Bowen Garden Dedication

1 p.m. • June 2
Pershing Building
East Entrance

Jack Bowen spent 34 years at Truman 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 is intended to symbolize his life and values.

Olivia Wikle Named 2012-13 Presser Scholar

Olivia Wikle, a music major from Columbia, Mo., has been named a Presser Scholar for the 2012-2013 academic year. The “Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award” is given to an outstanding music major at the end of his or her junior year. The Presser Foundation honored Wikle with this prestigious award this spring. Wikle is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in music, with minors in anthropology and folklore. She studies saxophone with Randall Smith, professor of music. She performs as a tenor saxophonist with Truman’s Wind Symphony I and Saxophone Quartet. In Fall 2011, the Saxophone Quartet won second place at the Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chamber Music Competition. In addition to performing, Wikle is a member of the women’s professional music fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota; a freshman theory mentor; and a teaching assistant for Basic Keyboard Skills I and II. During the spring semester, Wikle was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She plans to continue her formal studies in music by pursuing a graduate degree in musicology beginning in Fall 2013.

Theodore Presser is remembered not only as the publisher of Etude, the music magazine, and the founder of the great music publishing firm bearing his name, but also as a philanthropist who specialized in music education.

Clapp Children’s Literacy Fund Awarded

A Schuyler County school teacher and a Truman Master of Arts in Education student will each receive help for their classrooms after being selected to receive this year’s Dr. Kay Clapp Children’s Literacy Fund Award.

The Dr. Kay Clapp Children’s Literacy Fund was endowed through the Truman State University Foundation to honor Dr. Clapp, a professor emeritus in the Department of Education at Truman. Clapp is a powerful proponent of literacy and children’s literature. Hundreds of students and practicing teachers have been influenced by her dedication and careful mentoring. The fund provides a cash award to a Master of Arts in Education student and a local teacher to purchase children’s literature for their professional practices.

This year’s recipients are Sara Perrachione, a student who is finishing a teaching internship at the Kirksville R-III School District, and Christina Garrett, a teacher at the Schuyler County R-I Elementary School in Queen City.

The awards were presented during a ceremony April 30 on the Truman campus.
Eighteen students were recognized as Honors Scholar graduates for Spring 2012. Honors Scholar medals were awarded at a pre-commencement ceremony May 4. Truman’s Honors Scholar Program offers outstanding students the opportunity to select rigorous courses in the liberal arts and sciences component of their degree programs. The honor is awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five approved courses, with at least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, natural science, social science and humanities. They must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in those courses and an overall grade point average of 3.5. Spring 2012 Honors Scholar graduates were:

Babajide Adio
Allison Bannister
Jennifer Chen
Darlene Renae Gollaher
Nathan Hardy
Christian Johns
Kelsey Klein
Samantha Maerz
Garrett McCormack
Alex Nyquist
Elizabeth Pulley
Katherine Ramlose
Kevin J. Satzinger
Sarah Lynn Weinhold
Andrew Nicholas Windle
Benjamin Paul Winter
Samantha Young
Laipeng Zheng


Michael Baharaeen, a senior political science major, won a Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper award at the 20th annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science. Baharaeen’s paper was entitled “The Medical Marijuana Program Act: A Critical Analysis of the Formulation of California’s Medical Marijuana Law.” His faculty mentor for the project was Randy Hagerty, professor of political science. Baharaeen's paper will also be published in the journal Critique. Other Truman political science majors presenting at the conference were Laknath Dias, who presented “New Social Movements and the Effective Mobilizations of Peoples,” and Morgan Tucker, whose paper was entitled “Female Electoral Quotas and Closing the Gender Gap.”

Xiaofen Chen, associate professor of economics, has been awarded a Japan Studies Institute (JSI) Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The fellowship supports participation in the JSI at San Diego State University on Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum in Summer 2012.

Royce Kallerud and Roger Johnson each received 2012 Still Spirit Awards April 30. Since 2005, A.T. Still University in Kirksville has recognized outstanding community members whose actions embody school founder, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, and his leadership and spirit of volunteerism, through the Still Spirit Awards. Kallerud, professor of English, was recognized for his efforts to bring a four-mile walking trail from downtown Kirksville to Thousand Hills State Park. Johnson, custodian in Ophelia Parrish, was recognized for his volunteerism, charity fundraising for many causes, including the Adair County Public Library, and for the creation of the hall of fame display for Truman athletics.

Daniel Mandell, professor of history, will spend 2012-2013 focusing on research and writing at the American Antiquarian Society (AAS) in Worcester, Mass., thanks to a long-term fellowship awarded by the AAS and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He will also spend a week as a visiting scholar at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies. Mandell’s project, which began with his sabbatical in 2007, is a study of changing concepts of equality in America. The AAS, founded 200 years ago, is one of the oldest research libraries in the United States, with one of the most complete holdings of materials published in America before 1850. The NEH provides much of the funding for the Society to give three long-term research fellowships every year to scholars who apply on an international competitive basis. Mandell will spend most of his time at the Society reading relevant children’s literature, newspapers, pamphlets and periodicals published between 1790-1850. He also expects to write large segments of a book manuscript, which will examine questions of class and ideas of equality from 1600-1880. The Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies, founded in 1930, is one of the world’s foremost centers for groundbreaking theoretical science and humanities research, with closely linked Schools of Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Historical Studies. Every year each of the schools brings together scholars to conduct and share research on aspects of a broad topic. Mandell will be participating in the School of Social Studies, which this coming year will focus on the theme of “Economics and Politics.”

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French and member of the City of Kirksville Historical Preservation Commission, participated in the 2012 Missouri Certified Local Government Forum in Jefferson City April 21. McLane-Iles, along with Brad Selby, commission administrator and codes inspector, and Kenneth Shook, commission chair architect, represented Kirksville and the KHPC at this statewide annual event.

Recently, five members of Truman’s IT Services Department presented workshops at MORENet’s Bi-Annual Conference, HELIX, in Kansas City, Mo. The theme for the spring conference was “Learning Without Limits.” Potential presenters submitted proposals, and three of Truman’s IT Staff proposals were accepted.

Diane Richmond, director of Learning Technologies, and Susan Thomas, instructional designer, presented a program entitled “Limitless Options: Preparing Established On-Ground Instructors to be Effective in the Online Environment,” showcasing Truman’s self-designed “Ready, Set, Click!” program for instructors wishing to teach online. Amy Nunan and Julie Hanes, both technical support specialists at Truman, presented the program, “Limitless Classroom Innovation,” highlighting Truman’s tiered technology classroom system and how both the teaching/learning environment and support options can be improved through thoughtful standardization. Thomas and Nathan Gillette, technical support specialist, presented their program entitled “Limitless Performances: Choosing and Implementing an Easy/Low-Cost Live Streaming Solution,” showcasing Truman’s ability to live stream music performances from Ophelia Parrish’s Performance Hall. Truman is the first Missouri public university to live stream concerts around the globe.

Marilyn Romine, business academic advisor, received the Outstanding Woman Leader Award for 2011-12 from the Missouri Women of Today. She received the statewide award May 5 in Moberly, Mo. Romine was nominated by the Kirkville Women of Today after winning the local community Outstanding Woman Leader competition.

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**Summer Camps**

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Truman will be offering the following camps this summer. For more information check out the camps link at trumanbulldogs.com.
Taste of Truman will take place June 15-17. The Taste of Truman is an opportunity for lifelong learners to attend short lectures by some of Truman’s greatest professors. For more information about the program or how to register, contact the Truman Institute at 785.5406 or jmorton@truman.edu.

Applications for the MATH Pioneers Fellowship in Merrimack Valley, Mass., are available now at matchschool.org/matchcorps/pioneers.htm and are due June 25. Fellows will be tutoring high school algebra and geometry.

The Strategic Planning and Assessment Workshop will take place the mornings of Aug. 15-16. The afternoon of Aug. 15 will be reserved for school and/or department meetings.

Bicycling with Traffic is a 10-hour course in five classes for ages 14 and up. It is designed for both novice and experienced bicyclists. The May-June session will meet Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Adair County Health Department at 1001 S. Jamison St. The course will be repeated in July-August. For more information, or to register, go online to ka-motion.org/surveys/traffic-skills-101-registration.

Family Day will be Sept. 15. Organizations or departments with events planned for that weekend can email heidi@truman.edu to be included in the Family Day schedule.

The next issue of the Truman Today will be available June 12.