New University Foundation Board of Directors Appointed

Five new members have joined Truman State University’s Foundation Board of Directors. President Barbara Dixon appointed Kara Geisert of Liberty, Mo., Guy Burton of Leawood, Kan., Larry Lunsford of Overland Park, Kan., Tom Ballard of Granger, Iowa, and Sarah Burkemper of Troy, Mo., to the Foundation Board.

Geisert earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Truman in 1993. Along with her husband Christopher, she was named a 2001 Young Alumni of the Year. Geisert co-owns a scrapbooking store in Liberty, Mo.

Burton earned two degrees from the University in the 1950s. A former high school teacher, coach and administrator, Burton now owns Sun and Swim Pools in Grandview, Mo. He has crafted and donated various bronze busts to the University over the years.

Lunsford is a 1981 and 1983 graduate of Truman. He is the founding president of the University’s National Alumni Association Board and a past Foundation Board member. Lunsford serves as the Vice President of Finance for the retail division at Bernstein-Rein Advertising, Inc. in Kansas City, Mo.

Ballard graduated with a bachelor’s in science degree from the University in 1969. Now retired, he served as Vice President for Cordant Technologies, a leading aerospace design, technology and manufacturing company.

Burkemper is a 1992 graduate of Truman and currently serves as the Public Administrator of Lincoln County, Mo. A member of Truman State University’s Board of Governors, Burkemper is the 2005 chair.

The 22-member Foundation Board of Directors has the responsibility of overseeing fund raising, public relations and alumni relations for the University.

Asher and Heckert to Lead 2005 Faculty and Staff Campaign

All faculty and staff will receive information about supporting the Truman State University Foundation through the 2005 Faculty and Staff Campaign. The campaign is led by Nancy Asher, coordinator of testing and reporting, and Teresa Heckert, associate professor of psychology.

“This is an important year for us as we begin to lay the groundwork for a major campaign in the future.” Heckert said. “Through our donations, we, the faculty and staff of Truman, can demonstrate that we believe in what we are doing here.”

“Several new funds have been established that faculty and staff can contribute to, as well as many others,” Asher said. “Visit the Web site to view a complete list and descriptions of the funds (http://isupport.truman.edu). A gift of any size is appreciated and will go toward making a big difference in the lives of students and the Truman community.”

Each year private gifts from faculty and staff help fund a wide variety of academic scholarships, study abroad, faculty development and research, additional support for each of the academic divisions and cultural programs like the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. This year, all gifts to the campaign will qualify faculty and staff for a drawing to win a parking space in the faculty and staff lot of their choice until Dec. 31, 2005.

For more information, go to http://isupport.truman.edu or call the Advancement Office at 785.4133. Read the Truman Today and check the Web site for campaign updates.
Forensic Union Finishes Second at Air Force Tourney

The Truman Forensics team made another strong showing at the U.S. Air Force Academy Classic Jan. 21-23, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The 18 Truman competitors who attended the tournament took second overall in a field of 43 colleges and universities.

Truman out-performed a wide field of prestigious institutions, top forensics programs and regional and in-state rivals.

In parliamentary debate, the Union was the only team to place four duos in elimination rounds of the open division. Senior partners Tyson Helder, communication and political science double major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Trevor Alexander, economics and English double major from Gladstone, Mo., along with Meghana Kunkala, junior biology major from Hattiesburg, Miss., and Dylan Rothermel, freshman chemistry major from Homewood, Ill., reached the quarterfinals.

In the individual events competition, Hobbs seized first place in rhetorical criticism, continuing a streak of first place finishes by Truman students in this event. She was also a semifinalist in impromptu speaking. Kunkala took second in the rhetorical criticism as well.

The Truman team travels to Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) Feb. 4-6 for their next competition.

Campus Groups Seek Connections

Various campus organizations and offices have come together to sponsor “Seeking Connections and Honoring Differences,” a buffet dinner and discussion. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the event from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 3, in the SUB Georgian Room.

Those who attend will discuss two theater scenes performed by members of the Truman community over dinner. These scenes will ask the audience to consider the challenges and excitement of living in a multicultural world and how well people relate to each other.

Reservations are required to join the dinner discussion and can be made by e-mailing rcp@truman.edu before 5 p.m. Feb 1. Include a name and address in your response.

The event is brought to you by the Student Senate Diversity Committee, Multicultural Affairs Center, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Residential College Program.

For more information, contact Marty Eisenberg in Baldwin Hall 101 at 785.4409.

Olinger Named New Public Relations Intern

The Public Relations Office has announced communication major Sarah Olinger as its spring intern. Olinger, a graduate of Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo., is from St. Joseph. She is the daughter of Ronald and Peggy Olinger.

As the intern, she will assist in the writing, production and distribution of the University newsletter, Truman Today, as well as posting it online. She will also be responsible for editing the calendar on channel 36, writing press releases and performing various office duties.

At Truman, Olinger is the editor in chief of the student-produced travel magazine, Detours. She is a former Index and Detours reporter and an alumnae of Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority.

Olinger’s interest in obtaining experience and skills in various communication outlets has lead her to this position.
The Truman Volleyball Team earned a spot in the January issue of Volleyball Magazine for their strong record and successes in recent years. Head volleyball coach Qi Wang and seniors Jessica Sears, exercise science major from Colchester, Ill.; Rebecca Knefelkamp, communication major from St. Louis; Lauren Dickbernd, business administration major from St. Charles, Mo.; and Annie Nicolai, business administration major from St. Louis; are featured in the article.

Derek Daschke, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, presented his paper, “Thou Shalt Not Covet: Israel, Repression, and its Discontents” at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in November. In December, his chapter titled, “Because of my Grief I have Spoken: The Psychology of Loss in Fourth Ezra” was published in volume 2 of Praeger’s four-volume Psychology and the Bible series.

Pete Kelly, assistant professor of special education; Wendy Miner, assistant professor of education; and Dale Blesz, assistant professor of special education; will be presenting a paper titled “Action Research: Results from Two PDS Parternships” at the National Association of Teacher Educator’s conference in Chicago in February. Kelly and Blesz also will be presenting a paper titled “A Highly Contextualized Professional Development School in Education: Focus on On-Site Preparation” at the conference.

Officer Tami O’Haver was sworn in as the newest member of the Truman State University Department of Public Safety police force Dec. 20. O’Haver joined the Department in September 2004.

Steve D. Reschly, associate professor of history, served as a Fulbright Senior Scholar with the Institute for British and American Studies at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg in Germany from 2003-2004. In November 2004, Reschly was appointed to the Fulbright Review Committee for Faculty Applications to Austria and Germany. This is a three-year appointment. While in Germany, Reschly spoke at the Ferdinand-Sauerbruch-Gymnasium in Großröhrsdorf in December 2003. He presented his research at the University of Rostock and at the Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz, in Kaiserslautern in May 2004. In addition to serving as the Chair of the Publicity Committee and Member of the Executive Committee of the Women’s and Gender Historians of the Midwest (WGHOM), Reschly is a member of the Editorial Council for Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. He is a member of the H-Net International Committee, as well as Chair of the Planning Committee, Chair of Editorial Board and faculty sponsor of the H-HISTMAJOR Listserv Discussion Group for Undergraduate History Majors, part of H-NET. Reschly continues research for his third book, a co-authored study of consumer culture in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the New Deal Era.

Siewert and Nelson to Discuss Book During Extra Weekly Lunch Series Sessions

Gregg Siewert, professor of French, and Teak Nelson, lecturer in nursing, will be leading a reading circle over the book “Teaching In Eden” by John Janovy during the month of February. They will be discussing the book at an Extra Edition of the Weekly Lunch Series from 12:30-1:30 p.m., every Thursday in February, in the SUB Spanish Room.

Sign the sheet at checkout to receive $3.00 toward your Sodexho meal.

A few copies of the book remain to be checked out from The Center for Teaching and Learning.

In the book, Janovy recounts the experiences his students have learning at a prairie wetlands site used by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He writes about trying to bring the passion of discovery into the courses back on the “home” campus.

Senior Wins National Dow Jones Internship

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund awarded senior Tony Albrecht an internship for summer 2005.

The fund, founded in 1958 by editors of The Wall Street Journal to improve the quality of journalism education and the pool of applicants for jobs in the newspaper business, conducts a rigorous nationwide search for 120 interns. The interns then work in publications across the United States.

Albrecht will work at the Oneonta Daily Star in Oneonta, N.Y., after training at Penn State. He is an English major with a minor in philosophy and religion from Chesterfield, Mo. Albrecht served as the head copy editor on the Index for fall 2004 semester.

Tel Alumni Applications Due Feb. 2

Tel Alumni is hiring 30-40 students this semester to work from Feb. 15-April 26. No experience necessary but they are looking for students who have good communication skills, an outgoing personality, a strong work ethic and a willingness to ask parents and alumni for financial support.

Applications available in the Advancement Office, McClain Hall 100.

Contact Charles Hunsaker, manager of the annual fund, at hunsaker@truman.edu or 785.4028 for more information.
Phi Kappa Phi announces Graduate Fellowships worth $2,000-$5,000 for graduate study. Truman PKP active members who plan to be full-time graduate students next year should submit applications to the local chapter office by Feb. 1. Details and applications may be picked up in the Center for International Education or from Wynne Wilbur, OP 1229, 785.4435.

Cardinal Key and Blue Key are sponsoring their annual Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 1-3, in the SUB Activities Room. Contact Sara Kate Anderson by phone at 627.5182 or e-mail at ska392@truman.edu for more information.

The University Observatory is accepting submissions for the 2005 spring semester newsletter series. The deadline for submission is Lincoln’s birthday, Feb. 12. For more information about the contest or prompt, contact Barry Poyner at 785.4063.

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The University Wellness Program in cooperation with the staff of the Student Health Center will be offering blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate and thyroid screening for faculty, staff and spouses at the Student Health Center in February. This service is provided free to all who are covered by the University’s health insurance plan subject to the restrictions. Other faculty, staff and spouses are welcome to participate for a minimal cost. The screenings will take place from 7:30-9 a.m., Feb. 2, Feb. 8-9, Feb. 15-16 and Feb. 22, at the Student Health Center. An appointment is not required. A 12-hour fast is required before the screening. Faculty and staff must bring their Banner ID. Questions concerning the screening should be addressed to the nursing staff, Student Health Center at 785.4182 or Curt Devan, director of Human Resources, at 785.7298.

The spring semester Weekly Lunch Series begins with “Gee Whiz, I Can Do That With Blackboard 6!” from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Feb. 2, in MC 215. Sherry Dare will show some of the new features of the upgraded Blackboard system. Boxed lunches will be available. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

The Freshmen Activities Coordinating Team (FACT) applications are now available in the CSI. Completed forms are due by 5 p.m., Feb. 2, in the CSI. Contact FACT coordinator, Maggie Wolcott, for more information at 785.4222.

Students interested in studying United States/U.K study are invited to an informational meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 13, in the BH Little Theatre. Contact Jessica Tipp at 627.5878 for more information.

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All students are invited to an etiquette dinner from 5-8 p.m., Feb. 8, in the SUB Spanish Room. Co-sponsored by the Career Center and the CSI, the event will consist of a dinner and an interactive seminar to teach proper etiquette at social gatherings. Cost is $5 without a meal plan and $3 with. Contact Lesa Ketterlinus at 785.4353 for more information.

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Feb. 15 is the deadline for online applications to the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience-Science and Mathematics and Talent Expansion Program. Apply online at http://step.truman.edu.

Submit online abstracts for the Student Research Conference by Feb. 18 at http://src.truman.edu.

All interested students can attend a Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m., Feb. 28, in Kirk Building. Truman faculty and directors from host institutions abroad will be available to discuss their programs. The Graduate English Organization is accepting submissions for its second annual Environmental Studies Conference, April 21-22. Abstracts of 200-400 words are due March 11. E-mail laurent@truman.edu for more information on the conference.

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