

# Editor-in-Chief says farewell



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With this, my last column, I am burdened with the task of crystallizing my three-year evolution with the Index into one column.

I would like to spare you my typical, fortune-cookie topics of choice such as community, empathy and the evils of apathy and instead, share with you what has kept me going — the reason I spent 40 hours per week pulling my hair out at a job that won't last, in a medium most consider to be dying and at an institution that receives more criticism than any other I've ever been a part of. It isn't complex, glamorous or controversial. My solace, my comfort and my truth that has pushed me to continue through thin and thinner is simple — people.

From day one as an Index employee, I learned my job was about people. It was about sharing their stories and letting them know their lives, their experiences, mattered to someone. They mattered to me as a reader, a reporter, an editor and finally, as Editor-in-Chief.

One of my first stories as a features reporter was about breast cancer awareness month. My job was to interview three Truman students who had a family member or friend who was affected by breast cancer and to tell their stories.

What I thought was an assignment to interrogate strangers turned into conversations where I was fortunate enough to be able to laugh, cry and get a glimpse at understanding the pain and triumph families fighting breast cancer go through. The respect I have for those people who shared their stories with me is only rivaled by the appreciation I feel for being trusted enough to be the one who got to share those stories with the world.

I want to say thank you to every source who agreed to share their story with me. They were beautiful, and I am a better person for knowing them.

As well as the sources, I got to know the Index staff. These people have taught me more than I ever possibly could have imagined about topics ranging from fundamentals of journalism and design to the various methods of dealing with insane roommates and even how to properly impersonate Creed.

I want to thank this group of passionate individuals for sticking with me. I've enjoyed our laughter, appreciate how much you've taught me and will never forget our triumphs and failures. While we all butt heads as we strive to produce our vision of what is right for the paper, it has been an honor to work with so many intelligent, driven and talented people. Thank you to the faculty and staff who have mentored my staff and me. Your patience, guidance and kindness make the Index better and I appreciate it.

Among the various people I've had the privilege of working with, one has emerged again and again as a lifesaver.

When I met junior John O'Brien during our freshman year, I never would have guessed I'd be thanking him for working as my managing editor at the Index and I don't think he would have either. We were an unlikely pairing, but while sitting at the back of features meetings we developed a friendship that turned into the best partnership I ever could have imagined. As our song goes, "you're a full-time friend," and I will never be able to thank you enough for that.

For those who don't understand exactly what a managing editor does, here's a brief description — John is a rock I've clung to, a shoulder I've cried on and a sounding board for every crazy thought that has passed through my mind. Having him by my side and watching my back is the only reason I survived this year. I've never met someone with more tact, grace and patience. As a wonderful editor, an incredible teacher and the best friend a girl could ask for, John has been a source of more happiness and encouragement than I ever deserved. Thank you for letting me steal you away from your music and keep you here.

I apologize if this column has been a bit of a narcissistic rant, but believe it or not, it applies to you, the reader, too. Thank you for reading the Index. Everything we write, all the hours we work and all the work we do is for you.

# Index receives MCMA awards

The Missouri College Media Association recognized the Truman State University Index and several individual Index employees at MCMA's 2013 conference Saturday at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

The Index was named the Best Overall Newspaper in its division and was the Division II Sweepstakes winner. The award recipients are as follows.

**Best Overall Newspaper:** 1st Place — The Index

**Website:** 2nd Place — [tmn.truman.edu/index](http://tmn.truman.edu/index)

**Editorial writing:** 1st Place — Kathleen Barbosa, John O'Brien, Robert Overmann, Ashley Jost

**Editorial Page Design:** 1st Place — Robert Overmann

**Regular Column:** 2nd Place — Connor Stangler; Honorable Mention — Robert Overmann

**Sports Column:** 1st Place — Sam Sherman; 2nd Place — Kirk Schlueter

**Sports Writing:** 1st Place — Kirk Schlueter

**Information Graphic:** 1st Place — Carly Robison

**Sports Page Design:** 2nd Place — Kathleen Barbosa and Carly Robison

**News Photograph:** 1st Place — Hanna Bilinski

**Features Page Design:** 3rd Place — Kathleen Barbosa and Henry Smith

**Editorial Cartoon:** 1st Place — Megan Archer; 2nd Place — Megan Archer

**Entertainment Review:** 1st Place — John O'Brien; Honorable Mention — John O'Brien

MCMA is the state organization for student print media and is affiliated with the Missouri Press Association. Each year, journalists from universities and colleges from around the state gather for informational sessions and the newspaper competition.

As you pass through whatever organization, club or group, take a moment to think about the people who surround you. In the end, it is they who will make the difference during your life. Take a moment to appreciate all they do for you — their talents and their friendship. Chances are they'll graduate and be gone before you can believe it. When the world seems against you, and when

the sky is falling down around you, it won't be your possessions or your work that comfort you. It will be the people you choose to surround yourself with.

So to all the people who made these three years possible, thank you.

To my sources, my co-workers, bosses, advisors, friends and John O'Brien — thank you for everything.

It truly has been a privilege.

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