



# Agriculture Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

- *Equestrian Team Horse Show, Sept 29-30*
- *AGSC Seminar on Internships October 15, 12:30 (MG 2001)*
- *Corn Maze October 25-28*
- *Alumni Breakfast October 27 7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.*

## About Us

Welcome back to Truman! This fall, Agricultural Science is going to bring back a departmental newsletter. We, Laura Cooper and Kaitlyn Sullivan, will be the authors for this year. Laura is a senior, marketing major from Xenia, Illinois. After graduating, Laura plans to pursue a career in marketing in the agriculture industry. Kaitlyn is a senior, ag science/pre-vet major from Verona, Wisconsin. After graduating, she plans to move to Canada and apply for vet school at the University of Calgary.

This newsletter will serve as a way to inform current students

and faculty as well as alumni of what's going on in the ag department. As we get back into the swing of another school year, there are a lot of things to look forward to and this newsletter will keep you up-to-date on what the students are learning inside and outside the classroom. Each month we will feature articles about the recent activities that ag students were involved in. Also, you will find a student or alumni profile section which will include an interview with the past or present student. The alumni profiles will also be used online at [agriculture.truman.edu](http://agriculture.truman.edu) so everyone can see where graduates are now. We will

also feature a student opinion section to give the student body a voice about their experiences at Truman. Make sure to look at the bottom corner of every issue to find the *Upcoming Events* section for the following month.

We hope that you find this newsletter informative. Any comments or suggestions are welcome at any time because this is YOUR newsletter and we want to know how best we can keep you informed. Let's all have a great year, and continue to make Truman's agriculture depart-

*Laura Cooper*  
*Kaitlyn Sullivan*

## Ag Picnic

One of the first events of the semester took place earlier this month when Sigma Alpha held the ag picnic at Thousand Hills State Park beach shelter. The grills were hot with hamburgers and hot dogs being served provided by Sigma Alpha. About thirty new and returning ag stu-

dents attended the picnic on Friday, September 7. This was a great social event for new freshmen students to get to know their fellow peers. An ice breaker game was played in order for everyone in attendance to get to know each other a little better. Several students brought

their dogs out to the lake to enjoy the nice weather.



## Summer Internship Profile

**Intern:** Pat Blomme

**Company:** Christensen Family Farms, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

**Position:** Production Intern

**Experience:** Worked in breeding department and farrowing department

"The internship was everything I had hoped for and I was very impressed with the people at Christensen Farms."



## From the “Easy Chair”

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*“It is the individual farmer who must weave the greater part of the rug on which America stands. Shall he weave into it only the sober yarns which warm the feet, or also some of the colors which warm the eye and the heart?”*

*--Aldo Leopold (1939)*

It’s hard to believe that we are already one-third of the way through the Fall 2007 semester. Events over the past summer and early fall have provided a reminder that change is a constant. Effective July 1, 2007, Truman undertook an administrative restructuring. Agricultural Science, formerly one of four disciplines within the Science Division, became one of 19 departments within the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Charlie Apter left Truman after 11 years

to accept a position as Director of Agriculture at Northeast Texas Community College in Mt. Pleasant, TX. A search is currently underway for his replacement. We also welcomed a new colleague to the faculty this fall: Emily Costello is a graduate of Truman (Biology) and is teaching Horsemanship and Equine Science classes as well as coaching the Equestrian Team.

A constant through all these changes is the high quality of our students; they are a talented and capable bunch—a weave of “diverse yarns” like the farms that Leopold envisioned. We hope that this newsletter helps all of us—alumni, current students, faculty, and other interested parties—keep up to date with what is going on in the department. I com-

mend Kaitlyn and Laura on a great job putting together this first edition.

Alumni, you will be hearing from us about a new feature on our website (<http://agriculture.truman.edu>) that will allow you update your alumni information and see what other alums are up to. We would also like to invite you to an Ag Alumni Homecoming Breakfast, Oct. 27, 2007, 7:30-9:00 at the University Farm. (Doc Wehner is doing the cooking, so get your feedbag on!)

We would love to hear from you with suggestions for the newsletter or just to keep in touch. You can contact me at [mseipel@truman.edu](mailto:mseipel@truman.edu) or 660.785.4316.

*--Michael Seipel, Department Chair*

## Alumni Profile: Dr. Jenny Lindquist, DVM

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Dr. Jenny Lindquist is a familiar name in the Northeast Missouri region, but few know that she is a graduate of Truman. She came to Northeast Missouri State University not knowing that she would become a veterinarian. She thought it was a male-dominated field and, therefore, didn’t always consider it. But she ended up taking a lot of ag science classes and Dr. Marshall brought veterinary medicine to her attention. In

the end, though, she says it was the Lord who led her into her current career. Dr. Lindquist graduated from the former Northeast Missouri State University in 1992 with a degree in Animal Science. She applied to the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine and doesn’t know how she got in, but

she did! She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1996. Upon graduation, she practiced in Platte City, MO for 2 years, then Edina, MO for 6 years before opening her own clinic, Lindquist Veterinary Care Center, in Edina in 2004. She also opened another office in Kirksville in 2006.

*Advice to students: “Maintain a balanced life between social and studies and keep your priorities straight.”*

## Student Profile: Felipe Vasquez

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Felipe is a freshman, Agricultural Science major with an emphasis in Equine Studies. He lived in Medellin, Colombia from ages 4-11. Then, his family moved to Davao, Philippines where he lived until he moved here to the States to go to school. He had his options narrowed to 4 different schools, but what really drew him to Truman was the faculty in the International Department; he said they were very nice. In his free

time, Felipe rides horses, and after that, he rides more horses. He has been seriously riding since he was 4 years old. “I would cry if I wasn’t on a horse,” Felipe said. He became the Youth National Champion of Colombia in 1996 and 1998. His most memorable experience on the back of a horse was when he jumped a 6 foot fence for the first time; he was only 9 years old!

