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Please join the
Department of Health and
Exercise Sciences and the
Truman Alumni Association in:

Celebrating a Lifetime of Touching Lives: A Toast to Mr. Jack Bowen

6:30-8 p.m.
Jan. 15

A.T. Still University
Centennial Commons
800 W. Jefferson Street

Jack Bowen has touched so many lives in such a positive way. Now that we have received word of Jack's terminal illness, the time has come for us to share with him the many ways he has enriched our lives. We hope you are able to attend this celebration of life.

We are also requesting humorous anecdotes, fun recollections and pictures be e-mailed to Chris Lantz (clantz@truman.edu), as these will be made into a memory album to be given to Jack and Melba.

Donations in his honor can be directed to the Jack and Melba Bowen Scholarship. Gifts can be made online at <http://giving.truman.edu> or sent to:

Truman State University
Office of Advancement
McClain Hall 205
100 E. Normal
Kirksville, MO 63501

For additional questions, contact Lantz at 785.4456.

\$50,000 Campaign Gift Honors Parents

Linda Miller ('70) and her husband, Tim Duperron, teamed up with Linda's brother, Jim Miller, to add to the family's legacy at Truman through the creation of the Lou and Rita Miller Endowed Scholarship.

The three Truman supporters donated \$50,000 to the "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign to establish a new scholarship named in memory of Linda and Jim's late parents.

Lou Miller and Rita Clark were both born in Edina, Mo., in the 1920s, and the two became high school sweethearts. During World War II, Lou served as a naval aviator and flew torpedo bombers from the decks of the USS Bonhomme Richard and the USS Saratoga in the Pacific Fleet. After Lou returned from the war in 1946, he and Rita were married, and the couple resided in California for a short time before moving back to the Miller family farm in northeast Missouri. They then settled in Kirksville where Lou began a career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company that ultimately spanned nearly four decades. Rita



Linda Miller and
Tim Duperron

worked as a telephone operator, a homemaker and an accomplished seamstress.

Both Lou and Rita are remembered for their devotion to their family, friends and church, as well as their service to others, so when the donors were seeking a way to honor the couple, a scholarship that would assist others was a logical choice. Since the Miller family has strong ties to northeast Missouri, it's also fitting that the scholarship named in honor of Lou and Rita will benefit students from Knox and Adair counties.

Lou and Rita's daughter, Linda, is an alumna and longtime supporter of Truman. She retired from a long and distinguished career with Ford



Rita and Lou Miller

Motor Company, where she served as director of manufacturing for Powertrain Operations, and she is especially interested in supporting students who are studying mathematics and computer science. Linda believes the education she received at Truman gave her the foundation

for her many successes, and she is committed to passing along the benefits of a Truman education to future generations of students.

Truman Among "Best Values in Public Colleges"

Truman has again been recognized for its high academic standards and affordable cost.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance included Truman on its newly released list, "The Kiplinger 100: Best Values in Public Colleges." Truman has become a fixture on the annual list, which ranks four-year institutions that deliver a stellar education at an affordable price.

Truman was the top-ranked Missouri school, coming in at No. 31, and was the only school from Missouri to be listed in the top 50. Of schools from Missouri and the eight neighboring

states, Truman is the highest rated university on the Kiplinger list.

The complete list for "Best Values in Public Colleges" can be found online at <http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges>. Visitors will find special interactive features, including a reader's choice poll and data sortable by criteria such as state, tuition cost, average debt, student/faculty ratio and admission rate.

"Best Values in Public Colleges" can also be found in the February 2011 issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance.

TRUMAN HOSTS LOCAL FOODS WORKSHOP

In an effort to increase the use of locally grown foods, Truman will host a free "Missouri Farm to School" workshop from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

"Missouri Farm to School" helps connect schools and universities with farmers. By using more locally grown food, schools can increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and create new market opportunities for farmers.

The workshop will include first-hand accounts from farmers, food service directors and distributors involved in farm to school programs. Farmers, K-12 and college food service directors, food distributors, food service management companies, school administrators and representatives from agencies and institutions are among those encouraged to attend.

For more information, go to <http://agriculture.truman.edu/farmtoschool> or contact Bill McKelvey at 573.746.0770 or McKelveyWA@missouri.edu.

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

Jan. 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 24

University Conference

March 3

"Bus Stop"*

March 7-11

Midterm Break

April 5

Romance de Tango*

April 12

Student Research Conference

April 25

Spring Break

April 29

Last day of classes

May 2

Finals begin

May 4

Reading Day

May 6

Finals end

May 7

Commencement

*Kohlenberg Lyceum Event

TruScholars Provides Research Opportunities

This year, the Office of Student Research will once again sponsor the TruScholars Summer Undergraduate Research Program that will support up to 25 undergraduates to conduct intensive research during the summer months.

The focus of the program is intensive, mentor-student collaborative activity in original efforts directed toward the advancement of knowledge and understanding within all academic disciplines.

The formal part of the 2011 TruScholars program will coincide with the eight-week Summer semester, beginning June 6 and ending July 29. During this time, students should devote full-time effort to their projects, and research mentors should be continuously available for consultation and collaboration. There are no restrictions against completing additional work for the research project outside of the formal program period.

Information about the 2011 TruScholars Program can be found on the Office of Student Research website at <http://osr.truman.edu/truscholars>, and students can download a summary sheet in PDF format that describes

the program expectations and application process at <http://osr.truman.edu/truscholars/truscholars2011.pdf>.

While the 2011 TruScholars Program is largely similar to the 2010 offering, there are some notable differences. Faculty and students are encouraged to review the program announcement carefully.

Questions about the TruScholars Program can be directed to osr@truman.edu or 785.4455.

Details about the TruScholars Program:

Application materials are available online now at <http://osr.truman.edu/TruScholars/application.asp>.

Feb. 4 - Application deadline (5 p.m.)

Students will be notified of the success of their application in late February.

June 6-July 29 - Formal part of TruScholars Program (intensive student research; three program-wide meetings)

Aug. 27 - TruScholars Research Symposium

Internships Available in Washington D.C.

The Washington Center will be offering contract government internships for Summer 2011.

Students selected for the program will intern for 10 weeks at offices within the U.S. Department of Defense, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury or other government agencies.

The Washington Center especially encourages students of business, computer science, mathematics, statistics and engineering, as well as students from diverse backgrounds, to apply.

Accepted interns will receive significant

financial assistance and, if needed, will have access to furnished apartment housing. Students must be U.S. citizens, have at least junior standing with a GPA of 2.5 or above, be available for a 10-week period beginning May 25, 2011 and demonstrate experience and/or a strong interest in working for the federal government.

Students interested in applying should visit <http://www.twc.edu/internships/competitive-government-programs> or contact Truman's Washington Center liaison, Diane Johnson, at djohnson@truman.edu. Applications are due Feb. 4, 2011.

Special Collections Department Reopens in Pickler

After being closed for mold remediation, the Special Collections Department, located on the third floor of Pickler Memorial Library, reopened Jan. 10 with regular service hours of 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

A reception has been scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Special Collections Department. There will be some special collections items on exhibit and staff will be discussing the treatment

of the special collections materials. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Last fall, an early detection of mold resulted in the temporary closure of the Special Collections Department. Due to the early detection, none of the documents in the collections were damaged.

For any questions about the Special Collections Department, or to schedule an appointment to visit, contact Amanda Langendoerfer at 785.7546.

Submit Master Calendar Events for the Spring Semester

If you have planned an on-campus event for the upcoming semester, do not forget to submit it to the Master Calendar at <http://calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp>. All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department/division/program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

New Course Includes Summer Trip to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons

Jennifer Hurst, assistant professor of health and exercise sciences, will host an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in Pershing Building 232 to discuss a new summer excursion course offering for 2011.

The five-week course focuses on learning about the national parks through different physical activities. Students will explore the unique geology, history, biology and specific conservation issues of both Yellowstone and Grand Tetons national parks.

In addition, the course will introduce students to skills and techniques for engaging in outdoor physical activities safely, which will be used to

explore these two unique environments.

An 11-day excursion trip to the national parks will be taken in the middle of the course to include hiking in Yellowstone, whitewater rafting on the Snake River and a one-day beginner mountain climbing course in the Grand Teton mountains.

Students are encouraged to come and hear more information about the course (e.g., fees, schedule, topics and activities) and to see some of the places they could be studying and traveling.

For additional questions, contact Hurst at jhurst@truman.edu or 785.4464. This course is open to anyone who wants to enroll.

NOTABLES

Aaron Fine, professor of art, and his brother Peter Fine, associate professor of art at New Mexico State University, recently had their paper "Whiteout" published in "Racism and Borders: Representation, Repression, Resistance." This paper was written collaboratively and was originally presented at the College Art Association Annual Conference in Los Angeles in 2009.

Amanda Krus, a chemistry and biology major, has been honored with the 2011 Student Leadership Award by the American Chemical Society. Krus, a junior, is one of only 15 students in the nation chosen to receive the award. The award recognizes her leadership activities over the past several years as part of Truman's student chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS), as well as her potential for leadership in the future. During this time, Krus has, among many other activities: organized Musical Demo Shows both on and off campus; helped produce an award-winning YouTube video about chemistry; and organized the Chemistry Department's weekly seminar series. As part of the award, Krus will attend the 2011 ACS Leadership Conference in January where she will interact with national leaders from throughout the ACS. Krus is the first Truman student to receive this honor.

H. David Wohlers, professor of chemistry, and his wife Debra were invited guests of

Kareem Dale, special assistant to the president for disability policy, for a special holiday open house at the White House Dec. 3 as part of the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This holiday was established by the United Nations in 1981 to focus attention on the rights of persons with disabilities and the gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life of their communities around the world. Wohlers and his wife Debra, executive director of the Adair County SB40 Developmental Disabilities Board, also attended a conference at the U.S. State Department on the same day, hosted by Judy Heumann, special advisor for international disability rights in the Department of State. A variety of internationally recognized experts and advocates in the field of disabilities presented information at the conference regarding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, violence against women and girls with disabilities, and HIV/AIDS and disabilities. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, represents the first human rights treaty of the twenty-first century. President Barack Obama made the United States a signatory nation in July 2009, but the U.S. Senate still needs to ratify the treaty, which requires 67 votes.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Truman Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships are being offered for Summer 2011. 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. Applications are now available in the Center for International Education Office (Kirk Building 114). These applications are due in the CIE Office by noon on Jan. 28 and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

ON-CAMPUS ATHLETICS



5:30 p.m. • Jan. 12
Women's Basketball
vs. **Missouri Western**

7:30 p.m. • Jan. 12
Men's Basketball
vs. **Missouri Western**

1 p.m. • Jan. 15
Women's Basketball
vs. **Lincoln University**

3 p.m. • Jan. 15
Men's Basketball
vs. **Lincoln University**

6:30 p.m. • Jan. 21
Men's Swimming
vs. **Missouri S & T**

1 p.m. • Jan. 22
Women's Swimming
vs. **Drury University**

1 p.m. • Jan. 22
Men's Swimming
vs. **Drury University**

5:30 p.m. • Jan. 26
Women's Basketball
vs. **Pittsburg State**

7:30 p.m. • Jan. 26
Men's Basketball
vs. **Pittsburg State**

7 p.m. • Feb. 4
Wrestling
vs. **Central Baptist College**

1 p.m. • Feb. 5
Women's Basketball
vs. **Southwest Baptist**

3 p.m. • Feb. 5
Men's Basketball
vs. **Southwest Baptist**

Follow all of Truman's teams online at <http://trumanbulldogs.com>.

MICRO-GRANTS FOR SERVICE-LEARNING AND RESEARCH

Missouri Campus Compact (MoCC) is offering \$300 micro-grants for faculty members to conduct course-based service-learning or research during 2011-2012. View the Request for Proposals and download an application at <http://missouricompact.missouristate.edu/75746.htm>. Applications are due March 1.

Contact Baillie Cloyd (bcloyd@truman.edu) with questions, to discuss project ideas or for assistance with the grant application. More information is also available at <http://servicelearning.truman.edu>.



Food-for-Fines

Pickler Memorial Library collected 2,081 food items, weighing 1,620 pounds, to donate to local food pantries during the recent Food-for-Fines event. As a result, \$1,761 in library fines were waived.

Thanks to students, faculty and staff for your participation. Your generosity benefited many local families during the holiday season.

WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Women's Club Volleyball will be hosting an open gym and tryouts for the Spring semester. Any woman is welcome to try out.

Open Gym
Jan. 11-12
4-5:30 p.m.

Student Recreation Center

Tryouts
Jan. 18-19
4-5:30 p.m.

Student Recreation Center

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL RUSH

Rush Week Sign-ups

10-5 p.m.
Jan. 18-20

Student Union Building

Rush Assembly

5-7 p.m.
Jan. 21

Student Union Building
Activities Room and
Alumni Room

Rush Week

Jan. 24-28

The American Shakespeare Center presents:

"As You Like It"

7 p.m.
Feb. 1

Baldwin Auditorium
Free admission

Tickets will be available starting Jan. 18 and can be picked up at: the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101; the School of Arts and Letters Office, Ophelia Parrish 1101; the Information Desk in the Student Union Building; or downtown at Edna Campbells.

TruFit Walking Incentive For Faculty/Staff

Kickoff Event
12:15 p.m.
Jan. 19

Student Recreation Center

Start your New Year off with a BANG by walking 10,000 steps a day!

Sign-up and see details at <http://recreation.truman.edu> or call the Fitness/Wellness Director at 785.7738.

SPRING ACTIVITIES FAIR

1-5 p.m. • Jan. 20
Student Union Building

The Activities Fair, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement, is an opportunity for organizations to publicize themselves and for students to learn more about the organizations and their missions.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY T-SHIRTS

A limited number of Celebrating Community T-shirts are still available in the following sizes:

Small • \$5
2XL • \$7

T-shirts can be purchased in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101, during regular business hours while supplies last.

SRC HOLIDAY HOURS

The Student Recreation Center will be open from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Jan. 17.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	League	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Basketball	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 24
Wiffleball*	Men's/Women's	Open	Jan. 18	E-mail	Jan. 22-23
Badminton-Singles	Men's/Women's	Open	Jan. 25	E-mail	Jan. 29 & Feb. 5
Badminton-Doubles	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open	Jan. 25	E-mail	Jan. 29 & Feb. 5
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Open	Jan. 21	NA	Feb. 6
Racquetball-Singles**	Men's/Women's	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 15	E-mail	Feb. 19-20
BAGGO	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 22	E-mail	Feb. 27
Volleyball	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 1	Mar. 2	Mar. 14
Outdoor Soccer	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 1	Mar. 2	Mar. 14
NCAA March Madness BB	Open	Open	Mar. 14	NA	Mar. 15
Closest to the Pin	Men's/Women's	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 29	E-mail	Apr. 3
Swim Meet	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 5	E-mail	Apr. 7
Ultimate Frisbee	Co-Rec	Open	Apr. 12	E-mail	Apr. 16-17
Punt Pass & Kick	Men's/Women's	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 19	E-mail	Apr. 20
Track Meet	Men's/Women's/Co-Rec	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 19	E-mail	Apr. 21
T-shirt Design Contest	Men's/Women's	Open	Apr. 29	E-mail	NA

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meetings will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room. *New Sport. **All racquetball matches will be played at the A.T. Still Thompson Campus Center.