

Welcome, Missouri Association of Forensics!

Truman Is Honored to Host the
Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Championship Tournament
Feb. 17 & 18 & Announce the 2012 Schwengel Lincoln Contests

Be sure and visit Pickler Memorial Library which has an exhibit on U.S. Presidents on the 1st Floor gallery. Four of the cases focus on Representative Fred Schwengel's Collection of Lincoln, Lincoln and the Writers (Carl Sandburg/Walt Whitman), the Schwengel Art Contest, and selected rare books from the collection.

The Legacy of Fred & Ethel Schwengel

Fred Schwengel was raised in Franklin County, Iowa, and attended Sheffield High School. He was a 1930 alumnus of Northeast Missouri State Teachers college where he met his future wife, Ethel Cassity, a 1932 alumna and native of Purdin, MO. The Schwengels returned to Fred's native Iowa in 1937 where Fred was in the insurance business, and they raised two children, Frank and Dorothy. His interest in politics led him to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1945. He would serve ten consecutive terms (1945-1955) before turning to the U.S. Congress where he served as a Representative for eight terms (1955-1965, 1967-1973). Mr. Schwengel passed away in 1993, and Mrs. Schwengel passed away in 2011 at age 102.



Artwork by Kayla Tuley

Art, Essay, and Oratory Contests

The Schwengels established the Lincoln Contests in art, essay, and oratory to pay tribute to Abraham Lincoln. This year we are pleased to announce that the Advancement Office is funding a \$1,000 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Scholarship for an incoming freshman on Truman's Forensic team to be selected by Kristi Scholten, Director of Forensics and Russell Luce, Assistant Director. This competition will take place among high school students and fulfills the Schwengels desire to see contests on both the secondary and collegiate levels.

The Art Contest was conducted in fall 2011 under the direction of Russell Nelson.

Kayla Tuley was awarded the 1st place prize of \$200.00, and Lauren Priest was awarded 2nd place and \$100.00.

This semester the collegiate essay and oratorical contests are under the direction of Dr. Barry Poyner with a tip of the hat to the Lincoln-Douglas Debate topic: "Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially change its trade policy and/or practices with the People's Republic of China."

By Feb. 29 submit a 1000-1500 word, 3-5 page paper in response to the resolution to

Dr. Barry Poyner, Department of Communication,

Barnett Hall 1110, 785-4063. Provide a list of "works cited" as appropriate. On a cover sheet, provide contact information and clearly indicate if entering the essay or oratorical contest, or both. Finalists in the Oratorical Contest will deliver their speeches before the National Communication Association Student Club on Tues. March 27 in VH 1316 @ 8:30 p.m. Communication Club members will assist Dr. Poyner in judging.

Essay and Oratory Prizes for 1st and 2nd places will be \$200.00 and \$100.00, respectively.