Alumni to be Honored at Homecoming Events

Homecoming 2007 will see several Truman alumni being honored at various events.

This year’s Alumna of the Year is Sandra Walraven, a 1979 Truman graduate. Walraven is General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Shelter Insurance Companies in Columbia, Missouri.

She was appointed to Truman’s Board of Governors in December 1997, reappointed in March 2002 and currently serves as Chair of the Board. She is also a member of the Truman State University Foundation Board, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, the John R. Kirk Society, and the President’s Circle. In addition, she serves as Chair of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges Board of Board Chairs.

Rawlins was a Pershing Scholar while attending Truman. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and involved in Student Senate. She served as an intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Tom Coleman and in the Jefferson City office of State Representative Harry Hill.

She received her juris doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. In 2003 the Law School presented her with the Citation of Merit, its most prestigious alumni award.

Jaime Geer ('00) is this year’s Young Alumna of the Year. Geer received a B.A. in business administration with concentrations in economics and communication from Truman in 2000. While at Truman, she was involved with the women’s golf team and was a four-year letter winner and a student assistant coach during her senior year. She qualified for three Division II National Championships. When not on the golf course, Geer was served as a Troop Command/Control/Intelligence Programs where she managed all Systems. She retired from Cordant Systems in 1997 as vice president, that included working for Honeywell, Loral/Rolm and Cordant Systems.

He entered the Marine Corps via the Officer Candidate Program at Quantico, Va., and was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in September 1952. After completing The Basic School, he reported for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1954.

Successive assignments were with all three active Marine Aircraft Wings and with the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing: service on the USS Lake Champlain; duty as an air and naval gunfire platoon commander; duty with Marine Fighter Squadron (VMF)-451, VMF-335, and VMA-324. He completed Communications Officer School, served as Communications Officer at MAG-15, El Toro, and later was Operations Officer of VMFA-513 at El Toro, Atsugi and DaNang (1962-1965).

He graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1967, and after serving as an instructor at the Naval War College, he returned to Vietnam for a second tour of duty.

Tours of duty in the 1970s include Executive Officer of MCAS, Kaneohe Bay, and duty on the staff of the Commander in Chief, Pacific. After graduating from the National War College in 1974, General Cox reported for duty at Headquarters Marine Corps. He was promoted to brigadier general on Nov. 4, 1977.

Duty as Assistant Wing Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Assistant Chief of Staff at Headquarters Marine Corps, Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Studies at Headquarters Marine Corps, and Commanding General, MCAS El Toro/COMCABWEST, followed.

He was promoted to major general on April 9, 1981. He assumed command of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif., in May 1981. In June 1982, he was assigned duty as the Director of Operations, J-3, for the Commander in Chief, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. He served in this capacity until July 1, 1985, when he retired from the Marine Corps.

Dean Rosebery ('41) and Amy (Ayres) ('43) Rosebery are serving as Grand Marshals for Truman State University’s Homecoming 2007 parade. Dean received his B.S.E. in biology from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University) in 1941 and his Ph.D. in aquatic zoology. Rosebery worked at Truman from 1953-1985. He retired as professor emeritus of biology and head emeritus of the Division of Science. Amy graduated from Truman as valedictorian of her class in 1943 with a B.A. and B.S.E. in English, and she received her M.A. degree from Columbia University in New York in 1949. She taught speech at the Kirkville Junior High School in 1945, and from 1946-48, she taught English at the Blackburg Virginia High School. During her undergraduate days at Truman, she was active in Alpha Sigma Alpha, Cardinal Key, Alpha Phi Sigma, Pi Kappa Delta and a member of the Debate Team.
Athletics Hall of Fame Class Announced

The Truman Athletics Hall of Fame will induct Aaron Royster (baseball), Jim Blacklock (football) and Mary Blandford (swimming) this October. Joining the three individuals, the 1946-47 Bulldog men's basketball team and the 1982 softball team will be inducted as well.

The Truman Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at the Alumni & Friends Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room and will also be honored at halftime of the Bulldogs Homecoming game against Emporia State.

Royster played baseball for the Bulldogs from 1991-1994 and still holds many of the team's offensive records. Royster averaged .370 for his career peaking with a .444 mark during his senior season in which he earned first-team all-MIAA honors for the third consecutive season. Also in 1994, Royster was named first-team all-Central region and was a GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Blacklock played football with the Bulldogs from 1957-1960 and was one of the anchors of the offensive line for the Bulldogs that won the 1960 MIAA championship. Blacklock was co-captain of the '60 squad with Dale "Paley" Mills, one of the greatest running backs in the nation. Blacklock's offensive line helped Mills establish a career rushing record of 4,502 yards that stood for 36 years as both the school and conference record.

Mary Blandford swam with the women's swimming team from 1993-1996. Blandford was a three-time national qualifier for the Bulldogs, earning trips to the national meet in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

When Blandford graduated from Truman, she left her name in the record book in seven locations. In addition to the 100 and 200 free events, Blandford held the 500 Free with a time of 5:06.86 and was a member of four relay team records, the 200 and 400 Medley teams, and the 200, 400, and 800 freestyle relay squads.

Boyd King's 1946-47 men's basketball team and Mary Jo Murray's 1982 Bulldog softball team will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.

The 1946-47 basketball team is the only team to win 30 games in a season. The Bulldogs won their first 19 games before falling by eight to then-Southwest Missouri State in early February. The Bulldogs rebounded to win the next 11 contests, including the MIAA championship.

The team was led on the court by NBA Hall of Famer, Harry Gallatin, and was joined by other greats such as Earl Dodd and Robert Lewis.

The 1982 softball team was the first women's squad to bring home an NCAA trophy in the first year the sport was sponsored by the association. The Bulldogs were 22-15 during the regular season. The Bulldogs went on to compete at the College World Series in the Final Four. Truman finished the season with a 24-17 record.

Complete information on the inductees is available in the online version of the Truman Today.

CUR Accepting Proposals for 2008 National Conference, Posters on the Hill

CUR is now accepting proposals for workshops, interactive sessions, and poster presentations for the 2008 CUR National Conference to take place June 21-24 at the College of Saint Benedict, in Saint Joseph, Minn.

The theme is “Frontiers and Challenges in Undergraduate Research.” A description of the theme, as well as sub themes are available by visiting the conference Web page at http://www.cur.org/conferences/CSB/2008NatConf.asp.

The deadline for submission for workshops and interactive sessions is Nov. 1. For poster presentations, the deadline is Feb. 1.

CUR is also accepting abstract submissions for the 2008 Posters on the Hill Event. In honor of International Polar Year, the Council on Undergraduate Research would like to encourage the submission of research abstracts for Posters on the Hill that involve polar research. Students in any of the CUR Divisions as well as the Humanities are welcome to apply. The program is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2008, in Washington, D.C. The deadline for submitting applications is Nov. 15. More information and the application are available at http://www.cur.org/postersession.html.

Benefits Informational Fair to Take Place Oct. 29

A Benefits Informational Fair is scheduled for Oct. 29 with presentations beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Representatives from UNICARE, Delta Dental, Spectera, Standard and MOCAFE will be at Truman to provide information on any plan changes for the 2008 Plan Year, effective Jan. 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008.

UNICARE, Delta Dental of Missouri, Spectera, Standard and MOCAFE will continue to provide medical/prescription, dental, life insurance benefits as well as a cafeteria plan provided by Missouri Cafeteria Plan. UNICARE’s plan selection will continue to provide Plan A (low deductible plan) and Plan B (high deductible plan).

New this year is the addition of the Health Savings Account (HSA) which will be referred to as UNICARE HSA. Information concerning the HSA will be provided by UNICARE during their presentation times. Pre-enrollment for benefits will also be available on this day. If you do not pre-enroll, the open enrollment for medical, dental and vision benefits for the plan year will take place from Nov. 7 through Nov. 20. Enrollments are due no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 20.

More information will be forthcoming. Questions concerning the Benefits Fair should be addressed to Curt Devan at devanc@truman.edu or 785.7298.

Mark Your Calendar

The following four candidates, for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be on campus the following dates. Specific times and locations of open forums will be released soon.

**Mark Gromko**
Vice Provost for Academic Programs; Bowling Green State University
Oct. 29 and 30

**Susan Conner**
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College; Florida Southern College
Nov. 1 and 2

**Troy Paino**
Dean, College of Liberal Arts; Winona State University
Nov. 5 and 6

**Lance Grahn**
Dean, College of Letters & Science; University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Nov. 12 and 13

A curriculum vita for each candidate is available on the search Web site: http://provostsearch.truman.edu/.

Internationally Acclaimed New York Percussion Quartet

Talupon will present a master class for all interested at 2 p.m. Oct. 28 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Their concert will follow that evening at 8 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Admission is free. The program will feature Michael Bump as a featured soloist with the quartet on two works.

Contact Bump at mbump@truman.edu for more information.
Anonymous Donor Challenges Community to Support Local United Way Campaign

The United Way of Adair County has been contacted by an anonymous donor who has issued a challenge to the community to exceed this year’s campaign goal of $270,000. For every $5,000 that is raised above the $270,000 goal, it will be matched with another $5,000 up to a maximum of $15,000. If United Way can raise donations of $285,000, the anonymous donor will match an additional $15,000 to total $300,000, which will directly support the local community.

The 2008 fund-raising campaign for the United Way of Adair County is currently doing well at $135,000, or 50 percent of the $270,000 goal. Truman State University is the largest organizational supporter of the United Way and is currently at 88 percent of their goal of $56,000.

Nominations Being Accepted for USA Today’s All-USA College Academic First Team

The USA Today will select 20 students to be named to the All-USA College Academic First Team. They will be featured in a two-page color presentation in the nation’s newspaper in February 2008. Each will receive a trophy and a $2,500 cash award. Forty more students will be recognized in the newspaper as Second and Third Teams.

Beginning this year, students must register electronically and be screened for eligibility. They will be directed to a PDF of the nomination form on the Web. The completed nomination file must be mailed to USA Today by Nov. 30. Winning students will be notified in late January and be announced in USA Today in February.

To register, students should go to http://allstars.usatoday.com and use the All-USA drop-down menu to go to the four-year college program. Students must be full-time undergraduates of at least junior standing at a four-year institution in the United States or its territories. U.S. citizenship is not required.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but also in leadership roles on and off campus. A key element is the student’s essay describing his or her most outstanding undergraduate intellectual endeavor. Nominations include a nominator’s statement describing the merits of the student’s endeavor, transcripts and two other letters of recommendation.

Winners will be selected by a panel of educators, chosen in cooperation with co-sponsors: the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the American Council on Education (ACE).

More information about the program, including bios of former winners, FAQs for nominees and advice for nominators, is available at http://allstars.usatoday.com. Call Carol Skalski at 703.854.5890 or e-mail allstars@usatoday.com with any questions.

Presentation About the Health Care System in the Philippines

The Department of Nursing and the Center for International Education Abroad would like to invite the Truman State University community, the Nursing Advisory Council, and the public to attend a presentation about the health care system in the Philippines at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Contact Stephen Hadwiger at shadwige@truman.edu for more information.

2007-2008 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award

Students may pick up applications for this prestigious award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112.

To qualify, the students should be active in campus and community activities, have a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and be a senior eligible for graduation in December, May or August of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 26.

For further information, visit http://saffairs.truman.edu, stop by Kirk Building 112, or call 785.4111.
The NEXT Step Workshop, “Spring Scheduling for Transfer Students,” will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 23 in Magruder Hall 1099. People will be able to join Jason Miller and other transfer students to discuss the ins and outs of registering for their spring classes. There is a five person minimum for this workshop; if fewer than five people register, the workshop will be canceled. Dinner will be provided. To register for the workshop, go to http://step.truman.edu/register. This workshop is open to all transfer students and interested science, mathematics and computer science majors and minors, faculty and staff.

The Admission Office is looking for dedicated and energetic students to organize, facilitate programming and provide guidance to first-year students and their parents for eight summer orientation sessions. The last informational meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in Student Union Building Room 322. Applications are available in the Admission Office, McClain Hall 205, or online at http://ol.truman.edu. Applications are due Nov. 8. Contact JoAnn Jorgovan at 785.4114 or joannj@truman.edu for more information.

Darfur refugees bring stories of survival to Truman at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Survivors of the genocide in Sudan’s western region of Darfur will tell their stories as Campus Christian Fellowship hosts Voices from Darfur—a national speaking tour sponsored by the Save Darfur Coalition featuring refugees from Darfur. Contact Mark Swanson at 665.5772 for more information.

Weekly Lunch Series continues the focus on Teaching Critical Thinking through reading at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Contact Linda Davenport at ctd@truman.edu or 660.785.4391 for more information.

The International Film Festival will continue at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Downtown Cinema 8 with the film “Volver.” This film is in Spanish with English subtitles. Pedro Almodovar directed the film, which was released in 2006. To learn more about the festival and the films, log on to http://rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm.

Sigma Alpha will be having a Haunted Corn Maze from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 25, 8 p.m.-midnight Oct. 26, 8-midnight Oct. 27 and 1-4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the University Farm. This is the 10th annual Sigma Alpha Haunted Corn Maze. This year’s theme is ‘Insane Asylum.’ People will be able to enjoy scares in the maze, hot cider, baked goods, and lots of Halloween fun. The cost will be $3 per person. Non-scary Kid’s Day is Oct. 28 and children will get in free with a costume. Contact Becca Pace at rep720@truman.edu or 660.349.9410 for more information.

The Board of Governors will meet at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Agenda materials can be found on the Board of Governors Web site at http://governors.truman.edu.

IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak at 1:30 p.m. each Friday in the Student Union Building Room 320. This weekly series is an opportunity to share information about new and existing IT Service offerings. There will be snacks and conversation. Additional details and the topic schedule can be found at http://its.truman.edu/techbreak.

David Nichols will be having a book signing from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Truman Bookstore, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. The book will cost $34.95 each. Alumni chapter members will receive a 15 percent discount on purchases at the Truman Bookstore. Contact Steve Pennington, Truman Bookstore manager, at 785.4211 for more information.

Expecto Terror at the Career Center’s Haunted Hogwarts Haunted House. People may bring their friends for a terrifyingly scary time; it’s Harry Potter with a horrifying twist. “Enemies of the heir, beware!” TheHaunted House will be open from 7-11 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Career Center. This is the fifth annual Haunted House. It is free of charge, all are welcome to attend, and free candy will be available. Contact the Career Center at 785.4353 or e-mail Beckey Hadley at behad@truman.edu for more information.

Dobson Hall Senate is hosting its annual fall outdoor concert, Toasterpaloosa, from 3-9 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Dobson Hall Courtyard. The bandfest is free and local bands will perform. In addition to bands, TAG Improv will be performing between acts. Popcorn, hot cocoa and cotton candy will be available. Contact JoEllen Flanagan at jaf3154@truman.edu for more information.

Football players are selling “Dog Tags,” which is a discount card that can be used at many different football programs. Call Shannon Currier at 785.4252 for more information.

New Laptop Computers

The library has recently acquired 24 new Dell laptop computers for use in the library. They have the same programs as those in the computer labs on campus. Students can checkout a laptop for a 2-hour time period from the Circulation Desk in Pickler Memorial Library.

On Campus

25 Thursday
3 p.m. Men’s soccer vs. Hannibal-LaGrange, Soccer Field
26 Friday
7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist (Mo.), Pershing Arena
27 Saturday
2 p.m. Football vs. Emporia State (Kan.), Stokes Stadium 5:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Augustana (S.D.), Pershing Arena
30 Tuesday
12 p.m. Noon Women’s soccer vs. Drury (Mo.), Soccer Field
2 p.m. Men’s soccer vs. Drury (Mo.), Soccer Field