All Eyes On:

Randy Hagerty

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When Randy Hagerty graduated with his PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he joined with his assistant professor position that brought him to a small teaching school with lots of fish and fishing possibilities nearby.

Not long after, he took a job at Truman, and at the end of this month he will be recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet for his 20th year as a teacher.

Hagerty said he can’t believe how much fishing he used to enjoy. Hagerty has been active in both the Truman and Kirksville communities. In 1999 he was shown at Truman’s Educational of the Year.

“I think it’s just the honest hour I’ve remained in my entire career because it’s the students who make the choice, and that’s really something else,” Hagerty said. “That’s the magic of the classroom.”

Along with his duties as a professor and as chair of the political science department at Truman, he also is involved in the community outside the classroom.

“She has the obligation as someone who’s had a lot given to them, to give back in whatever small way that you can,” Hagerty said.

Hagerty has been a member of the city planning and zoning commission for the past 16 years and a member of the local Kiwanis club for the last 13. More recently, he became planning and zoning commissioner chairman and chairman of the planning and zoning board.

“I was the first professor senior Shana Marchio graduated from Truman. She said, ‘He was the best math teacher I ever had. He was the guy who made math fun.’”

Shana Marchio graduated from Truman in 1999 with a degree in Political Science, and she is now the communications director for Sen. Kit Bond in Washington, D.C. Hagerty said he's lucky he's finally gotten married.

“About four years ago, during one of the reading it fundamental principles course, there was this little girl — she came about halfway through the class and asked her to tell a little girl about math,” Hagerty said.

“She said she had two books, and we gave her both of our textbooks. We’re not one of the disadvantaged kids something of a head start from other otherwise right kids.”

Although he’s busy with work and in the classroom, Hagerty also makes time for one of his favorite pastimes: watching Dallas Cowboys football. For the last two seasons, Hagerty has season tickets to the Cowboys football. For the final two seasons of his favorite pastimes: watching Dallas from where they otherwise might begin.

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“Disadvantaged kids something of a head start to many books she had at home,” Hagerty said.

Shana Marchio has been involved in the Reading is Fundamental program events, which gives books to disadvantaged kids.

“At the end of this month he will be awarded the Truman Alumni Award for his service to the major as well as the city of Kirksville,” Hagerty said.

“He’s a great teacher,” Raine said. “We al-

ways have the most entertaining lectures, and we always had fun. I never knew that there were actually some of these jokes that he’s been doing for the past 20 years, but at the same time we were always laughing.”

Randy Hagerty will be recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet for his 20th year as a Truman professor of Political Science.