What Others Say About Truman

 Ranked for 16 consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest region. Also recognized as No. 1 for “Strong Commitment to Teaching” and No. 4 on the list of “Great Schools, Great Prices.” Truman was recognized in both “Study Abroad” and “Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects” in the “A Focus on Student Success” section.

— U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges,” 2013

Ranked No. 6 among Master’s Universities. Truman is the only Missouri school in the top 50 and the only Missouri public school on the entire top 100 Master’s Universities list. Truman was also ranked No. 19 for the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps and No. 4 in the number of bachelor’s recipients who go on to receive a Ph.D.

— Washington Monthly 2012 College Rankings

Truman State University has been recognized in Kiplinger’s Personal Finance as one of the nation’s best values in public education. Truman ranked No. 19 on Kiplinger’s list of the 100 “Best Values in Public Colleges.”

Truman is highlighted further in the main article as a school that has traditionally landed in the top third of the rankings each year due to strong academics and an affordable price. They rank each school based on cost and financial aid with academic quality carrying more weight than costs.

— Kiplinger’s Personal Finance February 2013

Recognized as one of the nation’s top 75 best public values for “stellar academics and exceptional affordability.”


Truman State University is a 2013 Fiske Best Buy School and “offers a winning combination of academics and a close knit community.”

— The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2013 Edition

Ranked No. 1 among the Top 50 Values for Public Colleges and Universities.

— Consumers Digest June 2011

Truman has produced the highest number of Academic All-Americans in Division II athletics in the history of the program.

— College Sports Information

Truman State University student athletes recorded the highest academic success rate of any institution in the MIAA with 92 percent. The Division II national average was 72 percent. Individually, all 20 of Truman’s intercollegiate sports exceeded the national average while five of Truman’s sports had a perfect 100 percent ASR rate: Men’s Tennis, Women’s Cross Country/Track, Women’s Golf, Softball and Women’s Swimming.

— NCAA Report October 2012

The Parents & Colleges website lists Truman as one of the “Ten Best Value Public Colleges and Universities” for universities that offer an excellent education at an affordable cost, due to low tuition rates and/or generous financial aid policies.

www.parentsandcolleges.com

Truman is the only Missouri school, and one of only 37 schools nationally, to be recognized this year by Colleges of Distinction in the Public Colleges of Distinction 2012-13 eGuidebook. Schools were recognized for being one of the most teaching-centered and engaging public colleges in the country.

— Colleges of Distinction
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 COVER STORY: A Union of Past and Present
The Student Union Building, a favored locale where students can hang out, study and eat, has undergone several changes over the years. Photo: When the SUB opened in 1967, it featured a private dining area called the Spanish Room.

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ON THE COVER:
The exterior of the Student Union Building has remained mostly the same since it first opened in 1967, but the interior has been modified several times to fulfill emerging student needs.
James F. O’Donnell began serving as the new dean of the School of Arts and Letters on July 1, 2013. In addition to his role of dean, he will also be a professor of music at Truman.

Prior to coming to Truman, O’Donnell had served as dean and professor of music at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., since 2001. He began his academic career at East Tennessee State University where he held a variety of positions during his 13-year stay, and he was a professor and chair of the Department of Music at Indiana State University.

After earning a bachelor’s degree, with honors, from Saint Mary’s College of Maryland, O’Donnell went on to earn his master’s and doctor of arts degrees from Ball State University, and an artist diploma from the World Federation of International Music Competitions. Among his many attributes, O’Donnell brings experience in strategic planning and assessment, program extension and development, budget development and student recruitment, and alumni and community relations.

Board of Governors Adds New Members

In January 2013, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon appointed David Lee Bonner (’07) and Mike LaBeth to the Truman Board of Governors, and the two new members were confirmed by the Missouri Senate. Bonner and LaBeth replace John Hilton (’02) and Ken Read (’73) whose terms ended December 2012.

Bonner is an assistant attorney general with the state of Illinois where he serves in the Civil Trials and Prosecutions unit that litigates cases dealing with personal injury, property damage, collection and labor law. He also serves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve and on the Wisconsin Bar Diversity Outreach Committee, a committee that seeks to foster a racially and ethnically diverse State Bar and a legal profession that is conscious of differences in our society.

Bonner graduated cum laude from Truman in 2007 and earned his juris doctor in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. Before joining the attorney general’s office, he clerked for the Chicago Corporation Counsel in the Bureau of License Enforcement and served as the director of field operations in Illinois’ Tenth Congressional District. Bonner is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and Illinois.

LaBeth is a real estate broker for Heritage House Realty Inc., in Kirksville. His previous work experience includes Mark Twain Mental Health Services and the Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center, both in Kirksville.

An active member of the Kirksville community, LaBeth currently serves as a Planning and Zoning commissioner and as an Alternate Route 63 safety commissioner. He has been involved with the Adair County YMCA, the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Association (KBSA) and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, for which he served as vice president in 2009 and president in 2010. A member of the Kirksville Young Professionals Organization, LaBeth received its “Top Five Under 40” Award in 2011. A graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., he earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications in 1998.

Approximately 1,200 graduates participated in the Spring Commencement ceremonies at Stokes Stadium on May 11, 2013.

As family and friends looked on, around 320 graduates were presented with diplomas during the Winter Commencement ceremonies in Pershing Arena on Dec. 15, 2012.
“... an intentional student schedules her objectives, tracks her progress and sets aside time for enjoying social time with friends. An intentional teacher makes room for improvisation but pursues and completes the plan of study he has shared with his students. An intentional friend listens to what others have to say and lets the interrupting cell phone call go to voice mail... By living intentionally, you will carry out in your lives every day the principles of your alma mater. When you sit down to dinner with your friend or your lover or your spouse, order thoughtfully, enjoy the food, and savor the conversation. If love means ‘never having to say you’re sorry,’ intentionally means never having to say, ‘scuse me, just got a tweet.’”

— PAUL GASTON III, Trustees professor at Kent State University in Ohio, from the address he presented to Truman’s graduating class at the Spring Commencement ceremonies held in Stokes Stadium on May 11, 2013.

“Your whole life is in front of you. And your life is more than your paycheck or your title or your occupation. There’s this idea of service, of volunteerism, working for something larger than ourselves, of helping one another, of making the world a better place. It is not tied to being a Republican or a Democrat, or a conservative or a liberal, or being rich or poor, or anywhere in between. It is the fabric that binds us all together. We all have something to give, all of us, something to contribute: it’s ourselves.”

— ERIC SCHMITT, a 1997 Truman alumnus and a member of the Missouri Senate, from the address he presented to Truman’s graduating class during the Winter 2012 Commencement ceremonies in Pershing Arena on Dec. 15, 2012.

Eric Schmitt down with his wife, Jaime (Forrester) Schmitt (’97, ’98)

Connecting YOUNG READERS WITH AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS

MORE THAN 1,400 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students participated in the Truman State University Children’s Literature Festival held on campus in April. Visiting authors and illustrators included Marlene Brill, Matthew Cody, Carmen Agra Deedy, Kimberly Newton Fusco, Stuart Gibbs, Deborah Hopkinson, Matthew Kirby, Barbara McClintock, Sheila O’Connor, Linda Urban and Judy Young.

Students participated in 30-minute sessions with the guest authors and illustrators. The festival concluded with a dinner followed by a presentation by Stuart Gibbs.

The Children’s Literature Festival was an annual event for 21 years, however, due to severe budget cuts, the festival was discontinued in 2004. A Children’s Literature Festival Fund was established in 2007 in an effort to bring the festival back, and the event returned in 2009. The festival is sponsored by Pickler Memorial Library with financial support from the Freeman Foundation, Follett High Education Group-Truman State University Bookstore and the Truman State University Foundation.
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Truman is participating in a new national initiative called the LEAP Employer-Educator Compact. Participating campuses and employers will work together through 2014 to showcase employer support for the aims and outcomes of a broad liberal education and to show how higher education is helping students connect college learning with work, citizenship and global challenges.

The compact was developed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and by employers working with AAC&U. University President Troy Paino is a member of a special presidential leadership group within AAC&U called the LEAP Presidents’ Trust. Presidents’ Trust members and employers who work with them are the initial signatories to this ongoing national initiative to ensure that today’s students will be well-prepared for economic, civic and global challenges.

For its part in the Compact, Truman has already established partnerships with the Kansas City-based health care company Cerner, as well as Boeing, the world’s largest aerospace company. These partnerships are designed to underscore the economic value of liberal education and to provide students with more hands-on learning opportunities to connect their campus learning with real-world contexts and problems.

“I am excited to be a part of this new national effort bringing employers and educators together to ensure that all our students understand what it takes to succeed in today’s workplace and to partner on ways we can provide more opportunities for students to apply their learning in real-world settings,” said Paino. “We are particularly pleased to partner in this initiative with Cerner and Boeing.”

At a Compact forum in Washington, D.C., in April, AAC&U launched the new LEAP Employer-Educator Compact to make high-quality college learning a shared national priority. More than 250 college presidents and business and nonprofit leaders have signed on to the LEAP Employer-Educator Compact. They have pledged to work together to ensure that all college students—including those attending two-year and four-year, public and private institutions—have access to a high-quality liberal education that prepares them successfully for work, life and citizenship.

Extensive surveys and focus groups by the AAC&U have revealed that more than 75 percent of employers want more emphasis on five key areas including: critical thinking, complex problem-solving, written and oral communication, and applied knowledge in real-world settings. For a full list of LEAP Presidents’ Trust members and employers signing the compact, see aacu.org/leap/presidentstrust/compact. Information about AAC&U membership, programs and publications can be found at aacu.org.

Take a Virtual Tour of Campus

Truman has added a new guided virtual walking tour online for prospective students and campus visitors. The tour is a series of video narrations that lead the visitor through a guided tour of the University, showcasing different aspects of the campus and community on each stop. The narrations are coupled with a coordinated slideshow of photographs showing activities that students engage in at each location.

In addition to the tour, visitors can find buttons to change the tour language, share their current tour via social media and request further information about the University. Truman’s tour is offered in English as well as Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, in hopes of accommodating international students whose first language is not English. Full translated video guides and foreign language text labels for each tour stop and interactive map are available to any prospective student wishing to learn more about Truman.

The tour also includes panoramic images, videos and additional photographs on some stops, accessible through an Explore Media tab. During the tour, a small campus map tracks the visitor’s progress around campus and can be used to access stops quickly, or the map can be expanded to replace the slideshow to give visitors a larger view of the campus.

Truman has been awarded the CampusTours Four Star Tour Award for the tour, which can be viewed at tour.truman.edu.
CONSTRUCTION AROUND CAMPUS

FRANKLIN STREET PROJECT

The portion of Franklin Street that runs through the Truman campus from Patterson to Normal streets is getting a new look that includes new pavement, lighting and sidewalks along with the addition of bike lanes in both directions. The plans also include a new center median with trees down the center of the street. The project is partially funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, and the anticipated completion date is in August 2013.

KIRK MEMORIAL

This summer, Kirk Memorial, a campus landmark which was built in the 1940s, is getting some much-needed repairs. In addition to replacing the cupola, improvements include new shingles and windows, brick tuck pointing and replacement of limestone detailing that has deteriorated. New plantings of trees and shrubs will be in keeping with the original design from the 1940s. Campus Planners Mark Schultz says the goal is to make the building water-tight and prevent further deterioration.

CENTENNIAL HALL

Centennial Hall is nearly midway through a major upgrade that is part of the University’s campus-wide housing improvement project. During the first phase of the Centennial Hall renovation, the entire south side of the residence hall was closed for the 2012-2013 academic year. As the finishing touches were being completed on the south side earlier this summer, work began on the main lounge, dining hall and lounge areas. The north side will be closed for the final phase of the project, and the completion date is January 2014.

The Centennial Hall renovation includes new heating and cooling, ventilation and sprinkler systems; a new electrical system throughout the building; new elevators; and new paint, carpet and lighting in the public areas. Once completed, the common areas, such as the lounges, dining area and hallways, will have new air conditioning. The floor lounges on the third, fourth and fifth floors are being expanded to more than double their original size, and the main lounge will feature a conference room and game room. In addition, the dining area will have a new serving line and seating area along with an attached private dining space.

A new elevator has been added that will take residents from the main lounge to the dining room entryway. In addition, a new chair lift will allow residents and guests who use a wheelchair easier access between the main lounge and the first floor. The building will be completely ADA accessible.

Other improvements include a new data system for faster wireless Internet, new study rooms on the first floor and remodeled public restrooms. Exterior work is also being done on the roof, as well as the brick and concrete that has worn down over the years.

“Students had input on all of the paint and carpet and wood finishes and this has been a truly collaborative project between the architects, Truman staff and Truman students,” said John Gardner, director of residence life. “We really appreciate the support of the Board of Governors, the President’s Office and the Dean of Students Affairs Office.”
LONG-TIME TRUMAN PROFESSOR AND ALUMNUS

Jack Bowen was honored posthumously with a dedication ceremony for the Jack C. Bowen Memorial Garden on campus June 2, 2012. For 42 years, Bowen worked in public education, holding positions in teaching, coaching, administration and intramurals. He passed away in March 2011 after a long battle with cancer.

A native of La Plata, Mo., Bowen earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Truman in 1958 and 1961, respectively. He started his teaching and coaching career in 1958 in the public schools in Pulaski, Iowa. In 1960, he took a job with the Davis County public schools in Bloomfield, Iowa, holding positions in teaching, coaching and administration. He accepted a position at the University in 1966 in the Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, which is now Health and Exercise Sciences.

Assignments over Bowen’s 34 years at Truman included teaching undergraduate courses, serving as director of intramural recreation sports and as the HLTH 194 activities coordinator, overseeing field experiences for HES students and supervising HES MAE students.

The Bowen Garden was made possible through a generous private donation by the K.C. Summers Corporation and was installed by staff, faculty and students under the direction of Trumascapes. Jack’s wife, Melba (Cokerham) Bowen (’61), and members of the Bowen family were actively involved in the design and planning of garden, which is maintained by members of Phi Epsilon Kappa, a professional service organization in the Health and Exercise Sciences.
Making Historical Documents More Accessible

Truman computer science major Sierra Gregg received the Student of Achievement Award from the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired at its Visionary Gala in April for her ingenuity to make historical documents from presidential libraries accessible to the blind and visually impaired.

In the summer of 2011, Gregg, herself visually impaired, was chosen as the social media intern at the Office of Presidential Libraries within the National Archives in Washington, D.C. By July of that year, Gregg started searching around in the National Archives digital catalogs for records relating to the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Signed into law on July 26, 1990, the ADA was a ground-breaking civil rights act for the disabilities community. Gregg found only two records relating to the signing of the ADA in the Archives’ digital catalog and neither of those two records was the Act itself. She could see lists of records relating to the Act, but they had not been digitized, meaning a researcher would either have to travel to the physical location of the record or request a copy.

Because Gregg wanted to increase the number of digitized records relating to the ADA, she submitted a proposal for the Americans with Disabilities records webpage. The scope of the original project grew far beyond what she and her supervisor had first imagined. During the last few weeks of her first summer in Washington, D.C., Gregg helped write the proposal and a request for digitized records that was sent out to the 13 presidential libraries. When the summer ended, she came back to Truman for the school year, and although she did not work directly on the project, she stayed in contact with her supervisor.

When Gregg returned to Washington, D.C., in 2012, almost all of her time was devoted to completing the project. By then, the libraries had sent back a list of more than 50 different records, including pictures and text documents, relating to Americans with disabilities. Each library’s records illustrated that president’s work with people with disabilities. For example, the Roosevelt Library’s records focused on Polio, and the Kennedy Library’s records focused on mental impairments. Gregg helped coordinate getting these digitized records listed in the online catalog and the development of the webpage. In July 2012, the Office of Presidential Libraries did a series of posts to all of its social media outlets about the launch of the new webpage.

Even though Gregg will not be working for the National Archives this summer, she hopes the webpage continues to grow to include more records from the presidential libraries, she and would like to have the opportunity to work with them again. Her experiences working for the Office of Presidential Libraries have reinforced her desire to work in a library/archives environment.

“Serve with distinction...”

Gregg’s project can be found online at www.archives.gov/research/americans-with-disabilities/.

— Bethany Williams ('13)

Truman has once again been included on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for Sixth Time

Truman Mobile App

TRUMAN MOBILE, the official mobile application of Truman State University, allows users to follow the latest University news and events. Students can check their grades and class schedules, find an available computer and much more. Visitors can also use it to navigate the campus.

Other features include Truman Master Calendar events; Truman Today stories; Truman Index stories; Truman’s YouTube channel; department blogs; campus map; library catalog search; and a Truman faculty, staff and student directory search. More features will be added in the future.

Truman Mobile was designed by Truman alumnus Huan Truong ('11) and Truman student Prasang Chhetri. Truong worked for the University’s IT Services full time after graduating from Truman in December 2011 until leaving for graduate school. Chhetri is currently a student worker for Truman’s Web Services team. Truong and Chhetri also received support from IT Services staff and other members of the campus community.

Truman Mobile works with iOS and Android devices and is available for free on Amazon and the Google Play Store. To download the installation instructions, visit m.truman.edu/app/docs.
For the past two years, a number of Truman students have been donating their time in the Kirksville community to inspire a love of learning in children ages 4-14 through the Peace program. Peace is a non-profit after-school program that involves volunteers going to the Devlin Place housing complex located several blocks southwest of campus to mentor neighborhood children.

While about 20 children attend regular sessions, which take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, the program saw more than 100 different children over the course of the last year.

Kirkville’s Peace program was established in 2010 and modeled after a similar program in Columbia, Mo. According to Amy Burbee, a Peace program coordinator, the decision was made to introduce the program in the Devlin Place area after a group of students spent a summer volunteering and distributing lunches through the Food4Kids program in a nearby park. After building a relationship with the families in the area, these students saw a need for the program.

Peace volunteers provide children with homework help, healthy snacks and fun activities. The program is provided at no cost to the children or their parents, and the volunteers go to the students’ neighborhood for all activities.

Peace is staffed completely by volunteers, mainly Truman students and members of the Life Church High School.

It is affiliated with the University through the campus organization Equipped, but participating Truman students do not receive course credit or scholarship hours, they simply do it for the experience.

“The most rewarding part of the program is seeing the growth of the kids,” Burbee said. “For example, seeing students who have been getting C’s start to get A’s and B’s, or seeing a student gain more confidence in math or watching their social skills grow.”

Peace is supported entirely by donations. Last fall, Truman students sold kettle corn to help raise funds. All financial donations go toward food, supplies and other basic necessities for the program.

More information about the Peace program is available online at peacekv.org. The site includes ways to make donations and also has steps for anyone wanting to volunteer as a tutor. — Kaitlyn Hall (’13)
A new publication titled *Harry: A Journal of Thought and Action* highlights the many kinds of innovative activities, creative endeavors and cutting-edge ideas emerging from Truman State University.

The reporting is done entirely by Truman undergraduate students under the mentorship of Marilyn Yaquinto, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and an assistant professor in the Department of Communication. Students in Truman’s News Reporting and Feature Writing courses learn to identify stories, interview subjects, do extensive background research and develop stories that are often much longer than traditional newspaper articles. They have the added responsibility of developing multimedia content to accompany these stories for the web-based journal.

Many of these students are cutting their teeth with their very first stories while writing for *Harry*. More experienced students are also responsible for the cover art, the magazine layout and the editing. Following in the tradition of award-winning publications such as the *The Index* and *Detours*, Kevin Minch, director of the Truman Institute, hopes this venture into online publishing will be an equal success.

“We encourage you to share this publication with friends and to encourage them to send us their email addresses for inclusion on our mailing list,” said Minch. “If you like the ideas you see in the publication and want to know more about what Truman State University’s faculty and programs can do in partnership with your business, school, organization or employees, don’t hesitate to contact our office. We would love to share with you the possibilities in spreading these ideas to even larger audiences.”

A subscription to *Harry* is free. For more information or to add your name to the mail list, visit institute.truman.edu/harry.asp.

**Connecting Students WITH Career Opportunities**

Polly Matteson, assistant director and employer relations coordinator of the Truman State University Career Center, works to develop recruiting relationships with employers from various career fields. Many of these relationships are made possible through connections with Truman alumni who work with an employer. Matteson says, “The value of alumni connections cannot be over emphasized. It is often what makes it possible to talk with and develop relationships with the decision-makers within an organization.”

Matteson has coordinated opportunities for faculty and students from various academic departments to travel to companies and talk with professionals in various departments. “There is no better way to promote Truman than for the recruiters to meet and talk with students,” said Matteson. “One question I always ask with these visits is what skills they look for in interns and new hires, so we can better prepare Truman students for success after college. What impresses me is that the answers do not vary between career paths—team work, communication and problem solving always rank high on the list.”

If you have ideas on ways to collaborate with this effort, please contact Matteson at pollym@truman.edu.
Warren Gooch, professor of music, was given the Governor’s Award for Excellence. Each year, the Governor’s Award is presented to one faculty member at each institution of higher education in Missouri. The award is based on effective teaching, innovating course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

Brent Buckner, geneticist and professor of biology, was recognized with Truman State University’s Educator of the Year award.

Fredric Shaffer, professor of psychology, was honored as Truman’s Most Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year.

Scott Alberts, professor of mathematics, is serving as the director of Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Accounting Department received Truman’s Department of the Year Award. The Accounting Department’s faculty includes Alan Davis, Keith Harrison, Darla Honn, Kristen Irwin, Kathy Otero and Cathy Poyner. Retired faculty teaching part-time includes Sandra Fleak, Scott Fouch and Sandy Weber. The Accounting Department is part of the School of Business AACSB accreditation, one of 178 institutions worldwide holding this designation.

Truman students were among the most successful in the country on the Certified Public Accountants (CPA) examination according to the most recent statistics released by the National Association of States Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). The Truman candidates taking the exam passed 78.9 percent of sections taken with an average score of 80.4, placing Truman fourth in the nation among large programs. Among all institutions with 10 or more reported candidates, Truman ranked ninth in the nation.

Gov. Jay Nixon was on campus last September to announce a $150,000 grant award for Truman’s Department of Nursing to expand instructional and course offerings. The grant, which is funded by the Caring for Missourians initiative, provides Truman with the resources necessary to graduate at least 10-15 additional nursing students.

Connor Stangler, a history and English double major from Columbia, Mo., who graduated from Truman this May, was awarded a national competitive scholarship of up to $30,000 from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation received 587 applications from 272 colleges. Approximately 65 scholarships are awarded annually, and Stangler was the only student from a Missouri university to receive the award.

Wyatt Hoffman, a political science major from Kansas City, Mo., who graduated from Truman this May, was selected for the Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program. Hoffman, as the first Truman student to be accepted into the program, will be participating in research related to nuclear policy.

After competing in Zone 7 Championships, three members from the Truman Equestrian Team advanced to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships. The Zone 7 Championships took place in April at West Texas A&M where Caitlin Shafer, Danielle Witt and Elizabeth Miller all qualified for nationals. Shafer placed second in the walk-trot equitation, Witt was awarded second place in the novice equitation on the flat and Miller placed second in the open equitation on the flat.

The Truman Forensic Union earned top debate honors at the National Forensic Association’s national championship tournament hosted by Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., in April. Myra Milam, a communication disorders major, was awarded the first place speaker award in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Division. Maddie Ebert, a political science major, reached the octafinal or “sweet sixteen” round of the tournament. Nick Gorman, an economics major, reached the double-octafinal round. Gorman was also ranked the 10th best speaker in the tournament. The team placed third overall in the nation in sweepstakes competition, a cumulative measure of performance among all Lincoln-Douglas competitors. Qualifiers for the national tournament contributing to these team awards, in addition to Milam, Ebert and Gorman, include: Mackenzie Barnes, Alex Bisges, Blake Bixler, Codi Caton, David Cook, Alex Gregor, Max Highsmith, Dillon Laaker, Arielle Long-Seabra and Sarah Muir.

Elizabeth Clark will serve as the interim dean of the School of Social and Cultural Studies. Clark’s appointment officially began on July 1, 2013, and ends June 30, 2014. She has served as the Communications Department chair for six years.
Truman student Nick Spear’s childhood dream was to become an astronaut. Although he doesn’t see himself on a trip to space anytime soon, Spear discovered that an internship with NASA in Washington, D.C., last summer provided a nice compromise. Spear’s previous experience in researching tools and techniques for detecting infected computers helped prepare him for his internship with NASA.

Spear worked in the NASA Computer Crimes Division during his internship. “Every federal agency has their own Office of the Inspector General, which helps catch any fraud, waste or abuse going on within the agency,” Spear said. “In the Computer Crimes Division (CCD), we looked at any and all computer-related crime that is costing NASA money.”

CCD special agents research various cases of computer crimes, ranging from a single employee searching inappropriate content to vast networks for malware that cause problems all over the world. After an agent began a case, Spear’s job was to help out by doing forensics on computer drives, calculating the cost that NASA incurred from the crime and building new systems for the office to use.

Spear worked with the East Coast Division of the NASA CCD, which was comprised of three special agents and his boss, the agent in charge of the East Coast CCD. “Working in such a small group made for a fun environment,” Spear said. “That made it easy to learn a lot during my internship.”

The East Coast CCD helped Spear gain a great deal of technical experience, which he believes will be useful for his future goals. Spear said that the employees at the NASA CCD each had their own diverse working style. This helped him see different perspectives on how to get a job done, which aided him in learning the trade.

During his summer internship, Spear was invited to return to the NASA CCD for a second summer of work. He is currently looking at graduate schools in the Washington, D.C., area so he can continue working for the CCD while completing his school. As far as plans after graduate school, Spear is keeping his options open.

“I’d love to continue what I’m doing, perhaps becoming an agent myself,” Spear said. “But other exciting possibilities may present themselves farther down the road.” — NATALIE GIESEKE

Nick Spear, a math and computer science major, landed a summer internship working with NASA’s Computer Crimes Division.

Tell us a little bit about what you teach:
You might say that my teaching focuses on the human dimensions of agricultural systems; my courses involve applying concepts and tools of social science and business to the economic and cultural system that is agriculture. One of my courses, Ethical Issues in Sustainable Agriculture, is a discussion-based class in which students not only grapple with the ethicity and sustainability of agricultural technologies and practices (biotechnology, animal welfare, etc.) but become familiar with how different groups (urban consumers, farmers, environmental advocates) may differently perceive these technologies and practices. Another class takes an interdisciplinary look at issues in rural America, such as immigration, population change, education, voting behavior and more. Other classes focus on topics such as commodity futures markets, agricultural policy and agricultural entrepreneurship.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy:
Learning is a social process and teaching should begin with that in mind. At the core of my teaching philosophy is a belief in the need to model for students a commitment to lifelong learning. In order to do that, I try to make a practice of holding my own knowledge and core values up for scrutiny, reflection and change on a regular basis. I frequently use guest speakers in my classes so that students have direct exposure to “practitioners” who are grappling with the issues covered in that class in their own personal and/or professional lives.
What do you like best about teaching:
Teaching is like doing the same dance over and over, but with a different partner each time. That combination of familiarity and newness is simultaneously fun, rewarding and terrifying. I would identify these related things about teaching that are among my favorites: the sort of seasonal rhythm that goes with each succeeding semester beginning and ending where, periodically, all things are made new again; having a repeated opportunity to share knowledge and interest in a subject that one is passionate about with a new group of students and seeing a proportion of those students come to share that passion; watching new students come into the department or into a particular class and having the opportunity to see them mature and develop over the course of a semester or their entire college career and then, sometimes, having an opportunity to keep in touch with them as alumni and seeing that development process continue over a lifetime.

What is the last thing that made you laugh:
My seven-year-old son has a gift for mangling common phrases, unintentionally modifying song lyrics and the like. This is a constant and free source of entertainment for the rest of the family. One family favorite is his rendition of the Pat Benatar song "I Love Rock-n-Roll" which, when Gregory sings it, goes, "I love rock and roll, so put another dime in the juice box baby...". I'm pretty sure my most recent good laugh was this or another Gregory-ism.

What do you like to do when you're not working:
My family and I have the good fortune to live on a farm in rural Macon County, on land that has been in my wife's family for approximately 75 years. Farming is an avocation and constant distraction for me. We raise beef cattle and sheep which we market both through conventional auction market channels and directly to area consumers as natural, grass-fed meat. Our three children also have swine and poultry for their 4-H projects. On a weekend or holiday from the University, I will most likely be found tending to some task on the farm, from caring for the animals to cutting wood to building fence.

If you weren't teaching, what would you be doing:
Between earning my bachelor’s degree and returning to graduate school to work on my Ph.D., I worked for three and one-half years for two different agricultural cooperatives, both having grain marketing and/or processing as their primary business. I worked first as a commodity price analyst and then as a junior grain merchandiser. If I wasn’t teaching, I suspect I would be working in grain marketing or some related area of agricultural business.

What is the most rewarding part of your job:
Hearing from former students. It is very gratifying to get those emails, calls or notes and not only hear about the difference that our Truman alumni are making in their careers, their families, their communities, but to also hear the sometimes surprising things that they remember about their time in Kirksville.
The Student Union Building, a favored locale where students can hang out, study and eat, has undergone several changes over the years.

When the Student Union Building (SUB) opened its doors to the Truman community in 1967, it quickly established itself as a gathering spot where students could encounter an old friend, or meet a new one. Originally, the building was designed as a way of bringing the University community together by providing facilities where student-based activities could take place. While it has continued to maintain this distinct purpose through the years, the Student Union has also grown and expanded along with the University to fulfill emerging student needs.

Prior to the SUB being built, the closest thing the campus had for a student service center was a large area in the Kirk Building (pictured in upper left corner) named Sociability Hall. One of the first official statements concerning a Student Union Building can be traced back to 1945 when a postwar planning committee of the faculty presented a report to then University President Walter Ryle recommending a Student Union in a 10-year building plan.
During the 1950s, students displayed a growing interest in having a Student Union Building, and several senior classes contributed to a Student Union Fund to help with furnishing the building. In 1960, the Board of Regents passed a resolution officially lending their support to the cause, and less than a year later, plans for the Student Union gained more momentum when the student body approved a Student Union fee. After funding for the project was finally approved, the ground-breaking ceremonies for the Student Union Building took place in March 1966. The total cost of the building upon completion, including equipment and interior decorations, was $2.5 million. After decades of planning, the Student Union Building was officially opened on Oct. 20, 1967, and 2012 marked its 45th anniversary.

A rooftop sundeck once opened out from the Activities Room on the top floor.

Student Union Director Kenneth Sykes (left) and Student Council President Jack Wright at the Student Union ribbon-cutting ceremony in October 1967.

An old photo of the Alumni Room (circle photo) located on the main level. Below, a photo of the original Quiet Lounge (1968 Echo yearbook).

The Spanish Room was a dining area in the SUB with seating for 64 guests. The chairs were imported from Spain, and the small chandeliers were designed in Mexico. Guests entered through a 12-foot wrought-iron gate shown in the upper left corner of the photo below (1968 Echo yearbook).
Although the exterior of the building has remained mostly the same since 1967, the inside of the Student Union has experienced many changes throughout the years. Major renovations in 1986, 1990, 1994 and 2006 have altered the layout and aesthetics of the interior of the building. The most recent renovation brought changes such as the conversion of the Quiet Lounge to the Hub, which included a new passenger elevator, staircase and seating; the addition of the south entrance on the lower level; and rest rooms added on the main floor.

Other major modifications have included the expansion of the University Bookstore (1986); the renovation of the Snack Bar, now known as the Mainstreet Market (1990) and removal of the bowling lanes on the lower level (1991).

Students shown gathered around the east entrance of the SUB taking advantage of a sunny day (1970 *Echo* yearbook).

In the 1970s, the Games Room in the lower level featured pool tables, billiard tables and snooker tables (circle photo) (1975 *Echo* yearbook). A foosball table was added to the Games Room due to the game's increased popularity (1976 *Echo* yearbook).

University President Charles McClain (far left) shown cutting the ribbon at the dedication for the mural that decorates the hallway on the top floor in the Student Union. The mural is the work of William Unger (shown on far right) (1977 *Echo* yearbook).

A photo of the University Bookstore taken in the 1970s.
Dave Lusk, who has served as director of the Student Union Building since 2009, notes that the most recent renovations have made the facility more accessible and free-flowing. “As a result, the Student Union has seen a dramatic increase in students being in the building,” says Lusk. “Students use the Student Union as a place to meet friends for an informal group meeting and have a meal, coffee and smoothies, and it provides a place where students can gather for weekly organizational meetings and attend entertainment or educational programs.” The facility also provides a place where students can take a break from their studies, and Lusk says it’s not uncommon to come across students engaged in an impromptu game of chess or a strategy card game.

In addition to providing a centralized gathering spot for students and other members of the Truman community, the Student Union also houses a number of offices. “Students like the central location of the Student Union, both in relation to campus and in terms of offices in the building, with Reservations, the Career Center, the Center for Student Involvement, Student Senate, Student Activities Board, Student Affairs and the Serve Center all in the same place,” says Laura Boville (*13), a recent graduate who worked in various offices in the Student Union. “A lot of student groups find the Union useful when planning and hosting events and for increasing publicity because there are always people walking through the building.”

A view of the newly remodeled Quiet Lounge after renovations in the late-1980s (1989 Echo yearbook).
Some of the other offices located in the Student Union include Greek Life, Funds Allotment Council (FAC), Student Organization Center (SOC) and the Women’s Resource Center. The University Bookstore, located on the lower level, provides textbooks and course materials, digital textbooks, apparel and accessories, school supplies and much more. The Down Under, a dance and entertainment area, is also on the lower level.

Throughout the years, the Student Union has offered dining services for the Truman community. Today, Mainstreet Market, the food court area which replaced what was once known as the Snack Bar, offers a variety of options that include Original Burger, Godfather’s Pizza and Theme Cuisine featuring a variety of national and international menu items. In addition, Jazzman’s, which features coffee and pastries, and Freshëns, which offers yogurt and all-natural smoothies, are also located on the main level.

After renovations in the early 1990s, the Games Room featured air hockey and new pool tables, video games, foosball and pinball machines (circle photo). A newly remodeled lower level featured new seating and a “big-screen” television (Northeast Review, Spring 1994).

A view of the Quiet Lounge in the 1990s.

Kim Harris shown studying in the Mainstreet Market dining area (1998 Echo yearbook).
Since the very beginning, the Union has served as a focal point for programs, meetings, dining and relaxation for students, faculty, staff, alumni and off-campus visitors. As the community center for the campus, the Union continually seeks to serve as a unifying force in the life of the University.

Bethany Williams (’13) contributed to this article.

Have a favorite memory of the Student Union Building?
Send your story or photos to alumniandfriends@truman.edu.

The new staircase added to the Hub (formerly the Quiet Lounge) leads to a loft area that provides additional seating overlooking the lounge.

Renovations that began in 2006 included the addition of a new staircase and passenger elevator in the Quiet Lounge (photo below). In 2008, the Quiet Lounge was renamed the Hub.

The Hub, the large lounge formerly known as the Quiet Lounge, continues to provide a place where students can relax, study and socialize.

Mainstreet Market, the food court area on the main level, offers a variety of options including Original Burger, Godfather's Pizza and Theme Cuisine featuring a variety of national and international menu items.
1930s—A large room on the ground floor in the Kirk Building is designated as “Sociability Hall.” This represents one of the University’s first undertakings to offer students facilities for activities.

1945—The postwar faculty planning committee recommends the future construction of a Student Union Building.

JUNE 1961—Students vote to approve a Student Union fee, and University President Walter Ryle recommends a student union fee of $8 per quarter to the Board of Regents. The Board arrives at a fee of $5 per quarter.

APRIL 1963—University President Walter Ryle appoints a Student Union Planning Committee consisting of students and faculty.

JULY 1965—The University acquires all of the land necessary to construct the Student Union Building.

MARCH 1966—The University hosts a groundbreaking ceremony with Student Council President Harry Libby presiding. This is believed to be the first official ceremony in Truman’s history that was organized and conducted solely by students. The Student Union is dedicated and the cornerstone is laid Aug. 9, 1966.

OCTOBER 1967—The Student Union officially opens at 10 a.m. Oct. 20, 48 days after the celebration of the University’s centennial.

JANUARY 1973—Marion Street is closed and construction begins on the Mall. The Mall and fountain are completed in December of 1975.

SEPTEMBER 1975—To commemorate the U.S. bicentennial celebration, Professor William Unger is commissioned by the University to paint a mural modeled off the artistic style of painter Thomas Hart Benton.

FEBRUARY 1984—A study of the feasibility and cost of renovating the Student Union begins. The study concludes that repair and renovation are needed in the building. Areas targeted in the renovation included roof repairs; masonry work; expansion of the University Bookstore; furnishings in the Georgian Room, the Quiet Lounge and the Snack Bar.

• The Student Union officially opened at 10 a.m. on Oct. 20, 1967, under the direction of Kenneth Sykes, who was the director for the next 12 years.

• A four-chair barber shop was located on the first floor when the Student Union opened in 1967.
1986—The first phase of the renovation begins with the relocation of student media offices, including the Index, Echo and KUEU, from Laughlin Hall to the lower level of the Union. Later on, during renovations made during the 2000s, the student media offices are moved to Barnett Hall.

1990—Planning commences for the renovation of the Snack Bar and the Games Room area.

OCTOBER 1991—The renovation of the Snack Bar is completed, and it is renamed Mainstreet Market. Improvements include new lighting and furnishings, reconfiguration of the serving area and the removal of the wall separating the windows and the dining area (formerly the Art Gallery).

LATE 1991—The bowling lanes are removed from the lower level.

1993—The Board of Governors grants approval for the renovation of the Games Room area. On-site construction begins April 1.

FEBRUARY 1994—The University hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 4 to celebrate the opening of the newly-renovated lower level. Improvements include a new Games Room area, multipurpose space, lounge seating, office space and student organization work areas.

2006—A new phase of renovations begins on the Student Union Building. Renovations to the Quiet Lounge include a new staircase and passenger elevator. A new entrance is added on the south side of the first floor. The Georgian Room is also renovated to allow the room to be sectioned off into three separate spaces.

SEPTEMBER 2008—The Quiet Lounge is renamed the Hub after student Libby Piel wins the University contest to rename the room.

OCTOBER 2012—The Student Union Building celebrates its 45th anniversary.

• A dress code was enforced when the Student Union opened. Men were required to wear slacks, and women were required to wear dresses or sweaters and skirts in the dining areas.

• A copper box, placed in a niche of the SUB’s cornerstone, contained a number of items including newspaper articles about the Student Union Building.
What's new with you?

Let us know what you have been up to such as information about your job, honors and milestones, weddings, births and other personal alumni news you would like to share with your fellow alumni. Information may be edited due to limited space.

In memoriam

Family members and friends are encouraged to send obituaries of deceased alumni to Office of Advancement, McClain Hall 205, 100 E. Normal Ave., Kirksville, MO 63501.

Submit your news for Class Notes online at alumni.truman.edu/ or use the update form found on the inside back cover of each issue of the Truman Review. You can also fax information to (660) 785-7519.

1950s
Joyce (Luker) Wilson ('58), Waldport, Ore., is a high school teacher at Angell Job Corps. She has a daughter, Beverly, and three sons, Douglas, Fredrick and Robert; yachats101@presys.com.

Gardner live in West Des Moines, Iowa. Gene served as president of Black Hawk College in Moline, Ill., and Mary Ann is retired. They have two daughters, Lana and Lisa, and a son, Lance; ggardner6980@yahoo.com.

Phil Noveringer ('59), Athens, Ga., is retired; hrekittke@gmail.com.


Janet (Bullock) Snyder ('60), Naples, Fla., is retired. She has two sons, David and Bill.

Herman Rekittke ('62), North Kansas City, Mo., is retired; hrekittke@gmail.com.

Eimer Gaug Jr. ('64) and Martha Ann (Groves) Gaug ('85), Meadville, Mo., are both retired from teaching. They have two daughters, Mary Ann and Ruth, and a son, John; farmdrip@yahoo.com.

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A Milestone Birthday

Dorothy (Blair) Heying, a 1938 Truman alumna, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Dec. 5, 2012. Born in 1909 in St. Louis, Heying’s family soon moved after her father purchased a variety store in Vandalia, Mo. Throughout her childhood, Heying’s passion for education and teaching was encouraged by her parents. During her junior year in high school, she accepted a teaching position in Potosi, Mo., after completing a teacher training course that resulted in a two-year teaching certificate.

Determined to achieve a degree in education, Heying attended classes for a series of eight summers at Truman back when the school was known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. During that time, she sang in the college chorus and performed in a production of “The Barber of Seville.”

Heying’s teaching career spanned more than 50 years, and she taught at schools in Hermann and Rhineland, Mo. She retired from teaching at age 70.

— Brad Chambers (’86)

Dorothy (Blair) Heying (seated), shown with her good friend Rita Thomas, wife of the late Jim Thomas (Jim was a member of the Truman faculty from 1964 to 1994).
is a training specialist at Marsh and McClellan, and Lynn is a mathematics specialist for the Great Prairie Area Education Agency. The couple has two daughters, Audrey and Rosemary.

**Kelly Chaney** ('85), Carlinville, Ill., is a professor and chair of the Education Department at Blackburn College. She has a son, Trent, and a daughter, Sarah; kelly.chaney@blackburn.edu.

**John Crooks** ('85, '87), Avon Lake, Ohio, traveled to China and strengthened existing partnerships, added a new partnership institution and established a new China Service Center for his educational institution in Changsha (Hunan Province), China; jcrooks@lorainccc.edu.

**Daniel Greenwell** ('85) was named senior vice president and chief financial officer of Tronox Incorporated.

**James Kremer** ('85), Chesterfield, Mo., teaches at Marquette High School. He and his wife, Frances, have a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Kelly; kcremerjim@gmail.com.

**Jodi Richards** ('85), Rock Hill, Mo., is a community development manager for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri. She has a son, Mark Schierbecker, and a daughter, Jana Schierbecker; jodene.renee@juno.com.

**Russell Ryba** ('85) is a partner at Foley and Lardner’s Milwaukee office and was named co-chair of the law firm’s Senior Living Industry Team. Ryba and his co-chair will help guide a team of attorneys experienced in representing national and local providers of independent senior housing, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and continuing care retirement communities.

**Raella Wiggins** ('87) is a research technician at A.T. Still University. She and her husband, David, have two sons, Charles and Caleb, and a daughter, Conner. The University of Missouri Extension Council of Scotland County named their family the 2011 State Fair Farm Family.

**Janet (Moyers) Miller** ('88), St. Charles, Mo., is a children’s service worker for the St. Charles County Children’s Division. Janet and her husband, Mark, have a son, Matt, and a daughter, Megan.

**Jody (Jensen) Shaffer** ('88), Liberty, Mo., is the author of several children’s books, including Bread Before the Store, Blue Jeans Before the Store and Stars of Today books on Taylor Swift, Taylor Lautner, Lea Michelle and Dwayne Johnson. Her poetry and short fiction pieces have appeared in Highlights High Five, Babybug, COLUMBIAKids and other magazines.

**Kimberly (Freeman) Streeter** ('89), Cottage Grove, Minn., is a cardiology special procedure RN at Woodwinds Health Care Campus. She is also working toward her master’s degree in nursing through the University of Phoenix. She and her husband, Jerry, have a son, Shane, and a daughter, Jillian; wild9872001@yahoo.com.

**1990s**

**Monica (Powell) Bross** ('90), Palmyra, Mo., teaches third grade in the Palmyra R-1 School District. She and her husband, Kenny, have two sons, Jacob and Alexander; and a daughter, Gracie; brossm@palmyra.k12.mo.us.

**Lisa (Axsom) Butler** ('90), Vichy, Mo., substitute teaches for Maries R-2 School District. She and her husband, Thomas, have two sons, Max and Logan; tomandlisabulter@yahoo.com.

**Elizabeth (Fitch) Canuteson** ('90), Liberty, Mo., was appointed to the Missouri Technology Corporation by Governor Jay Nixon.

**Andrew Mak** ('90) lives in Hong Kong, China. Gregory Siering ('90, '92), Bloomington, Ind., is director of the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at Indiana University; gsierring@gmail.com.

**Christopher Treece** ('90,'91) was promoted to executive vice president, chief financial officer and secretary of Guaranty Bancorp.

**Natalie (Breitman) Brage** ('91), Kansas City, Mo., is an accounting manager at American Italian Pasta Company.

**Rhonda Gibler** ('91) began serving as Missouri University’s director of budget in January 2013. She has worked at Mizzou for 19 years and previously served as associate vice provost for Extension management. She and her husband, Kevin, have three children, Kelsie, Haylie and Kendall.

**Angie (Phillips) Houck** ('91), Washington, Ill., is the program director for Junior Achievement of Central Illinois. She has a son, Jakob, and two daughters, Katrina and Abigail; angiehouck@gmail.com.

**Arlen Egley** ('92), Tallahassee, Fla., is a senior research associate for the National Gang Center; aegley@iir.com.

**Melissa (Stark) Hinkle** ('92) and Eric Hinkle ('92) live in Hutchinson, Kan. Melissa is director of marketing and public information at Hutchinson Community College, and Eric is director of retail automation for the Kroger Corporation. They have two children, Brian and Sabrina; mehinkle@juno.com.

**Carol (Grindle) MacArthur** ('92), Fort Scott, Kan., teaches English in the Nevada R-5 School District. She has a daughter, Robin Daily; carolmacarthur46@gmail.com.

**Thomas McGunnigal** ('92), Peru, Ill., is admissions director, athletic director and head girl’s basketball coach at Saint Bede Academy. He and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Riley; coachgunny@sbcglobal.net.

**Shannon (Donaldson) Menz** ('92), Suwanee, Ga., is cost accounting supervisor at Associated Hygienic Products, LLC. She and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, Noah Phillips and Nicolas Phillips; shannon.menz@yahoo.com.

**Cheryl (Leutzinger) Smith** ('92), Wright City, Mo., is an office administrator at The Boeing Company. She has volunteered with First Step Back Home Inc., a homeless ministry, since 2010.

**Joe Bambenek** ('93), St. Michael, Minn., is an associate priest at St. Michael’s Catholic Church and a chaplain at Ave Maria Academy.

**Shannon Palmer** ('93) was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer of Vestcom. Vestcom is based in Little Rock, Ark., and specializes in marketing services for the retail industry.

**Tammy (Canovi) Smith** ('93), Kirkville, Mo., is a restaurant general manager at Dunafon Enterprises Inc./DBA Taco Bell. She and her husband, Michael, have a daughter, Rachel; trsmsmith95@hotmail.com.

**Kenner Estes** ('94), Chicago, Ill., is a stay-at-home dad. He and his wife, Agnes, celebrated the birth of their first child, Emily, in November 2011; kenner@gmail.com.

**Elisabeth “Lyby” (Surapaneni) Jones-Graves** ('94) is a reliability centered maintenance trainer and procedure coordinator at Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. She lives in Macon, Mo., with her husband, Duane, and she has three sons, Bill Surapaneni, Cody Graves and Bryce Graves, and two daughters, Kavita Surapaneni and Annie Graves; ef.hd.graves@gmail.com.

**Christina (Allen) Paradis** ('94, '95), St. Charles, Mo., is a senior financial analyst at Magellan Health Services. She and her husband, Mark, have a daughter, Lisabetta; callen71@charter.net.

**Christian Boyd** ('95) and Karen Selbert ('94) live in Pewaukee, Wis. Christian is a pastor and head of staff at Southminster Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Kevin Freese** ('95) and Rachelle (Johnson) Freese ('95) reside in Lake Waukomis, Mo. They celebrated the birth of their first child, Langley, in August 2011; rafreese@yahoo.com.

**Shannon (Martin) Glass** ('95), Shawnee, Kan., is operations manager at Perceptive Software. She and her husband, Greg, have two daughters, Maggie, who was born in November 2011, and Mallory; shannon.glass11@gmail.com.

**Tony Lai** ('95, '97), McMinnville, Ore., is a mental health specialist II at Yamhill County Family and Youth Programs. He and his wife, Sunisa Chanrapaphipong, have two children, Natalie and Ryan; tonylai@fastmail.fm.

**Teresa (York) Morrison** ('95, '96), San Antonio, Texas, is assistant director of the McNair Scholars Program at Trinity University. She and her husband, Tommy, were married on January 15, 2012; tamorrison12@gmail.com.

**Jason Ramsey** ('95), Columbia, Mo., joined Commerce Bank as a small business banking specialist in February 2013.

**Jana (Sampson) Bachman** ('97) and Rick Bachman ('96) reside in Walnut Creek, Calif. Jana is a registered nurse, oncology, at the John Muir Medical Center, and Rick is vice president,
compliance, at Bank of the West. They have two daughters, Heidi and Hannah; janadb@aol.com.

Amy DeBaets (‘97), Kansas City, Mo., is an assistant professor of bioethics at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She earned her doctoral degree from Emory University in 2012.

Amy (Volz) Gryder (‘97), Maryland Heights, Mo., is a senior online investor solutions analyst at Scottrade Inc. She and her husband, Jason, have two children, Elia and Cole.

Amanda (Sargent) Kuitu (‘97), Wayzata, Minn., and her husband, Justin, have three children, Lillian and Jack, who were born in August 2011, and Henry.

Sarah Ledgewood (‘97), Jefferson City, Mo., is the legal counsel for the Missouri Division of Professional Registration.

Ryan Seim (‘97) was appointed medical director of Allegan (Mich.) General Hospital’s Emergency Department.

Matthew Shepard (‘97), Lenexa, Kan., is director of business intelligence at Honeywell International. He and his wife, Delia, have three children, Abigail, Benjamin and Colby; delia519@yahoo.com.

Scott Shipers (‘97), Kearney, Mo., is a lieutenant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Briggs, who was born in December 2011, and Brody.

Clay St. Clair (‘97) and Tracy (Higgins) St. Clair (‘99) reside in Columbia, Ill. Clay is an attorney at Crowder and Scroogins, Ltd. Tracy teaches music in the Kirkwood R-VII School District. They have two children, Anderson, who was born in January 2011, and Alina; cstclair@crowderscroogins.com.

James Bang (‘98), Davenport, Iowa, is an assistant professor of economics at St. Ambrose University. He and his wife, Jane, have two children, Evan, who was born in July 2011, and Ryan.

Christopher Coffey (‘98), Middletown, Conn., is an investigative reporter for NBC Connecticut. He and his wife, Kelly, have a daughter, Emelia.

Anne (Van Rhein) Deken (‘98, ‘99), St. Louis, and her husband, Scott, have two sons, William, who was born in July 2012, and Carter.

Matt Gardner (‘98), Kansas City, Mo., works at the University of Missouri Kansas City’s School of Nursing; mattgardner74@yahoo.com.

Amy (Brecher) Magruder (‘98), St. Louis, teaches in the Special School District of St. Louis. She and her husband, Deron, have two children, Olivia and Tucker; brecheral@aol.com.

Jennifer (Skalski) McLane (‘98, ‘99), Florissant, Mo., is a counselor in the Parkway School District; jamlcane1@gmail.com.

Adam Mitchell (‘98) and Amanda (Barker) Mitchell (‘98) reside in O’Fallon, Mo. Adam is a financial advisor at Edward Jones, and Amanda works at Daniel-Randall Vet Clinic. They have two sons, Lucas and Jaxon; percussionfever@hotmail.com.

Stephen Schneider (‘98) and Stephanie (Mohrman) Schneider (‘99), Kirkwood, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter Cecilia in Oct. 2012. Steve was promoted to partner with the accounting firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

Karin (Stoltenberg) Tidgewell (‘98), Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., and her husband, Casey, have three children, Nora and Anya, who were born in October 2011, and Charles.

Christine (Sheppard) Barnard (‘99) and Brian Barnard (‘99) reside in Fenton, Mo. Christine is senior account director at Express Scripts, and Brian is manager of development finance at Panera; csheppard77@gmail.com.

Jeffrey Borengasser (‘99), Little Rock, Ark., coaches women’s tennis at the University of Central Arkansas. He and his wife, Sarah, have a son, Xavier; jeffboy100@hotmail.com.

Patrick Cross (‘99), Vermillion, S.D., was promoted and granted tenure at the University of South Dakota. He is an associate professor of physical therapy and the Transitional Doctorate of Physical Therapy program director. He also completed the Rural Health Fellows Program with the National Rural Health Association in 2010-2011. Patrick and his wife, Audrey, have two children, Chloe and Caleb.

Theo Lacey (‘99) wrote and directed The Darkness, The Rage and The Fury, a horror film about a group of strangers hunted by a
Roommates Reunited

Kitti Carriker (‘79, ’80) shares how she reconnected with her Centennial Hall roommate.

Mumbi Gakuo (‘76, ‘77) and I had a great time as roommates in room number 110 in Centennial Hall during the school year of 1975-1976. Despite our age and geographic differences (I was a freshman from Missouri, and Mumbi was a senior from Kenya), we became instant friends.

After receiving her B.A. and M.A. from Truman, Mumbi returned to Kenya in 1977, and we kept in touch by mail for the next 16 years. Coincidentally, though we didn’t realize it at the time, in the spring of 1993, Mumbi had returned to the States and settled in New Jersey at precisely the same time that I had re-located from the Midwest to Philadelphia, Pa.

When the dust settled after the upheaval of our simultaneous moves, we had somehow lost track of each other’s address. How ironic that at this point in our lives—after a 17-year hiatus, but we were soon re-united. Not only were we back in contact after a 17-year hiatus, but we were soon planning our first face-to-face get-together for the first time in 33 years. Whether or not it sounds like a hopeless cliché, honestly, it was as if no time had passed. In May 2010, Mumbi and I met up in Wichita, Kan., and then we met again in June 2011 in New York City—two times in two years.

Many thanks from me and Mumbi to the Advancement Office at Truman for making our reunion possible. We hope that our story is inspirational to other alumni and their long-lost friends.
Lindsay Johnson (‘03), St. Louis, owns Big Matthew Helbig (‘03), Kansas City, Mo., is a Christopher Crocker (‘03) and Sara (‘03) and Amy Carmack (‘03), Laura (Anderson) Bonebrake (‘02) is executive director of Dimitar Tonev (‘02) is executive director of UNIQA; tonevd@hotmail.com.

Heather (Anderson) Ockenfels (‘02), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is student conduct officer at the University of Iowa; heather.ockenfels@gmail.com.

Dimitar Tonev (‘02) is executive director of UNIQA; tonevd@hotmail.com.

Laura (Anderson) Bonebrake (‘02), St. Louis, is an obstetrician/gynecologist at BJG Medical Group. She and her husband, Michael, announced the birth of their first child, Evan, in March 2011; lauriedew@aol.com.

Amy Carmack (‘03), Kansas City, Mo., is a program manager at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She earned her master’s degree in student affairs from Missouri State University in 2011; amy.carmack@hotmail.com.

Heather Carmack (‘03), Harrisonburg, Va., is an assistant professor at James Madison University.

William Cockrill (‘08), Jacksonville, Fla., is senior human resources manager at Express Scripts.

Christopher Crocker (‘03) and Sara (Guethle) Crocker (‘04) reside in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Christopher is an adult and critical care hospitalist at Southeast Hospital. They have three children, Sophia, who was born in January 2011, Jacob and Noah.

Sam Greath (‘03), Kansas City, Mo., is a senior design architect at Cerner Corporation. He earned his master’s degree in business administration from Rockhurst University in 2011.

Matthew Helbig (‘03), St. Louis, owns Big River Running Company. He and his wife, Katie, celebrated the birth of their first child, Connor, in November 2011.

Lindsay Johnson (‘03) and Matthew Caldwell (‘99, ‘01) live in Omaha, Neb. Lindsay earned her master’s degree in higher education from Drexel University in 2011 and is an assistant director of admission at Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Matthew teaches social studies in the Douglas County West Schools. The couple announced the birth of their first child, Truman, in March 2012; lindsayannejohnson@gmail.com.

Adam Kinney (‘03, ‘04) and Melissa (Kuhlman) Kinney (‘03) reside in Washington, Mo. Adam is director of investment accounting at Reinsurance Group of America, and Melissa is a lead teacher at Webster Childcare Center. They have two children, Rylee and Cooper; adamckinney@yahoo.com.

Kelli (Luzader) Strandberg (‘03), Liberty, Mo., and her husband, Timothy, announce the birth of their first son, Noah James, who was born in May 2012.

Elizabeth Economon (‘04) was named head coach of the Pittsburg State University softball program.

Veronica Nelson (‘04), Seattle, Wash., is a research technologist 3 at the University of Washington.

Kari (Willhite) Rothermich (‘04) and Tyson Rothermich (‘03) live in Springfield, Ill. Tyson is the deputy counsel of benefits for the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services.

Kate Schwaller (‘04), Omaha, Neb., is an assistant director of sustaining gifts at Creighton University; kateschwaller@gmail.com.

Kristen (Wargin) Tenholder (‘04), St. Louis, is a physical therapist at SSM Rehabilitation Hospital. She married Marc Tenholder in November 2011.

Christine (Koerner) Thompson (‘04), St. Charles, Mo., is director, account management services, for Express Scripts Inc.

Zachary Cooper (‘05), Westborough, Mass., is a master trainer at Boston Sports Clubs; coachzcooper@gmail.com.

Talia Linneman (‘05, ‘10) was awarded Saint Louis University School of Law’s full-tuition 1843 Scholarship.

Adam Littich (‘05), St. Louis, is an instructor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine.

Rachel Meyers (‘05, ‘06), Kirkwood, Mo., is a manager in the Assurance Services Group at RubinBrown, an accounting and business-consulting firm.

Megan Rouse (‘05), Bogota, Colombia, is an English professor at Universidad Santo Tomás.

Chrysalis Tyler (‘05) teaches band/strings at Rio Vista Elementary in Avondale, Ariz. She was named Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ginny Weidhaas (‘05, ‘06), St. Louis, is a manager in the Assurance Services Group at RubinBrown, an accounting and business-consulting firm.

Ilana (Barash) Austin (‘06), St. Louis, is an executive recruiter at Sky Recruiting. She and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of their first child, Lillian, born in March 2011.

Katherine Bross (‘06), St. Peters, Mo., is an accountant/consultant at Accountants Plus, LLC.

John Clary (‘06), Austin, Texas, is pursuing a master of arts degree in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas at Austin.

Kathryn (Cooper) Nix (‘06), St. Joseph,
Ida Mae Wombwell ('42, '64) was inducted into the Brookfield (Mo.) High School Hall of Fame. She began her teaching career in Sedalia, Mo., where she taught instrumental and choral music. The remainder of her teaching career was spent in the Brookfield school system until her retirement in 1976.

Joyce (Luker) Wilson ('58), of Waldport, Ore., received Job Corps’ National Director’s Honor Award for Excellence in Education. She is a high school teacher at Angell Job Corps, which offers high school students the opportunity to earn a GED or a high school diploma while at the same time receiving training to become proficient in a number of vocational pathways.

Dennis Buhr ('63, '67) received the Special Ambassador Award, the highest recognition given by the Special School District of St. Louis County. The award is presented to members of the community who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the District’s students and staff. Buhr, of Chesterfield, Mo., is a volunteer with the Special Education Foundation.

Craig Hintz ('69), superintendent of Warsaw Community School Corporation, was honored as the 2013 State Superintendent of the Year by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

Randa Rawlins ('79) was presented with the Enterprise Award at the Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly Women’s Justice Awards Ceremony in April 2012. The award recognizes women in a business setting for their contributions to improving the quality of the justice system. Rawlins serves as general counsel for Shelter Insurance in Columbia, Mo.

Mary Rhodes Russell ('80), who serves on the Missouri Supreme Court, was recognized with the Spirit of Martha Award presented by the Griffiths Leadership Society for Women at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The award honors a Mizzou alumnus or faculty member who has distinguished herself in her chosen field as well as exemplified the spirit of leadership, particularly in the furtherance of women.

Cindy (Bonser) Gurney ('82) was inducted into the Chaffey College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mary McFarland ('84) received the Special Ambassador Award, the highest recognition given by the Special School District of St. Louis County. The award is presented to members of the community who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the District’s students and staff. McFarland is a teacher at Ritenour High School in St. Louis.

Tania Cook ('85) was honored with the President’s Call to Service Award which was presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The award was given in recognition of Cook’s commitment to strengthening the nation and making a difference through volunteer service. Cook, who is a skills training coordinator at Job Point in Columbia, Mo., was also named to the Show-Me State Games Hall of Honor. She has been involved with the State Games for 25 years.

Scott Zajac ('85) was named among the Class of 2012 “50 Missourians You Should Know” published in Ingram’s magazine. He is the managing partner at Advantage Capital Partners in St. Louis.

Sarah (Hartmann) Burkeremper ('92), of Troy, Mo., was named on the most recent list of “50 Missourians You Should Know” published in Ingram’s magazine (March 2013).

Burkeremper, who is a certified public accountant and a certified financial planner, is a member of Truman State University’s Board of Governors.

Aaron Wills ('93, '95) received the Special Ambassador Award, the highest recognition given by the Special School District of St. Louis County. The award is presented to members of the community who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the District’s students and staff. Wills, of Ballwin, Mo., is principal at Clayton Elementary in the Parkway School District.

Brent Schowe ('94), vice president with Commerce Trust Company, St. Louis, was part of an investment management team honored by Lipper with its highest rating in the Best Fixed Income Small Fund Group. Lipper, a leading provider of mutual fund information, analytical tools and commentary, selected Commerce for the top spot from 61 qualified companies in this category. Schowe is a senior fixed income analyst for Commerce Trust, the money management arm of Commerce Bank.

Anthony Butler ('96) was named a 2012 Rising Star by the Living Classrooms Foundation and the Baltimore Business Journal. The award recognizes outstanding young leaders for their achievements and philanthropic efforts. Butler is a partner with the law firm of Trye Butler Mayo Griffith in Baltimore, Md.

Kelly McCambridge-Parker ('96) received a Rising Star Award at the Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly Women’s Justice Awards Ceremony in April 2012. The award recognizes women lawyers age 40 or under or within the first 10 years of practice who have already made a difference in the justice system or the profession and who appear on a path toward even greater accomplishment. McCambridge-Parker is a trial attorney and mediator with Holman Schiavone in Kansas City, Mo.

Carli Condlin ('97, '99), an associate professor of law at the University of Missouri School of Law, was presented with the Legal Scholar Award at the Missouri Lawyers’ Weekly Women’s Justice Awards Ceremony in April 2012. The award is presented to female faculty members or administrators at Missouri law schools in recognition of their work on behalf of the justice system, through their research or scholarship or through teaching and inspiring others.

Chad Moore ('97), of Kansas City, Mo., was named on the “40 Under 40: A 15-Year Honor Roll” published in Ingram’s magazine (April 2013). He is the director of operations for the Children’s Mercy Pediatric Care Network.

Hina Patel ('97, '98) was honored with the Professional and Scientific Distinguished Service Award presented by Iowa State University. The award recognizes professional and scientific employees who demonstrate exemplary service to the college. Patel is the director of Teacher Education Services at Iowa State University.

Jas Sullivan ('97) received the 2012 MKN TRiO Achiever Award at the 34th Annual Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska (MKN) TRiO Conference in Kansas City in April 2012. The award recognizes outstanding former TRiO participants for success in their current field.

Jas Sullivan ('97) shown with Sylvia Macauley, director of the McNair Program at Truman. Sullivan is an assistant professor of political science and African and African-American studies at Louisiana State University.

Petra DeWitt ('98), a professor in the Department of History and Political Science at Missouri University of Science and Technology, was honored with the 2012 Missouri History Book Award presented by the State Historical
Society of Missouri. She is the author of Degrees of Allegiance: Harassment and Loyalty in Missouri’s German American Community During World War I.

Elizabeth Schuerman ('00) was a recipient of the Indiana Lawyer Leadership in Law Award and has also been named in the Indiana Super Lawyers-Rising Stars Edition. Schuerman is a partner at Bose McKinney & Evans LLP.

Dominic Armstrong ('02), an opera singer, was among the seven winners who received the 2013 George London Foundation Awards. The London Foundation supports and nurtures young singers, and the George London Foundation for Singers competition is one of the oldest vocal competitions in the United States and Canada.

Karin (Ellis) Ricker ('03) was among the “40 Under 40 Nurse Leaders” honored by the Nebraska Action Coalition. The award recognizes 40 nurse leaders under the age of 40 across the state of Nebraska.

Frank Fleschner ('05), a member of the Kansas City Choralale, attended the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles in February 2013. The Kansas City Choralale won two Grammy Awards for their recording, “Life & Breath: Choral Works by Rene Clausen,” including Best Engineered Album (Classical) and Best Choral Performance. Fleschner is a technology professional and consultant in Kansas City, Mo.

Oseyi Ikuenobe ('05) was named in the St. Louis Business Journal’s 2012 “30 Under 30.” The publication had more than 200 nominations and features some of the most accomplished young professionals in the St. Louis area. Ikuenobe is an IT solutions architect for Monsanto.

Brian Santos ('05, '06) was named Teacher of the Year at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, Mo. He teaches Spanish 1, 3 and 4.

Amy (Schweizer) Guthrie ('07, '09), of North Central Missouri College, received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, which was presented by the Missouri Community College Association.

Kevin Harrison ('08) was honored as Area Director of the Year by the K-Life National Board of Directors. He serves as the area director for the Kirkville K-Life. K-Life works with more than 200 area youth to build positive relationships through activities such as weekly clubs for middle and high school students and bi-weekly meetings for those in K-5th grade.

Tajanette Sconyers ('10) received the MKN Rising TRiO Achievers Scholarship. MKN is the Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska chapter of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, one of 10 regional associations that form the Council for Opportunity in Education.

Michelle, is an associate minister at First Congregational Church UCC; katact3917@aol.com.

Lindsey (Unverferth) Paunovich ('06) and Timothy Paunovich ('07) reside in St. Louis. Lindsey is a marketing coordinator/media planner for St. Louis University, and Timothy works at Brown Shoe Company.

Rachel Goldammer ('07), St. Petersburg, Fla., is a genetics and reproduction technician at Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Charity (Whan) Jackson ('07), Independence, Mo., is the owner/operator of My Words, Your Voice; charitydawnwhan@yahoo.com.

Mark Kirtland ('07), Campbell, Calif., is a senior program manager at Apple. He earned his master’s degree in business from the University of Kansas in 2011; mkirtland@mac.com.

Elizabeth (Plog) Lovsin ('07) lives in Arlington, Va.

Lindsey (Cross) Blake, Kirkville, Mo., is a financial aid assistant at Truman State University; lmc727@aim.com.

Taylor Burks ('08) and Elyse (Bragg) Burks ('08, '09) live in Key West, Fla. Taylor is a lieutenant (junior grade) and director/supply officer in the U.S. Navy; taylorburks@gmail.com.

Michael Connelly ('08), Addison, Texas, is an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service. He earned his juris doctorate from Duke University in 2011; mrc086@gmail.com.

Christopher Copley ('08), Alexandria, Va., is communications manager for Volunteer Fairfax; chrisjcopley@gmail.com.

Meredith (Wells) Dean ('08) and Michael Dean ('08) live in St. Louis. Meredith is a home equity representative for State Farm Bank, and Michael is employed by L.E. Sauer Machine Company. They welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Charlotte, in October 2012.

Megan (Schaller) Downs ('08), Canton, Mo., received her master’s degree in communication disorders from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 2011. She and her husband, Travis, have a son, Caleb.

Katie Fowler ('08) was named assistant director of basketball performance at the University of Maryland.

Allison (Brune) Hoeltzel ('08), St. Louis, is a project accountant at Worldwide Technology.

Kevin Hrdlicka ('08) earned his certified financial planner designation and is an investment research analyst for Savant Capital Management.

Patrick Joyce ('08) and Katie (Brockman) Joyce ('08) reside in Kansas City, Mo. Patrick is a delivery consultant for Cerner, and Katie is a fund administration manager for State Street; patrick.joyce@cerner.com.

Ashley (Goss) Klein ('08), Smithton, Mo., is a physical therapist at Peak Performance Physical Therapy. She earned her doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Missouri in 2011.

Madalyn (Schill) Meyer ('08) and Andrew Meyer ('09) live in Verona, Wis. They both work for Epic, a healthcare software company.

Leah (Braxton) Moser ('08) lives in East Syracuse, N.Y.

Ian Samuel ('08) is clerking for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia during the 2012-2013 term.

Emily (Thomson) Vaughters ('08) and Andrew Vaughters ('08) reside in St. Louis. Emily is an associate content development specialist at Elsevier Inc. Andrew is a bartender at Llywelyn’s Pub. They were married in April 2012.

Kristen Cummins ('09), Jupiter, Fla., is a marketing and minor league assistant at Roger Dean Stadium; kristencummins@gmail.com.

Dainielle Fox ('09), Florissant, Mo., is a student at St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Kelsey (Johansen) Kreyling ('09) and Peter Kreyling ('09) announce the birth of their daughter, Maggie, who was born in October 2012. They also have a daughter, Jane; kj8344@truman.edu.

Rebecca Pace ('09), Bunker Hill, Ill., is a herdsmen at Jarden Farms Dairy; rebecca.e.pace@gmail.com.

Theresa Perkins ('09) works at Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft in New York City. She graduated with honors from Boston University School of Law in 2012.

2010s

Elizabeth Lee ('10), Austin, Texas, is a social work graduate school student at the University of Texas-Austin.

Nicholas Wilsey ('10), Knoxville, Tenn., is a mathematics teaching resident at the Public Education Foundation and is pursuing a master’s degree in teacher education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Elizabeth Dunham ('11), Allston, Mass., is pursuing a master’s degree in library science from Simmons College; emd2727@gmail.com.

Brenna McDermott ('11), Hannibal, Mo., is the marketing and community relations manager at Mark Twain’s Boyhood Home and Museum; brennamcdermott11@gmail.com.

Wataru Oe ('11) is employed by Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting Japan and is...
working with the largest Japanese automotive companies in Singapore on product planning for the Asia Pacific region.

Erin Semple ('11), Kirksville, Mo., is a personal account representative at Brian Majala State Farm Agency.

Shawn Shinneman ('11) is a city government/police reporter for The Commercial Review, a daily newspaper serving Jay County, Indiana.

Amanda Tharp ('11) lives in University City, Mo.

Julie Tripplett ('11, '12), Jefferson City, Mo., teaches social studies in the Cole County R-V School District; julietriplett07@gmail.com.

Vincent Wallace ('11), Pitcairn, Pa., is an adjunct professor of music at the Community College of Allegheny County; v.a.wallace108@gmail.com.

Jennifer (Miller) Ward ('11), Columbia, Mo., is an optometric technician at Kramer Family Eyecare.

Christian Witt ('11) was drafted by the Kansas City Royals baseball team and is playing in their Class-A minor league system in Arizona.

In Memoriam

1930s

Doris Josephine (Pierce) Fuller ('34), of Erie, Colo., died Aug. 23, 2012. She married Arthur Herbert Fuller, and was a strong advocate for her husband’s osteopathic profession, professional women and seniors. She served in leadership and supportive roles in the Osteopathic Women’s Guild, Women’s Club, Acacia and AARP.

Margaret (Runge) Hainsworth ('34), of Shawnee, Kan., died Oct. 7, 2012. She began her career as an elementary teacher in the Brookfield, Mo., area, and she joined her husband in the operation of the Hainsworth Rexall Drug Store in Brookfield. She later became a social worker for the state of Missouri.

Carabel (Seaman) Nicholson ('38), of Cambridge, Ohio, died March 8, 2012.

Ruth (Struby) Taylor ('38), of Wichita, Kan., died Oct. 24, 2011. She was a retired cytopathologist.

Hazel Frances (Briddle) Baurichter ('39), of Columbia, Mo., died Jan. 15, 2012. She taught business education at Shelby High School, Pattonville High School and Chillicothe High School from 1939 to 1947; she also coached girls’ basketball. For a brief time, she worked in the business office at Stephens College before beginning her career as a homemaker. She later worked as a librarian at Rock Bridge Elementary School and as a volunteer librarian at Memorial Baptist Church.

Howard W. Bogener ('39), of Joplin, Mo., died March 12, 2012. He was an administrator and teacher for 40 years. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. His last teaching position was at Robinson Elementary in Raytown, Mo. He retired in 1977.

1940s

James W. Elliott, of Kirksville, Mo., died Feb. 10, 2011. He attended Truman State University for two years before enlisting in the United States Navy Air Corp in 1942, but he was honorably discharged due to an eye problem. He enlisted in the United States Army and spent a total of four and a half years in the service. He was discharged in 1946 and worked for Standolind Pipeline, then Service Pipeline and later Amoco Pipeline. He retired in 1981 after having worked in many states and the Gulf of Mexico. He was a member of the Joseph Baldwin Society at Truman State University.

William Henry Fountain ('40), of Pinecrest, Fla., died in May 2012. He worked as a high school teacher and coach until he was drafted in December 1940. He served in the Sixth Infantry and was later transferred to serve with the Army Air Corps, receiving a commission as an officer in 1942. He was a training officer in New Jersey before being assigned to a unit going to the European theater. With the Ninth Air Force Unit, he spent almost two and a half years in England and northern Europe before returning to the United States in December 1945. His last assignment on duty was executive

A Real Cowboy
By Sarah Anderson ('98)

Producer Thalia Thorne’s career is on the line. She’s promised to lure James Robert Bradley back to the limelight, no matter what it takes. But once in Montana, she sees that J.R. has built a new life for himself—as a real-life cowboy—and Thalia finds it hard to resist the man he’s become. Then a blizzard strikes. Suddenly they’re alone, with only body heat to keep them warm. When the snow melts, she’ll have to choose: go back to the big city—or sacrifice everything for the man she can’t let go.

Mystic Cowboy
By Sarah Anderson ('98)

Just who does Rebel Runs Fast think he is? Dr. Madeline Mitchell, the new doctor on the White Sandy Lakota Indian Reservation, knows there’s a good answer to that question. Somewhere. Sure, the Lakota medicine man is every cowboy-and-Indian fantasy she ever had, but he sends patients to sweat lodges instead of clinical trials, talks them out of flu vaccines. Even more irritating, he makes her heart race. Rebel swore off the white man’s world—and its women—years ago. Madeline doesn’t speak the language, understand the customs or believe he’s anything more than a charlatan. Yet she stays, determined to help his people. And he keeps finding excuses to spend more time at the clinic. When he discovers her in the throes of dangerous heat stroke, Rebel’s efforts to cool her down set fire to a passion neither thought they wanted. But when the people start falling violently ill, the cultural gap stretches the connection between their hearts to the breaking point.

Straddling the Line
By Sarah Anderson ('98)

CFO Ben Bolton has enough on his plate running his family business. But when lovely Josey White Plume enters his office, his priorities shift. He refuses to let such a compelling woman walk away. The chase is on. All her life, Josey has sought one thing: to fit in with her Lakota family. She has no time for some sexy rich guy’s pursuit. But she can’t stop thinking about Ben. Yet falling for a wealthy outsider will destroy everything she’s worked for—unless she can find a way to straddle the line between his world and hers.

The Jade Lily
By Hayley (Kessler) Cooper ('05)

When Onnalee gets picked on for her “ugly” clothes, she will do anything to have a cooler style. A mysterious man invites her to his shop and gives her the Jade Lily, a brooch that will make her heart’s deepest desire come true. As she travels to her friend’s house, she helps people in need and in turn gets a lot of compliments on her cool clothes. Onnalee is so excited to show her friends her new clothes only to learn it’s not clothes that make someone cool, it’s who they are on the inside.
Degrees of Allegiance: Harassment and Loyalty in Missouri’s German-American Community during World War I
By Petra DeWitt (‘98)

Historians have long argued that the Great War eradicated German culture from American soil. Degrees of Allegiance examines the experiences of German-Americans living in Missouri during the First World War, evaluating the personal relationships at the local level that shaped their lives and the way that they were affected by national war effort guidelines. Sparred from widespread hate crimes, German-Americans in Missouri did not have the same bleak experiences as other German-Americans in the Midwest or across America. But they were still subject to regular charges of disloyalty, sometimes because of conflicts within the German-American community itself.

Kirksville: Poems
By Bob Mielke, Professor of English

See Kirksville through the eyes of Bob Mielke as he explores the people and places of the unassuming college town in Northeast Missouri. Walk in the footsteps of the poet as he shows you the natural beauty of its wooded parks and dives deep into the city’s colorful past. Along the way, meet Susan Songt as she dances in a honky tonk, fireworks (perfectly legal) explode overhead and friends gather in saloons for a quiet drink. Mielke’s poems are fresh, clear and accessible. Kirksville is an honest and enthusiastic celebration of a city many have loved, and few can ever forget.

Random Tales of a College Math Professor, Over-Easy, on Wry
By Robert “Mick” Norton (‘68)

Many believe that math and humor must be mutually exclusive, or that the life of a college professor must be boring. Ha! Not many careers would provide opportunities for someone to solve a geometry problem (what position was the body in when the bullet went through her head?) and thereby convince police that a death was a homicide. Or to collect and analyze data to show that wrestlers at a weigh-in can make a scale register less than their true weight—temporarily—if they stand on their heads before they step on the scale. Written for a popular audience, this book presents stories about expert witnessing, consulting, teaching, being a professor and about how probability (think random events) impacted someone’s life in a very direct way. And oh yes, the humor is wry.

The Gurkha’s Daughter: Stories
By Prajwal Parajuly (‘06)

A disfigured servant girl plans to flee Nepal; a Kalimpong shopkeeper faces an impossible dilemma; a Hindu religious festival in Darjeeling brings with it a sacrifice; a Nepali-Bhutanese refugee pins her hopes on the West; a Gurkha’s daughter tries to comprehend her father’s complaints; two young Nepali-speaking immigrants meet in Manhattan. These are just some of the stories describing and dramatizing the experiences of the Nepalese people and the Nepalese diaspora—the people whose culture and language is Nepalese but who are dispersed to India, Bhutan and beyond. From every perspective and on every page, Prajwal Parajuly blends rich colour and vernacular to paint an eye-opening picture of a unique world and its people.

Stars of Today Books
By Jody Jensen Shaffer (‘88)

This series of children’s books the author wrote for The Child’s World Stars of Today Series includes biographies for Taylor Swift, Lea Michelle, Taylor Lautner and Dwayne “the Rock” Johnson.

Show Me the Murder
By Carolyn Mulford (‘60)

After a bullet shatters Phoenix Smith’s career as a CIA covert operative, she returns to her rural Missouri hometown to recuperate and regroup. She arrives as her lifelong friend, civic leader Annalynn Carr Keyser, buries her husband, the sheriff. Everyone except the widow believes he shot his mistress and himself. Annalynn begs Phoenix to help prove he, too, was murdered. The old friends employ their diverse skills and conflicting attitudes to discover what really happened and to survive.

Portrait of a Dead Guy
By Larissa Reinhart (‘91)

In Halo, Ga., folks know Cherry Tucker as big in mouth, small in stature and able to sketch a portrait faster than buckshot rips from a ten gauge—but commissions are scarce. So when the well-heeled Branson family wants to memorialize their murdered son in a coffin portrait, Cherry scrambles to win their patronage from her small-town rival. As the clock ticks toward the deadline, Cherry faces more trouble than just a controversial subject. Her rival wants to ruin her reputation, her ex-flame wants to rekindle the fire and someone’s setting her up to take the fall. Mix in her flaky family, an illegal gambling ring and outwitting a killer on a spree, Cherry finds herself painted into a corner she’ll be lucky to survive.

Mediated Maternity: Contemporary American Portrayals of Bad Mothers in Literature and Popular Culture
By Linda Seidel, Professor of English

Linda Seidel explores the cultural construction of the bad mother in books, movies and TV shows arguing that these portrayals typically have the effect of cementing dominant assumptions about motherhood in place—or, less often, of disrupting those assumptions, causing us to ask whether motherhood could be constructed differently. Portrayals of bad mothers not only help to establish what the good mother is by depicting her opposite, but also serve to illustrate what the culture fears about women in general and mothers in particular. From the ancient horror of female power symbolized by Medea (or, more recently, by Casey Anthony) to the current worry that drug-addicted pregnant women are harming their fetuses, we see a social desire to monitor the reproductive capabilities of women, resulting in more (formal and informal) surveillance than in material (or even moral) support.

How
By Geoff Wyss (‘90)

If every story is born of a question—How did we get here? How do you make your arm do that? — the stories in this book search for answers to the mysteries of an astonishing range of characters. In “How to Be a Winner,” a sports consultant “incents” a high school football team with his theory of history and a glimpse into his disgraced coaching career. The narrator of “How I Come to Be Here at the GasFast” explains why he hasn’t left a truck stop in the two days since he scratched a winning lottery ticket. Lost in the maze they’ve made of themselves, Wyss’ characters search for exits on ground that shifts dizzyingly from humor to pathos, from cynicism to earnestness, from comedy to tragedy. Although propelled by a razor-sharp contemporary prose, Wyss’ stories—many set in the New Orleans beneath the notice of television and tourists—have more in common with Chekhov and O’Connor than with “Treme.”
officer of the 490th Air Service Group with the rank of major. After completing dental school in Kansas City, he started his dental practice in 1950 and moved to Florida in 1951. He retired after 30 years of dentistry. During his lifetime, he was involved in numerous activities, including serving as a partner in a roller skating business, growing citrus, farming and real estate.

**Colene (VanSickel) Schmid** (’41), of Branson, Conn., died Feb. 17, 2012. She was a teacher and reading consultant at the Samuel Staples Elementary School in Easton, Conn. She retired in 1984.

**Joyce (Cox) Truesdell** (’41), of Moberly, Mo., died Oct. 14, 2012. She taught elementary school for 38 years.

**Sarah Rose (Maize) Grossnickle** (’42), of Kirksville, Mo., died Dec. 4, 2011. When her husband, Shag, served as sheriff of Adair County (Mo.), she worked side by side with him. She cared for prisoners and prepared meals for them for eight years. She became a public administrator and served three terms from 1982 to 1992.

**James Frederick Lawson** (’42), of St. Joseph, Mo., died Feb. 1, 2012. He was an ordained United Methodist minister who pastored churches throughout Missouri, including the Winston circuit, McCreedie, Mercer, Danbury, Polo/Knoxville, Memphis, Downing, Macon, Hannibal Scott, Hannibal First and Fairfax United Methodist Churches.

**Mary Elizabeth Witherow** (’42), of Kirksville, Mo., died Aug. 21, 2012. After teaching for a time at various towns in Missouri and Iowa, she settled in St. Louis, where she taught and consulted for public schools for the last 33 years of her 44-year career. She served as supervisor of business education for St. Louis for 17 years and was responsible for the business education curriculum and instruction at 11 high schools. She taught summer courses at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau and for the Missouri State Department of Education. She also spoke at professional meetings and wrote articles for professional journals throughout her career and retirement. In 1967, her practice set for students, “The Secretary on the Job,” was published. She published “At Work in the Office,” with a computer disk for students, in 1998 and “25 + 1 Communications Strategies for Business Education” in 2003. She retired in 1987.

**Thelma Jo (Lyons) Christy** (’43), of Macon, Mo., died Nov. 26, 2011. She taught in Macon County rural schools, Callao Public School and Macon R-1 High School for 43 years.

**Mary Alice (Hammons) Mabry** (’43), of Kirksville, Mo., died Jan. 25, 2012. She worked at the Alexander Photographic Studio for seven years and attended college during the final years of her employment there. She was a stay-at-home mother for 10 years and then served as a home economist for the Missouri Power and Light Company. She later worked as a home agent for the Extension Service of the University of Missouri in Schuyler County (Mo.). She taught at Kirksville Junior High School for the last 10 years of her career and retired in 1972.

**Emma Ruth (Paynter) Jones** (’45), of Weslaco, Texas, died Feb. 3, 2011. She began her teaching career in Hannibal, Mo., where she taught from 1940 to 1947. She then taught at White School in Peoria, Ill., until her retirement in 1975.

**Mary (Prather) Banghart** (’46), of Hannibal, Mo., died Jan. 4, 2012. At the age of 92, she was still living at home and caring for herself.

**Mary Catherine (Quinn) Sadich** (’47), of Columbia, Mo., died Feb. 18, 2012. She began her teaching career at the age of 17 in a one-room country schoolhouse where she also swept floors, tended the stove and prepared lunch. She moved to Columbia in 1961 and began her 31-year career in the public school system. She became a physical education teacher at Jefferson Junior High. She then taught at Hickman High School and ended her career at Rockbridge High School. She became the school’s first girls’ basketball and track coach and later coached girls’ golf.

**Donald Eugene Daniels** (’53), of Novinger, Mo., died Jan. 24, 2012. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and held the highest rank of aviation ordnanceman third class. He received three Asiatic-Pacific Stars, seven Gold Air Medal Stars, one Gold Distinguished Flying Cross Star, three Air Crew Wings Stars, a Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He taught business administration at Grundy County R-V and Adair County R-1 and later served as superintendent.


**Grace Mary (Perry) VanEaton** (’53), of Chillicothe, Mo., died Jan. 4, 2012. She taught for 37 years in Livingston County, including schools in Condron, Aspen and Oak Grove. She was a founding faculty member at Field

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**Stanley Grimm** ('54), of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Sept. 27, 2012. He spent 21 months in the U.S. Army as an enlisted man, including 16 months in Japan. He practiced law from 1959 through 1972 with the law firms of Oliver & Oliver and Rader and Grimm. In 1972, the people of Bollinger and Cape Girardeau counties elected him circuit judge of the 32nd Circuit. He was re-elected without opposition in 1978 and 1984. He was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in 1987, and he served on that court until 1998, when he resigned and became a mediator and arbitrator.

**Mary Jane (Walker) Kohlenberg** ('56), of Pilot Grove, Mo., died Oct. 29, 2012. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a WAVES and worked at the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., until the conclusion of World War II. She was married to the late Gilbert Kohlenberg, professor emeritus of history and head emeritus of social science at Truman. Mary Jane was employed as a mathematics instructor at Truman and retired as assistant professor emerita of mathematics. Her civic involvement was highlighted by her efforts that led to the formation of the Adair County Public Library. She was a strong supporter of Truman State University, and she endowed the 79th Field Hospital Scholarship to honor her husband, Gilbert, and the men and women who served in the 79th Field Hospital during World War II. She also established the Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lisle Walker Memorial Scholarship at Truman in honor of her parents.

**Frederick L. Bosley** ('57), of Trenton, Mo., died March 4, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army in the Georgia Basin in France at the end of World War II. He began his teaching career in a one-room rural school. He then taught history for 32 years in the Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas as well as night and summer classes for the Metropolitan Junior College District in Kansas City.

**Leo F. Goeke** ('57), of East Chatham, N.Y., died Sept. 18, 2012. A noted American tenor, he performed at the New York Metropolitan Opera, Glynedebourne Festival, Stuttgart Theater, La Scala and other venues around the world. Among his roles were Alfredo in “La Traviata,” Don Ottavio in “Don Giovanni,” Ferrando in “Così Fan Tutte,” Count Almaviva in “The Barber of Seville” and the Italian Singer in “Der Rosenkavalier.” Prior to his Met career, he sang at the New York City Opera, as well as in recitals and concerts in Carnegie Hall and other major venues. He also served for six years in the Missouri National Guard. After a decades-long career performing on the world’s stages, he returned to the United States where he toured nationally and sang as a resident artist with many opera companies, including Santa Fe, San Francisco, Orlando and Palm Beach. In 1994, he became opera director and taught voice at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. He retired in 2004.

**Donald E. Parsons** ('57), of Gray'slake, Ill., died Feb. 19, 2012. He was a coach, teacher and administrator in Ottumwa, Iowa.

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**The Soul of a Songwriter**

Matt Alber ('97) is celebrating the release of a new DVD he recorded and shot in San Francisco with fellow local musicians, The Cello Street Quartet. It’s cleverly called “Matt Alber With Strings Attached.” After relocating from Seattle to San Francisco, Alber took some time between tours to share what has been happening with his career as a singer/songwriter.

After graduating from Truman where he was a music major with an emphasis in composition and vocal performance, Alber joined the San Francisco-based men’s classical a capella group, Chanticleer. During his time at Truman, he had attended a Chanticleer concert and was impressed by the group’s talents. “It was one of the best choirs I’d ever heard,” Alber said. With the generous help of his professor, Paul Crabb, he was granted an audition and kept in contact with the group until graduation.

Alber had a lot to show after performing with Chanticleer for five years. During his time with the group, they made seven records with two of them winning Grammy Awards for Best Small Ensemble Performance. Their album “Colors of Love” won the award in 2000, and the album “Lamentations and Praises” won in 2003.

Alber’s interest in songwriting emerged during his years at Truman. “When I got tired of practicing my arias and art songs and piano sonatas, I would sit around and play on the piano and start to write songs,” Alber said. He continued to do this throughout his years with Chanticleer.

His introduction to self-made recordings encouraged him to pursue a career as a singer/songwriter. “I kind of said, well, I can either stay in Chanticleer, which is a great job, and have a blast, or I can try to see if I can make a go at this as a songwriter,” Alber said. He continued to do this throughout his years with Chanticleer.

Alber spent the following years learning how to make a living as a touring musician, which influenced the style of his next album, “Constant Crows.” “When I started touring, I didn’t have all of those synthesizers and beats, I just had a guitar and a piano,” he said. “So I thought, this time around I’m going to see what happens when I rely solely on acoustic instruments and my voice to make a record. I’m glad I did!”

In terms of style, Alber refers to his music as art-pop. “I fell in love with classical art songs while studying at Truman,” said Alber. “Art songs rely on melody and cadence, and the lyrics usually dance with both of those elements beautifully. I try to follow those rules when writing pop songs.”

Following his summer tour to the U.K., Alber is planning a solo concert at Truman this fall.

— Lauren Massey ('12)
Exploring the Work of Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci may be the most recognized name in art, but few art enthusiasts ever have the chance to see his paintings and writings up close. Last summer, Truman alumnus John Garton (’97) had the opportunity to study the work of da Vinci in Florence, Italy, along with Julia DeLancey, a professor of art and art history at Truman, who inspired Garton to become a professor. Both DeLancey and Garton, who is an assistant professor in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., were among a group of 25 scholars who spent three weeks in Florence as part of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for a seminar entitled “Leonardo da Vinci: Between Art and Science.”

The group participated in site visits to see da Vinci’s works first hand. One visit included the da Vinci painting collection at the Uffizi Gallery and a conservation lab where they were able to observe two paintings being preserved. During the seminar, the group also heard lectures by da Vinci experts and engaged in discussions with fellow participants.

During a trip to Milan, Italy, the scholars had a chance to speak with conservators working on a room da Vinci frescoed and to view “The Last Supper.” “While examining this famous painting, the group just looked at it for 15 minutes without discussion in order to fully take in the experience,” said DeLancey. “Even still, half of the group walked out of the room backward to keep looking as long as possible.”

The scholars also worked on individual projects as part of the institute. DeLancey noted that motion was of great interest in da Vinci’s time, and during the Renaissance, movement was believed to be connected to how people felt inside. Like any motion, the act of kneeling revealed something about a person’s inner state, and DeLancey’s project examined a notebook page in which da Vinci was working on an anatomical study of the leg from the middle of the thigh to the foot. On the page, he also wrote about the body’s functions and how these affect sculptors and painters. “I feel much more comfortable talking about da Vinci and have the tools to help students study him,” said DeLancey.

For his project, Garton researched da Vinci’s early drawings of grotesque heads and their relationship to renaissance portraiture. “In particular, I sought to understand one of da Vinci’s early examples, Uffizi #446E, and its relation to the later drawings now in the Chatsworth Collection,” said Garton. “The effect of such images, either singularly or collectively, is to subvert his audience’s basic assumptions about portraiture. The subversion extends even to Alberti’s more general notion of the commemorative purpose of painting. By refining and perfecting ugliness through purposeful distortion of certain facial features, da Vinci shaped the discernment of the grotesque as a creative marvel.”

The conference also encouraged interdisciplinary thinking, and the group included professors from various backgrounds, including art and engineering, and each member brought varying perspectives to the discussions. “People were unfailingly collegial and supportive and engaged,” DeLancey said. Garton noted that looking at so much da Vinci material with anatomists, geologists, historians of technology, a poet laureate and other interesting specialists has allowed him to teach the artist’s work from a variety of perspectives that are sometimes under-represented in art history.

Both Garton and DeLancey plan to continue pursuing their research on da Vinci.

— Jessica Petrie (’13)
Landing a Dream Job at Roger Dean Stadium

Kristen Cummins (’09) told her professors during her time at Truman that she would someday work for the St. Louis Cardinals. Last year, her dream came true when she became the marketing and minor league assistant at Roger Dean Stadium, in Jupiter, Fla. Roger Dean Stadium is the spring training home to the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins, as well as their respective Class-A Advanced affiliates, the Palm Beach Cardinals and the Jupiter Hammerheads.

Prior to accepting the position, Cummins had already developed some connections at Roger Dean Stadium. As a student at Truman, where she was an exercise science major with a specialization in sport and recreation management, Cummins had conducted her field experience at Roger Dean Stadium. After graduating from Truman in 2009, she pursued a master’s degree at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville where she was required to complete an internship as the final component of her degree. Having kept in contact with her former supervisor at Roger Dean Stadium, she applied for and received a minor league intern position at the stadium.

In May 2011, Cummins received a master’s of science in kinesiology with a specialization in sports management. She then completed her internship at Roger Dean Stadium in September 2011 and stayed on with the stadium in her new position as the marketing and minor league assistant.

“I take care of our monthly media buys and keep our marketing schedule organized on a daily basis,” Cummins said. As part of her job, she handles all on-field promotions during spring training and the minor league season. In addition, Cummins attends community events and runs the stadium’s Education Day, a program that hosts five minor league baseball games in the month of May. Cummins also heads up Scout Night, an annual event where hundreds of Cub Scouts sleep over on the outfield lawn. Throughout the time that Cummins has been in charge of Scout Night, the amount of revenue the event brings in has doubled.

After spring training starts in mid-February, Cummins’ position goes into full swing. “During this time, myself and the rest of the front office staff are busy selling group tickets and last-minute sponsorship deals and making sure the stadium is in tip-top shape for the fans,” Cummins said.

She considers customer service to be the most important duty throughout spring training. “Remember, the fan experience starts in the parking lot,” she said. “It’s crucial to know all of the answers to all questions a fan may throw at you, treat them kindly and smile.”

Working with the 2011 World Series champions has been one of Cummins’ most memorable experiences. “It was riveting to see all of the 2006 World Series banners come down and the 2011 banners go up,” said Cummins. “Overall, the experiences I have had so far working with the St. Louis Cardinals are ones I will never forget.”

“Life is so hectic sometimes, and what I love about baseball is that it remains constant,” Cummins said. “After all, baseball is one of America’s favorite pastimes for a reason.”

— Lauren Massey (’12)

Kristen Cummins (’09) holding microphone

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Listed below are members of the Truman Review to whom we are forever thankful:

**Lois (Crangen) Korte** (*71), of Bowling Green, Mo., died June 9, 2011. She taught fourth grade at Frankford Elementary. Afterward, she worked at Ruth Jensen Village.

**William T. Teneyck** (*71), of Lewistown, Mo., died March 6, 2012. He taught industrial arts for 30 years in the Lewis County School District. He also served as assistant director for Wider Opportunities.


**Sydney Marlene (Buster) Denninhoff** (*74), of Columbia, Mo., died Sept. 29, 2012. She was a nurse for her entire life and worked at the Missouri Department of Corrections in Jefferson City for many years. She and her husband, Jim, traveled to Mexico together and provided volunteer medical services to those in need.

**Wayne P. Bailey** (*75), of Kirksville, Mo., died of lymphoma June 9, 2013. He was a professor emeritus of computer science at Truman State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972, earning the rank of sergeant E-5 in the infantry and finishing the NCO Academy at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. In 1980, he became a professor of computer science at Truman, where he designed and implemented the first computer science degree program. He and his wife, Donna (Tague) Bailey (*76, *84), who retired from Truman in 2009 as emerita instructor in mathematics, created the Wayne P. and Donna J. Bailey Scholarship Fund at Truman.

**Dominic A. Grasso** (*75), of Olathe, Kan., died Feb. 12, 2012. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp for four years during the Korean War. He taught and coached at schools in Glenville, Pleasantville, Iowa City, Keokuk and at Garrigan Catholic High School in Algona, Iowa. He was the Oelwein High School principal from 1977 to 1995.

**James D. West** (*75), of Newton, Iowa, died June 25, 2011. He was employed by First Newton National Bank and became president of Monroe State Bank.

**Jane (McQuiston) Eversman** (*76), of Chicago, Ill., died Dec. 1, 2011. She taught at Romeoville High School.

**Judy Lugiano** (*78), of Sperry, Iowa, died Nov. 25, 2011. She worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation for 20 years and retired in 2009.

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**Darrell E. St. Clair** (*80), of Niangua, Mo., died Feb. 2, 2012. He was a former Clark County deputy sheriff and assistant vice president for Commerce Bank. He worked for the State of Missouri Department of Insurance and later for the State Economic Development.

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**A Tribute to Michael G. Davis, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology**

*By Tim Sandfort* (*00*)

It was with great sadness that I learned of Dr. Davis’ passing. Although I was not often in contact with him in recent years, I will miss him greatly. He played a pivotal role in my academic direction and current career.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Davis introduced me—and thousands of other students—to an amazing discipline called anthropology. Anthropology is a holistic study of human culture subdivided into the fields of sociocultural, linguistic, archaeological and biological (or physical) anthropology. In practice, it distinguishes between ethnography (participant observation) and ethnology (cultural comparison). Students in the classroom and practitioners in the field are frequently challenged to observe, record and understand other cultures without looking through the lens of their own. This is much more difficult than it sounds, especially when studying a culture with far different communication, religious, sexual or warfare practices. Anthropologists are asked to record and interpret, not evaluate.

Introduction to Anthropology (SOAN 191) was the very first class I attended at Truman in August 1995. The course was randomly assigned to fulfill a social science elective credit toward my then-undeclared degree. In my first semester with him, Dr. Davis became one of my favorite professors, and I think I eventually took every course he instructed. His understated, easygoing personality was contrasted by brilliant, free-ranging subject mastery and complemented with dry wit to educate students with storytelling, films and applied learning alongside textbook theory. One of his best fieldwork anecdotes included building rapport with Native American tribesmen by joining them for high-speed rides around their reservation in the back of a pickup truck. Dr. Davis encouraged critical thinking and confrontation of unconscious biases (“Did you ever stop to think about which thumb goes on top when you fold your hands or which foot you lead with when you climb the stairs? More importantly, did you ever ask why?”). He opened my mind to the subjective context in which culture immerses each of us; he helped me see that A and B are rarely connected by straight lines and revealed that even when answers seem right, sometimes questions are wrong.

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I was not a model student, and I will remember Dr. Davis for the many second chances he gave me—for the papers and courses he allowed me to finish after the official close of the semester. I will remember him for greeting me by name when I stopped by his office several years after I graduated. And I will remember him for the many times during lecture when he would lean back against the window, prop one leg underneath him and cross his arms. After a few minutes speaking like this, he would often pause for a good 15 seconds, look at his feet and then at the class, smile, and say, “That’s it, folks. All I have for today.”

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Two Years in Mongolia

Alyssa Vorhies (’09) gives an insider’s view of her Peace Corps experience living in one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world.

For many people across the United States, a kitchen without a microwave; a town without Internet or cellphone service; a state without roads; and a home without a shower, hot water or even running water seem unimaginable; but for me it was just another day in a place I called home. This unfathomable world, this place, this country, was my home in Mongolia during my two years as a volunteer in the United States Peace Corps.

I could write for days about the interesting culture, the temperatures that (not uncommonly) hit averages of -40 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter, the struggles that come with a language barrier, the travel snafus and painfully long rides over open unpaved land . . . but today I will write instead about something as simple as a shower.

In Mongolia there are primarily three types of housing: apartments, wooden houses and gers (also commonly referred to in Western nations as yurts—sturdy round tents serving as a home for nomadic cultures). Wooden houses and gers virtually never have running water; typically apartments have running water, but no shower or water heater.

I spent my first three months in Mongolia living in a ger during training. I, of course, did not have running water and would take water from the well in a large barrel and then wheel it to my ger. After the first three months, I moved into an apartment for the remainder of my service. There I had ice-cold running water, a sink and a toilet, but no tub or shower. The town in which I trained did not have a shower house, and the town where I spent the remainder of my service had a shower house, but it was often closed or not working, so I spent the first six months of my service boiling water over a fire or stove, pouring it into a round bucket/basin called a tumpon and sponge bathing.

I can only compare the feeling of tumpon bathing to swimming on a cool summer night, meaning that while the water may be warm, as soon as you are no longer submerged and your wet skin is exposed to the air, you are freezing. This is how the entirety of a tumpon bath feels: wet skin, warm water, cold air.

Halfway through my first winter, the shower house in my province began working, and I decided to forego the misery of the tumpon bath. I turned to the shower house for my weekly shower. Yes, you read that correctly, weekly shower. Volunteers without showers commonly turn to showering once per week (or sometimes less) due to its difficulty. Do not mistake me, we maintain hygiene, we freshen up between, we wash our hair, but as for a full-on shower, it is common for a volunteer to trek to the shower house only about three to four times a month.

While a trip to the shower house is a full experience, it is still the furthest thing from an enjoyable experience. Imagine bundling up in all of the layers you own. After all, it is -40 degrees outside, and you are about to take a walk across town. So, you put on your obligatory three pairs of pants, three shirts, jacket, winter coat, ear muffs and hat, gloves, scarf and boots and head out the door on a 15-minute walk. Upon arriving at the shower house, located in a dark, deteriorating basement of a store, you join 20 other Mongolians on a bench to wait your turn. This can take hours.

Finally, it is your turn; you pay your money and are taken to your room. You are then locked in from the outside and become concerned that one of two things will happen: either someone will open the door prematurely to your room while you are mid-scrub or you will knock when you are finished and no one will hear you. The entire room is small and wet and dimly lit by a lone light-bulb swinging from a splitting wire.

Now you must perform your first set of ‘shower acrobatics’ and attempt to remove your clothing without letting any part of your clothes touch the floor or walls—balancing on one foot at a time, you tug at layer after layer of clothing. Then, the shower begins. The water might be hot, but likely it is lukewarm or even more likely room temperature. The water might have decent pressure, but likely it is a trickle, and it is definitely not going to be high-pressured. The floor is made of slippery tile so you constantly battle to keep your footing.

Finally, you are finished with your shower, and the time has come for you to redress, but the entire room is wet. You have to put your clothes back on, while never letting your pant legs touch the floor—and, you are not doing this for one layer of clothing, but rather for three. Once dressed, you stand at the door and pound, and pound until a worker comes and lets you out. Then with cold, wet hair, you head back out into the -40 degree weather to walk the 15-minute trek home.

Through my time in the Peace Corps, I learned many lessons of appreciation, patience, cultural understanding and more; and I feel confident that the lesson to appreciate a warm shower will continue to stay with me during my stateside life.
Kevin C. Dane (’87), of Williamsburg, Iowa, died Aug. 21, 2011. He taught in the Willow Lake Schools in South Dakota, the Gilmore City-Bradgate Schools and at Woodward-Granger Schools. In 1984, he began teaching and coaching at Lynnville Sully and retired in 2010.

José Antonio Fábres (’88), of St. Joseph, Minn., died June 21, 2012. He was an associate professor of Hispanic studies at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University in Minnesota where he served as head of the Department of Hispanic Studies for 12 years.

1990s

Janet (Allen) Hartsfield (’94), of New Bloomfield, Mo., died Oct. 14, 2011. She was employed as a program assistant with the Missouri School of Religion in Jefferson City, Mo. She worked as an assistant director with the State of Colorado Office of Energy Conservation and as the executive director of the Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency.

Jennifer Carter Boyce (’03), of Ballwin, Mo., died Jan. 24, 2013. She was an epidemiologist at the State Department of Health in Madison, Wis.

Lois Ann (Hains) Unger (’05), of Liberty, Mo., died Oct. 15, 2011. She worked as an assistant head librarian in the Mid-Continent Library system, most recently at the Riverside, Mo., branch.

STUDENTS

Elizabeth Marie Koch, of New Athens, Ill., died June 28, 2012. She was a junior communication major. She was a member of the Phi Sigma Phi honor fraternity and Lambda Pi Eta, Nu Chapter. She was an intern at Salvation Army in St. Louis, and a part-time worker at Cash Saver grocery store.

FACULTY

Kathryn Blair, of Kirksville, Mo., died July 13, 2012. She began teaching at Truman State University in 1970 and taught courses in biomedical ethics, women’s studies, introduction to ethics and philosophy and public affairs. She retired as professor emerita of philosophy in 2004.

Michael G. Davis, of Kirksville, Mo., died March 10, 2012. He joined Truman State University’s faculty in 1974 and taught anthropology. He was honored with the title of professor emeritus of anthropology.


Austin E. Jay Jr., of Kirksville, Mo., died July 12, 2012. He was a long-time professor and pre-med advisor at Truman State University, retiring as professor emeritus of zoology. In 1996, he was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Hubert “Hugh” T. Moore, Jr., died on Feb. 9, 2013, at Lakeview Village in Lenexa, Kan. Beginning in 1963, he served as a member of the Truman faculty for 26 years retiring as professor emeritus of English. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Herman P. Wilson, of Raymore, Mo., died May 10, 2013. Herman served in the U.S. Army from 1944 through 1946, including service in Europe in World War II, and was recalled to active service during the Korean conflict from 1950 through 1951. In 1968, Herman moved to Kirkville, where he served as a member of the faculty at Truman for 22 years. He retired as professor emeritus of English.

2000s

Richard J. Detweiler, of Kirksville, Mo., died July 25, 2012. He was a reverend in St. Louis, at St. John’s Methodist from 1953 to 1955 and at Concord Trinity United Methodist Church from 1956 to 1959. He then served the United Methodist Church in Hayti, Mo., for six years before being appointed program director of the Missouri East Conference in Crystal City. He held this position until 1970. From there, he was appointed to the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville, Mo., where he served until 1976. He stood in as the superintendent of the Mexico District for six months and then worked as the superintendent of the Hannibal-Kirksville District. He and his wife served their final church, Memorial Methodist Church in Farmington, Mo., from 1982 to 1987. He became the superintendent of the St. Louis North District for four years and retired in 1991 to Kirksville. Richard and his wife, Mary Lou, are long-time supporters of the University’s Kohlenberg Lyceum Series.

Ritchie Memorial Scholarship Fund at Truman State University.

Tom Vernon Ritchie

Professor Emeritus of Music

Tom Vernon Ritchie, professor emeritus of music at Truman State University, died Feb. 21, 2013, in Bloomington, Ind. He was 90 years old.

He spent the final years doing what he enjoyed most—writing music and attending opera and other musical performances at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Ritchie was a professor of music theory and composition for more than 40 years. He also was a professional concert pipe organist and held associate certification from the American Guild of Organists. Prior to joining the faculty at Truman, he was chairman of the Music Department at Drury College and taught at Wichita State. For nearly three decades, students from south-central Iowa and north-central Missouri who wanted to teach music enrolled in his classes.

In 2008, more than 60 faculty members, former students and friends paid tribute to him during an alumni reunion at Truman where they performed more than a dozen of his works.

In addition to his classroom duties, Ritchie composed the music and wrote the libretto for the opera, “The Children of Hamelin,” based on the Robert Browning poem, “The Pied Piper of Hamelin.” The opera premiered at Truman in 1981. He also composed numerous works for voice, chorus, piano, woodwinds and brass.

Ritchie was a World War II veteran. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942. After training in amphibious assault at Fort Pierce, Fla., he commanded several landing craft during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1944, landing Marines of the Fourth Division on the first morning of the battle. He was also present at the landings on Okinawa. Ritchie was deployed to the invasion fleet for Japan before the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

His children have established the Tom V. Ritchie Memorial Scholarship Fund at Truman State University.
Alumni Board Officers

At the Truman Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting held on campus in April 2013, the Board elected Ellen (Hoelscher) McLain ('87), of Jefferson City, Mo., as president and Keith Epperson ('82), of Plymouth, Minn., as vice president. They began serving in these positions in July 2013.

McLain is the senior director of development in the Office of Gift Planning and Endowments at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Epperson ('82) is a minority principal and vice president of research and development for SavvySherpa LLC.

Mike Wilson ('91), of Kansas City, Mo., is now serving as past president of the Alumni Board and will continue to represent the Kansas City Alumni Chapter. He is vice president, consumer loan administration, at UMB Bank.

Alumni Board Appointment

Geraldine (Toth) Ready ('70), of Sun City, Fla., is serving as the Alumni Board representative for the Truman State University Foundation Board. During a 37½-year career with JC Penney, she held several assignments and retired in 2007 as project manager in the information systems and development area.

NEMO Named Chapter of the Year

The Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter was selected by the Executive Committee of the Truman Alumni Board of Directors to receive the 2012 Alumni Chapter of the Year Award. The award recognizes the outstanding achievement of the chapter in support of the Truman Alumni Association and the University.

The Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter was recognized for its success in recruiting engaged volunteers who have planned strategies to increase membership and program participation. The chapter’s traditions include annual events such as a golf tournament at the Kirksville Country Club and a fall banquet with an auction held on campus each year; both events raise funds for the chapter’s scholarship, which was established in 2005 to assist Truman students from northeast Missouri.

The Alumni Chapter of the Year Award was presented to Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter leaders at the Truman Alumni Leadership Conference held on campus Oct. 19, 2012, as part of the Homecoming activities. The Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter was recognized as runner-up for the Chapter of the Year Award.
A Special Homecoming Invitation for the Class of 1963 and All Other Golden Alumni

You’re Invited to the Golden Alumni Diploma Ceremony (Oct. 18) and Golden Alumni Reunion Luncheon (Oct. 19)

If you graduated from Truman in 1963 or earlier, you are invited to a couple of special events that will take place during Homecoming 2013. On Friday evening, Oct. 18, at the Homecoming Celebration Banquet held in the Student Union Building, all alumni who graduated 50 years ago will have a chance to put on a graduation cap and gown and participate in the annual Golden Alumni Diploma Ceremony; participants in the ceremony receive a commemorative diploma presented by University President Troy Paino. If you missed the Golden Alumni Diploma Ceremony for the 50-year anniversary for your graduation year, you are invited to participate this year. All alumni who participate in the Golden Alumni Diploma Ceremony can receive a complimentary ticket for the Homecoming Celebration Banquet; additional tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children age 12 and under.

That same weekend, you and your guests are also invited to the Golden Alumni Reunion Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Student Union. Tickets for the luncheon are $10 for adults and $7 for children age 12 and under.

This summer, watch your mail for details or contact Truman’s Office of Advancement, (800) 452-6678 or (660) 785-4133. Details and registration information for all Homecoming events will be posted online at alumni.truman.edu/Homecoming.asp.

Alumni Encouraged to Join Nearest Chapter

If you live near one of Truman’s 10 regional alumni chapters, you need to join your local alumni chapter. Alumni chapters are located in the following regions: Arizona, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Iowa, Kansas City, Mid-Atlantic (Washington, D.C. area), Mid-Missouri, Northeast Missouri and St. Louis. Each chapter sponsors a variety of activities, and membership includes travel discounts and other benefits. A single membership is $20 and a joint membership is $30 (current Truman students and alumni who graduated within the past 12 months can join for half-price). Sign up today at alumni.truman.edu/membership.
During the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter Annual Banquet and Auction held on campus Nov. 15, 2012, the chapter's Bulldog Forever Award was presented to the Whitney family. The award recognizes service to Truman, and the chapter honored the Whitney family for their continued support for the NEMO Alumni Chapter, the Arizona Alumni Chapter and the University.

Shown left to right: Alta (Carson) Whitney (’59), Mark Whitney and Larry Whitney (’59). Not pictured: Mike Whitney (’94) and his wife, Laura, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

#2012 Alumni Award Honorees

Several alumni awards were presented at the Alumni and Friends/Hall of Fame Banquet during Homecoming on Oct. 19, 2012.

- **Alumni of the Year: Jack Magruder (’57) & Sue (Brimer) Magruder (’55, ’77), shown with President Troy D. Paino (on right)**
- **Young Alumni of the Year: Mindy (Frick) McCubbin (’97) & Travis McCubbin (’97)**
- **Distinguished Service Award: Jim Bergman (’90)**
- **Bulldog Forever Volunteer of the Year Award: Will Sass (’72, ’77)**
- **Homecoming 2012 Parade Grand Marshals Ed Carpenter & Nettie (Brown) Carpenter (’76)**
Calendar of Events for Alumni and Friends
Join us at one of our events this year to network with other alumni!

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All events subject to change. Get the latest information on all upcoming events at alumni.truman.edu or call (800) 452-6678.
The Dr. Ronald E. Thomas Endowed Scholarship fund was created in 2012 by Ronald Thomas (’65) and his wife, Ann, to provide an opportunity for deserving students to receive a Truman State University education. The couple’s deep appreciation for education inspired them to establish a scholarship to help Truman students accomplish their educational goals.

A Truman alumnus, Ronald enrolled at the University after graduating from high school in Roxana, Ill. He earned a bachelor of science in education with an emphasis in physical education from Truman in 1965, then completed a master of science at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and received a PhD from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Ronald devoted his career to educational endeavors. Since 1999, he has served as the president of Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, Minn., and he plans to retire in July of this year. His career includes service as a junior high teacher and coach, director of international admissions at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and director of student services at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. Ronald served as dean of educational services at Centralia College in Centralia, Wash.; dean and interim president at Rochester Community and Technical College in Rochester, Minn.; and president of Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kan.

During his career, Ronald has earned a number of professional accolades. He was the recipient of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for Presidential Leadership presented by Phi Theta Kappa in 1999, was named the College President Pacesetter of the Year by District V of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations in 2004 and 2011 and received the Distinguished Star Education Award presented by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education in 2007. In addition, he has served as the board chair of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship and has been a presenter and author of numerous community college issues across the country.

The wife and son of Truman Hall of Famer Donald Parsons (’57, ’61) have established the Donald Parsons Endowed Athletic Scholarship through the Truman State University Foundation to benefit student-athletes attending Truman. Jean (Wells) Parsons, a 1967 Truman alumna, and her son, Devin Parsons, created the scholarship in honor of the late Don Parsons, a teacher, coach and administrator, who dedicated his life to education and athletics.

An All-State basketball player for Ottumwa (Iowa) High School, Don helped his team finish second in the state tournament in 1953. After graduating from high school, Don came to Truman where he joined the Bulldog basketball team. Collecting All-MIAA honors twice (1955-56 and 1956-57), he was named Most Valuable Player on the All-Conference team in 1956-57. Nearly three decades after Don graduated in 1957 with a bachelor of science in education degree, he was inducted into the Truman State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1986.

While serving in the military in Germany, Don played on his command’s basketball team. In 1959, he taught and coached sports at Greentop, Mo., and after earning a master’s degree from Truman in 1961, he taught science and coached at Evans Junior High School in Ottumwa, Iowa. He became an administrator with the Ottumwa School District and served as the assistant principal at Washington Junior High School followed by 12 years at Walsh Junior High School. He then served as principal at Eisenhower Elementary School and handled other district-wide duties, including directing the staff wellness program and the K-8 physical education and elementary athletic programs. Don retired from the Ottumwa School District in 1994. He died in February 2012.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Don inspired countless young people, and the scholarship established by his wife and son ensures that his legacy will live on through future generations of Bulldogs.
A legacy gift to Truman State University commemorates the life of Doris (Pierce) Fuller, a Truman alumna who was committed to lifelong learning. “She was an amazing woman, never at rest,” said her son, Charles Fuller. A planned gift made by Doris was designated to the Truman Endowment Fund, a permanent resource designed to provide funds for a variety of purposes, including student scholarships, professional development for faculty and students, technology, equipment and other needs.

Born in Shelbina, Mo., Doris earned a bachelor of science degree in education from the University in 1934. She then taught for two years. In 1936, she married Arthur “Bud” Fuller, a country doctor who served the farming communities. Since her husband’s job took him away from home for days at a time, Doris became his medical assistant and midwife so they could travel together. In one year alone, they delivered more than 300 babies and took care of many broken bones and the occasional at-home surgery.

In addition to their son, Charles, Doris and Bud had a daughter, Johnna. In 1964, the family moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. Charles remembers his mother saying, “No point in living in Colorado if you don’t know how to ski,” and at the age of 55, Doris took up snow skiing.

Doris became a strong advocate of her husband’s osteopathic profession, professional women and seniors, and she served in both leadership and supportive roles in the Osteopathic Women’s Guild, Women’s Club, Acacia and AARP.

Since she never had a driver’s license, Doris took the local bus into town saying that it allowed her to ride with “real people.” She was a dedicated volunteer, and up until her mid-80s, she took the bus each week to serve food at a local charity. Doris also sewed on buttons for elderly ladies, many of whom were 20 years her junior.

An incident that occurred when Doris was 70 illustrates her tenacious spirit. One day when she and a friend were hiking in the high mountains on the south slope of Pikes Peak, Doris slipped and fractured her ankle. It was late in the afternoon, and the friend had to walk three miles to the car to seek help. When help finally arrived after dark, they found Doris had splinted her own leg, found a stick for support and was walking out on a compound fracture. She said, “I couldn’t stay up here overnight or I’d freeze to death.” Nearly three decades later, Doris died at the age of 98.

Doris believed in having fun and enjoying life to its fullest. By including a provision in her will to boost the Truman Endowment Fund, she has provided a resource that offers the gift of knowledge for future generations of Truman students.

The Dr. Patricia Burton Honorary Endowment has been created as a meaningful expression of the Truman community’s respect and gratitude for a dedicated faculty member. The Dr. Patricia Burton Honorary Endowment will provide a resource for the Philosophy and Religion Department to further ensure the strength of the Truman experience and encourage growth within the discipline.

Reaching the fundraising goal of $75,000 will create an endowment to further enhance the learning opportunities at Truman and prepare students for an ever-changing global society. Truman continues to seek innovative learning opportunities, and the University’s challenging liberal arts and sciences education ensures that students are broadly educated. As a result, Truman graduates possess a highly-developed ability to think critically and communicate effectively, drawing upon skills and knowledge that are cultivated through rich learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Burton, a professor of philosophy who joined the Truman faculty in 1987, retired from teaching full-time in December 2012. She has received a number of honors including being named Educator of the Year at Truman in 1994. A year later, she was recognized with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, and she also received the William O’Donnell Lee Advising Award. She was honored as one of the recipients of Truman’s Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship in 2002 and was selected as a recipient of the Golden Apple Faculty Award in 2008.
Speech and Hearing Clinic Campaign Surpasses Goal

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, the University conducted a “Give $50 for the 50th” fundraising campaign with the goal of generating $50,000. After approximately a year of accepting donations, the campaign concluded in February 2013 with a grand total of $100,000 raised in cash, pledges and planned gift commitments.

“The outstanding results of the ‘Give $50 for the 50th’ fundraising campaign demonstrate the community’s willingness to invest in the Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic and its efforts to provide ongoing state-of-the-art speech-language-hearing and literacy services,” said Janet Gooch, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education. “These results are also evidence of a deeply imbedded passion that our donors possess for improving our community.”

Truman’s Speech and Hearing Clinic has been helping residents from Kirksville and the surrounding area since 1960. In November 2011, it was moved into new facilities located in the Truman Health Sciences Building. The clinic serves individuals with disorders of speech, language, voice, fluency, hearing and swallowing, all at no cost to the people served. No-cost clinics are rare due to the necessary heavy reliance on donations. The Speech and Hearing Clinic provides services thanks to the support of the University and community organizations.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic also offers hands-on learning for Truman students. Students observe therapy, then become clinical assistants and eventually assume the responsibilities of student clinicians. Because student learning is a key component of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, it was also a high priority of the fundraising campaign.

The centerpiece of the campaign was the establishment of the Dr. Cornelis Koutstaal Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship, which was established by Murilyn Koutstaal, to honor the legacy of her late husband. Cornelis Koutstaal served as professor of communication disorders and head of the Human Potential and Performance Division at Truman from 1990-2001 and was honored with emeritus status upon his retirement.

Scholarship Offers Opportunity for Students to Recognize Former Teachers

Through the support of Truman’s education alumni and a generous estate gift, the James and Margaret Mudd Teacher Recognition Scholarship has been endowed and will allow for the ongoing recognition of excellence in education. Thanks to this new scholarship, graduating seniors at Truman have the opportunity to recognize a high school educator or counselor, whom they feel made a positive impact on their academic growth. Each year, the chosen teacher or counselor will receive an invitation to be formally recognized at Truman’s spring Commencement ceremony. To further acknowledge the teacher or counselor being honored, a $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Truman student from the teacher or counselor’s high school.

The first teacher to be honored through the Margaret Mudd Teacher Recognition Scholarship was Steve Zuspann, who received special recognition at Truman’s Spring Commencement ceremonies on May 11, 2013. Zuspann, who teaches chemistry at the high school in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., was nominated by Truman graduates Nicole Boyer and Jenna McClanahan. Brandon Mueller, a student from Ste. Genevieve High School who will be attending Truman this fall, was awarded the $1,000 scholarship.

Since its origin as a normal school in 1867, Truman has been committed to providing a strong teacher education program. Over the years, more than 8,000 teachers have received preparation from the University, and the program is deeply rooted in the University’s history.
The Truman men's basketball team closed its 2012-13 season with a 10-17 overall record, qualifying for the MIAA tournament for the first time since the 2006-07 season before falling in the first round at Pittsburg (Kan.) State. Three Bulldogs earned MIAA honors, headlined by a third-team all-MIAA award for junior forward Mike Carlson and honorable-mention accolades for senior guard Tom Norton and sophomore guard Seth Jackson.

The Bulldogs improved on last season's win total and won the most games by a Truman squad since the 2006-07 season (16). In addition, the Bulldogs won more road games this season (5) than the last four years combined (4) and tied the most in a single-season since 2006-07. The Bulldogs also won more MIAA regular season games this year (7) than any since 2006-07 (9), despite playing two fewer games.

Truman finished the season ranked in the top third of the MIAA in three-pointers made per game (7.5), free throw percentage (72.8 percent) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.1). On an individual level, Carlson led the squad by averaging 17.1 points and 6.7 rebounds per game and ranked in the MIAA's top 10 in scoring, free throw percentage, steals, blocked shots and defensive rebounding.

Norton, meanwhile, led the MIAA in free throw percentage (89.5 percent) and in three-pointers per game (2.8). In addition, he became Truman's all-time free throw leader by closing his career with an 85.8 percent clip from the charity stripe and finished 16th on the all-time scoring chart at 1,114.

Highlights throughout the season included a 57-point victory over Mount Mercy (Iowa) College. The team made 22 three-pointers and shot 71 percent from outside while freshman Courtney Strait made eight triples in the rout. Truman edged out nationally-ranked Central Missouri 73-64 in Pershing Arena, and a week later before a large home crowd, rallied from seven points down in the final minutes to knock off Fort Hays State University. The Bulldogs defeated the Southwest Baptist (Mo.) University Bearcats 65-56 to extend their home winning streak to 15 games dating back to last season.

In the second round game in Kansas City against Emporia (Kan.) State University, Truman fell behind by 12 but fought back to tie the game with just over two minutes left. The Lady Hornets would hold the Bulldogs to just three more points the rest of the way to win 61-56 to end the season.

Senior guard Becka McHenry earned her second straight second-team all-conference honor after leading the team in scoring, rebounding and assists. McHenry became just the second Truman women's basketball player to score over 1,100 career points, pull down over 500 rebounds and dish out over 350 assists. The only other player to accomplish that feat in Bulldog history was Amy Eagan.

Sophomore guard Allie Norton was one of the nation's top three-point shooters. At times, Norton led Division II during the season and finished with a school record 45.2 percent from beyond the arc. The previous record was held by Kathy Patterson in the 1990-91 season at 44.9 percent. Norton was an honorable-mention all-MIAA selection. The team, as a whole, shot a school record 41 percent from beyond the arc. They led all of Division II in three-point shooting and at several times during the season were leading all of NCAA Women's Basketball from three.
Jerod Simek's trip to the NCAA-II finals highlighted the 2012-13 seasons for the Truman men's and women's swimming teams. Simek, a senior, placed 17th in the 500 freestyle, 16th in the 1,000 freestyle and 14th in the 1,650 freestyle championships—held in Birmingham, Ala.

The two squads opened the season in October 2012 at the Missouri Show-Me Swimdown, where the Bulldog women took fourth, and the men grabbed seventh. After three dual meets, the teams closed the fall portion of the season at the University of Chicago “Phoenix” Fall Classic, in which the women came from behind to win the event, and the men held solid in third place.

Following three additional duals, the teams headed north for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Swimming and Diving Championships/Meet, held in Rochester, Minn. A consistent event landed the women in second place, while the men took third in both teams’ inaugural years at the event. For the women, it marked the 24th straight season of placing either first or second in a conference meet.

Senior Casey Jepsen was named the NSIC Women's Swimmer of the Year, while freshman Brynn Guardado earned NSIC Women's Freshman of the Year honors. Three school records fell at the event, as freshman Levi Hanks set a new time in the men's 200 freestyle (1:40.24), and Simek captured new top marks in both the 1,000 free (9:18.10) and the 500 free (4:31.29).

The women graduating seniors included Taylor Birs, Allison Harding, Calla Kingery and Alyssa Smith, while the men lost Simek and Tony Hernandez to graduation.
Bulldog Athletics Receives National Recognition

Junior Ryan Maus became the 12th Bulldog to earn All-America honors on the wrestling mats as he placed third in the NCAA Division II Wrestling championships this spring. Maus won his first match 14-4 but fell to the consolation side of the bracket with a 6-1 loss to the eventual two-time national champion, Raufeon Stots of the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Maus bounced back to win his next match and guarantee an All-America spot with a 4-2 victory late on the first day of competition.

On day two, Maus knocked off three nationally ranked wrestlers to win the consolation finals. He is just the fourth Bulldog wrestler to place as high as third in the national meet and first since Blake Peterson did so in 2008.

Maus was joined in the national meet by fellow junior Colton Schmitz. Like Maus, Schmitz won his first round match over fifth-ranked Daniel Kelly of Adams (Colo.) State College. He would lose 8-4 in the quarterfinals and then be denied All-America honors with a 5-4 loss to Nebraska-Kearney’s Chase White.

As a team, Truman posted a 6-6 dual record this season. They split the six home dual matches and went 1-4 in conference duals, with the return of MIAA Wrestling this season. The Wrestling program will remain a member of the MIAA next year as an associate member of the conference since the Great Lakes Valley Conference does not sponsor the sport as of now.

The Bulldogs again were one of Division II’s top academic teams. The team finished 11th in the Academic National Recognition program with a 3.16 cumulative grade-point average. Five Bulldogs earned All-Academic with Colton Schmitz being named first team and senior Alex Maus named to the second team. Senior Daniel Karlskin and sophomores Helmut Rentschler and Nick Shea were honorable-mention All-Academic.

Support Your Bulldogs With These Upcoming Events:

The Bulldog Football team will host a golf outing this summer in Chicago on July 22 at the Orchard Valley Golf Club in Aurora, Ill. The golf outing is open to all alumni, family and friends of Bulldog Football.

Various sports camps will be taking place over the summer on the Truman campus. Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Volleyball and Men’s Soccer are among the offerings available for both high school students and younger. Check TrumanBulldogs.com for a listing of all camps.

Start making your fall plans to see the Bulldogs either at home or on the road. The fall schedules have been released and are available at TrumanBulldogs.com.
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Homecoming
OCT. 18-20, 2013

The Truman Alumni Association invites you to reconnect with Truman during Homecoming 2013. All alumni, families and friends are welcome at Homecoming. Reconnecting online is great but connecting in person is even better. Invite your friends to join you on campus to help celebrate the Homecoming tradition. Some of the traditional activities include:

- Homecoming Parade
- 5K Race
- Homecoming Celebration Banquet (includes Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Golden Alumni 50th Anniversary Diploma Ceremony & introduction of Homecoming Honorees)
- Homecoming Tailgate
- Bulldog Sporting Events
- Receptions Hosted by Departments & Organizations
- Plus much more!

Hotels fill up quickly...make your reservations early!

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