Alumni to be Honored at Homecoming Events

Dwain Horn, a 1950 graduate of Truman with a degree in business education, is Truman’s 2004 Alumnus of the Year. Horn taught school for two years after graduation and then joined Bankers Life Insurance Company, which led to his career involvement with employee benefits plans. He spent 17 years as a retirement plans consultant before becoming a manager of the retirement plans division at Mutual of Omaha. Horn retired from the company as executive vice president in 1995. Horn helped to organize the Class of 1950 project that raised money for the fine arts facility and he currently serves as vice president of the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors. Horn and his wife, Vera, reside in Omaha, Neb., and spend their winters near Phoenix, Ariz. They are members of the John R. Kirk Society and Gold-Level members of the President’s Circle.

Richard “Dick” and Edith “Edie” Ford Erzen will serve as the 2004 Parade Grand Marshals. Richard earned his bachelor’s in mathematics education from Truman in 1949, his master’s in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1952 and his doctorate in education from Illinois State University in 1966. He was also inducted into the Truman Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 for his skills on the court as a “super-sub” on two basketball teams that posted a cumulative record of 59-4. He spent his career in education, first as a teacher in several high schools then working his way up to president of the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill. Edie received her bachelor’s in education from Truman in 1949. She was selected as the Carnival Queen in 1948. She also is a passionate quilter and was recently elected to the Land of Lincoln Quilting Hall of Fame. Dick and Edie are both currently members of the John R. Kirk Society and they reside in Normal, Ill.

The recipients of this year’s Young Alumni Award are Brian and Ame Ahrens Krippner from St. Louis. Brian graduated from Truman in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration-finance and earned a Master of Arts in 1993 from Webster University. He is currently vice president and manager of UMB Bank’s Corporate Trust Department in St. Louis. He is also serving as the current chair for the Division of Business and Accountancy Board of Advisors and is the national professional development chair for Delta Sigma Pi. Ame graduated from Truman in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration-finance. She is a business analyst with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. She currently volunteers for Citizens for Missouri’s Children. They are both members of the Delta Sigma Pi St. Louis Chapter and the John R. Kirk Society of Truman.

This year’s Alumni Distinguished Service Awards go to Steven B. Barger, Doris Pickens Bohon, Dr. Victor E. Childers and John D. Lundgren. Barger is retired from the financial services industry. He earned his bachelor’s in education from Truman in 1967 and served on the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors for five years. Barger and his wife, Marilyn, endowed the Larry and Linda Boleach Scholarship and the Jack and Melba Bowen Scholarship. They currently reside in Prescott, Ariz.

Bohon graduated from Truman in 1943 with a bachelor’s in education. She served on the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors for six years. She is currently a member of the Kirksville Alumni Chapter and the John R. Kirk Society. Her and her husband, Stanley, recently established the Stanley and Doris (Pickens) Bohon Family Scholarship for Study Abroad. They reside in Kirksville and spend their winters in Florida.

Childers lives in Indianapolis, Ind., and is an emeritus faculty member of the Indiana University School of Business. He earned a bachelor’s in education in 1955 from Truman. Also, he earned an M.B.A in 1964 and a D.B.A in 1967, both from Indiana University. He is a member-at-large of the Truman Alumni Board, member of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter, member of Truman State University’s President’s Circle and has established the Dr. Victor E. Childers International Study Award.

Lundgren resides in Burlington, Iowa, and retired from the Burlington School District in 1994 after teaching for 29 years. He also has traveled extensively and spends several weeks each year in Mexico. He is currently a member of the John R. Kirk Society, a Distinguished Fellow in the Joseph Baldwin Society and has established the John D. Lundgren Annual Scholarship.
Truman Forensics Cleans Up at Drury

Members of the Truman Forensic Union descended upon Springfield, Mo., on Oct. 8-10, in force and came away with a sweep of the top honors in debate and several notable awards in individual speaking events.

The team captured both the debate sweepstakes championship and the combined debate/individual events sweepstakes championship. In addition, the team of Tyson Helder, senior communication and political science double major from Missouri-Columbia in the final round of parliamentary debate to take home the Drury "Ozarks Big Eight" cup.

In parliamentary debate, Truman advanced a total of five teams to elimination rounds. In addition to Helder and Hodge, the team of Matt Harms, senior economics major from Hillsboro, Mo., and Ryan Walsh, senior philosophy and religion and communication double major from Cassville, Mo., had a perfect 8-0 in preliminary rounds before losing an unfortunate octafinal round to a team from Drury University. Three other Truman teams advanced to the quarterfinal round of the tournament. These teams included Meghana Kunkala, senior biology major from Hattiesburg, Miss., and Dylan Rothermel, freshman chemistry major from Homewood, Ill.; Matthew "Cody" Snyder, freshman political science and economics double major from Neosho, Mo., and Mariam Savabi, freshman health science major from Maryland Heights, Mo.; and Todd Turner, freshman communication major from Chesterfield, Mo., and Stefani Wittenuer, sophomore communication and political science double major from Belleville, Ill. Truman also dominated the field in parliamentary debate speaker awards with Walsh taking first, Helder taking second, Hodge taking third and Harms taking ninth.

In individual speaking events, Truman ranked third in sweepstakes with several individual honors. Heather Timmerman, freshman communication major from Belleville, Mo., was the tournament champion in poetry interpretation. Kunkala was second in extemporaneous speaking and rhetorical criticism. Walsh was fifth in after-dinner speaking. Snyder took fifth in extemporaneous speaking, while Turner and partner Erin Palmer, freshman political science and justice systems double major from Kansas City, Mo., took sixth in duo interpretation.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents
Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night”

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will continue with the Shakespearean masterpiece “Twelfth Night” at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 1, in Baldwin Auditorium.

Written in 1600 and set against a background of romance and mystery, this hilarious story of identical twins and mistaken identity, set in the mystical world of Illyria, explores the universal themes of love and all its ambiguous effects on human behavior.

The Aquila Theatre Company will take this great Shakespearean masterpiece and infuse it with their unique brand of innovative and exciting theatricality. Aquila’s creative team, led by Peter Meineck and Robert Richmond, will free the essential spirit of the play in a production, which will be both faithful to Shakespeare and relevant and accessible to a modern audience. This contemporary production will still encompass and enhance the shipwrecks, duels, love and jealousy, disguises, suspicion and ultimate reconciliation of Shakespeare’s superb text. Aquila’s excellent British/American ensemble of professional actors will bring their unique experience, dedication and creativity to the stage.

Aquila’s new production of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” promises to thrill and enchant. With a cast of superb performers, a remarkable original music score, Aquila’s much admired brand of innovative design and unique physical approach, this production of “Twelfth Night” will undoubtably be an experience not to be missed.

Free tickets to the “Twelfth Night” will be available to students, faculty and staff beginning Oct. 25, with a University ID at the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB.

For more information about the Kohlenberg Lyceum events, visit the Web site at http://lyceum.truman.edu or call 785.4016.
Notables

Janice Grow, professor of education, with Susan Beal, professor of mathematics at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, presented a poster session at a Connected Mathematics conference called “The Mathematical Preparation of Middle School Mathematics Teachers” on Sept. 24-25, in St. Louis. The conference was sponsored by the University of Missouri and the National Science Foundation. Grow and Beal presented the same poster titled “Seeing Korean Mathematics through American Eyes” at the 10th International Congress on Mathematical Education from July 4-11, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Patience Rhodes, senior agricultural science major from St. Louis and Ronald E. McNair scholar, has been invited by the University of Missouri-Columbia’s Department of Agriculture to present her McNair research titled “Demographics and Attitudes of Shoppers at Missouri and Wisconsin Farmer’s Markets,” on Nov. 15. Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English, will have his short story “On the River with My Father” published in the January 2005 issue of Big Bridge. His book review of Jean Genet’s “The Declared Enemy” will appear in a future issue of Studies in the Novel. Tammy Tolliver, junior health science major from St. Louis and Ronald E. McNair Scholar, will be present- ing “An Analysis of Br interacting Genes to Identify Genes that Function in Leg Imaginal Disc Morphogenesis in Drosophila” at the University of California-San Francisco’s AGEP Colloquium on Nov. 6. Matthew Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages, has recently had his article on “La Historia del commendatore en España e Italia” accepted for publication by “Romance Notes.” Thomas Trimborn, professor of music, has had an article titled “Playing the National Anthem: Bands Must do it Right” published in the fall issue of the Missouri School Music Magazine. He has also had his original art used on all the covers of the magazine since 1994 and this coming spring will mark his fortieth. Health science students presented their research at the American School Health Association National Conference from Oct. 14-17, in Pittsburgh. Maureen Bylina, junior from Chicago, and Sarah Shelton, junior from St. Louis, presented “Attitudes and Behaviors Toward Physical Activity in Low Income Urban Elderly.” Bryan Campbell, sophomore from St. Louis; Samantha Boudria, sophomore from Jefferson City, Mo.; and Shelton; presented “Evaluation of an Advocacy-Based Tobacco Prevention Program.” Jessica Morgan, junior from St. Peters, Mo., and Jen Miller, senior from St. Charles, Mo., presented “Volunteer Smoking Cessation Program for Rural Adults.” Peter Guirguis, sophomore from Kansas City, Mo., and Bylina presented “ElderLynk: House Calls Program.” Christina Degenhardt, junior from Perryville, Mo., presented “Knowledge and Perceptions of Bioterrorism Threat Among Rural, Northeast Missouri Residents.” Emily Forsyth, junior from Vinton, Iowa, and Sarah Cooper, senior from Strafford, Mo., presented “ElderLynk: Interdisciplinary Clinical Education Program.” Kimberly Kennett, junior from Belleville, Ill.; Magen Hembree, senior from Greenfield, Mo.; and Cooper; presented “Title IV Drug/Violence Needs Assessment.”

Ling to Sign Books at Truman Bookstore

Huping Ling, convener and professor of Asian history, will be having a book signing for her new book “Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community” at 4:45 p.m., Oct. 25, at the Truman Bookstore.

“Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community” is the first empirical and comprehensive study of a Midwest Asian American community, it reconstructs the history of Chinese Americans in St. Louis from the mid-19th century to the present. Drawn upon evidence from archival manuscripts, census data, media reports, oral interviews and mortuary records, it portrays the saga of a Chinese American community from a Chinatown centered around “Hop Alley” to a “cultural community,” a community without physical boundaries but identifiable through active community organizations and cultural activities, as defined by the author.

Missouri Government Internship Program Applications Due This Week

Completed Missouri Government Internship Program applications are due Oct. 22, 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 2005 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/mgov_app.pdf. A screening committee will review the applications. The second round of interviews will be conducted Oct. 26-27 for the spring 2005 legislative internships.

Interested students can contact Candy Young at 785.4650 or Heidi Templeton at 785.4016 for more information.

President’s Pumpkin Carving Contest

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by noon, Oct. 29, at the Center for Student Involvement.

Prizes: 1st ($150), 2nd ($100) and 3rd ($50) prizes will be donated in the name of the winner to the organization’s philanthropy, the United Way or a charity of the winner’s choice. Winners and all eligible entries will be displayed Oct. 31, at the University Residence. Entries will be judged by a three-person independent panel on the basis of technical skill, consistency with Halloween theme and creativity.

Rules: Any recognized student organization, athletic team or residence hall house may participate. No individual entries please. Pumpkins must be designed for illumination and be submitted with a candle. Entries will be disqualified if they contain or exhibit obscene material or images in the opinion of the judges, are larger than 15” in diameter or are made from anything other than a natural pumpkin. Designs should be carved into the pumpkin rather than drawn or painted.

Note: Entries may be picked up at the University Residence (706 S. Halliburton) on Nov. 1. All entries not collected by 5 p.m. will be discarded by Physical Plant.

The Residential College Program presents Great Conversation

Where professors trade chalk for talk

6 p.m. ♦ Nov. 3

SUB Georgian Room

Buffet supper

Please join friends, faculty and staff for a stimulating conversation of your choice, led by distinguished Truman faculty and staff. Each conversation is limited to eight participants and requires a ticket.

Tickets are available for free in the Residential College Program, Baldwin Hall 101. A complete list of conversation topics is available at http://www2.truman.edu/~martye/GreatConversationFall2004.htm. For more information, contact Marty Eisenberg at 785.4409 or martye@truman.edu.
Midterm grades for all 100 and 200 level courses are available via TruView.
Convertibles are needed for the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 23, from about 8:30-11:30 a.m. Please contact Robin Taylor in the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 or robint@truman.edu for additional information.

The Weekly Lunch Series will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Oct. 20, in the SUB Spanish Room. This week’s topic is “FERPA for Teachers.” Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

The Center for Student Involvement is having the 2004 College Bowl Tournament from 6-11 p.m., Nov. 3, on the third floor of the Student Union Building. Registration is taking place at the Center for Student Involvement, located on the lower level of the SUB. The registration deadline is 4 p.m., Oct. 20. Space is limited to 10 teams. Cost is $5 per individual to register and all participants receive a T-shirt. Both individuals and teams are encouraged to sign-up. Competition begins at Truman to select the varsity team. The varsity team will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament in February 2005. Contact Robin Taylor at 785.4222 with any questions.

The Career Center is having a Walt Disney World College Program Presentation at 5 p.m., Oct. 21, in VH 1212. The recruiting team will be at Truman to give the presentation. Go online to http://www.wdcollegeprogram.com, fill out an application, print it off and listen about the opportunities at Disney. For more information, contact Amanda Moore at 785.5751.

The Society of Professional Journalists has invited Rob Schneider, sports design editor for the Dallas Morning News, to speak at 7 p.m., Oct. 21, in VH 1324. Schneider, a Truman alumnus, will talk about “What to expect when working for a daily newspaper.” The public is invited to attend.

Mark Rice will be showing his documentary “3 Days in New York City” at 8 p.m., Oct. 21, in VH 1000. Rice attended the protests connected with the 2004 Republican National Convention, and this film is his view of the marches, meetings and concerts organized as a statement against the Bush administration. Following the movie there will be a panel discussion led by Truman faculty and students. This event is sponsored by the College Democrats and Amnesty International.

SAB will be showing “Anchorman” at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Oct. 22, and at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 23, in VH 1000. Student ID is required to enter until five minutes before showtime. At that time, if seats are still available, those without ID will be seated. Call SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

SAB presents comedian Eric Passoja at 9 p.m., Oct. 23, in Baldwin Auditorium. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free for students. Call SAB at 785.4722 for additional information.

Students are invited to attend a Competitive Fellowships information session at 4 p.m., Oct. 25, in the SUB Alumni Room. Fellowships with upcoming campus deadlines will be discussed, and students will be able to ask questions about the application process. For more information, contact Crista Chappell at 785.4109.

The Jazz Ensemble concert will be at 8 p.m., Oct. 25, in the OP Performance Hall. For more information, contact Tim Aubuchon at 785.4412.

Career Expo is coming and will be here before you know it, from 1-5 p.m., Oct. 26, in the Student Union Building. What should you be doing right now? First, pre-register to attend at http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo/home.asp. Second, write a résumé, have it critiqued by the Career Center and upload your résumé into a e-Recruiting by midnight of Oct. 16 for jobs you are interested in that pre-select for interview slots. Also, remember you do not need an appointment to have your resume critiqued. Don’t forget the mock interview services as well. Go to the Career Center or call 785.4353 if you have any questions.

The Truman State University Department of Public Safety is sponsoring the Adair County Sheriff’s Department K-9 Demonstration at 7 p.m., Oct. 26, in Baldwin Hall. The department will demonstrate the use of K-9s in law enforcement, including narcotic detection, protection, article search and trailing. Contact Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 with any questions.

The Observatory, located at the University Farm, will have a special open house event to watch the lunar eclipse from 8 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 27. In addition, the observatory will be open to the public for an open house from 8-10 p.m., Oct. 28, weather permitting.

A series of informational meetings for Truman faculty and staff about the insurance programs that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2005, will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 29, in the SUB Governors Room. This series is presented by Human Resources.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee announces a call for papers “Renewing the Movement” for Truman’s 10th annual conference in honor of Women’s History Month, March 3-5, 2005. The committee invites abstracts from all members of the Truman and Kirksville communities, including Truman graduates. The deadline for abstracts is Jan. 26, 2005. For more information, contact Linda Seidel at lseidel@truman.edu.

The Badminton Club meets from 3-4:30 p.m., Saturdays, at the Student Recreation Center on the east court. If you are interested or need additional information, contact Fatima Smith at 349.0515 or go to http://badminton.truman.edu.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday’s publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to kbest@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 submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.