The Student Alumni Association has been organizing several new events on campus to increase awareness of the new organization and its student members. In February, the organization planned a unique Valentine’s Day event by sponsoring themed gift bags filled with treats. Many parents, students, faculty and staff purchased the gift bags to surprise a special person on the Truman campus with a ‘Valentine Surprise Bag’ that included a personalized message from the sender.

During the holidays this past December, student members participated in the Truman tradition of giving back to the University by delivering poinsettia plants to departments and offices across campus in appreciation of their efforts in helping both students and alumni.

Last spring, the association hosted its first ‘Senior Week’ in partnership with the University Career Center to help graduating seniors make the transition from college to the professional work force. Seniors were invited to attend programs on financial planning and tips for a new job, as well as fun activities including an ice-cream social and a karaoke night.

The Student Alumni Association is a new student organization that was established on campus to bring together both past and present Truman students. The organization places an emphasis on preserving the University’s traditions and encouraging current students to establish new ones.

Student Alumni Council officers presented University President Barbara Dixon with the first poinsettia delivered by the student organization this past December.

Save the Date:
Truman State University
Homecoming 2006
Oct. 20-22

All alumni, friends, and parents are invited to participate in the annual golf tournament and 5K run.

The 2006 Class Reunions will honor classes celebrating their 50th, 40th, 30th, 25th, 20th, and 10th anniversaries:
- Golden Alumni (all members of the Class of 1956 and earlier invited to attend)
- Class of 1966
- Class of 1976
- Class of 1981
- Class of 1986
- Young Alumni (all members of the Classes of 1996-2006 invited to attend)
Regional Events

Arlington, Va.
During their annual banquet in March, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter held a silent auction to raise money for the chapter’s scholarship fund.

Chicago, Ill.
In April, the Chicago Alumni Chapter invited alumni and friends to a “Lunch in the City” event held at Emilio’s Tapas Restaurant. Special guest for the event was Vice President for University Advancement Mark Gambaiana.

Des Moines, Iowa
Earlier this year, the Iowa Alumni Chapter organized a hockey outing to watch the Iowa Stars play the Omaha Knights at Wells Fargo Arena.

Fort Myers, Fla.
On March 24, Don Scriven (’50, ’59) and Jolene (Davidson) Scriven (’54, ’59) hosted a Truman Alumni and Friends Reception and Dinner at the Hideaway Country Club Restaurant. The special guest for the event was University President Barbara Dixon.

Jefferson City, Mo.
On Feb. 28, the Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter and Truman State University held a Legislative Reception in honor of the 20th anniversary of Truman State University being designated Missouri’s only public liberal arts and sciences university and the 10th anniversary of its legislated name change.

Tempe, Ariz.
Alumni and friends gathered at Monti’s La Casa Vieja for the Arizona Alumni Chapter Annual Banquet on March 11.

Connect with Other Truman Alumni, Parents and Friends in Your Area by Becoming Active in an Alumni Chapter

Becoming a chapter member is one way you can show your support for the University and its students.

- 100% of your dues stay with the chapter. Fees are used for events, student support, scholarships, and other membership benefits.
- $20 pays for a one-year membership, and a joint membership is only $30.
- 10 alumni chapters are located around the country (Arizona, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Iowa, Kansas City, Kirksville, Mid-Atlantic/Washington, D.C., Mid-Missouri and St. Louis).
- 8 alumni chapters offer scholarships for Truman students, and many chapters support students through freshman send-offs, student care packages, mentoring, and graduation gifts.

Members receive ’nationwide’ travel discounts for hotels and rental cars, as well as discounts at select Kirksville hotels, free admission to most of Truman’s home athletic events, and discounts at the Truman Bookstore and Patty’s University Bookstore.

Alumni chapters provide a great way to network and meet old and new friends. Members also receive special offers and discounts to chapter events.

Join online at https://secure.truman.edu/alumni-s/membership.asp or contact Denise Smith, manager of alumni relations, (800) 452-6678, (660) 785-4133 or e-mail alumni@truman.edu.

Front row, L-R: Nicole (Ragusa) Higgins (’95), Lori (Colburn) Smerz (’93), Melissa (Schaefer) Sitzman (’97), and Sara (Donelli) Theriault (’03). Back row, L-R: Kristin (Siena) O’Neil (’93), Laura Seefel, Michelle Calhoun (’95/’02), Andrew Ashbaugh (’93), Tina Fish (’02), Pat (Harris) Severns (’66/’87), Professor Emeritus of Dramatics Jim Severns, Jeff Wojnar (’94), Sachiko Takabatake (’10), and Ryan Sitzman (’97).

Front row, L-R: Andrew Vanlandingham, Katie Weyforth (’98), Anne Baum (’00), and Katie Riley (’99).

Front row, L-R: Jolene (Davidson) Scriven (’54, ’59), Doris (Pickens) Bohon (’43), and Georgia (Warner) Walter (’48).

Front row, L-R: Gordon Benson (’60), Mike Whitney (’94), Jim Hopkins (’61), and JoAnna Benson. Carolyn Hopkins and Evelyn (Hopkins) Manning (’64) can be seen in the background.
Ill alumni who graduated from the University in 1956 and earlier are members of a special group called ‘Golden Alumni’ who are invited to campus on two different special occasions, one event coming up this summer and another celebration that takes place in the fall during Homecoming weekend.

The first event, the annual Golden Alumni Celebration and Commencement Activities, will be held on campus Aug. 4, 2006. All Golden Alumni and their guests are invited for the daylong event which starts off with a campus tour followed by a complimentary luncheon. A light dinner will be served later in the day. One of the main highlights includes the University’s summer graduation ceremony that evening, and Golden Alumni who have not participated previously have the option of putting on a cap and gown and marching in the University’s graduation ceremony, along with Truman’s summer 2006 graduates. The traditional summer Commencement is held outdoors on the Quadrangle, and those who choose to participate in the ceremony can walk across the stage to receive a commemorative certificate from University President Barbara Dixon.

Later in the year, all Golden Alumni are invited to campus for a second event, the Golden Alumni Class Reunion Luncheon which will be held during Homecoming on Oct. 21. All alumni who graduated from the University in 1956 and earlier are invited to attend this special event.

In addition, Class Reunion Luncheons will be held on campus that same day in honor of the Classes of 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1996-2006. Other Homecoming events include the annual golf tournament and 5K run, parade, Bulldog athletic events, and other social events planned for alumni and friends.

For more information on alumni events contact Denise Smith, manager of alumni relations, (660) 785-4133, alumnievents@truman.edu.
Calendar of Events

MAY

20 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City and Kirksville Alumni Chapters: Tailgate and Baseball Game at Kauffman Stadium (Kansas City Royals vs. St. Louis Cardinals), Tailgate in Lot N

21 Davenport, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Eastern Iowa Event at Figge Art Museum

TBA Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Ronza Night

JUNE

2 St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Baseball Game at Busch Stadium (St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs); tickets sold on a first-come basis to St. Louis Alumni Chapter members

6 Ft. Collins, Colo.
Colorado Alumni Chapter: Alumni & Friends Dinner

8 Colorado Springs, Colo.
Colorado Alumni Chapter: Alumni & Friends Dinner

9 Denver, Colo.
Colorado Alumni Chapter: Alumni & Friends Dinner

10 Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Iowa Cubs Baseball Game and Picnic at Principal Park

10 Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Wine and Cheese Tasting at Portland's Restaurant

11 Schaumburg, Ill.
Chicago Alumni Chapter: Family Day at GameWorks

24 Liberty, Mo.
Kansas City Chapter: Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Shoal Creek Golf Course (sponsored by Westlake Ace Hardware)

24 Overland Park, Kan.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Dinner Theatre (Fiddler on the Roof at the New Theatre Restaurant)

TBA Arlington, Va.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Happy Hour at Bailey's Pub

TBA Dallas, Texas

Dallas Alumni Chapter: Baseball Game at Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Ballpark (Frisco RoughRiders)

TBA Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Welcome Event for Truman Interns

JULY

8 Columbia/Kansas City, Mo.
Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter: Baseball Game at Kauffman Stadium (Kansas City Royals vs. Toronto Blue Jays)

15 Ocean City, Md.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Camping Trip to Assateague Island National Seashore

22 O'Fallon, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Golf Tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course

22 Naperville, Ill.
Chicago Alumni Chapter: Naperville Night Out on the Riverwalk at Jimmy’s

30 Chicago, Ill.
Chicago Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off at Lincoln Park Zoo

TBA Granger, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Best Ball Golf and Picnic at Jester Park Golf Course

TBA Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Student Send-Off Picnic

TBA Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Happy Hour

AUGUST

3 Urbandale, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: All-Student Send-Off at Walker-Johnston Park

4 Kirksville, Mo.
Golden Alumni Reunion Luncheon and Celebration at Truman State University

6 Dallas, Texas
Dallas Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant

6 St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off at Tilles Park

10 Columbia, Mo.
Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off at Cosmos Park

10 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off at Loose Park

All events subject to change. Visit the online master calendar found under "News/Events" at www.truman.edu for the latest information on all events or see the contact information for Alumni Chapters located on page 31.