service Recognition Banquet

In the photo at right are the 2003-2004 retirees honored at the recognition banquet. Seated (left to right) are Harold Baugher, John Applegate, Pyung Eui Han and Joe Moyer; standing (left to right) Jeanette Foreman, Kathryn Blair, Beverly Blodgett and Janet Davis. Not pictured are Theresa Acton, Jim Barnes, Ben Bennani, Robert Mason and Pat Smiser.

In the photo above is the 40-year anniversary honoree Regina Lindhorst.

In the photo at left are the 30-year anniversary honorees seated (left to right) James Tichenor and Victor Hoffman; standing (left to right) Werner Sublette, Melinda Wood, Edward Schneider and Mary Giovannini.

In the photo above are the 35-year anniversary honorees (left to right) James Tichenor and Victor Hoffman.

In the photo above are the 25-year anniversary honorees (left to right) Robert Jones, Kay Clapp, Ronald Morton and Kevin Ballanger. Not pictured are Jan Fishback and Charlotte Mathews.

In the photo above are the 20-year anniversary honorees seated (left to right) Mary Lou Woehlk, Jeanie Casady, Lou Ann Gilchrist, Sandra Fleak and Cheryl Cragg; standing (left to right) David Wohlers, Gregory Richter, Roy Tanner and Joseph Benevento. Not pictured are Monica Barron, Thomas Coates, Elizabeth Delmonico, Linda Seidel, Elizabeth Sponsler, Winston Vanderhoof and Teresa Wheeler.
In the photo above are the **15-year anniversary honorees** seated (left to right) Nabil Alghalith, Barbara Espe and Robert Cummings; second row (left to right) Jerrold Hirsch, Julianna Moore, Sherry Lay, Alanna Preussner and Maureen Slaughter; back row (left to right) Thomas Zoumaras, John Perrachione, Thomas Hueber and Stephen Allen. Not pictured are Stanley Dixon, Steven Nelson, Emmanuel Nnadozie and Ricky Sayre.

In the photo at left are the **10-year anniversary honorees** seated (left to right) Gayla McHenry, Jack Schrader and Teresa Heckert; standing (left to right) Todd Hammond, David Hoffman, Jonathan Smith, Kit Hadwiger and Mark Hatala. Not pictured are Michael Adams, Michelle Boyd, Clyde Cody, Carolyn Cox, Patricia Gately, Lillian Jackson, Steve Reschly and Matthew Tornatore.

In the photo above are the **5-year anniversary honorees** seated (left to right) Daniel Mandell, Lisa Glaubitz, Masahiro Hara, Phillip Worley, Dana Smith, Nancy Majewski and Lesa Kettemlinus; second row (left to right) Philip Ryan, Sylvia Macauley, Jerry Wollmering, Gary Fagan, Eldon Grissom, Marcy Graham, Sally Detweiler and Roddy Grahlen; back row (left to right) Doris Snyder, Janet Romine, Kelly Pigg, Brenda Embree, Carol Thatcher, Karen Smith, Chad Mohler, Bob Tobia and Jennifer Marcus. Not pictured are Timothy Acton, Gailon Anderson, Dan Antal, Jeff Araras, Michelle Baier, Becky Becker, Marc Becker, Elaine Boda, Tammy Bringaze, Stan Bunfill, David Cameron, Laura Fielden-Rechav, Aaron Fine, David Kincaid, James McCormick, Devon Mills, Kevin Minch, Eric Patterson and Marc Rice.