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ON THE COVER:
As part of the festivities for the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign kickoff held on campus, a luminary path guided guests across the Quadrangle. Photos of people clockwise from top right: guests at the Alumni and Friends Celebration in the Opelia Parrish Performance Hall; Walter Ryle (’54, ’56), on left, greeting James and Patricia (Harris) Severns (’66, ’87) beneath the balloon archway outside the Student Union Building; Randa Rawlins (’79) and Steve Rose (’69); Larry Moore (’67); Greg Gerhardt (’79); and Chuck Foudree (’66). See story on page 12.
Presidential Search Committee Names Paino as Finalist

Since April 2009, the Presidential Search Committee has been working diligently to identify the top applicants for the presidency of Truman State University. Darrell W. Krueger has been serving as president since Oct. 16, 2008, and on Dec. 21, 2009, the Committee announced its finalist for Truman’s next president: Troy D. Paino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Truman State University.

Following a national search, the Committee—composed of 15 members of the University community representing faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the Board of Governors—narrowed the pool of 66 applicants to five. Next, the Committee performed due diligence checks including phone reference and other background information checks and conducted interviews. Among the five candidates, Paino and one other applicant stood out above all the rest. The Committee invited both candidates for on-campus interviews, and Paino accepted the Committee’s invitation.

The Committee’s announcement on Dec. 21 noted that Paino has provided strong evidence that he has the leadership experience and knowledge to continue Truman’s development as a nationally recognized public liberal arts university. In January, the Committee plans to host a series of on-campus meetings and forums in order for the University community to have an opportunity to interact with Paino.

Members of the Presidential Search Committee include: Chair Kenneth L. Read ('73), Board of Governors; Jim Cherrington ('85), Alumni Association Board; Cheryl J. Cozette, Board of Governors; Julia DeLancey, professor of art; Peter T. Ewell, Board of Governors; James Guffey, Faculty Senate president/professor of mathematics; Karen Haber, Board of Governors; John Hilton ('02), Board of Governors; Matthew W. Potter ('96), Board of Governors; John W. Siscel, III, Board of Governors; Cody Sumter, Board of Governors student representative; Mark S. Wasinger, Board of Governors; Janice Weddle ('05, '06), Staff Council member; and Chuck Woods ('86), former president of the Truman State University Foundation Board.

For more information visit http://governors.truman.edu/presidentialsearchcommittee.asp.

Student Success Center Offers Variety of Academic Resources

Truman now provides another support system for the academic success of its students. The Student Success Center, located in Kirk Building, offers a variety of programs and services to help develop students’ individual learning and classroom performance. A multi-faceted peer academic support program, the center provides individual and group tutoring, supplemental instruction, peer mentoring, study skills workshops, academic workshops and weekly podcasts.

The center opened in fall 2009, and its 45 student workers provide tutoring. The University hired Todd Phillips, director of the Student Success Center, in 2008 to begin laying the foundation for the center and its programs.

“One of the things that Truman figured out was that—since this is a highly selective university—the majority of people who come to Truman have never struggled academically,” Phillips said, explaining the reason for having a success center at Truman. “When [Truman students] start to struggle, it’s a big deal,” he said. “They’re motivated, they want to do well, and so they’re willing to do what it takes.”

Phillips said the center helps students with a variety of academic needs. “Some people are here because they’re trying to survive in a class that they’re in. Other people are here because they’re surviving, but they want to succeed and they want to do well, and other people, they come in here because they don’t want to just do well, they want to be the best,” Phillips added.

Victor Adimoraegbu, Truman junior and Student Success tutor, said he enjoys interacting with other students and engaging with course material. “It’s a win-win situation when it comes to tutoring because you not only help someone know it better, but you also know it better yourself,” Adimoraegbu said.

Phillips said he hopes the Success Center, though still in its beginning phases, can continue to evolve to accommodate the needs of the Truman community.

For more information, visit http://successcenter.truman.edu/.

—Jesslyn Tenhouse
Once again, U.S. News & World Report’s “America's Best Colleges” has recognized Truman as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region–Master's Category. Truman has received this No. 1 recognition for the past 13 years. The latest report also ranked Truman eighth overall in the Best Universities-Master's Category, for the Midwest Region, among both private and public institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs.

The annual guide also rated Truman as No. 1 in the Midwest Region for “Strong Commitment to Teaching,” which is based on surveys that identify schools where the faculty have an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.

On the list of “Top Up-and-Coming Schools,” Truman was ranked as the No. 4 school in the Midwest Region for recently making “the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities.”

In another section called “Great Schools, Great Prices,” Truman was listed as No. 13, and the University’s Undergraduate Research Program was highlighted in “Programs to Look For,” a section which lists schools that have examples of outstanding academic programs that are commonly linked to student success.

An Early Glimpse of College Life

Some middle-school students got a taste of the collegiate experience when they spent a day on campus for the “Knowledge is Power” program on Oct. 19. The new program is designed to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds in realizing college is an option and to provide them with the tools and support in discovering the best option for the individual.

Wendy Miner, chair of the Department of Education, along with Darl Davis, director of the Regional Professional Development Center, applied for and received a Faculty Academic Initiative Grant through the Provost’s Office to support the “Knowledge is Power” initiative. The program, which focuses on the promotion of higher education within the Milan and Green City, Mo., school districts, is directed specifically toward seventh-grade students.

“We would love to see them come to Truman, but if they don’t, that’s fine. The program will still be successful,” said Davis. “You see so many students with so much potential, but because of home or economic situations, they never go ahead and take advantage of continuing education.”

Around 70 middle-school students participated in the program, which included a tour of campus, a chance to shadow current Truman students, and lunch in one of the on-campus dining halls. The middle-school students also had the opportunity to visit the University Farm, the Herpetology Museum, the ROTC Office, a theatre class and the radio station.

—Alex Boles

Three of Truman’s academic leaders who were selected to serve in newly created dean positions assumed their new roles on July 1.

• Douglas Davenport is founding dean of the School of Social and Cultural Studies. He has been with the University since 1995. In addition to serving as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 2007, Davenport served as the interim dean of the Division of Social Science from 2005-2007. He was a professor of justice systems and has served in that department throughout his tenure at Truman.

• Jon Gering is the founding dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics. Gering came to Truman in 2001 as a visiting assistant professor in biology. In 2003 he became an assistant professor and three years later was an associate professor of biology. In 2008 he was named the Biology Department chair.

• Priscilla Riggle (’87, ’88) is the founding dean of the School of Arts and Letters. A Truman alumna, Riggle returned to Truman in 1995 as a member of the English Department and had been chair of the English and Linguistics Department since 2007.
This summer, Truman State University's new incubator for innovative and entrepreneurial learning experiences, the Truman Institute, will offer the first "Taste of Truman," the weekend of June 11-13, 2010. The program invites adult learners to become college students again! Alumni, teachers seeking professional development, and members of the local community are all invited to enroll.

For only $125 students will have the opportunity to enroll in four 90-minute sessions by Truman's top faculty, along with one extended course offering a deeper learning experience over two days. Lectures and workshops will be punctuated by fun group activities, entertainment, and meals sponsored by University offices.

“Taste of Truman" is an opportunity for college students, faculty, and staff to experience campus life and culture, and for adult learners to learn from and engage with faculty and students. The program will feature lectures and workshops presented by Truman's top faculty, along with one extended course offering a deeper learning experience over two days. Lectures and workshops will be punctuated by fun group activities, entertainment, and meals sponsored by University offices.

While the initial inspiration of the program was alumni outreach, the Taste of Truman is open to any interested adult, not just Truman alumni. Local residents are welcome to commute.

Special housing rates will be arranged at local hotels, but participants will also have the option of recapturing the full college experience by staying in Truman's new West Campus Suites for an additional fee.

Minch noted humorously, “Hopefully we won’t need to hire SAs to keep the partying under control!”

Lectures will focus on unique topics ranging from current events to lesser-known aspects of the arts and sciences, including such concepts as ancient Egyptian burial customs, issues in environmental studies and sustainability, the chemistry of art, public health policies, and how the celebration of Christmas has shaped our culture and economy. Extended course options will include opportunities for more hands-on exploration and discussion of topics such as great films or the intersection of philosophy and human movement.

“We’re really encouraging faculty to think outside of the box with these courses, to give the great lectures they’ve always wanted to give, but haven’t necessarily been able to fit into the normal curriculum or class schedule,” Minch said. “Great ideas are still coming in, and we’ll have offerings to sustain several years of this program before it’s over. What’s more, nobody has to worry about tests or grades. It’s all about sharing, discussing, and learning in a relaxed environment.”

Early registration for the program ($125) will become available on February 1 and will continue through May 15. Late registration at the rate of $175 will be available until May 29. Fees are non-refundable after May 29.

For more information, or to register online, visit the Truman Institute Web site at http://institute.truman.edu and select the link for A Taste of Truman. To request a brochure and paper registration form, contact the Truman Institute at (660) 785-5384 or e-mail Jana Morton at jmorton@truman.edu.
McCall Named Truman’s First Rhodes Scholar

Andrew McCall has been named a Rhodes scholar, placing him in a distinct group, and making him the first Truman student to be so honored. A senior philosophy and religion major from St. Louis, McCall was among the 32 recipients. Created in 1902, the Rhodes scholarship covers all expenses of two to three years of study at Oxford University in England.

“I like to think that it is a way for me to thank my professors for the incredible growth they’ve guided me through while I’ve been here,” McCall said. “Through me, the Rhodes Trust is acknowledging the great teaching that goes on at Truman.”

Captain of the swimming team, McCall is five-time Division II All-American in swimming and a violinist in the University Symphony. He said he was encouraged to apply by Patricia Burton, professor of philosophy. “It seemed like the only avenue into graduate school that would acknowledge, and in fact reward, the amount of time I have invested in sports and music,” McCall said.

After submitting his application in September, McCall heard nothing from the selection committee until November. He was invited to a reception dinner and series of interviews the weekend of Nov. 20. After his third interview Nov. 21 he learned he had been selected. “By that point my nerves were exhausted, and I felt nothing but relief,” he said.

McCall plans to read for the bachelor of philosophy, roughly the equivalent to a master’s program at any other school, beginning in the fall of 2010. After two years at Oxford, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. somewhere and ultimately teach philosophy at a university.

While McCall may be the first Truman Rhodes scholar, he said he encourages others to apply in the future. “It’s a great opportunity, and there’s no reason Truman students shouldn’t take advantage of it,” he said.

A Bird’s Eye View

Recent construction projects on campus included repairs that were made to Kirk Memorial. In this photo, a worker can be seen standing on the roof just to the right of the cupola. The weathervane on top of the cupola of this campus landmark was welded in place to permanently point to the northeast to symbolize the University’s history when the name was changed from Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State University.

Cultural History of the Federal Writers’ Project

In September, the Kansas City Public Library welcomed Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history, for a discussion called “Portrait of America: A Cultural History of the Federal Writers’ Project,” examining the lasting value derived from this government program.

As a leading cultural component of the New Deal program of political and economic reform, the FWP writers seized their opportunity to conduct a nationwide study of American identity—condensed into detailed guides to every state as well as oral history compilations. The project brought working class artists operating on a grassroots level together with white-collar administrative intellectuals in Washington, D.C.

Director Henry Alsberg sought to redefine American culture by embracing its diversity, therefore his staff considered the challenges of creating literature in a new urban-industrialized world. He thought that by introducing America to Americans, the FWP could celebrate diversity and promote national unity.

Hirsch’s specialty includes 20th century American intellectual and cultural history. He is author of the book Portrait of America: A Cultural History of the Federal Writers’ Project.
Science and Mathematics Faculty Awarded More Than $2 Million in Grants

Faculty members in the School of Science and Mathematics received more than $2 million in grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Binational Science Foundation (BSF) to purchase equipment, provide students with scholarships, promote curricular innovations and conduct research on topics ranging from ectoparasite biology to mathematical biology.

Timothy Walston, Zhong (John) Ma, Brent Buckner, Diane Janick-Buckner and Jose Herrera received $196,304 for an NSF-MRI (Major Research Instrumentation) grant entitled, “Acquisition of Confocal Microscopy Instrumentation to Enhance Undergraduate Research at Truman State University.” This grant will fund the purchase of a confocal microscope that will be placed in Truman’s Integrated Microscopy Suite. Students and faculty members of A.T. Still University and Truman will use the microscope to study cellular process in living organisms.

Laura Fielden received $120,000 from the BSF (U.S.-Israel) for a proposal entitled, “Between-host phylogenetic distance and host selection in fleas.” The U.S.-Israel BSF promotes scientific relations between the U.S. and Israel by supporting collaborative research projects between Israel and U.S.-based researchers. This collaborative grant with faculty members at Ben Gurion University (Israel) will provide summer research opportunities in Israel for undergraduate and graduate students for up to four years.

Jason Miller, Barbara Kramer and Timothy Walston received $1.2 million for an NSF-PRISM (Proactive Recruitment in Science and Mathematics) proposal entitled, “Scientists Prepared, Enriched, and Challenged Through Research-based Activities (SPECTRA).” The NSF-SPECTRA program is a five-year initiative to serve regional and national needs by increasing Truman’s capacity to recruit students to the study of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and to support those pursuing STEM baccalaureate degrees. The majority of the funds will be directed toward student scholarships, but the program also features the development of an integrative freshman seminar and three new integrative, inquiry-based courses spanning biology, chemistry and mathematics.

Pamela Ryan, Brent Buckner, Jason Miller and Jon Gering received $500,000 for an NSF-UBM (Interdisciplinary Training for Undergraduates in Biological and Mathematical Sciences) proposal entitled, “Integrative Research-focused Experiences and Curriculum in Mathematical Biology.” This five-year grant provides funding for interdisciplinary research-focused learning communities and module and workshop development to support the integration of mathematics in the biology curriculum.

Class Project Produces Bulldog Bistro Cookbook

The capstone for the agricultural science major, a two-semester course called Agriculture Practicum I and II, fosters a practical approach to agriculture. Consequently, the class has created some innovative learning experiences such as a business that produced a unique cookbook.

Students in the course form teams which either create a mini-business to produce and market a product or service, or they undertake a collaborative research project. One of these student projects involved the design and marketing of a cookbook aptly titled Bulldog Bistro, which is a collection of 100 unique recipes submitted by Truman students, staff and faculty.

The course is designed to foster skills and attitudes of collaboration and problem-solving among senior students, as well as provide them an opportunity and motivation to apply the knowledge gained from all of their coursework in their major, as well as the liberal studies program. In addition to the Bulldog Bistro cookbook, some of the projects carried out by students in the class have included agriculture products, publications and research.

The Bulldog Bistro cookbook is for sale for $10 (plus $3 shipping). To place an order, e-mail mredmon@truman.edu.
Preserving the Oral History of the Homeplace

WRITING CAN TAKE YEARS TO DEVELOP, and Katie (Jennings) Kerr ('09) has already built up an impressive list of publication credits, many of which record the oral history of growing up on the family farm in southeast Missouri. As she has grown as a writer, Kerr has discovered she can improve her craft by studying and imitating the literary styles and techniques of other authors. Most recently, she has drawn on the works of three authors—Bailey White, James Galvin and Tim O'Brien—to develop strengths in her own writing.

Studying the work of White, who wrote about her experiences in a small southern town, Kerr was impressed with the way White simply let the characters present themselves without a great deal of editorial comment. “I strove to do that in my pieces, which proved to be more challenging than I initially expected it would be,” says Kerr. “Galvin also writes about hard-working people, albeit in the West rather than the South, and I tried to imitate his style of presenting factual information in a respectful, even reverent way.”

“O’Brien’s careful attention to detail and his ability to find meaning in the smallest of events while glossing over more prominent ones was my primary inspiration, as I strove to use small details to present these characters as White and Galvin would: as themselves,” says Kerr.

Adding to the style repertoire for her poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction has also enhanced Kerr’s ability to present the area that she holds so dear. “The oral history surrounding our farm and our neighbors is very rich,” says Kerr. “And I find it very rewarding to record that history and share it with a broader audience.”

Goodbye at Harvest
By Katie (Jennings) Kerr ('09)

Across the deep rich green of soybeans, the cornstalk horizon, already brown blazes a sunset fire so pink that God must have painted it just for me.

In this journey to the car with you, the beauty of long shadows and pink sun and your hand in mine enters my soul with the urgency of the cornstalk before the header twisting and throwing up its hands as if to tell its neighbor that something big is coming.

Every year I watch from the cab as the combine inhales stalk after stalk of the twisting corn, and each is threshed before his message is delivered. And I never beg you to let me stay, here in the sunset with you and the corn, just mutely give you one last kiss start my car, wave cheerfully, and drive back to where they tell me I belong.

Behind me, the sun slides away, the pink a mere dusting now above the soybeans. And only the corn sees my tears.

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To read more poems and short stories by Katie (Jennings) Kerr, including All Along, Would Have, Dirt, Honor Guard, and Lik-Em-Stiks, go to http://alumni.truman.edu/trumanreview/winter09/Katie.asp.
Alanna Preussner, professor of English, has been a member of the Truman faculty since 1989. She received a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from University of Colorado, and did her postgraduate study at Brown University.

What was your background before coming to Truman:
After finishing my Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, I taught English and administered a large federal grant at Yankton College in South Dakota. Unfortunately, that little liberal arts school went bankrupt in the 1980s, and I was fortunate enough to find a position as director of programs for the Kansas Committee for the Humanities, the state humanities council. My work there included writing grant proposals, teaching folks from libraries and museums how to plan projects, running a speakers bureau, writing ad and promotional materials, and traveling to various sites to evaluate projects and promote the humanities. I was even a registered lobbyist, since we requested state funding for our speakers bureau.
Tell us a little bit about what you teach:
My specialty is in late 19th- and early 20th-century literature of Britain and America, but I’ve taught a wide variety of literature and writing courses here at Truman. I really enjoy working with students in LSP literature classes, such as surveys and special topics, and I also teach classes in American nature writers, regional literature (Southern, Western, and Midwestern), women writers, American romanticism, the World War I era, the fin de siècle in Britain and America, literary theory and mystery fiction.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy:
Understanding literature and writing clearly are foundational parts of a liberal arts education. My starting point is my deep love of reading and writing, and I try to show students that everyone, not just English majors, can approach even highly complex texts and make sense of them. I challenge students to take personal responsibility for their learning, relate their life experiences to interpretation and writing, participate fully in the community of scholars, and gain the confidence to speak and write with a uniquely personal voice.

What would people be surprised to learn about you:
They might be shocked that I used to ride motorcycles (during grad school, before I could afford a car) and that I have a 1970 MG Midget moldering in my garage. It’s my first car, and I can’t bear to part with it.

What is the nicest thing someone has said to you:
You’re a loyal friend.

What books do you like to recommend:
Some of my favorites are underappreciated, and I’m happy to promote them: Harold Frederic’s *The Damnation of Theron Ware*, Harold Melville’s *The Confidence-Man*, and Agnes Smedley’s *Daughter of Earth*. I constantly tell people to read Emily Dickinson, H.D. Thoreau, George Eliot, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Walt Whitman and William Shakespeare, along with an eclectic mix of other works: Edward Abbey’s *Desert Solitaire*, Leslie Marmon Silko’s *Ceremony*, Jane Smiley’s *Moo* (one of the funniest books I’ve ever read), Oscar Wilde’s plays, classic mystery fiction, and whatever my husband and sister-in-law get for me. Asking an English teacher to make a short list of favorite books is impossible!

What do you do when you’re not working:
When I have time, I love to cook (not just to turn out meals) and to entertain our family and friends. Travel is a major focus as well: my husband and I have taught in the Missouri London program, spent a week in Japan, and voyaged around the U.S. a good bit too. Our annual spring break trip to Staunton, Va., for a jam-packed schedule of play-going at the American Shakespeare Center is another highlight. My other pastimes include reading, watching old movies, gardening, antiquing and making believe that I can fix the plumbing in our 1925 house.

If you weren’t teaching, what would you be doing:
I would probably work for a nonprofit agency as a grantwriter, take the training to become a floral arranger, or re-invent myself as an events planner or personal chef.
Students take a road trip to the famous Lowell Observatory in Arizona to conduct astronomical research.

By Keriann Collins

On Tuesday of Finals Week last December, I finished the last of the exams I had crowded into two days’ span of time and rushed home to pack with a heavy snow falling. Ironically, although a linguistics major, my first research trip of any kind had nothing to do with linguistics. We were headed for Flagstaff, Ariz., to carry out astronomical research at Lowell Observatory. But the weather had other plans, and Kirksville – the land of snow and ice – was soon blanketed, delaying our start until the following day.
An independently wealthy amateur astronomer, Percival Lowell founded Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., in 1894. Lowell painstakingly searched for the ideal spot in the United States to study the stars, finally settling on a mountaintop near Flagstaff. Among its other claims to fame, Pluto was discovered at Lowell Observatory, some years after Lowell’s death. And here, undergraduate institutions that belong to the National Undergraduate Research Observatory, as Truman does, are allotted up to 10 nights each year of telescope time to conduct their own research.

Associate Professor of Physics Matthew Beaky, Nick Wilsey, Tom Hogan, Cody Sumter, and I set out from Kirksville at seven o’clock on Wednesday morning in a frigid but clear dawn. We drove into Flagstaff after some 22 hours of driving, at 5 a.m. Thursday morning. Relieved at the thought of bed and a few hours sleep, we waited as Dr. Beaky searched the designated location for the key to the dormitory. It wasn’t there. Twice more he checked various spots, to no avail. So for a few hours we snoozed in the chilly van, until well after day had dawned on the mountain.

In this way, on waking I first saw something of Arizona. The area before me was mountainous and cool, the morning sun trickling through the pines. We were eventually rescued, though, and entered the observatory-turned-dormitory. Late in the afternoon, after naps and showers, we prepared to descend upon the town from the mountain with a hunger mighty enough to strike terror into any heart.

Around five o’clock that evening, we reached the Anderson Mesa campus of Lowell Observatory, well-fed and ready for work. The 31-inch reflecting telescope we used for our research was a beauty, many times taller than me. The “warm room” was nice, too; it was in fact a house. I regarded the computers with awe and some trepidation.

We were soon settled in, waiting for night. Tom and Cody kicked off the evening, renewing their quest for binary stars with delta Scuti (i.e. pulsating) components, while Nick and I followed up. Nick’s project, to which I was assigned in a data-gathering capacity, involved a detailed look at the O’Connell effect in binary star systems, an asymmetry in the maxima of the light curve which occurs in a large percentage of eclipsing binary stars (and nobody knows why).

So the process went, for three nights. We slept during the day, grabbed some food, then headed off to Anderson Mesa before dark. Two nights out of the three, the weather would simply not cooperate. We contended with clouds, humidity, and, finally, even snow. Even though Lowell chose his location with such care, it can snow in Arizona in December. After all, the astronomer really is ever subject to the whims of weather. Between the four of us, though, we managed to collect some data before the long drive back to Missouri.

We had a rather badly matched snowball skirmish as we loaded up to leave. After four nights of total sleep reversal, we returned to Kirksville arriving on Monday. By then, all of us had recovered some of that original enthusiasm for our projects. And when anyone during the break asked how Finals Week was, I’d say, “Great!”
Goals for Campaign Priorities:
$7.5 million for scholarships
$7.5 million for student enrichment/academic program support
$2 million for faculty support
$3 million for athletics
$10 million for legacy gifts (deferred)

Total raised as of Dec. 21, 2009: $19.1 million
Total goal: $30 million
Truman launches the public phase of a $30 million campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the University's history.
A purple-and-white balloon archway created a grand entrance to the Student Union Building (SUB) signaling something big was happening on campus during Homecoming 2009. The sight of Truman’s very own Jazz Trio performing just outside the SUB confirmed that this must indeed be a momentous occasion. These special touches were all part of the fanfare that marked the public launch of the University’s biggest fundraising campaign. More than 350 attendees joined in on the official kickoff celebration announcing the public phase of the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign, the University’s first comprehensive campaign.

With a strategic plan that sets forth a vision of becoming the premier liberal arts and sciences university in the nation, Truman State University has set the bar high once again. However, as a public institution with limited resources and steadily decreasing state support, additional resource development is needed to help Truman reach this lofty goal. The University’s budget is comprised of funding from the state of Missouri, student tuition, and private gifts, and over the past decade, the state funding has dwindled from 75 percent to less than 50 percent – a downward trend that is likely to continue.

Embracing the responsibility to raise more private funding, the University has launched the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign with the goal of raising $30 million. “This campaign is important to Truman’s future and will help provide the margin of excellence resources that only private gifts can achieve,” said University President Darrell W. Krueger.

**Strategic Investments**

The $30 million fundraising effort began to take shape in 2005 starting with a collaborative planning process to determine the top fundraising priorities for the campaign. Based on input from campus faculty and staff, as well as key University stakeholders, the priorities selected for the campaign include $7.5 million for scholarships, $7.5 million for student enrichment and academic program support, $2 million for faculty support, $3 million for athletics, and $10 million for legacy gifts.

In July of 2006, the Office of Advancement began building support for these priorities through the campaign’s quiet phase, and over the last three years, the campaign has attracted a number of supporters who have made significant gifts. The largest gift to date is a $2.87 million cash gift from the Holman family for study-abroad stipends, distinguished speaker series and graduate scholarships. Squire Paul Holman was a custodian for the college’s facilities for 17 years, and during that time, he and his wife, Meeda, made an immeasurable difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff. The Holman family gift is the second-largest gift in the University’s history; the largest gift came from the late Linden Lyle Ingraham, a successful banker who left Truman a $3.44 million gift through his estate.

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$500,000 Gift from Greg Gerhardt to Support Undergraduate Research

Greg A. Gerhardt, one of the nation’s foremost researchers on Parkinson’s disease, continues to make his mark on Truman State University by giving back to his alma mater. Noting his appreciation for the preparation he received at Truman, Gerhardt recently made a generous gift commitment to boost the undergraduate research experience for Truman students. Gerhardt’s multi-year pledge of $500,000 will fund the Greg A. Gerhardt Summer Science Research Fellowship for Excellence.

Truman prides itself on the research opportunities available to its undergraduates, and the fellowship established by Gerhardt will augment summer research projects for undergraduate science students. Designed to perpetuate a tradition of engaged student-faculty undergraduate research, the endowed fund will support investigative, creative, and scholarly activities designed to advance the knowledge and understanding of targeted science projects.

A 1979 alumnus, Gerhardt received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Truman magna cum laude, and he was honored as Truman’s 2009 Alumnus of the Year. Inspired by the mentoring and encouragement he received from Truman professors such as Dr. Kenneth Fountain and Dr. Russell Baughman, Gerhardt decided to give back to his alma mater. Last year, he made a major investment in the University with a $1 million gift commitment through his estate to create the Greg A. and Paulette C. Danielle-Gerhardt Endowed Professorship dedicated in memory of his late wife, Paulette.

Gerhardt resides in Nicholasville, Ky., and is a professor in the Departments of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Neurology, Psychiatry and Electrical Engineering at the University of Kentucky. Since 1999, he has served as director of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson’s Disease Research Center of Excellence at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, Lexington, Ky., and he is the director of the Center for Microelectrode Technology.
Making It Official

The first official announcement heralding the launch of the public phase of the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign took place at a press conference on Oct. 9, 2009, during Homecoming weekend. Then the energy began to build in anticipation of the formal events taking place later that same day. Attendees mingled at a reception held in the Hub, the area in the SUB many alumni will remember as the Quiet Lounge, and then moved across the hall for an elegant banquet in the Georgian Room.

After dinner, the attendees followed a luminary path across the Quad that guided them to the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall for the most exciting part of the celebration.

Inside Truman’s newest performance hall in the University’s fine arts facility, Larry Moore, a 1967 Truman alumnus, and news anchor for KMBC-TV in Kansas City, Mo., served as master of ceremonies for the celebratory event which also included the Golden Alumni Ceremony, the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and recognition of Truman’s Homecoming honorees.

“All universities want the type of bright students who come to Truman so we are constantly in competition for faculty, curriculum, facilities and financial aid to lure those students to Truman,” said Foudree. He noted that endowments enable the University to better serve its students through financial aid and scholarships and also strengthen programs, people and facilities. “We have had an endowment fund for a number of years, and it has grown, but it’s still woefully inadequate,” said Foudree.

After the inaugural viewing of the campaign video, Steve Rose (’69), a State Farm Insurance agent from Potomac, Md., who serves as president of the Truman State University Foundation Board and member of the Campaign Steering Committee, moved the audience with a poetic speech in which he described Truman students as “creative scholars, enthusiastic, self-motivated, focused, thinkers, bright, diverse, ambitious, deserving...the best.”

Rose then rallied the crowd with a booming countdown as a curtain dropped to unveil the campaign total.

As of Dec. 21, 2009, gifts designated to the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign totaled $19,100,000, and over the next 18 months, alumni and friends will be hearing more about the campaign as the University makes a final push toward the $30 million goal. The University will be hosting regional campaign events around the country throughout 2010. For more information on the campaign, visit http://campaign.truman.edu.

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Steve Rose Makes $200,000 Gift to Inspire Performing Arts Students

Although his career path led to a rewarding career as a State Farm Insurance agent, Steve Rose’s affinity for the theatre has never diminished. A staunch supporter of his alma mater, Rose recently made a $200,000 gift commitment to Truman State University’s “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign to establish the Steve Rose Endowed Performing Arts Scholarship. The scholarship, which is designed to expand educational opportunities for Truman students interested in the performing arts, serves as a tribute to James G. Severns, one of Rose’s former professors.

A member of the Class of 1969, Rose received a bachelor of science in business administration with minors in psychology and theatre arts from Truman. After graduating, he began his career with State Farm as a claims representative and was appointed as a State Farm agent in 1972. Rose celebrated his 40th year with the company this year.

An actor at heart, Rose is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He resides in Potomac, Md., and has appeared in several motion pictures, television shows, and in commercials shot in the Washington/Baltimore area.

Rose currently serves as chair of the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors and is a member of the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” Campaign Steering Committee. Previously, he served on Truman’s Alumni Board of Directors, and he is a member of the President’s Circle and the John R. Kirk Society.

In 2006, Rose served as the Commencement speaker, and that same year, he was honored with the President’s Leadership Award, one of the University’s most prestigious awards. In 2003, he was recognized with Truman’s Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Rose’s most recent gift to Truman includes a $100,000 pledge payable over a period of five years and a $100,000 charitable gift annuity. The Steve Rose Endowed Performing Arts Scholarship fund will also be fortified with matching gifts from State Farm Insurance.
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As a career educator, the late Margaret (Richardson) Johnson understood the impact a first-class education can have on people, and the estate gift the 1944 alumna left to Truman State University expresses the appreciation she felt for her alma mater. Johnson was interested in having quality education for students, and it is appropriate that her unrestricted gift of approximately $125,000 will bolster the Truman Fund for Excellence; the fund supports activities designed to assist Truman in realizing its vision of becoming the nation’s premier liberal arts and sciences university.

BORN IN MENDON, MO., Johnson attended the University in the 1940s and was active in the Romance Languages Club, the Women’s Athletic Association, Modern Literature Club, Kappa Delta Pi, and Cardinal Key. She holds the distinction of being the first woman elected president of the Student Council. In 1944, Johnson graduated with a bachelor of science in education and later earned a master’s degree from Columbia University in New York.

The Generous Spirit of a Dedicated Teacher

SHE TAUGHT ENGLISH AND LITERATURE in public schools in Missouri, New Jersey, Oregon, and Michigan, and throughout her career, she was involved in professional organizations. She also held leadership positions in various teacher unions. Johnson died May 14, 2008, leaving a legacy gift to Truman through her estate plan.

GIFTS LIKE JOHNSON’S which support the Truman Fund for Excellence will make a difference in students’ lives in a number of ways. This versatile fund allows Truman to continue its commitment of meeting the scholarship needs of deserving students; renovate classrooms and laboratories to enhance student learning; and provide powerful learning experiences for students outside the classroom through cultural events and lectures, study abroad, internships, and service learning opportunities. The fund also helps ensure that Truman has the ability to attract and retain world-class faculty and meet many other essential needs that make the Truman experience possible.

Regional Campaign Events

Truman State University will be hosting regional campaign events across the country throughout 2010, and all alumni and friends are invited to attend.

ARIZONA: January 16
DALLAS: January 30
FLORIDA: February 20
MID-ATLANTIC: March 13
IOWA: March 27
MID-MISSOURI: April 24
CHICAGO: May 22
KANSAS CITY: June 12
COLORADO: June 26
ST. LOUIS: July 10
NORTHEAST MISSOURI: July 31

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More details on these upcoming events will be posted on the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign Web site at http://campaign.truman.edu or you can contact the Office of Advancement for more information by calling (800) 452-6678 or (660) 785-4133.
Aileen (Kettelkamp) Bybee ('45) lives in Onalaska, Texas.

Leanna (Moore) Pietzsch ('57) lives in Tempe, Ariz. She and her husband, Walter, have a son, Michael, and a daughter, Rebecca. E-mail walterpietzsch@yahoo.com.

Eldon Banks ('48) lives in Albuquerque, N.M., and has two daughters, Luann and Anita.

Mildred Wadsworth ('50) resides in Worthington, Ind.

Marlin Field ('51) and his wife, Lois, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 2008, at their home in Hillsdale, Mich. Marlin, who graduated from the University at the top of his class, was a school librarian at Waldron and Hillsdale Schools before retiring. Before that, he taught political science at Lake Michigan College, where he was also chair of the Department of Social Science as well as director of the summer college. They have a daughter, Marla, and two sons, Gary and Kenneth, and six grandchildren.

Warren Dennis ('57), Tempe, Ariz., is director of music for Temple First United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Kirk and Patrick, and one daughter, Shannon. E-mail chw-hxda2@cox.net.

Hugh Ward ('57) is retired and lives in Holden, Mo. He and his wife, Norma, have five children, 21 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. E-mail haw@knoxy.net.

Larry Dixon ('59) and Sandra (Swank) Dixon ('61) are retired and live in Bloomfield, Iowa. They have a daughter, Rhonda, and two sons, Kevin and Randy. E-mail sdxion@mchsi.com.

Bob Riese ('59), Fallbrook, Calif., has entered his 51st year in the field of public education and is an administrator for special education programs in southern California serving students with exceptional needs, ranging in age from three to 22 years. Bob says, “The field of special education has brought me many challenges in my career, but many more rewards. My wife, Joan, and I have three children, Rob, Jeff and Jennifer. We also have three young grandchildren who keep us very busy and on the go.” E-mail rriese@rcoe.us.

Patricia (Aldershof) Wolfe ('60), Sheridan, Wy., is a transcriptionist for Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She has a daughter, Melinda, and a son, James. E-mail pwolfe@fiberpipe.net.

Arthur Yocum ('61, '94) resides in Alamo, Texas.

Walter Chase ('63) lives in Clearwater Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Judy, have a son, Christian, and a daughter, Cari. E-mail wchase@msm.com.

Elmer Gaug Jr. ('63), Meadville, Mo., teaches at Brayer C-A School. He and his wife, Martha Ann (Groves) Gaug ('85), have two daughters, Mary Ann and Ruth, and a son, John. E-mail elmermgaug@hotmail.com.

Janet (Ewing) Hopp ('63) Republic, Mo., is a retired special ed teacher. She and her husband, Donald Hopp ('64), have two daughters, Eva and Amanda, and two grandchildren.

George Wilkening ('63), Newton, Iowa, retired from teaching science at Newton Community Schools. He has a son, Craig, and a daughter, Dianna. E-mail gwilk@iowatelecom.net.

Kenneth Costa ('64), Castro Valley, Calif., is a retired first grade teacher. E-mail ken_costa@sbcounty.net.

Rick George ('64, '67), Atlanta, Ga., retired in 2003 after a 40-year career in music education and arts administration. He served as high school band director in Princeton and St. Charles, Mo.; college band director at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.; assistant director, Missouri Council for the Arts; performing arts director, South Carolina Arts Commission; executive director, South Carolina Arts Commission; executive director, Southern Arts Federation; and director of grant programs, Georgia Council for the Arts. E-mail rageorge@mindspring.com.

T. Christian Southerling ('65), Philadelphia, Pa., is an attorney/educator. He has a daughter, Laura, and a son, Sebastian. E-mail c.southerling@myway.com.

Eric Miller ('65, '66), Warren, Mich., retired as director of music for Hazel Park Schools. Eric says, “I enjoyed my educational training at Kirkville (now Truman State University).”

Sharron (Bailey) Quisenberry ('66) and Larry Quisenberry ('66, '75) live in Ames, Iowa. Sharron is vice president for research and economic development at Iowa State University. Larry is a program coordinator at Iowa State University.

Birney Belfield ('67), La Plata, Mo., has been the owner of Belfield Insurance and Real Estate for 43 years. He and his wife, Shin, have a son Jarrett, and a daughter, Kimberly.

Richard Bryant ('67), Keokuk, Iowa, is a retired chemistry and physics teacher. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children, Ricky, Ginny, Barby and Bobby, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Phil DiRuccio ('67), Mount Kisco, N.Y., retired from Irvington, N.Y., Public Schools after 33 years and has done four interim

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We cannot print anticipated weddings and babies, but please let us know when your plans become a reality so we can share your announcement in Class Notes.

In memoriam

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athletic directorships since 2000. He continues to officiate high school basketball and baseball and spends as much time as possible on Hilton Head Island and traveling. He and his wife, Lucille, have three children, Celeste, Marcenie, and Marco, and Phil says, “Lucille and I are thoroughly enjoying our three grandchildren, Dylan, Marley, and Jake.”

Ronald Snyder (’67) lives in Burlington, Iowa. He and his wife, Marsha, have two daughters and one son. E-mail snydersrc@hotmail.com.

June (Degeneff) Mueller (’68), Georgetown, Texas, retired as clinical associate professor of nursing at Walsh University. She and her husband, Thomas, have two sons, Michael and James. E-mail muellerjt203@gmail.com.

John Pratt (’68), Urbana, Ill., retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction Research Lab in September 2000. He restores 1928-31 Model A Fords and other antique vehicles and has increased his professional watercolor business. He also works with several local car clubs, volunteers his graphic arts talents to the Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul, Ill., and to the Chanute Air Force Base Alumni Association where he serves as publicity director. He and his wife, Patsy, have a motor home and travel frequently throughout the states. They have four children, Cathi, Michael, Darren and Marcy; and five grandchildren. E-mail jpratt309@comcast.com.

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Gary Hollenberg (’69, ’71), Nevada, Mo., retired from teaching at Nevada R-5 Schools. He is an adjunct instructor of philosophy and world religion at Crowder College-Moss Center, and technical director, Read Aloud Read programs for kids and By the Fireside Video Productions. He is also ordained in the United Church of Christ. He and his wife, Angela, have three daughters, Amy, Lindsay and Auna. E-mail angela_gary@sbglobal.net.

Karen (Longwith) Nicodemus (’69) and Bill Nicodemus (’69) live in Bergenfield, N.J. Karen is a literacy counselor for Dumont N.J. Board of Education. Bill retired from Con Edison, NYC. They have a son, Ted, and a daughter, Amy. E-mail kwnicodemus@verizon.net.

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Art James (’70 ’72), Hemet, Calif., retired in June 2008 after teaching math at Hemet Unified School District for 38 years. Since 1992, he has been teaching math part-time at Mt. San Jacinto Jr. College. He and his wife, Kristin, have two daughters, Heather and Jocelyn. E-mail ajames@teacher.com.

Michael Jones (’70 , ’75), Sun Prairie, Wis., is an outreach specialist with University of Wisconsin-Extension. He and his wife, Milly, have four children, Christopher, Kate, Kara and Kriss, E-mail MLJones@mac.com.

Carolyn (Blake) Lund (’70), Johnston, Iowa, is a retired juvenile probation officer. E-mail jlund515@gmail.com.

Billey (Clough) Reilly (’70) retired from Missouri state employment in 2000 after 27 years of service and relocated to Prescott Valley, Ariz. She says, “Retirement is wonderful.” E-mail rell@cableone.net.

Elizabeth (Taylor) Sauer (’70) and Patrick Sauer (’76) live in Kansas City, Mo. Elizabeth is a part-time community education technology instructor for North Kansas City Schools, and Patrick is retired. They have a son, Christopher, and four grandchildren. E-mail esauer1@yahoo.com.

Bobbretta (Elliston) Brewton (’71), Des Moines, Iowa, is a development director with Primary Health Care Inc. She and her husband, Cecil, have a daughter, Ayana. E-mail bmbrew@aol.com.

B. Kathy (Owen) Brown (’72) is a retired RN and lives in Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

John Creighton (’72) retired in June 2007 as deputy director, United States Army Counterintelligence Center. He resides in Maryland.

Ann Garrett (’72), Encinitas, Calif., is an account executive with Sun Microsystems. She has two sons, Michael Struttmann and Matthew Struttmann. E-mail ann.garrett@sun.com.

Stephen Vaughn (’72 , ’73) and Theresa (Chacey) Vaughn (’73) live in Paw Paw, Mich. Stephen is a guidance counselor for Lawrence Public Schools. Theresa is a pianist for First Presbyterian Church. They have a son, Wesley. E-mail steveandterryvaughn@netzero.com.

David Behle (’73, ’84), St. Charles, Mo., is an English instructor at Harris-Stowe State University. He and his wife, Bettye, have five children, Stephanie, Rachel, April, Beth and Ethan. E-mail dbehle@mail.win.org.

Alfred Fulton (’73), Elgin, Ill., retired in June 2006 as principal of Larsen Middle School/School District U-46. He says, “Would like to hear from some of my Bulldog alumni.” He has a daughter, Samantha. E-mail AFulton101@comcast.net.

Riad Mohamed Said Yousef Marei (’73), Amman, Jordan, says, “I would like to get in touch with nice, old friends wherever they are.” E-mail omarei@yahoo.com.

Linda (Camden) Moore (’73), Brashear, Mo., retired from Hollister Inc. after 33 years. Her hobbies are raising and showing AKC Shetland Sheepdogs and flower gardening. She and her husband, John, have a daughter, Kelly (’05), and a son, Kale. E-mail adair11marketwain.net.

Johanna Johnson (’74 , ’75 , ’78), Moline, Ill., is an elementary counselor for East Moline School District #37. She has a daughter, Christina, and a son, Isaac. E-mail jjojohnson@emsd37.org.

Patty Ann Byrum (’75) is a writer/artist living in Santa Fe, N.M., where she volunteers for the Santa Fe Farmers Market. She has been a volunteer in the news room of KSFR, Santa Fe Public Radio, and has written for the Albuquerque Journal and the New Mexico Free Press. Her acrylic paintings have been exhibited at several sites within the city of Santa Fe.

Janice (Wall) Fedanzo (’75), Hoffman Estates, Ill., is an assistant property manager for Home Properties. She and her husband, Michael, have a daughter, Lauren, and a son, Brian. E-mail Janc807@aol.com.

Doris (Rigel) Sickles (’75), Lawrenceville, Ga., is a project administrator for PKF North American Network. She and her husband, Mark, have a son, Braden, and a daughter, Taryn.

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Ron McKenzie (’76) and Linda (Hulse) McKenzie live in Wildwood, Mo. Ron retired from the United States Secret Service after a 26-year career as a senior special agent and is director of security and investigations for Western Union.

Barbara (Alexander) Puskar (’76), Cypress, Texas, is a controller for Legend Classic Homes Ltd. She has three children, Joshua, Jessica and Jordan and says, “My children are working or attending college in Texas; I really tried to get them to leave the Lone Star State for Truman, but to no avail! I lost my husband of 25 years to cancer in 2005, but the children and I are moving forward with our lives as I know he would have wanted. I very fondly remember my time as a student and an employee of Truman. Definitely some of the best times of my life!” E-mail puskarb@hotmail.com.
Donna (Amison) Stevens ('76) lives in Kolbu, Norway, and this is the 30th anniversary of their move to Scandinavia. She is an editor with Cyberbook A5 and also works as a freelance copy-editor, designing research articles and other written materials for social scientists. She and her husband, Charles, have two children, David and Lisalee.

Frances (Bergmeier) Barber ('79) and Max Lytle (Scott) Holman ('81), have two daughters, Amanda and Abby.

Donna (Conoyer) Hudson ('81), is a rehabilitation specialist for The Boeing Company.

Robert Stout ('81) and Linda Stout live in Brisbane, Calif. Robert is vice president of finance at Walmart.com. They have a daughter, Ashley. E-mail BobS3717@comcast.net.

Tim Strawhun ('81), St. Louis, Mo., is an evidence officer for the City of Chesterfield. He and his wife, Mary, have two children, Jenna and Shannon.

Becky (Ferguson) Agatsuma ('82), Joetsu, Japan, is an English teacher at the Culture School and Able English School. She says, “I graduated from Truman in 1982 and now my daughter is a student there…She’s doing great and when she tells me about things, I can really relate because I was there.” Becky and her husband, Toshihiro, have three children, Kana, Ken and Dan. E-mail agtoshibecky@joy.hi-ho.ne.jp.

Lisa (Ryals) May ('82), Nixa, Mo., received her doctorate from Lindenwood University in 2009 and is the secondary principal for Hurley Schools. She has a son, Tyler. E-mail Lam1961@suddenlink.net.

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Thelma Jo Christy ('43) celebrated her 101st birthday on Aug. 12, 2009. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Kahoka, Mo., and also taught in Memphis, Mo., and Hazelwood, Mo. The article in StreetScape Magazine noted that aside from the crank-start Model T that her parents purchased, Graf named the television as her favorite invention. “The news was so much more exciting. It was so wonderful to get today’s happenings from somewhere else,” she is quoted as saying.

Josephine (Hume) Graf ('61) celebrated her 105th birthday in 2009 and was featured in the summer 2009 issue of StreetScape Magazine. A Missouri native, Graf earned a bachelor of science in education at the age of 49. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Kahoka, Mo., and also taught in Memphis, Mo., and Hazelwood, Mo. The article in StreetScape Magazine noted that aside from the crank-start Model T that her parents purchased, Graf named the television as her favorite invention. “The news was so much more exciting. It was so wonderful to get today’s happenings from somewhere else,” she is quoted as saying.
Brian Gardner ('84), Columbia, Mo., owns Columbia Cremation Care Center. He and his wife, Cynthia, have two children, Colin and Katherine. E-mail bgardner13@yahoo.com.

Diana Lin ('84), Cupertino, Calif., is a finance director for Crystal Choir. She and her husband, Michael Huang, have a daughter, Whitney. E-mail dianahnlin@gmail.com.

Jean (Hubert) Sterner ('84) and Van Sterner live in Hornick, Iowa. Jean is a dentist at the Siouxland District Health Department. Van is employed with the State of Iowa DNR. They have three children, Kirby, Grant and Shelby. E-mail vjsterner@gmail.com.

Lisa Winger ('84), Saranac Lake, N.Y., is a lieutenant with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She has a daughter, Margaret. E-mail lwinger3@aol.com.

Jim Cherrington ('85), Columbia, Mo., is the associate executive director of administrative programs/resources for the Missouri School Boards’ Association. He and his wife, Mindy, have five children, Mary, David, Margaret, Elizabeth and William.

Kari (Ditmars) Donahue ('85), Sellersburg, Ind., is a Web developer at University of Louisville, J.B. Speed School of Engineering.

Robert Mitchell ('85), Enumclaw, Wash., is a wireman for Seattle Light Company. E-mail rmitchell@tx3.net.

Alma Taylor ('85), Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a data tech specialist with Verizon Wireless. She is pursuing a Ph.D. at Middle Tennessee University. E-mail ab_taylor@msn.com.

Ron Dempsey ('86), Anchorage, Alaska, was appointed to the Interstate Compact for Supervision of Adult and Juvenile Offenders. He is a victim’s advocate for Victims for Justice.

Scott Ewing ('86), Columbia, Mo., is a sergeant with the Boone County Sheriff’s Department. E-mail moygus161@yahoo.com.

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Larry Tisdale ('86) is a chef instructor at Burlington County Institute of Technology in Medford, N.J. E-mail Ltsidale@bctcc.net.

Robert (Walker) Zimmer ('86) and Danny Zimmer ('86) have moved back to Kirkville, Mo. Roberta is semi-retired and is teaching two days a week.

John Babrick ('87), Shelbyville, Mich., is an embedded software engineer at Donner Works. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children, Madeleine and Lorelei.

Dawn (Riedemann) Castillo ('87), Lothian, Md., has two children, Steven and Jaclyn. E-mail chooverle1@yahoo.com.

Amy Graham ('87), Ferndale, Mich., is a property master/art director and owner of Graham Dezin Group. E-mail AmyDezin@mac.com.

John Harlan ('87), St. Louis, Mo., is a security officer with Wackenhut Corp.

Roger Walgren ('87), Frisco, Texas, is a project manager for Davaco Inc. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Justin, Riley and Trevor.

Marnita (Howald) Cummings ('88), Center, Mo., is waiting for a heart transplant. She has a daughter, Marnita. E-mail farmgirl1964@yahoo.com.

Diane (Glidewell) Fitzgibbons ('88) is a team leader/lead science teacher for Blue Springs School District-Brittany Hill Middle School and is working toward a doctorate degree in education. In spring 2008, she was awarded her third “great ideas in teaching spotlight lesson grant” from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Juliana (Goeke) Goede ('88), St. Louis, Mo., is a legal assistant for Gilmore & Bell PC. She and her husband, Wayne, have a son, James. E-mail juliegoede@att.net.

Tracey (Knorr) Lex ('88), Springfield, Ill., teaches kindergarten for Ball Chatham School District. She and her husband, Tom, have three children, Lindsey, Ryan and Kyle.

Marguerite (McGahan) Smotherman ('88, ’86), Sioux Falls, S.D., is an RN-project manager for McKesson. She and her husband, Thomas, have a son, Christopher. E-mail Margie.smotherman@mckesson.com.

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Edward Coil ('89) was promoted to vice president of finance for Emerson Canada. Ed, along with his wife, Kimberly (Krol) Coil, and daughter, Allison, will be living temporarily in the Toronto, Ontario, area for the next few years.

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Passport to Education

The Middle East was the latest destination for veteran traveler Victor Childers (’55), associate professor emeritus of international business, Indiana University Kelley School of Business. As president of the Indiana Council on World Affairs, an organization that fosters public understanding of world conditions and U.S. foreign policy, Childers was among a delegation of eight individuals from councils around the United States invited to visit Oman last April.

During his stay in the capital city of Muscat, Childers learned about the culture and history of Oman as well as the country’s political and economic developments. A full schedule included a number of outings, such as a tour of the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque; a visit to Nizwa, a town that had served as the capital of Oman during the mid-eighth to the mid-12th centuries; and a stop at the Bait Al Baranda Museum, which houses the newly-opened branch of Opera Gallery of Dubai.

“One of the most charming events on our schedule was a visit to the family home of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” said Childers, who explained that the Secretary General’s father had been a successful trader as well as a member of a branch of the royal family. “Although the father is no longer living, his widow and members of her staff continue to occupy the palatial home which is used for social gatherings with groups such as ours, and we felt royally entertained,” said Childers.

The group met with a number of distinguished leaders including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, and the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of the United States. One morning was spent racing to a quick succession of meetings with the Ministry of Higher Education, the Center for Islamic Culture, the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Oman, and Sultan Qaboos University.

“It is humbling to realize just how much more there is to learn about the Middle East and all our neighbors on this world which just keeps getting smaller and smaller,” said Childers, who returned home with an appreciation for the great amount he learned from his latest trip.

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Read a full account of Victor Childers’s trip to Oman at http://alumni.truman.edu/TrumanReview/winter09/trip.asp
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### Changing the World One Student at a Time

A native of St. Louis, Mo., April Warren-Grice’s life goal is to change the world, and she plans to do this one student at a time. She first came to Truman State University to participate in the Scholastic Enhancement Experience (SEE) program, but did not intend to stay for the school year. “I had already made a verbal commitment to play basketball at two other schools,” Warren-Grice said. “So I was just going to Truman to see what it was about, but the SEE program really connected me to the university.” She stayed at Truman where she became a McNair scholar and played point guard on the girls’ basketball team. After receiving a bachelor of arts from Truman in 2000 and a master of arts in education in 2004, she returned to St. Louis to teach and inspire kids.

Teaching English at Ritenour High School, she also coached the varsity girls’ basketball team and implemented Partners in Achievement (PIA), a program she had participated in as a high school student. “When I was in high school, I knew I was supposed to go to college, but I didn’t know how to get there, and that was the same with the students I was working with—I was tired of pulling the kids out in the hall one by one, so I said ‘let’s start a group’ and I did,” said Warren-Grice, who started the PIA program to help African American and Latino students get to college.

Along with two other teachers, Warren-Grice oversaw 80 kids in the PIA program while providing speakers, workshops and field trips to colleges. One of the most memorable field trips occurred when Warren-Grice took 20 students to the Inauguration of President Obama in Washington, D.C., an experience that she described as life-changing for the students’ vision for success. “Their map had changed; they were now thinking higher than Obama in Washington, D.C., an experience that she described as life-changing for the students’ vision for success.” Warren-Grice said. “So I was just going to Truman to see what it was about, but the SEE program really connected me to the university.”

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In 2007 Warren-Grice won the prestigious High School Teachers of Excellence Award after being nominated for her work at Ritenour. “I was one of 24 in the nation to get the award,” Warren-Grice said. “I guess it was big, I thought I was just doing my job.” After five and a half years at Ritenour, she left to pursue a Ph.D. in educational policy studies at the University of Illinois-Champaign. She also continued her work with PIA and other marginalized high school students through Visionaries Educating Youth and Adults.

She is also working with the Centennial High School in Illinois through the Achievement Via Individual Determination, an international program geared toward helping marginalized and underrepresented students reach academic success. “I want to see all the different aspects of how these programs are helping students, particularly students of color, reach academic success,” Warren-Grice said. “My purpose for coming back to the school is to save the world by closing the achievement gap.”

This past summer, Warren-Grice traveled to the Dominican Republic where she worked on community building, teaching students, and continuing her research on marginalized students. After she gets her Ph.D., she plans on becoming a professor but would still like to work with high school students. “What I want to do is bring the theory to practice,” Warren-Grice said. “A lot of researchers and professors have never really been in the field and have just theorized—that’s not how I roll. I really want to make sure this stuff is working and implement some of the great ideas that myself and other researchers are coming up with.”

And with those plans, April Warren-Grice will change the world, one student at a time.

—Stephanie Hall

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Tim Graeff (’98) and Jennifer (Schulze) Graeff (’99) announce the birth of their son, Devon, on Jan. 8, 2009. They also have a son, Braden and a daughter, Kaelyn. The family resides in Rio Rancho, N.M. Tim is an executive with YMCA of Central New Mexico, and Jennifer is a homemaker. E-mail graeffs@yahoo.com.

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Michelle (Pattavina) Lizak (’00), Kansas City, Mo., received her Meeting Professional Certification from the Convention Industry Council and is manager of special events for U.S. Central Federal Credit Union. She is serving as the 2009-2010 board president for the Kansas City Chapter of Meeting

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“Life is difficult” is how renowned therapist and best-selling author M. Scott Peck opened his popular series, The Road Less Traveled. No disrespect to Peck, but one doesn’t have to be a best-selling author to understand that life is tough. In truth, we are all looking for the same things—to be gutsy. Don’t believe me, let’s define it, “gutsy: arising from within, from the innermost parts of the soul. Immediate and powerful impact, relevance, courage, brilliance, passion, fighter, significance.” The problem is that in this “life is difficult” world, it is easy to get derailed, pulled off the gutsy track and into the daily grind of life. Forck’s book will not only keep you focused and on track, it will remind you of just how special you are.

Jim Thomas deftly weaves simple themes of Midwestern rural life into exceptional reflections on the human experience. These lyric and narrative poems spring from an enjoyment of everyday living paired with an ever-present understanding of life’s transience. This elegant volume of poetry is a testament to the craft of a greatly admired Missouri poet.

The late Jim Thomas was a professor of English at Truman for more than 30 years, and he taught courses in American literature and creative writing. His poetry and fiction appeared in hundreds of literary journals, and he previously published Seed Time, Harvest Time. One hundred percent of all royalties for Brief Tracks go directly to the Jim Thomas Scholarship Fund at Truman.

Joe Benevento teaches courses in creative writing and American literature and serves as co-editor of the Green Hills Literary Lantern. His poems, stories, and essays have appeared in more than 200 literary journals, including Poets & Writers, Bilingual Review, and The Chattahoochee Review. He has published six books of poetry and fiction, including his novel, The Odd Squad, a finalist for the 2006 John Gardner Fiction Book Award.

“Jumping Through Hurdles started out as one thing and soon evolved into something completely different, a kind of fictionalized autobiography,” says author Chuck Bright. “The first chapter deals with the afternoon I decided that it was time to retire after 30 years of teaching in the same classroom.” Sitting on the radiator in the media center was a display of obsolete technology; Bright remembered taking his final exam in the same classroom. “It was time to retire after 30 years of teaching in the same classroom.” Sitting on the radiator in the media center was a display of obsolete technology; Bright remembered taking his final exam in the same classroom. “It was time to retire after 30 years of teaching in the same classroom.”
Matthew A To Z + 2 and The ABCs of Matthew for Kids
By Jim Coy (‘68)

Have you ever struggled to remember the important truths and events in the New Testament? If so, Matthew A to Z + 2 and the ABCs of Matthew for Kids are great books to learn the Scriptures through the memory technique of alliteration. In this book, Coy pairs each letter of the alphabet (plus two extras) with each chapter of Matthew to emphasize key ideas in each of the 28 chapters. You will learn that “A” is for the ANCESTRY of Jesus, “B” is for His BIRTH, “C” reminds us to CHANGE our hearts, and so on. You’ll be amazed at how easy you’ll remember Matthew’s marvelous moments. The book is a great book for all who want to better understand the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Matthew A to Z + 2 can be used as a learning and teaching tool for the Bible student and teacher.

Matthew A to Z + 2

Repossession
By Will Fitzsimmons (‘90)

Repossession’s primary character, Patrick MacInnes, fought hard to have a good life. The former college football player finally had the wife he wanted and a rising career as an aircraft engineer. The only missing piece was the whereabouts of his sister, Rachel, who ran away from home several years earlier. When Patrick’s world dramatically changes, he unexpectedly discovers that Rachel has been strong-armed into a cult and brainwashed. This newly published thriller is Will Fitzsimmons’ first novel. Fitzsimmons grew up in Kirkville and incorporated many settings from a fictionalized version of his hometown. His six years in St. Louis are also represented in the novel as it serves as the main character’s base of operation.

The American History Riddle Book
By Michael J. Koerner (‘65)

Michael Koerner has devised more than 100 fiendishly clever riddles about American history, culture, and people with a few literary types and fictional characters thrown in just for fun. These riddles are challenging — after all, they’re riddles, and not meant to be solved in an instant. You might get a few right off, but we promise that many of these will leave you scratching your head. You might have to go to the Internet, encyclopedia, or your old high school history textbook for clues to the answer. Or, you can just look at the answer key in the back of the book, which not only identifies the person, place or event, but includes complete historical/literary background information for each.

The ABCs of Matthew for Kids
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A Fitting Tribute for a Shining Career

Having gained a reputation as one of the greatest basketball coaches of all times, Gene Bartow (’52) was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Mo., in November 2009. The 2009 class of inductees also included Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Wayman Tisdale, Jud Heathcote, Walter Byers, Travis Grant and Bill Wall.

A native of Browning, Mo., Bartow played on the Bulldog men’s basketball team and graduated from the University with a bachelor of science in education in 1952. After a two-year stint in the Army, he returned to civilian life and coached at Shelbina, Mo., then went on to coach at St. Charles, Mo. Altogether, his high school teams compiled an impressive 145-49 record.

Bartow’s outstanding success as a coach continued in collegiate basketball. Serving as head basketball coach for six universities, his teams won 674 games and 12 NCAA Tournament appearances in 34 seasons making him one of the most successful coaches in the history of college basketball. He coached teams at Central Missouri State University, Valparaiso University, Memphis State, Illinois and UCLA before eventually becoming athletic director and men’s basketball coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) in 1977. He retired from collegiate coaching in 1996 and is still ranked in the top 20 among the winningest NCAA D-I basketball coaches.

Bartow served as UAB’s director of athletics from 1977 until his retirement in 2000. During his tenure as director of athletics, he is credited with building the intercollegiate sports program at UAB from its infancy into a program with 17 sports, an accomplishment that earned him the title “founding father” of the UAB athletics program.

Bartow was inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame in 1987, and he was an Alabama Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 1989. He is president of Hoops LP, the company that owns the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies.

City, Iowa, died Feb. 4, 2009. She taught in one-room Missouri schoolhouses for eight years before moving to Grand Mound, Iowa, where she taught at Grand Mound High School. After 1948, she stayed home to raise her family. She resumed teaching in 1960 and taught sixth grade for six years at Henry Sabin Elementary and for 16 years at Herbert Hoover Elementary. She retired in 1982.

Martha Mae Mabis, Kirksville, Mo., died Aug. 16, 2009. For a number of years, she taught at country schools in the local area. She was employed as a bookkeeper/office manager in Bloomington, Ill., for 40 years.

Anna Jolene (Miller) Motter, Kirksville, Mo., died Feb. 16, 2009. She was employed at the Glove Factory and then worked for Truman State University until retiring in 1978.

James Neal Primm (’41), St. Louis, died July 23, 2009. He taught in Brashear, Mo., and in a one-room school near Fayette, Mo., and tried out as a pitcher for the old St. Louis Browns before joining the Navy. He was an associate professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia and directed the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection. He then served as dean, vice president and acting president at Hiram College. He became the first chairman of the history department at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where he was granted the title professor emeritus of history. He also authored several books on national and regional history.

Lucile Clark Smith (’41), Prairie Village, Kan., died Aug. 31, 2009. She taught in St. Charles, Mo., before teaching at Center High School in Kansas City where her focus was primarily business courses. She had taught for 40 years at the time of her retirement.

LuEtta (Bartmess) Stewart, Kirksville, Mo., died June 11, 2009. She taught at the Ross School in Pollock, Mo.

Alice (Taylor) Umbarger, Kirksville, Mo., died Feb. 23, 2009. She lived in Keokuk and Indianola, Iowa, for many years, before moving to Kirksville when her husband, Robert, retired in 1986.

Herbert G. Webb (’48), Dayton, Ohio, died May 21, 2009. He served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 30 years earning the rank of lieutenant colonel. Along with his brother, Robert, he established the Karl E. Webb Scholarship at Truman in honor of their father, a former professor of music and former head of the Division of Fine Arts.

1950s

Winn Cochran Bornhauser (’50), Columbia, Mo., died Jan. 26, 2009. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught and coached basketball in Higbee before starting his sales career with Texaco.

Darold K. “Tiny” Davis (’50, ’53), Hannibal, Mo., died Feb. 18, 2009. He was a United States Army Air Force veteran having served from Nov. 21, 1943, to Nov. 21, 1945. He began attending college in 1946 and lettered in football four years as a starter, where he was given the nickname “Tiny” by opposing linemen. After graduating from the University in 1950, he started graduate school and taught industrial arts at Brashear High School for one year. He earned his master’s degree in education administration in 1953. Davis taught drafting and architectural drawing at Hannibal High School for 40 years and driver education for 35 years. He coached various sports at Hannibal High School for 19 years, serving as assistant football coach for nine years, assistant basketball coach for 12 years, assistant track coach for four years and head track coach for 16 years; he was known by many as Coach Davis. He started the Hannibal High School cross-country program and was head coach for 11 years. Davis also taught engineering drawing at Hannibal-LaGrange College for 12 years. When Truman’s Class of 1950 celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2000, Davis was appointed by Truman State University President Jack Magruder to serve on the Class of ’50 Golden Anniversary Fundraising Committee, which raised money for the new fine arts building. Davis was married to Onez (Stump) for 41 years before she died in 1994. They had seven children, two of which are also Truman graduates: David Davis (’78), Mary Beth Davis (’78 and ’81), Dirk Davis, Doug Davis, Darin Davis, Danny Davis and Dale Davis (deceased).

Lloyd France Gholson (’59) died Aug. 28, 2009. He entered the U.S. Navy in June 1945, was discharged in August 1946 and served in the U.S. Naval Reserves until August 1954. After being discharged from active duty, he worked for AB Chance Company before entering college. He began his career teaching art in the Dixon, Ill., school system and retired in 1984 with 25 years of service.

Allene (Gordon) Keller (’55), Rotheville, Mo., died July 10, 2009. She had been a band, vocal music and art teacher for 36 years in Missouri, Oregon and Alaska. She retired in 1998 from Adair County R-1 School in Noytinger, Mo. She also authored

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two books.

Joan (March) Piazza (’59), Noblesville, Ind., died July 18, 2009. She taught school in Springfield, Ill., and Plymouth, Muncie and Gas City, Ind. For seven years, she was a substitute teacher for special education for Noblesville schools.

R. Clell “Little Red” Wade (’59) died May 16, 2009. He started his career early in life as a football and basketball player for the Ozark Panthers at Mountain Grove High School, playing in a Bowl Game, and continued with that through higher education at the University of Missouri for two years, where he played football. He left to serve in the Navy in World War II, then back to school at SMS, playing in another Bowl Game. He started his coaching career in Cassville, proceeded to Aurora, Marshall, and then for 25 years where he left a large footprint with his athletic career in Quincy, Ill. He became the athletic director and P.E. director of the school system, after spending many years developing a winning football team. He created and developed Clell Wade Coaches Directory, a publishing company. After retiring from Quincy High School, he continued to build the Coaching Directory.

1960s

Keith Richard Conklin (’67), Kirksville, Mo., died May 21, 2009. A veterinarian, he practiced for one year in Drexel, Mo., before moving to Kirksville, where he started Parkview Animal Hospital serving Kirksville and the surrounding communities as a small and large animal veterinarian. He retired in September 2006.

Willanna (Omohundro) Crank (’65), Clarksville, Mo., died July 10, 2009. She began teaching first at Wright School and later at Salem School. She went on to teach in the consolidation process of rural schools as an elementary teacher at Paynesville and Clarksville and was among the charter teachers in the first years of Pike County R-III (Clopton) district consolidation. Her teaching career spanned 34 years.

Celestine (Metzger) Dorian (’67), Troy, Mo., died June 12, 2009. She retired from teaching after 30 years and the last 14 years she taught remedial reading in the Knox County Schools.

Jackie Neal Liebhart (’61), Brookfield, Mo., died Feb. 21, 2009. For many years, he worked as an accountant for the Lewistown Bank, and then transferred to the Production Credit Association in Brookfield. Following his employment at PCA, he worked as an auditor for banks within a five-state region. He completed his years of employment by working as human resources director at Pershing Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, retiring in 2005.


Richard P. Wilber (’67), the senior class president of Truman’s Class of 1967, died April 20, 2009, at his home in Salem, Mo. He was the pastor of Upper Parker Community Church and an instructor at Southwest Baptist University, Salem campus.

1970s

Deborah Kim (Dye) Baughman (’79), Kirksville, Mo., died Aug. 10, 2009, as the result of a fall. Most of her professional work was the 20 years she spent as a systems analyst in the computer departments of Grim-Smith Hospital and Northeast Regional Medical Center. Most recently, she performed similar duties at the Adair County Public Administrator’s Office. She was married to Russell Baughman, professor of chemistry at Truman.

Anna Maude (Shatzer) Cullers (’71), Paris, Mo., died Sept. 25, 2008. She was a retired teacher having taught in rural schools. She graduated in 1933 with a 60-hour certificate and after her husband’s death, returned to the University and graduated in 1972 with a bachelor of science in education at the age of 60.

Michael Cunningham (’73), Greentop, Mo., died May 10, 2009. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on Dec. 13, 1966, serving six months in Vietnam. He was a supervisor at Hollister’s Inc. until 1976, worked at Kirksville Water Treatment Plant and Empire Gas, and was the assistant manager for Elf Asphalt in Kirksville for 15 years. He then worked at Kirksville Farm & Home and Wal-Mart until he retired due to his health.

Larry Orville Hammons, Kirksville, Mo., died May 26, 2009. He served in the Vietnam War and was a Specialist Four in the United States Army Company B, 1st Battalion (Air Mobile), 8th Calvary. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with V Device Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, two O/S Bars, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Badge with Rifle Bars, Sharpshooter Badge with Grenade Bar, and 1st Class Gunner with Machine Gun Bar. He was honorably discharged in May of 1971 after being injured while on duty. Following his service, he farmed with his father for a number of years, and in 1977, he purchased a farm east of Kirksville.


Geane Ann Lovell, Kirksville, Mo., died Aug. 11, 2009. She was employed for several years for J.C. Penney before going to work in the Radiology Department at Grim-Smith Hospital. She transferred to Northeast Regional Medical Center where she continued working in the Radiology Department for a number of years.


John F. Tripp (’75), Quincy, Ill., died May 16, 2009. He began his career at Prudential Insurance in sales and moved into student personnel at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo., from 1973-1977. He was director of the substance abuse center at St. Mary Hospital, Quincy; director and founder of the Blessing Hospice and Hannibal Hospice; clinic administrator and chief operating officer of the Newman Clinic in Quincy; sales manager of WTAD/WQCY/WMOS; and vice president of business development at Denman Services Inc. He completed his career as a senior lecturer in the business department at Culver-Stockton College. He hosted a cable show, “An Agenda for Quincy,” and wrote a weekly column on his Web blog, “Up Down and Around Our Town.”

Corrections

Photo shown at right is Sarah (Billing) Hart (’66), who joined the “The President's Own” United States Marine Band. The article about Hart in the spring 2009 issue of the Truman Review ("Performing in the White House and Other Exclusive Gigs") included a photo of another band member.
1980s

Ellen Marie (Stevenson) Fessler (‘81) died Sept. 19, 2009. She taught elementary physical education at Washington and Garfield schools and was at Washington for 22 years.

Brian Matthew Noyes, Leslie, Mo., died Aug. 25, 2009. He worked for Easter Food Supermarket for several years, and he also worked at Air Gas in Iowa and Missouri. At the time of his death, he was working as a senior systems programmer analyst for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Dwight E. Whan (‘86), Versailles, Mo., died April 18, 2009, following a three-year battle with cancer. He retired as a soil conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture and had also worked as a certified crop specialist. His brother, David Whan (‘79), and sisters, Barbara (Whan) Russell (‘78) and Debra (Whan) Bost (‘76) (deceased), also graduated from Truman.

1990s

Amy Elizabeth (Thompson) Cutler (‘95) died June 8, 2009, due to complications of pneumonia and heart surgery. She worked for DST in Kansas City where she began in the Human Resources Division, then became manager for People Soft and Insurance Benefits, and until her death was involved in the technical side of the company where she helped design new programs.

2000s

Ian Michael Rucker (‘05), Silver Spring, Md., died June 30, 2009. He believed in bettering himself through education and better serving his local and global communities. He excelled in academics, and by the time he completed high school, he had two years worth of college credits. He received a four-year scholarship to Truman and earned induction into Phi Beta Kappa. He accepted a position at the Bureau of Labor Statistics and had plans to go to graduate school so his interests in geography, math and economics, along with his values, could best be put to work assessing the consequences of economic development projects in developing nations.

FACULTY

Thomas Ripley Coates, Kirksville, Mo., died June 11, 2009. He retired with honor

A Tale of Two Artists

An art exhibit this past summer brought together two alumni who hadn't seen each other since they were students at Truman more than 40 years ago. When Jeanie Coy Auseon (’68, ’74) and Jerry Brown (’68) returned to Kirksville for their 45th high school class reunion, the two artists had a chance to display their work together at the Kirksville Arts Center. Although Coy Auseon and Brown displayed contrasting styles of artwork, their lives have followed similar paths.

Back in their college days at Truman, the pair had no idea that one day they would be having an art show together showcasing their respective talents. One of the classes they shared was taught by the late William Unger, a renowned artist who has been described as “a man who taught people how to see.”

“For years, helping others make art was my art form,” said Coy Auseon, who traveled from her home in Columbus, Ohio, for the reunion activities. She worked in interior design before teaching K-12 and college level art classes, then worked in fine arts administration in the Columbus Ohio School District.

When she retired in 2006, Coy Auseon began working with fiber arts, a form of art that is mostly abstract. “Before, I had done more realism, but I just fell in love with this medium working with the liquid dyes and the way they interact with each piece evolving with my help but very much leading me,” said Coy Auseon. She said she likes not knowing what a piece will look like as she creates abstract surface designs on silk, cotton, and linen cloth working with permanent dyes, hot wax, and stitching to draw on the fabrics.

Like Coy Auseon, Brown also pursued a career in education and has seen his artistic style change over the years. He taught high school art in the Fort Osage School District for 30 years retiring in 2000. “I was a water colorist for several years, but over the last 18 years, I transitioned to pastels which is somewhat more liberating than watercolors,” said Brown, who displayed a few of his watercolors along with his pastel work for the art show.

While some of Brown’s favorite pieces are figurative impressions of people, he has also developed a following for his landscapes and outdoor pieces. An amateur photographer, he captures photos of interesting clouds that he then recreates in his pastel paintings. Brown lives in Lee’s Summit, Mo., and teaches art workshops around the Midwest, including workshops on how to paint clouds.

The two artists each showcased around 35 pieces of their art at the show where the vibrant colors of Coy Auseon’s abstract pieces complemented the rich pastels displayed by Brown. Coy Auseon’s twin brother, Jim Coy (’68), also displayed some pencil drawings from when he served in the Persian Gulf.

Following the example set by William Unger, their former professor, both Coy Auseon and Brown are teaching others how to see through their own art-making. “Part of the fun of art is challenging yourself—art never gets old, and you never get tired of it,” said Brown.
Alumni in the News

Grace (Warren) McReynolds (’56, ’58), of Chillicothe, Mo., was among five individuals honored as the 2009 Distinguished Class of Alumni at North Central Missouri College. McReynolds has contributed more than 42 years of her life to serving students and retired as director of Elementary Curriculum for the State of Missouri in 1995.

Cathie (Higdon) Smith (’74), of Trenton, Mo., was among five individuals honored as the 2009 Distinguished Class of Alumni at North Central Missouri College. She is the first female elected as mayor of the City of Trenton and is founding director of the North Central Missouri Children’s Advocacy Center.

Lee S. Johnsen (’77, ’79), president of Partners in Development, LLC, has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in business consulting.

J. Mark Searce (’83), director of the Music Department at North Carolina State University, has been awarded the 2009 International Raymond and Beverly Sackler Prize in Music Composition. The prize, which promotes innovation, inventiveness and the creative spirit, includes substantial recognition including performances, recordings, and a prize of $20,000 commissioning a work for Cello and Orchestra, to be premiered in March 2011.

Ann (DeRosear) Gray (’86), of Kirksville, Mo., has been named Outstanding Administrator of the Year for the northeast region by the Missouri School Teachers Association. Gray is the elementary principal for Green City R-1 Schools, in Green City, Mo.

Barry Crook (’91, ’95), of St. Peters, Mo., was recently awarded the Emerson

Excellence in Teaching Award and was also named Kirkwood School District Teacher of the Year for 2009-10. He is a library media specialist for North Kirkwood Middle School.

Jennifer (Spriggs) Nathduft (’92, ’93), of Kirksville, Mo., has been recognized with the Outstanding Science Teacher Award by the Kirksville Chapter of Sigma Xi.

Anthony Torres (’95), of Overland Park, Kan., was listed in Ingram’s “40 Under 40.” He is an audit partner with Deloitte & Touche.

Louis Williams (’95), of Kansas City, Mo., was listed in Ingram’s “40 Under 40.” He is senior vice president for Bank of Kansas City.

Daniel Rueth (’01) was awarded an Olmsted Scholarship to St. Petersburg, Russia; he is one of 17 military officers selected to attend language training followed by two years of immersion in a foreign country while obtaining a master’s degree. Rueth serves in the U.S. Air Force and is assistant director of operations for the 388th Combat Training Squadron.

Tara Osseck (’07) was crowned Miss Missouri at the Miss Missouri Pageant in Mexico, Mo. Along with the title, Osseck wins a $10,000 scholarship for additional college work.

Stephanie Vandus (’09) was selected as one of Omicron Delta Kappa 2009 scholarship recipients. She will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia and she hopes to work in the field of public policy in the Missouri State Government. She was one of 20 recipients selected from among 73 applicants.

Send obituaries to Office of Advancement, McClain Hall 205, 100 E. Normal Ave., Kirksville, Mo. 63501.

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To make the most out of our limited resources, the Truman Alumni Association will be utilizing e-mail and the Web site to provide news and invitations to alumni. You can help by making sure we have your preferred e-mail address. Please provide us with your e-mail address and any other updated information by using the form on the inside back cover of this magazine or go online at http://alumni.truman.edu/ and look for the “Update Alumni/Contact Info” link.
Black Alumni Reunion Raises Money for Scholarship

Truman alumni and friends attended the Black Alumni and Attendees Reunion on Sept. 26, 2009, at the Renaissance Grand Ballroom in downtown St. Louis. The evening featured a performance by the Truman student group One Voice, food, music and dancing.

Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of Multicultural Affairs, gave a University update, and local coordinators Dwyane Smith ('84) and Michelle McClure ('95, '97) provided comments about the Black Alumni and Attendees Scholarship and the need to provide support to Truman students. Discussion followed in regards to funding a second scholarship and building the endowment for the original scholarship.

Volunteers are needed for the scholarship committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Denise Smith, director of alumni relations, (660) 785-4133, dlsmith@truman.edu.

Hit the Links

Alumni and friends are invited to participate in several Truman golf tournaments this spring and summer.

The Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter has set the date of July 9, 2010, for their annual scholarship golf 4-person scramble at the Kirksville Country Club. The golf event benefits the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter scholarship, which annually awards a scholarship to a freshman from northeast Missouri attending Truman.

The annual George Anastasoff Golf Tournament will be held in St. Louis on May 15, 2010. The tournament funds a scholarship established at Truman in memory of the 1956 Truman alumnus and also supports the football program at Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, where Anastasoff served as head coach. He passed away in 2006.

Watch for more details on several other Truman golf tournaments including the Kansas City Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament, the St. Louis Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament, the Bob Carlson Bulldog Basketball Golf Tournament and the Bulldog Football Alumni and Friends Golf Classic.

For more information on upcoming golf tournaments and other alumni events, contact alumnievents@truman.edu; (800) 452-6678; http://alumni.truman.edu.

At the Dallas Alumni Chapter Banquet and Freshmen Send-Off at Maggiano’s in Plano, Texas, on July 25, 2009, John Mathis ('66) (shown on right) presented University President Darrell W. Krueger with gifts from the Dallas Alumni Chapter which included a cowboy hat.

Several Truman alumni attending the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas, this past summer had a get-together on the city’s famous River Walk. Shown L-R, front row: Heather McKnelly ('07), Jodi Pelegrin, Michelle Boyd, and Brandon Aguillon. Back row, Josh Miley ('09), Sean Wilson ('03), Chevy Cargol ('99), Sandra Aguillon ('97), Courtney Burken ('91), and Brian Azinger ('90).
The Career Center Wants You to Become a Mentor

BulldogNet, the University’s mentoring system, provides students with an opportunity to connect with alumni and others who are in career fields the students are considering. At present, nearly 400 mentors are in the database, and we’d like more.

All alumni are welcome to register to serve as a mentor to students, and at this time, there are a few career fields in particular for which we need more mentors:

- human resources
- writing
- careers using foreign languages
- all types of business

As a mentor, you are able to specify the type(s) and quantity of assistance you’re willing to provide, as well as how you want to be contacted.

To register with BulldogNet, go to http://trumanmentor.experience.com or contact the University Career Center, (660) 785-4353, careers@truman.edu.
Bringing Together Alumni and Students

This past summer, several of Truman’s Alumni Chapters helped welcome Truman-bound students and their families at gatherings sponsored by the regional chapters. The annual send-off events allow Truman students, especially those who are new to Truman, to connect with other members of the Truman family who live in their area. These informal events provide an opportunity for the students to exchange information and begin developing contacts before they head off to campus.

Photo: Truman students at the Send-off event hosted by the Iowa Alumni Chapter.

Looking for a former classmate?

If you have lost track of a Truman friend, our Find-A-Friend Locator Service might be able to help you reconnect. Although we cannot give out personal information on our alumni, you can request that the Advancement Office forward a message from you to a Truman alumnus/n/a letting that individual know that you would like to have him or her get in touch with you.

For more information visit http://alumni.truman.edu/FindAFriend.asp or contact us at alumni@truman.edu, (800) 452-6678.

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Photo: Truman students at the Send-off event hosted by the Iowa Alumni Chapter.
Truman Launches $30 Million Fundraising Campaign

Truman State University officially announced the public launch of the “Bright Minds Bright Futures” campaign at a press conference as well as the annual alumni banquet during the Homecoming 2009 festivities. Campaign Chair Chuck Foudree ('66) joined President Darrell W. Krueger in announcing the $30 million comprehensive campaign that is designed to generate private gift dollars to address high priorities of the University.

The campaign’s $30 million goal is comprised of $20 million in current gifts and multi-year pledges and $10 million in future gift commitments as donors include the University in their estate plans. The key areas being supported through the campaign include: $7.5 million for merit- and need-based scholarships, $7.5 million for student enrichment/academic program support, $2 million for faculty support (endowed chairs, professorships, fellowships), $3 million for athletics, and $10 million for legacy gifts (deferred commitments through bequests).

“As I consider the future of Truman State University, we must ensure that future generations of students have the best possible educational experience to equip them for the challenges of our new global world,” said Foudree.

“And private giving is the most effective and efficient way to provide the best students, faculty, programs and facilities for Truman to achieve its full potential.”

Truman entered the advance gifts phase of the five-year campaign on July 1, 2006, and as of December 2009, the campaign had raised $19.1 million. Regional campaigns have been established in Truman’s major market areas, and more than 80 volunteers have been recruited to assist in the effort. The campaign will conclude on June 30, 2011.

Join the Joseph Baldwin Society by Leaving a Legacy to Truman State University

A bequest through a will or revocable trust is among the most popular, flexible and easiest ways of giving a deferred gift to Truman State University. Once you include the University in your estate plans, please let us know so we can show our appreciation of your generosity and include your support in planning for Truman’s future. Joseph Baldwin Society members may remain anonymous if they choose.

Truman State University Foundation Sample Bequest Language

I give to the Truman State University Foundation, a Missouri charitable and educational corporation established to support Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, or to its successor organization for the same purpose,

Option I: Cash Bequest: the sum of $__________ (________ dollars).
Option II: Percentage Bequest: ________ percent (_______%) of the rest and residue of my estate.

I direct that my bequest be used to/for ____________________________________________

If this bequest is sufficient to create an endowed fund as determined by the Board of Directors of the Truman State University Foundation, I request that this gift be held in perpetuity for such a purpose.

In the unlikely event that it becomes impossible to fulfill the original conditions for the use of this bequest, the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors shall utilize the gift so as to most nearly fulfill my original intent.

This suggested bequest language is provided to you for your information and your attorney’s use. As with all legal, financial, and tax issues, please consult with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INCLUDING TRUMAN IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS, please contact Brad Chambers at 800-452-6678, bchamber@truman.edu.
It says a lot about a person when friends and family hold him in such high regard that they create a scholarship in his honor. Such is the case with the late John D. Black, who served as professor of zoology at Truman from 1948 through 1973. Two Truman alumni, Sharron (Bailey) Quisenberry ('66) and Larry Quisenberry ('66, '75), are leading a fund drive for the John D. Black Scholarship to recognize the immeasurable impact Black had on so many lives.

The goal for the fundraising initiative is to build the John D. Black Scholarship to the $100,000 endowment level. The Quisenberrys are leading the charge by contributing $5,000 annually for the next five years for a total contribution of $25,000, and the couple is encouraging others whose lives were touched by Black to make a gift to the scholarship fund.

Black is remembered by many as a teacher and mentor, as well as a lifelong friend, and the influence of this legendary professor lives on through the scholarship fund named in his honor. The John D. Black Scholarship, which was established at Truman in 1988, helps lighten the financial burden for pre-med students, and contributions to the fund will enhance Black’s legacy for future generations.

While serving as sponsor of the Pre-osteopathic Club at Truman, Black acted as the unofficial pre-medicine advisor and is credited as the first pre-osteopathic advisor in the country.

“Dr. Black was the reason I had such a successful time at the University. I became accepted to the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and then much later I became a surgeon,” said Betty Jo White ('59), D.O., FACOS, who in 1967 became the first female to complete a general surgery residency in the osteopathic profession.

“I was one of Dr. Black’s mentees, and my husband, Larry, and I became lifelong friends with Dr. Black until his death in 1996,” says Sharron Quisenberry. “The students he guided, encouraged, inspired and supported are reflected by the large number of students he mentored who became successful as medical doctors, scientists and teachers.”

Recognized internationally as an expert on plant-insect interactions and plant resistance to insects, Sharron is vice president for Research and Economic Development at Iowa State University. She received a bachelor of science in education degree in biology from Truman in 1966. She earned a master of arts in environmental biology from Hood College and holds a master of science and a doctorate in entomology from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Larry Quisenberry serves as program coordinator at Iowa State University reporting to the executive vice president and provost. He graduated from Truman with a bachelor of science in business education in 1966 and earned a master of arts degree in school administration in 1975. He received his doctor of philosophy in general school administration with support areas of study in higher and adult education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.
Each year, the Truman Parent Project supports a specific fundraising effort to enhance the learning experience for Truman students, and for the 2009-2010 academic year, the initiative is generating support for a new café in the University’s library. Cafés have become a popular feature in many academic libraries, and in response to surveys and suggestions from Truman students, the University is planning to add a café/coffee shop within Pickler Memorial Library. The café will provide an attractive area for students to study, take a break, or gather with other students.

To make room for the new café, the library will be renovating an area just off the main atrium across from the library entrance. The café will include seating for individuals and groups, a service counter providing various refreshments, and an area to be used for special events such as poetry readings, guest speakers, and readings by authors.

Fundraising Efforts Focus on Library Café

The Jim Thomas Scholarship fund at Truman will receive 100 percent of all royalties from a new book of poetry entitled Brief Tracks. Like the scholarship, the book represents the legacy of Jim Thomas, a poet and English professor who passed away in February 2009.

Thomas taught courses in American literature and creative writing, and the scholarship was established by his friends and colleagues when he retired from Truman in 1994. Teaching at Truman for more than 30 years, Thomas was known for his habit of sharing his poems regularly with his students and colleagues. His poems were often published in some of the leading literary journals.

Joe Benevento, a professor of English at Truman and longtime colleague and friend of Thomas’s, put together the book to provide a final opportunity for Thomas’s many fans to enjoy the poetry. Thomas’s widow, Rita, gave Benevento access to more than 300 of Thomas’s published and unpublished poems, previously uncollected in book form. From that number, a book of 69 poems has been fashioned to create Brief Tracks. Recently printed by the Truman State University Press (TSUP), Brief Tracks is now available. For more information visit the TSUP Web site at http://tsup.truman.edu/.

Preserving a Poet’s Legacy

Lawrence T. Kriner was serving in the military when he was killed in a rappelling accident in 1993 at the age of 19. His mother, Louise (Schwaner) Kriner, is using a planned gift of $100,000 to honor the memory of her son and to provide scholarships for students interested in the military.

Scholarship Honors Memory of Son

Echo Yearbook
For years, students have been receiving scholarship awards from a fund known only as the Anonymously Endowed Scholarship. When Henry Roberts (’39) and Harriett (Sensenich) Roberts (’43) established the scholarship nearly a quarter of a century ago, they asked to remain unnamed until after their deaths. Harriett passed away in 1996, and when Henry died in 2009, the scholarship was renamed the Henry and Harriett (Sensenich) Roberts Scholarship in honor of the scholarship’s benefactors who met as students at Truman back when the school was named Northeast Missouri State Teachers College.

Henry was one of three brothers who all served in World War II. Willard Wayne was lost in a plane crash over the Pacific, Ray served as a Naval officer in the Pacific, and Henry served as a tank commander in Europe. Ray was the only brother left unscathed by the war. Henry, who was injured four times, was mistakenly pronounced dead the first time.

Each of the three brothers attended the University with the help of scholarships. Henry worked in a private residence for room, board, and laundry and also tutored and did odd jobs to work his way through college. Henry's wife, Harriett, taught in elementary schools during the winter and attended school during the short term and summer term.

Before World War II, Henry taught high school science and mathematics, and following the war, he stayed in the Army until after the Korean War. He then worked briefly for the railroad before teaching science and mathematics at Wentworth Military Academy for one year. In 1952, he returned to school to earn a master's degree in chemistry, and he then accepted a job as a chemist with Owens-Corning Fiberglass in Newark, Ohio. In 1959, Henry was promoted and transferred to their plant in Anderson, S.C., and he retired in 1978.

The Henry and Harriett (Sensenich) Roberts Scholarship will be awarded in their honor in perpetuity.

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-SAMANTHA TUCKER, Eldon, Mo.
Chemistry major, Class of 2012.
Recipient of the Tricia M. Mason Memorial Chemistry Scholarship, established in 2006 in loving memory of Tricia M. Mason (’01) by her mother, Bonnie Mason

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Volleyball Reaches National Tournament; Sharpe Named Freshman of the Year

Truman volleyball headed to the NCAA tournament for the 10th straight season and 11th time overall, as the Bulldogs received the No. 6 seed for the 2009 South Central regional. The Bulldogs traveled to Warrensburg, Mo., and the campus of top-seeded Central Missouri, for its first-round match against No. 3 seed West Texas A&M.

But despite getting nine kills from freshman Megan Sharpe, the Bulldogs suffered a 3-0 (-21, -7, -18) loss to eventual national runners-up WTAMU in the first round.

The Bulldogs finished the season with an overall 24-13 record and Sharpe was named AVCA’s National Freshman of the Year. She was also an honorable mention all-American while picking up second-team all-conference honors.

Lauren Graybeal (2nd-team), Casey Bruno (3rd-team), Erin Hattey (HM) and Ashley Petak (HM) also received all-conference accolades.

Sharpe, Bruno and Petak headline six starters returning for the 2010 season.

Signature Win Caps Off Football Season

Despite the eight-game losing streak that the Truman football team endured during the 2009 campaign, it was the 28-21 victory against long-time foe Pittsburg State in the season finale that will give the program momentum to build upon for next season.

Truman’s schedule was one of the nation’s toughest as they played seven of their 11 games against teams that were ranked nationally.

After a 31-13 loss at home against then No. 17 Minnesota State University-Mankato, the Bulldogs won 54-7 against Panhandle State (Oklahoma) at Stokes Stadium.

The ’Dogs were rudely inducted into conference play the following week as Nebraska-Omaha scored 14 points in the first minute of the game and went on to win 38-0 in the league opener.

Injuries plagued the Bulldogs in their next five outings as Truman used four different starting quarterbacks during that span.

Starter Phillip Davis returned on Oct. 24th against Emporia State but the Bulldogs fell in overtime to the Hornets 30-24 in Kirksville.

On senior day, Pittsburg State came to Stokes having won the last 21 meetings with the Bulldogs dating back to 1989.

Truman jumped on the scoreboard first as a pair of seniors used the wildcat formation to score a 15-yard touchdown pass. Phil Kenney tossed to a wide open Albert Coker for the score.

After a one-yard touchdown by Harnish Ayora, Coker was on the receiving end again of a 19-yard pass from Phillip Davis to put Truman up 21-0 in the second quarter.

The Gorillas rallied to cut the deficit to 21-14 heading into the fourth quarter but senior Vanness Emokpae grabbed an eight-yard touchdown pass from Davis for an insurance score with 9:18 left to play.

Pittsburg would pull to within seven again but the Bulldogs were able to sustain their longest drive of the season and milked the final 7:34 off the clock for the victory.

Six Bulldogs were named to the all-MIAA team by league coaches. Senior linebacker Eric Sternberg was Truman’s only first-team selection after finishing the 2009 season as the league’s top pass rusher with 10.5 sacks, 1.5 off the school single-season record.

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Also on the honorable mention list were junior offensive lineman Shea Carr, junior defensive lineman Ryan Ploesser and sophomore defensive back Michael Elliott.

Two Women Qualify for National Cross Country Race

Sophomores Anne Ratermann and Dani Dell’Orco represented the Truman Cross Country teams at the 2009 Division II Championships in Evansville, Ind.

Ratermann (67th place) and Dell’Orco (86th place) were just two of the talented young runners who helped lead the Bulldogs to a national ranking and a strong showing all season long for Head Coach John Cochrane.

The Bulldogs peaked at 14th in the Division II Coaches Poll and finished second in the MIAA Championships behind Dell’Orco’s third place overall finish and four all-conference performances.

Ratermann placed eighth in the conference meet while freshmen sisters Karen and Cindy Grauel were 10th and 11th, respectively.

The Bulldogs won their first three races of the season and finished no worse than third in any team-scored event this past season.

The men also started out hot as they won the team title in their first two events of the season behind the strong performances of sophomore Joey Walls and junior Adam Kell.

However injuries and sickness plagued the team down the stretch and the Bulldogs finished eighth in the conference meet and 16th at the NCAA South Central Regional race.
Gregg Nesbitt Named New Bulldog Football Coach

Former Bulldog standout Gregg Nesbitt ('80, '87) has been named the football program's next head coach.

“We are elated to have Coach Nesbitt back in Bulldog purple and are confident that his experience, knowledge, enthusiasm, and character make him the perfect fit to lead our students participating in our football program on and off the field,” said Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering.

Nesbitt, a native of Hannibal, Mo., received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Truman while playing for the Bulldog football team from 1976-1979. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1980 before adding his master’s degree in 1987.

“I am tremendously excited and proud to take over the reins of our Truman Bulldog football program,” said Coach Nesbitt. “This great university helped equip me for this profession 30 years ago and also is where I was blessed to meet my wife Jackie.”

Nesbitt returned to his hometown and was the head coach for Hannibal High School from 1984-89 leading the Pirates to the state playoffs in his final three seasons. Nesbitt also served as the school’s athletic director.

In 1990, Nesbitt returned to Kirksville and the Truman family to join Eric Holm’s staff as linebackers coach and defensive coordinator. During his time as a Bulldog assistant, the program excelled with two nine-win seasons and two trips to the NCAA Division II playoffs (1990 and 1992).

Robert Merriman earned second team Football Gazette all-America honors as a defensive back under Nesbitt in 1992.

The Bulldogs, during those three seasons, were 23-9.

In 1993, Nesbitt left Truman to become the head coach at one of the premier high school programs in the state of Missouri – Columbia’s Hickman High School.

Nesbitt would spend the next 13 years on the sidelines in Columbia and would rack up six Missouri Class Six playoff appearances culminating in the 2004 State Championship.

In 10 of those 13 years, Hickman was ranked in the top 10 in Missouri’s largest football class with 95 students receiving college scholarships and 42 named to Missouri’s all-state teams.

Following his state championship in 2004, Nesbitt was named Missouri Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, the National Federation of High School Sports Regional Coach of the Year and a nominee for the NFHS National Coach of the Year Award.

Nesbitt moved back to the college ranks in 2006 as defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Central Methodist University (NAIA) before joining Bulldog rival Central Missouri in Warrensburg prior to the 2007 season as co-defensive coordinator. During the past three seasons, the Mules defense allowed just 13.8 points per game and 378 yards per game.

While his focus at the collegiate level has been primarily on the defensive side of the football, Nesbitt called high school offenses for over 22 seasons giving him a unique perspective of being a leader on both sides of the football.

Nesbitt and his wife Jackie (Snell) Nesbitt ('83), have two sons, Kellen and Ryan.
The 1998-99 men’s basketball team and basketball player Gerald Burditt were inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the Homecoming festivities on Oct. 9-10, 2009.

1998-99 Men’s Basketball Team

The Bulldog basketball team advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the 1998-99 season after winning their final eight conference regular season games, three conference tournament games, with two wins coming in the final seconds and sweeping through the South Central regional tournament.

The remarkable run began after overcoming a 20-point halftime deficit to win at the buzzer on Feb. 1 at Washburn University 67-65. The Bulldogs would close the regular season with an upset of No. 1 ranked Pittsburg State in Pershing Arena by a 75-64 margin.

In the conference tournament, Truman knocked off Missouri Southern in the opening round in Kirksville by three, then Cory Parker silenced the Pitt State crowd as he rainbowed a jumper in as time expired giving Truman a 76-74 victory in the semifinals.

Returning to a jam-packed Pershing Arena, the Bulldogs, behind two late free throws by Jason Reinberg, earned the conference trophy and automatic berth into the NCAA tournament. Reinberg’s free throws with one second left gave the Bulldogs a 70-68 victory over Northwest Missouri.

In the regional, Truman ended the seasons of Missouri Western (82-69), host Midwestern State (81-68) and Abilene Christian (76-69) to advance to the NCAA Elite Eight in Louisville, Ky.

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Burditt was previously a two-time second-team MIAA pick under Head Coach Boyd King and was named to the “Who’s Who in Small College Basketball” following the 59-60 season.

Gerald Burditt ('60, '62) - Men’s Basketball

Burditt was the second leading scorer for a Bulldog team that captured the MIAA championship and advanced to the NCAA small college quarterfinals in 1959-60. Burditt earned first-team all-MIAA honors averaging 15.1 points per game.

The Bulldogs won the conference championship that season and won 13 of their last 14 games after starting the season with a 4-3 record.

Kirksville and Pershing Arena were selected as the host for the NCAA Southwest Regional, in which Truman defeated Abilene Christian 79-76 in the finals. Burditt had 21 points in the game as the Bulldogs rallied from a six-point deficit midway through the second half.

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