Alumni to be Honored at Homecoming Events

The Alumnus of the Year award will be presented to Dr. Greg A. Gerhardt. As one of the nation’s foremost researchers on Parkinson's disease, Gerhardt attributes much of his success to his educational experience at Truman.

Gerhardt received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry, graduating magna cum laude from Truman in 1979. He received additional training in chemistry and neuroscience at the University of Kansas where he earned his Ph.D. with honors in 1983. He received training as a postdoctoral fellow from 1983-1985 in pharmacology and psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Gerhardt remained at the University of Colorado from 1985-1999 where he rose through the ranks to professor of psychiatry, pharmacology and The Neuroscience Training Program. Since 1999, Gerhardt has served as director of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Disease Research Center of Excellence at the University of Kentucky-Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, one of 15 NIH funded centers for the development of new treatments for Parkinson's disease. He is also the director of the Center for Microelectrode Technology.

In 2008 Gerhardt committed $1 million, through his estate, to create the Greg A. and Paulette C. Danielle-Gerhardt Endowed Professorship at Truman to commemorate his late wife, Paulette. Stacey (George) Sifton and Scott Sifton will be recognized as the 2009 Young Alumni of the Year. Both attorneys in St. Louis, Stacey serves as in-house counsel for Edward Jones, and Scott works as a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP. Stacey graduated from Truman in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration, and Scott earned a Bachelor of Science in political science in 1996. While attending Truman, both Stacey and Scott served as Student Senate President, and each was named to the Omicron Delta Kappa Student Hall of Fame. As part of her college experience, Stacey studied abroad in Chollet, France, and also sang with both the Franklin Street Singers and Cantoria. While on campus, Scott worked as a peer academic counselor and helped establish the Truman chapter of the Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

Stacey earned her juris doctorate at the University of Kansas in 2003. Scott received his from the University of Michigan in 1999. Both interned with the Missouri Office of Attorney General while in law school, Stacey currently serves as president of Truman's St. Louis Alumni Chapter and as a member of Truman's Alumni Association Board of Directors. Their son, Stephen, was born in January 2009.

Kathy Rieck will be honored with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award. A north Missouri native, Rieck was born in Marceline and attended Truman. She also earned her Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1981. Shortly after graduating in May of 1973, she began working for University President Charles McClain, with plans to stay one year or two. Little did she know that her career at Truman would span 32 years. Rieck often acted as the first point of contact between the President’s Office and external constituents. She served on numerous campus-wide committees, including those responsible for institutional accreditation, long-range planning, information technology, athletics and major administrative searches.

In 1985, when the University’s mission was changed to be the statewide public liberal arts and sciences university, Rieck was named Executive Assistant to the President-Admissions. She was charged with upgrading admission standards, setting qualitative and quantitative admission goals for the “new” university, and modifying policies and processes to be in line with those of a highly selective institution. She developed successful student recruitment and retention strategies, which resulted in dramatic increases in the size and ability of the student body.

Rieck was named Dean of Admission and Records in 1988. Her expanded responsibilities included enrollment management, freshman and transfer student recruitment and enrollment, and supervision of the Admissions, Registrar’s, Financial Aid and International Student offices.

When Jack Magruder became President of the University, he asked Rieck to serve in the dual role of Dean of Admission and Records, and Executive Assistant to the President. She continued in both positions throughout his presidency.

In 2003, she was named Vice President for University Advancement. Rieck retired from the University in 2005. She is a member of the “Bright Minds, Bright Futures” regional campaign committee for northeast Missouri.

Larry Moore and Ruth Ann (Winter) Moore will serve as Grand Marshals of the 2009 Homecoming Parade. A Baring, Mo., native, Larry anchors the award-winning 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news for KMBC-TV in Kansas City, Mo. He received a Bachelor of Science in education from Truman in 1967, and while attending the University, he was a reporter and weekend editor for the Kirkville Daily Express newspaper. He earned a master’s degree in television news from the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Ruth, originally from St. Louis, received a Bachelor of Science in education from Truman in 1968. At that time, Walter Ryle was serving as President of the University, and as a student, Ruth worked in the President’s Office.

Before becoming a television news reporter, Larry was editor and reporter for two Missouri daily newspapers and United Press International. He began working at KMBC as a reporter in 1968 and rose through the ranks to become primary news anchor in 1972. The American Cancer Society presented Larry, who is a cancer survivor, with the prestigious Ambassador of Hope Courage Award for the cancer educational campaign he conducted on television and in the community by sharing his personal struggle.

Ruth is currently on medical leave from her position as the community relations coordinator for Webster University. She also earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Webster University.

The Moores, well known for their generosity and community involvement, make their home in Kansas City where they own Celebrity Farms, a breeding and training operation of Missouri Fox Trotting horses. They have three daughters and two sons.

For more in-depth biographies on all of the nominees go to http://alumni.truman.edu/Homecoming2009/Honorees.asp.
Athletics to Induct Hall of Fame Members

The 1998-99 Men’s Basketball team and Gerald Burditt will be inducted into the
Truman Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 9.

The 1998-99 Men’s Bulldog Basketball team
advanced to the NCAA Final Four that season
after winning their final eight conference regular
season games, three conference tournament games
(with two wins coming in the final seconds) and
swiping through the South Central regional
tournament.

Members of the squad, coached by regional
coch of the year Jack Schrader and assisted by
John Sloop were: All-American Cory Parker,
Academic All-American Jason Reinberg, Brian
Brown, Jason Ramthun, Andy Guethle, Mike
Peterson, Jason Ward, Chris Foulk, Spencer
Douglas, AJ Crum, Kyle Eagan, Moni Fearn,
Dusty Bruner, Donnie Daggert, Peter Aydt and
Dan Mailath.

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

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

Burditt was previously a two-time second-team
MIAA pick under head coach Boyd King and
was named to the “Who’s Who in Small College
Basketball” following the 1959-60 season.

Truman Forensics Continues Early
Season Success with Wins in Kentucky

Members of the Truman Forensics Union
continued a trend of success as they headed
to Bowling Green, Ky., for two tournaments
hosted by Western Kentucky University and Ohio
University.

During the first half of the swing tournament,
sophomore Christian Johns (Carthage, Mo.) beat
out 39 other competitors to reign as tournament
champion in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Other
highlights from this half of the swing included a
third place finish in Poetry Interpretation from
freshman Samantha Jones (Wheaton, Ill.), which
qualified her for the national tournament at
the end of the season.

In addition, other recognition included a
qualification for sophomore Mel Kapitan, who
received fourth in Poetry; a fourth place finish
in Prose Interpretation and seventh place in
Impromptu Speaking from sophomore Andrew
Grojean (Blue Springs, Mo.); a fourth place finish
in Extemporaneous Speaking and fifth place in
Impromptu for freshman Jessica Petrie (Belleville,
Ill.); and Octofinal finishes in Lincoln-Douglas by
sophomore Elizabeth Hatting (Omaha, Neb.)
and juniors Sarah Backhaus (Liberty, Mo.) and Dylan
Clark (St. Louis, Mo.).

Truman’s Lincoln-Douglas squad beat students
from Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and more to take
a third place debate sweepstakes award.

During the second tournament, Truman’s
individual event competitors clinched a fourth
place sweepstakes trophy.

In Dramatic Duo, sophomores Erin
Williamson (Kansas City, Mo.) and Darius
Taylor (Zion, Ill.) earned another national
qualification by placing fourth. Samantha Jones
repeated her third place finish in Poetry, while
Jessica Petrie repeated her fourth place finish
in Extemporaneous. Andrew Grojean rounded
out the success of this half of the swing when he
placed seventh in After Dinner Speaking.

Anyone interested in competing in forensics
should contact Kristi Scholten, director of
forensics, at kscholten@truman.edu.

IT Services Provides Phone Bills Online

As part of Truman’s efforts to improve the
efficiency of University operations and
mindfulness of the environment, the ITS Web
Team now provides phone bills online.

Previously, detailed phone bills were printed,
collated and distributed monthly to office
controllers in stacks of paper. Beginning in
September, the controllers for each office and
department can now review billing information
online for both current and previous phone bills
through a password-protected site at http://
phones.truman.edu/bills.

The online system includes an option to export
the data to Excel files so they can be distributed
via e-mail or further analyzed electronically.

The Truman ITS Web Team custom-built the
system for the University during the last four
months.
NOTABLES


Michael Goggin, associate professor of physics, and collaborators at the University of Queensland, recently had their paper “Complementarity in variable strength quantum nondemolition measurements,” selected by the Institute of Physics (IoP) for inclusion in “IoP Select.” “IoP Select” is a special collection of journal articles, chosen by the editors of IoP journals based on one or more of the following criteria: substantial advances or significant breakthroughs; a high degree of novelty; and/or significant impact on future research. “IoP Select” can be found online at http://www.iop.org/Select/.

Golden Leadership Award Nominations Under Way

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) welcomes all faculty and staff to nominate student leaders on campus for the Golden Leadership Award (GLA) for the month of October.

This award recognizes the hard work, leadership skills and dedication of Truman student leaders. The Golden Leadership Award is based upon four categories of leadership: leadership and work experience; campus involvement, academic achievement; and community involvement.

The award strives to honor student leaders through a nomination, application and selection process.

The nomination form can be picked up in the CSI or completed online at http://csi.truman.edu. The nomination deadline is Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.

Awards will be presented at the Leadership Recognition Program Banquet April 14, 2010. All of the nominees, nominators and Golden Leadership Award recipients will be invited to the banquet.

The CSI hopes advisers will recognize Truman students and organizations for their dedication to the campus by nominating them for a GLA.

Please direct questions and concerns to Amanda Rhodes in the CSI. Call 660.785.4222, or e-mail her at csilead@truman.edu.

You are cordially invited

Dr. Ruth W. Towne
Museum and Visitors Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
10:30 a.m. • Oct. 10.
For more information, call 785-4016.

United Way Campaign Update

At the end of the second week of Truman’s United Way campaign, faculty, staff, students and retirees contributed nearly $24,000, which means contributions have reached approximately 42 percent of the $56,000 goal. If you have not yet returned your pledge form, there is still time to do so.

Also, if you have misplaced your pledge form and are in need of a replacement, contact Joe Hamilton at hamilton@truman.edu or Deb Kerby at dkerby@truman.edu.

Truman in Washington Program Internship Panel Discussion
Students should attend to find out more about internship opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. The discussion will take place beginning at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in Ophelia Parrish 2113.

Featured panelists will include a representative from the Washington Center and several Truman students who have recently completed internships.

For more information contact Diane Tobin Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu or at 785.7852.

A World Premiere Production of COLUMBUS
by the United States Theatre Project
8-10 p.m. Oct. 7-10
Ophelia Parrish Severens Theatre
Free Admission

Written by Stephen Karam and Pj Paparelli.
Dramaturgy by Patricia Hersch. Conceived by Pj Paparelli.
Produced by arrangements with Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Ill.
Sponsored by the Truman Theatre Department.

Missouri Government Internship Applications Available

The Missouri Government Internship 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 2010 semester. Interns receive a stipend of $2,500 and up to 15 hours of credit. Applications are available online at http://career.truman.edu/Internships/mogovBrochure.asp. The internship is open to all majors. For more information, contact Heidi Templeton at 785.4016 or at heidi@truman.edu, or contact Candy Young at 785.4650 or at cyoung@truman.edu.

Foundation Scholarships Available for the Spring 2010 Semester

The Truman State University Foundation has announced that scholarship applications for Truman students in the Spring 2010 semester are now available.

Students may fill out and submit applications online. The applications are due by midnight Nov. 1. To learn more, go to http://www.truman.edu and click on Student Life/ Money/Foundation Scholarships or visit https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-sl/.

The current application period is for Foundation Scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2009-2010. Applications for the majority of Foundation Scholarships will be available in February for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Applications are also now available in the Center for International Education Office (CIE), located in Kirk Building 114, for the Truman State University Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships for the summer of 2010. Ten $1,500 scholarships will be awarded for summer, faculty-led Truman study abroad programs based on financial need, statement of purpose and academic achievement. These applications are due in the CIE office by 12 p.m. Jan. 29, 2010, and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

Since its creation in 1980, the Truman State University Foundation has provided an opportunity for thousands of alumni and friends to make an investment in students. The mission of the Foundation and Office of Advancement is to support the goals and activities of the University by nurturing relationships with external constituencies, obtaining financial support and serving as prudent financial stewards of the Foundation’s resources.
Students Experience Nursing in the Philippines

Truman nursing students who traveled to the Philippines last summer will present a program, “Transcultural Experience in the Philippines to the communities of Kirksville and Truman State University” at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Ten nursing students from Truman traveled to the Philippines from May 29–June 20. The students prepared for the trip through classes last spring about cultural immersion and communicable diseases. During a week-long stay in Metro Manila, the students participated in maternal and nursery care at the non-profit government facility, José Reyes Memorial Medical Center. At the center, students worked with mothers and infants who generally could not afford health care. They developed competencies in the assessment of birthing mothers and newborns and in cross-cultural communication.

From Manila, they traveled south to the central province of Iloilo City where the students enrolled in a transcultural nursing program at West Visayas State University.

Clinical experiences during this program included home visits, a pediatric unit, the social hygiene clinic, a leprosarium and Asilo de Molo (a nursing home in the Philippines).

Thomas Trimborn, professor of music, will present “Encounters with Lincoln Through the Arts” during a faculty forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Admission is free.

Expo 411 will take place from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Oct. 12 on the Student Union Building Mall. Career Center staff will be available to critique resumes. Registration for Career Expo and Mock Interview sign-ups are also available, as well as tips on appropriate dress and how to work a career fair. Free popcorn and soda. Visit http://career.truman.edu for more information.

The University Master Calendar, located on the Truman home page, has complete list of on-campus events.

Nursing students and faculty stop for a picture under a sign welcoming them. Pictured, back row, left to right, are Kit Hadwiger, Ashley Swain, Jess Evelsizer, Kelsey Mason, Emily Reinart, Karen Wollberg and Lizzie Brink. Front row, left to right, are Jennifer Jackson, Ashley Sternewitz, Alyssa Lewellen and Emily Schroeder.

Nursing students from West Visayas State University facilitated communication and cultural accommodation for the Truman nursing students during clinical experiences.

The public is welcome to attend the presentation, and refreshments will be served.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Students may pick up applications for the 2009-2010 award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, located in the Student Union Building 3100. To qualify, students should be active on campus and in the community, have a 2.75 GPA and be a senior eligible for graduation in December, May or August of the 2009-10 academic year. Completed student applications must be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 19. For more information visit http://saffairs.truman.edu or call 785.4111.

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