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COMMENCEMENT  
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**Posed Graduation  
Photographs**  
12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Pershing Small Gym  
Free sitting fee.

**Commencement**  
2 p.m.  
Pershing Arena

**Reception**  
Immediately  
Following  
Commencement.  
SUB Activities Room  
Students, families,  
faculty, staff and  
administration are  
welcome.

## 1997 Graduate to Address Students at Winter Commencement, Dec. 16

**D**iana Ross-Butler is a practicing attorney with Thompson Coburn, a large

law firm in St. Louis, Mo. She specializes in real estate law and is preparing to take the Illinois bar examination in February.

Ross-Butler graduated in May from the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis, and passed the Missouri bar examination in July. While a student at Washington University, she was a member of the Black Law Student Association, the Student Bar Association and the Women's Law Caucus.

Originally from Blue Springs, Mo., Ross-Butler is the daughter of Carson and Eloise Ross. She graduated from Blue Springs High School in 1993 and came to Truman on a full academic scholarship. She graduated in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration/finance with a minor in economics.

At Truman, she served as president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, was a member of the Finance Club and the Unique Ensemble gospel choir. During her years at Truman, her father served as a state representative and was an appointee to the Commission to Study the University Name.

Ross-Butler applied to several different law schools following her undergraduate career at Truman. She received full academic scholarships from the University of

Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Washington University in St. Louis.

"I decided that I wanted to become an attorney when I was 16 years old and decided to attend Washington University School of Law because the atmosphere reminded me of Truman. The teachers had an open door policy, knew the students by name, and were always willing to lend a helping hand. The students were friendly as well," Ross-Butler commented.

Ross-Butler is married to her high school sweetheart, Adrian Butler and they are the parents of a toddler daughter, Ariana, and an infant son, Adonis.



*Have a Safe  
and Happy  
Holiday Season*



## Notables

**Terrance Gabel, assistant professor of business administration**, has been invited to present papers at the 2001 meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in San Francisco, Calif. The papers concern the globalization-driven transformation of the tortilla industry in Mexico, Mexico-U.S. immigration and teaching abroad in a less-affluent nation (Mexico). Gabel was the sole author of one of the papers and collaborated with Greg Boller on the other two.

**Clint Thompson, head athletic trainer**, has been named as a Board of Director of the Research and Education Foundation of the National Athletic Trainers Association, representing a seven state area. The Foundation, in 1999, provided \$120,000 in scientific, doctoral, and education research grants and more than \$100,000 in athletic training undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

## Notes

The annual faculty/staff blood drive, sponsored by the University Wellness Program, will begin at 10 a.m., Dec. 14, in the Student Recreation Center. The last donor will be received at 2:45 p.m.

**Applications for the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)** are due in the Center for International Education Abroad no later than Jan. 18, 2001. Application packets must be completed by this date in order to receive consideration for placement in the Fall 2001/Spring 2002 semesters. This deadline is for ISEP only. Application packets are available in the Center for International Education Abroad, Kirk Building 120, 785.4076.

## Graduates Invited to Join Alumni Chapter

The Kirksville Alumni Chapter is welcoming new members.

Alumni chapter members receive membership packets containing coupons and discounts for travel, hotels and rental cars; a membership card that entitles the bearer to discounts at the Truman State University Bookstore and Patty's University Bookstore; an athletic card that admits the bearer to home athletic events for free.

Members also receive the *Alumni Connection* newsletter and are invited to chapter events, and the price is often reduced or complimentary.

The Truman State University Chapter of **Phi Kappa Theta** recently helped transform the old Burdman's Auto Parts building into a storehouse for food. This is the first storehouse that the Central Missouri Food Bank has built. It will allow local agencies to access larger quantities of food closer to home.

**The TrueMen, Truman's all male a cappella ensemble**, raised almost \$300 for Habitat for Humanity at their holiday benefit concert held on Dec. 5 in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge.

**Truman State University's parliamentary debate team** won the Webster University, St. Louis, "Study Break" Tournament for the fourth year in a row. The tournament was for novice and junior varsity debaters. All Truman teams and all eight debaters won awards.

**Mainstreet Market** will be closed from Dec. 16 through Jan. 7, 2001.

**Truman State University January conference day**, "Strengthening Our Liberal Arts Culture: Liberally Educating Students for the 21st Century," will be held on Jan. 24. **Detours magazine is now on sale** at the Truman State University Bookstore, Patty's University Bookstore, Edna Campbell's Book Store and Hastings.

**Upward Bound now has a part-time position available** for a graduate student. The position involves traveling to area high schools one to four days a week from approximately 2-7 p.m. Application materials are available in Kirk Building 220.

First time memberships for recent Truman grads are half price for the first year. Membership is \$20 per individual and \$30 per couple. Membership is open to all alumni and friends. Friends include spouses of alumni, staff and faculty, parents of current students, business and corporate entities. These individuals/groups can take advantage of all of the great Alumni club benefits.

Membership forms are available in the Office of Advancement, McClain Hall 100 or e-mail Denise Watson, manager of alumni relations, at [watsond@truman.edu](mailto:watsond@truman.edu).

## Who's Who Inductees Announced

The following students will be included in the 2000-2001 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Heather Adams, John Ayres, Susan Bach, Larissa Ball, Jodi Banocy, Lisa Berna, Emily Beyer, Kurt Bormann, Heather Brady, Melissa Brittain, Tony Brookins, Sonya Burgers, Brie Cantrell, Rachel Carrico, Lawrence Chui, Walter Coats, Caroline Conley, Andrew (Neil) Copeland, Caren DeGiacinto, Theresa Doll, Charles DuBois, Jeremiah Finn, Merina Foster, Matthew Franker, Kendra Gardiner, Gerard Giammanco, Abigail Goedecker, Philip Goering and Kristi Goldsmith.

David Green, John (Matt) Haggans, John Halski, Brett Hart, Andrea Hein, Jaclyn Hentges, Amy Hermann, Kari Hesselbach, Julie Hoffman, April Howard, Kenneth Hussey, KayShaun Johnson, Elizabeth Karstens, Ryan Kennedy, Kevin Koch, Karista Koehler, Mary Kristensen, Franchesca Little, Janaka Madawela and Suzanne Maddy will also be included in the latest edition of *Who's Who*.

Elizabeth McCracken, Erin McFarland, Shane Mecham, Laura Meierhoff, Kristen Mertens, Katie Nielson, Christa Petot, Laura Potts, Season Prewitt, Susan Qualls, Heather Ras-mussen, Melissa Reese, Douglas Reside, Rebecca Russell, Amy Sanders, Melissa Shriver, Leo Smith, Paul Stock, Kate Strobel, Julie Thien, Bryan Traugher, Christina Truesdell, Sam Valenti, Rebecca Veitch, Angela Walker, Matthew Webber, Julia Wittman, Donald Gray and Mary Ziegler also received this high honor.