Alumni to be Honored at Homecoming Events

Several Truman alumni will be honored at Homecoming events this weekend.

Truman associate professor emeritus of accounting and former administrator Eugene Croarkin Sr., of Kirkville, Mo., graduated from Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) with a B.S.E. in 1949, and an M.A. in business in 1952. He is Truman’s 2005 Alumnus of the Year.

This year’s young alumna of the year is Cindy Spiker of Urbana, Ill. Spiker graduated from Truman State University (then known as Northeast Missouri State University) with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 1993, and received her master degree of science degree in statistics from the University of Idaho in 1995. Spiker currently serves on Truman’s Alumni Association Board of Directors and is president of Truman’s Iowa Alumni Chapter.

Judge James and Shari (Powell) Reinhard will serve as the 2005 Parade Grand Marshals. She attended Centerville Community College and transferred to Truman State University (then known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) in 1956. She graduated in the summer of 1958 with a bachelor of science degree in education. Her major was vocational home economics. Shari began her teaching career at Mark Twain High School in Ralls County (Mo.), then taught vocational home economics at the high school in Paris, Mo. She served on the Paris Library Board, and for nine years was a member of the Hannibal Free Public Library Board, serving as president for one term. James entered Truman State University (then known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) in 1947. In 1950, he entered the University of Missouri School of Law graduating in 1953. In 1965, James was appointed to the Board of Regents of Truman when the school was named Northeast Missouri State Teachers College and served on the board until his resignation in November 1973. He was president of the board for six years, during which time the name of the school was changed from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College to Northeast Missouri State College to Northeast Missouri State University. James currently serves on the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors and is a member of the State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

This year’s Alumni Distinguished Service Awards go to Bill and Dianthe (Truitt) Cable and Kevin and Bonnie (Neuner) Kuebler.

Bill attended Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) from 1952-54, and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1956 with a degree in journalism. Dianthe graduated from Truman with a B.S.E., music/instrumental emphasis, in 1960, and received an M.A. in guidance and counseling from Truman in 1977.

Bill began working for Truman in 1956 as the director of sports information, however after only two months was called to serve in the Army, mainly in Korea. Returning to the University in 1958, Bill dedicated a total of 37 years working at Truman, retiring in 1995. As active members of Truman’s Kirkville Alumni Chapter, Bill and Dianthe were chosen as the chapter’s “Outstanding Alumni of the Year” in 2000, and Dianthe has served as the chapter’s treasurer since 1999.

Bonnie and Kevin Kuebler currently fund annual scholarships in both the Social Science and Business Divisions and are in the process of endowing a third scholarship. Bonnie is currently serving as the first female president of the Truman Alumni Association Board of Directors, and she has been an at-large member of the board since 2001. Bonnie graduated from Truman in 1987 with a bachelor of arts degree in pre-law/history, and she received her juris doctorate in 1990 from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kevin was a Peshring scholar and graduated from Truman in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Since leaving Truman, Kevin has served as president of Truman’s St. Louis Alumni Chapter and was a founding member of the University’s National Alumni Association Board. He currently serves on Truman’s Business Division Advisory Board. Kevin and Bonnie have hosted receptions for the Truman sports teams as they have ventured into Illinois State University territory.
Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Awareness will Continue Through Truman’s Homecoming Week

The Truman State University Department of Public Safety and the Kirksville Police Department along with Sigma Kappa sorority will be sponsoring a Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Awareness Program. The event will take place in conjunction with Homecoming week activities at Truman. Members of the Department of Public Safety and Sigma Kappa sorority will be handing out informational fliers and a treat to those seen using the crosswalks throughout the week at various times of the day. The Kirksville Police Department will increase patrols in the area, with special attention given to crosswalk violations. Also, the speed radar trailer provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, returns to campus and will be placed at different locations near crosswalks during the week.

Crosswalk safety is a growing concern on campus. Each year about 5,000 pedestrians are killed and 69,000 are injured in motor vehicle crashes, nationwide. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2004, in Missouri alone there were 81 pedestrians killed in accidents with motor vehicles. The Department of Public Safety would like to encourage pedestrians to use the crosswalks in and around campus as a means of safely crossing the streets. The Department would also like to make drivers more aware of the speed in which they travel on roads through campus.

“The goal of this program is to promote the awareness of pedestrians and drivers in and around campus and the need to use the crosswalks around campus,” according to Tom Johnson, director of Public Safety. “I also hope this gets the message out in a fun way in keeping with the Homecoming festivities of the week. My goal is to make this an annual program to increase the safety of everyone around the Truman campus.”

Wooldridge to Present Multimedia Events

A grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Mid America Arts Alliance is bringing multimedia artist Marc Wooldridge to Truman on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. Wooldridge is a composer and percussionist who accompanies the films he makes. He will discuss and demonstrate the creation of multimedia works at two afternoon workshops. Wooldridge is doing a lecture/performance for students interested in percussion at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 20, in Ophelia Parrish 2340. He is presenting to everyone interested in making films at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 20, in the Student Union Building Activities Room. A concert will be at 8 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. It will feature four films, including two created by Wooldridge.

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A composition workshop, “Rhythmic Implications of Recent Diatonic Theory: A presentation on using African rhythms in new ways,” will take place from 9:30-10:20 a.m., Oct. 21, in Ophelia Parrish 2119. Robert Martin, professor of education, who helped organized the event, said he was surprised that there has been so much interest.

“We’ve gotten help from all over campus to bring Marc here,” Martin said. “This is a guy who can talk to people who think they don’t like contemporary art, music, and film and get them to like it! He’s definitely cutting edge. The events are open to everyone; people should feel free to just show up.”

Watts to Deliver Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture

Steven Watts will deliver this year’s Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture at 7 p.m., Oct. 25, in the Student Union Building, Activities Room. Watts, a professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will speak about the role Henry Ford played in shaping twentieth-century America. In particular, he will discuss the industrialist’s profound impact on the shaping of consumer values and a culture of self-fulfillment.


Author of several well-received books in American history, Watts has most recently focused on biographies of figures who have helped shape modern American culture in diverse ways. His last book was a biography of Walt Disney, and he is currently at work on a life of Hugh Hefner.

The Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture series was inaugurated in honor of Gilbert Kohlenberg and Ruth Towne in 1988, upon the occasion of their retirement from the history faculty. Although both of them are now deceased, their memory lives on in these lectures by prominent visiting scholars.

The lecture is intended for a broad audience and is open to the public. For more information, contact Sally West, associate professor of history, at 785.7641.
Barbara Price, associate professor of English, attended the Iowa Council of Teachers of English annual conference in Cedar Rapids on Oct. 7 and Oct. 8. Attending with her was Kyle Sterup, 2005 Truman English MAE graduate. Sterup gave a presentation, “Blogging in the English Classroom,” drawn from his teaching at Knox County High School in Edina, Mo. He also received a Promising Young Teacher award from ICTE.

Health science students will present their research at the Eta Sigma Gamma National Professional Health Science Honorary Annual Meeting at the American School Health Association National Conference in Burbank, Calif., Oct. 19-22.

Nicole Stevens, a junior from Kansas City, Mo.; Jen Miller, a senior from St. Charles, Mo.; Laura Kresl, a sophomore from Kansas City, Mo.; and Jessica Morgan, a senior from St. Peters, Mo., will present “An Adolescent Smoking Cessation Program for Rural, Alternative Education Students.”

Christina Degenhardt, a senior from Perryville, Mo.; Sarah Shelton, a senior from St. Louis; and Kim Kennett, an alumna from Belleville, Ill.; will present “Tanning Habits and Consideration of Alternative Tanning Methods of Rural, Northeast Missouri Youth.”

Emily Forsyth, a junior from Vinton, Iowa; Carrie DeCarli, a sophomore from St. Louis; Samantha Boudria, a junior from Jefferson City, Mo.; and Shelton; will present “A Survey of First-Year Students’ Perception of Campus-Wide Risky Sexual Behavior.”

Peter Guirguis, a junior from Gladstone, Mo.; Joestauber, a sophomore from Glencoe, Mo.; Ben Reine, a sophomore from Savannah, Mo.; Bryan Campbell, a junior from St. Louis; and DeCarli; will present “The Talking Drums” HIV/AIDS Prevention Program for African-American Students.” Forsyth, Guirguis and Degenhardt will present “Creation of a Health Screening Clinic at Hope’s Kitchen.”

Kresl will present “Stressful Life Events in Alternative Education Students: A Review of the Literature.”

Emily Krogmann, a sophomore from Hannibal, Mo., and Maureen Bylina, a senior from Chicago, will present “Creation of a Hospital Based Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.” Krogmann and Bylina will present “Legislative Advocacy: Testifying and Lobbying for MO Senate Bill 457.”

Campbell, Reine and Tara Osseck, a sophomore from St. Charles, Mo., will present “American Red Cross Slips, Trips, and Falls Workplace Training Module.”

Opportunities Available to Apply for Missouri Government Internship Program

Students still have a chance to turn in completed Missouri Government Internship Program applications. They are due at 5 p.m., Oct. 24, in McClain Hall 101. The program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with a public official, legislator or state agency during the spring 2006 semester.

The internship, which is open to all majors, provides an inside look at state government.

Applications are available in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 or online at http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mogov_app.pdf. A screening committee will review the applications. The second round of interviews will be conducted Oct. 26 for the spring 2006 legislative internships.

Interested students can contact Candy Young, professor of political science, at 785.4650 or Heidi Templeton, director of public relations, at 785.4016 for more information.

New Music Festival to Take Place Oct. 27-28

The Truman State University Division of Fine Arts, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota and The Mostly Live Composers Society are pleased to announce the 2005 Truman State University New Music Festival, which will take place Oct. 27 and Oct. 28. The festival will feature guest composer Paul Hayden, winner of the international 2005 Truman State University Composition Competition, who will speak to music classes, work with student composers in a master class, and rehearse several of his works with Truman musicians.

Two concerts will be presented during the festival. The concerts will include performances of music by Hayden, Truman faculty and student composers, and other contemporary composers.

The Truman State Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Sam McClure, will premiere Hayden’s “Four Cajun Songs,” featuring Thomas Hueber, professor of music at Truman, at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. McClure is an associate professor of music at Truman. This work was co-commissioned by the University’s chapters of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota. In addition to the Symphony Orchestra, the Truman State University Wind Symphony, Cantoria, Brass Choir and other Truman musicians will perform in this concert.

Chamber music by Hayden, Truman composers and other contemporary composers will be performed from 1:30-3 p.m., Oct. 28, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The program will feature Katherine Klem, professor of flute at Louisiana State University, along with Truman faculty and student musicians.

Guest composer Hayden will talk about his music at both concerts.

The public is cordially invited to attend these free events. For further information, contact Warren Gooch, professor of music at Truman, at wgooch@truman.edu or 785.4429.
While the fence surrounding the parking lot west of Magruder Hall has been removed, the lot is not open for parking. The lot is still being used by the Magruder Hall construction crew and will remain closed as it will be used for the SUB construction crew.

There will be a Quick Grants 60-Minute Workshop at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 18, in Pickler Memorial Library 205. This will be a chance to learn more about National Science Foundation’s Research at Undergraduate Institutions funding. For more information, contact Judy Lundberg at 785.7459.

There will be NORML Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18, in SUB room 208. This meeting is free and open to everyone. The Center for Teaching and Learning will continue its Weekly Lunch Series by sponsoring table conversation about student learning in the Truman courses at 12:30-130 p.m., Oct. 19, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

FAC applications for organizations that wish to apply for funding for the events during the spring 2006 semester are due at 5 p.m., Oct. 19, in the CSA or FAC office. For more information, contact Julie Kubiak at 785.4979 or jkt131@truman.edu.

The Staff Council Spirit Committee is organizing a Staff Council parade entry for Truman’s upcoming Homecoming parade on Oct. 22. Any staff member is welcome to help the committee and other staff members build the float or participate in the parade. Float building will begin at 5 p.m., Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, at the Recycling Center/Delaney-Baldwin building. Staff members will be walking along the parade route passing out candy and sitting on the float. E-mail kitus@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Forensics Union public debate series will continue at 8 p.m., Oct. 19, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. The topic will be “The United Nations Should Have a Standing Army.” The format will be in the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) style. Students, faculty, staff and members of the Kirksville community are encouraged to attend.

The Observatory will be open to the public, weather permitting, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., Oct. 20, at the University Farm. Go to http://observatory.truman.edu for additional information.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award applications are available in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. Completed applications need to be returned by Oct. 21. For more information, visit http://saffairs.truman.edu, stop by Kirk Building 112, or call 785.4111.

The Biology Seminar Series will continue with “Pericentromere Evolution in the Brassicaceae” from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Oct. 21, in Magruder Hall 2050. Anne Hall, postdoctoral associate in the department of molecular genetics and cell biology from the University of Chicago and Truman alumna, will be delivering the presentation.

The fourth film in the French film series, “8 Femmes” will be shown from 6:30 p.m., Oct. 22, in Viola Vail Hall 1000. Admission is free. For more information, contact Rachel Bernet at 785.5359 or rlb938@truman.edu.

Students Exhorting & Evangelizing Campus (SEEC) is sponsoring a DVD presentation of “Intelligent Design: A Christian Perspective: Unlocking the Mystery of Life” at 7 p.m., Oct. 24, in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact Charles Leiter at cleiter@swbell.net for more information.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is sponsoring “Investment Forum.” This event will take place from 7-9 p.m., Oct. 24, in the SUB Spanish Room. The Alliant Bank and other financial institutes in Kirksville will be presenting a forum for college students on financial issues. For more information, contact Biplaw Rai at 660.525.3136 or d3888@truman.edu.

Sigma Lambda Gamma is sponsoring a Victim Support Services Drive on Oct. 24 in the SUB and McClain Hall. They will be collecting 13 and 33 gallon garbage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, copy paper, dust/wood cleaner, bathroom cleaner, and disinfectant spray. Check in organizational mailboxes for more information or contact Tamaka Mann at 627.5466 or d2208@truman.edu. Alpha Phi Sigma will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Oct. 24, in Pershing Building 233. For more information, contact Sarah Preisinger at 785.5400 or sep737@truman.edu.

The Assessment Colloquium will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Oct. 25, in the SUB Spanish Room. This is a joint project between the Assessment Committee Analysis and Reporting Group and TCTL. Adam Davis, interim director of interdisciplinary studies, as he discusses “Assessment of JINS Outcomes: ‘The JINS Effect.’” Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

Project Alpha will take place from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 25, in Baldwin Hall 251 and 252. Students may get tested for HIV and learn more about sexually transmitted infections. This event is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Contact Biplaw Rai at 660.525.3136 or d3888@truman.edu for more information.

Windfall deadline for submissions of poetry, art, drama, music, photography, and prose is Oct. 25. Submissions should be delivered to Kirk Memorial 203B, Windfall’s CSl mailbox, or e-mailed to windfall@truman.edu. Go to http://windfall.truman.edu for more information.

The Black and Gold Informational 2005 will take place from 7-8 p.m., Oct. 27, in Violette Hall 1439. This informational is for the annual beauty pageant for all females at Truman. For more information, contact Biplaw Rai at 660.525.3136.

SAB presents CAKE in concert. Doors will open at 7 p.m., Oct. 28, in Pershing Arena. Tickets are $8 for students with a University ID and $15 for the general public. For more information, contact the Student Activities Board at 785.4722.

Members of the University community are invited to participate in the first survey of campus member satisfaction with Physical Plant services. The survey has six to seven questions for each type of service, and a section to provide written comments. All survey responses are anonymous. Physical Plant will use the results of the survey to guide their improvement efforts. Their objective is to provide the best possible service. The survey is available online and must be completed by Oct. 28. To take the survey, go to http://survey.truman.edu/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=185 and log-in with your network username and password.

The Truman Today is a weekly publication during the academic year. Information must be submitted by 5 p.m. the Wednesday before publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to kbrent@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf. All submitted items are subject to editing for clarity and style.

ON CAMPUS

18 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. - Kohlpenberg Lyceum Series presents Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Baldwin Auditorium; see page 2

19 WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. - Truman Forensics Union public debate series, Baldwin Hall Little Theatre; see Notes

20 THURSDAY

8:30-10:30 p.m. - Open to the public, weather permitting, University Observatory; see Notes

21 FRIDAY

12:30-1:20 p.m. - Biology Seminar Series, Magruder Hall 2050; see Notes

22 SATURDAY

10:30 a.m. - Magruder Hall Ribbon Cutting, north side of Magruder Hall

11 a.m. - Renaming Ceremony of McKinney Center, north side of McKinney Center

2 p.m. - Football vs. Pittsburg State (Kan.), Stokes Stadium; see Page 1

23 SUNDAY

1 p.m. - Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir, SUB Activities Room

24 MONDAY

7 p.m. - Students Exhorting and Evangelizing Campus DVD presentation, SUB Alumni Room, see Notes

Parking Lot Closures

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The north portion of the Kennels parking lot will be closed with a tent for Homecoming activities until Oct. 20.

The parking lot at the Kennels will be closed with tents for Homecoming activities Oct. 21-26.

The parking lot between McClain Hall and the SUB will be closed for Homecoming activities Oct. 21-22.

The parking lot at the southwest corner of Patterson and Franklin streets will be closed for Career Expo vendors Oct. 26.