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*Presents*

## *The Harlem Blues & Jazz Band*

**7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 21**

**Baldwin Auditorium**

Tickets are free for Truman students, faculty and staff and are available in the Center for Student Involvement and the Student Activities Board Office with a Truman ID.

General admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for those under 18 and can be purchased at the Edna Campbell Bookstore or the Truman Cashiers Window.

*Call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 for additional information about the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series.*

## Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar to Come to Campus Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Andrea Liu, professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania, will visit Truman State University from Sept. 29-Oct. 1, as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. During her stay, she will visit classes and meet with faculty and students.

University of Pennsylvania's Department of Physics and Astronomy said, "Liu is a theorist who studies charged polymers, electrostatics and the mechanics of 'jamming', a term she coined to describe the breakdown of flow in sand, glasses and foams."

Liu and her husband have recently joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty. They previously served on the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Liu will conduct a Physics Colloquium on Jamming for Truman students and fac-

ulty at 3 p.m., Sept. 30. The public is invited to attend her lecture on "The Physics of How Cells Crawl and Listeria Spreads", which will be given at 8 p.m., Sept. 30, in Violette Hall 1000. The lecture will discuss the unusual physics involved in these biological events.

As a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, Liu will visit several campuses this year at the invitation of their Phi Beta Kappa chapters. Truman is one of four campuses in Missouri that hosts chapters of this prestigious honor society for the liberal arts and sciences. Truman is only the second public Missouri university to be so honored.

Support for Liu's visit is provided by the Phi Beta Kappa Society and Charles J. McClain, president emeritus of Truman State University.

## Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Nominations Sought

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence.

The Allens established the Fellowship with one of the largest outright gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation. The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships recognize outstanding faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the University and its students. Up to three faculty members are selected each year.

The Fellowships are open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty who have completed at least four years of full-time service at Truman. Faculty may be nominated for the Fellowship by Truman faculty colleagues,

academic divisions or disciplines.

To nominate an eligible faculty member, send a letter of nomination to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs addressed to the Allen Fellowship Selection Committee. The letter of nomination should be no longer than one page and should address how you believe the faculty member fulfills the selection criteria. Please deliver a signed hardcopy of the letter to McClain Hall 203, or send it through campus mail or by fax to 785.7460. See Web site <http://www.truman.edu/pages/125.asp> for details, including the selection criteria. Nominations are due to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by Oct. 1.

**12th Annual McNair  
Research Presentation and  
Luncheon Schedule  
Sept. 22**

**Session One**

**8:50 a.m.-noon  
Violette Hall 1000**

*Speakers:*

8:50 a.m. - Jennifer Drake  
9:10 a.m. - Emily Dunn  
9:30 a.m. - Elisea Avalos  
9:50 a.m. - Natalie Churchey  
10:10 a.m. - Harry Cecil  
10:30 a.m. - Patience Rhodes  
10:50 a.m. - Shawna Jackson  
11:10 a.m. - Alicia Lee  
11:30 a.m. - Karyn Stewart

**Luncheon  
noon-1:30 p.m.  
SUB Georgian Room**

*Keynote Speaker:*

Keisha Farmer-Smith, McNair alumna pursuing a doctorate in urban/planning and public policy at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

**Session Two  
1:50-3:30 p.m.  
Violette Hall 1000**

*Speakers:*

1:50 p.m. - Phil Esposito  
2:10 p.m. - Eugene Walton  
2:30 p.m. - Donovan Foster  
2:50 p.m. - James Harrington  
3:10 p.m. - Tiara L. Pettis

**Archaeology Symposium**

7 p.m. • Sept. 23  
SUB Alumni Room

Five Truman student and faculty presenters will speak about their recent fieldwork and research.

*Sponsored by the Division of Social Science  
and the Anthropology Club  
Co-sponsored by the Division of Fine Arts*

**Archaeology Open House**

1-4 p.m. • Sept. 26  
SUB Activities Room

The Open House is free and there will be various displays and hands-on activities for kids designed to introduce interested visitors to the challenges of archaeology. School-aged children and their families are especially invited. Anyone wishing to display a collection can contact Amber Johnson to reserve table space at [ajohnson@truman.edu](mailto:ajohnson@truman.edu).

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and the Division of Social Science*

# Informational Meeting Scheduled for Legislative Internship Program

An informational meeting about the Missouri Government Internship Program has been scheduled for 5:45-6:45 p.m., Sept. 28, in the Student Union Building Room 308.

The Missouri Government Internship 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.

"I would recommend this internship to everyone," former intern Kenton Moorhead said. "It provides the perfect opportunity to see first-hand how laws are made and become an informed citizen."

The interns live in Jefferson City and receive a stipend of \$2,200. Interns may earn up to 15 hours of credit.

All juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 or online at [http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mogov\\_app.pdf](http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mogov_app.pdf). For priority consideration, completed applications are due by Oct. 7 in McClain Hall 101. A screening committee will review the applications and interviews will be conducted Oct. 12-13 for the spring 2005 legislative internships.

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

## Staff Council Elections to Begin Sept. 23

Staff Council elections will be Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. All eligible full or part-time staff members will have the opportunity to vote for representatives in their area assignment and job classification category, as well as three at-large representatives.

Staff members who work in the Academic Affairs, Academic Support, Administrative Offices and Student Affairs assignment areas will vote by logging on to the Staff Council election Web site at <http://staffcouncil.truman.edu/vote>. Online voting will be open at 8 a.m., Sept. 23, and end at 4 p.m., Sept. 24. The staff

member's network ID and password must be entered prior to voting so that the appropriate ballot will be provided. IDs will not be associated with votes cast, and all password information will be encrypted.

Staff members who work in the Physical Plant will receive paper ballots in the mailboxes by 8 a.m., Sept. 23. These ballots must be returned to the Physical Plant Office before 4 p.m., Sept. 24.

Copies of the election ballot are currently available at <http://staffcouncil.truman.edu/vote>. Printed copies of the ballot are also available in the Physical Plant Office.

## Rock the Vote Urges Students to "Bite the Ballot" and Get Registered to Vote

The Rock the Vote organization continues its "Bite the Ballot" campaign this week with several activities.

Starting Monday and continuing throughout the week, groups of volunteers will go into classes for five minutes to discuss the importance of voting as well as registering students to vote. These "class raps" also will encourage students to get involved, whether it is volunteering with "Bite the Ballot" or getting their friends registered to vote.

Sept. 23 will be the "Day of Action." Rock the Vote has reserved nearly all the tables on campus for voter registration. Other campus

organizations are helping out by supplying volunteers to staff the tables and help get students registered. Banners also will be hanging from Pickler Memorial Library to show that organizations are "biting the ballot" and how registering to vote is a campus effort.

A stage will be set up on the Quadrangle from 12:30-2 p.m. for professors and students to speak. The prompt is "I'm voting because . . ."

Some organizations participating in the "Day of Action" are Amnesty International, Bulldog Party, College Democrats, Ecology Club, FEMLA, National Panhellenic Council, Phi Lambda Phi and PRISM.

**Hispanic Heritage Month  
Sept. 15 - Oct. 15**

**El Grupo Folklorico Antonilco**

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Sept. 24 • Baldwin Hall Little Theater

**HALO Dance Party**

11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. • Sept. 24 • SUB Down Under

## Notables

**Huping Ling**, associate professor of Asian history, has had a new book titled "Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community" published by Temple University Press. It will be available October 2004.

**Elaine McDuff**, assistant professor of sociology, had the article "Clergy-Congregation Mismatches and Clergy Job Satisfaction" published this summer. The article was co-written by Charles W. Mueller and published in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 43:261-274.

**Ramesh N. Rao**, professor of communication, is now a regular op-ed contributor to the largest circulated Indian-American newspaper, *India Abroad*. Some of his published op-ed pieces in the past year include "Who is the Real Bobby Jindal?", "A Hindu God Must Indeed be Heathen", "Centers of Learning", "Will Call Centers Call for Help?", "Ganesh Shivaji, and Power Play", "Forging Alliances or Widening Divisions?", "Change of Guard", "Rethinking the BJP, RSS and the 'Parivar'", "Clash of Civilizations: A Hindu Response", "What if?" and "Manipulating Elite Opinion."

**Karon Speckman**, associate professor of communication: journalism, had a case study about London's *Daily Mirror*, "Not in Our Name," published in the 2005 edition of *Media Ethics, Issues and Cases*; the article "The Bush-Blair Duo Before 2003 Iraqi War: Cartoons from London Newspapers" published in the Fall 2004 *International Journal of Comic Art*; the article

"Reversing Youth Apathy" in the *August Quill*, the Society of Professional Journalist's magazine. She also was a panelist on media writing and convergence at the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication Educators conference in Toronto in August. That presentation will be included in the 2004 *Adviser Notebook of the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association*. During her summer fellowship with the *Eagle-Tribune* in Massachusetts, she had several articles published, including ones on young voters and fall election issues, the decline of family farms in southern New Hampshire, and Homeland Security searches of Boston commuter buses.

**Mark Spitzer**, assistant professor of English, is currently having his introduction to "The Collected Poems of Georges Bataille" adapted for a voice over in the motion picture "George Bataille's Story of the Eye," produced by ARM/Cinema 25 in Philadelphia. The movie is directed by Andrew Repasky McElhinney and will come out in 2005.

**National Residence Hall Honorary would like to congratulate and recognize the following campus winners** for the Of the Month awards: Spotlight - Shea Cleveland; Community - Truman House; Student Adviser - Katie Cooper; Student - Shaun McNamee. Anyone can nominate a student leader within the residence halls by going to [http://rha.truman.edu/NRHH/nrhh\\_otm\\_submission.htm](http://rha.truman.edu/NRHH/nrhh_otm_submission.htm).

## Truman Forensics Hosts "Show-Me Swing" Tournament

Participants plan to visit Truman for the fourth annual Truman State University "Show Me Swing" forensics tournament Sept. 24-26.

Competitors will be able to enter one or both of two individual speaking event tournaments or a separate tournament in a Lincoln-Douglas or Parliamentary Debate.

The entire tournament is open to the public.

For more information, contact Kevin Minch, assistant professor of communication and director of forensics, at 785.5677 or visit <http://forensics.truman.edu/tournament.html>.

## Who's Who Applications Now Available for Students

Students may pick up applications for the 2004-2005 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112.

Faculty and staff also are invited to nominate students for this prestigious award.

Nominations are due Oct. 1 in the Student Affairs Office. To qualify, the students should be active in campus and community activities, have a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and be a senior eligible for graduation in December, May or August of the 2004-2005 Academic year.

Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 22. For more information, visit <http://saffairs.truman.edu>, stop by Kirk Building 112 or call 785.4111.

## Students Participate in Truman's Prairie Day

Second graders at the Kirksville Primary School had an educational experience at the prairie site located near the Kirksville Primary School.

During their visit to the prairie site, the second graders worked with Truman students from NASC 331, philosophy of science, class. This class is taken by pre-MAE elementary education majors and has the goal of making them comfortable teaching science.

Each Truman student worked with small groups of second graders to help them make observations about the prairie. The goal was to have the second graders realize that the prairie is biologically more diverse, and



Pictured front row, left to right: Lin Twining, Shauna Whiting, Kandi Kopp, Malita Winge, Liz Lammert and Katie McNichols. Back row, left to right: Tracy Bauer, Sam Buffaloe, Kimberly Wishon, Craig Hastings, Sarah Randman and Chris Conatser. Those not pictured who were in the class that helped with Prairie Day, Ashley Welsh and Sarah Schack.

therefore, is a habitat that supports a greater variety of organisms. The second graders observed a marked portion of the prairie, delineated by a hula-hoop, and counted how many kinds of grasses, forbs, and animals were present. The Truman students recorded the data and helped them graph the data.

Students from Karen Keck's environmental science class at the Kirksville high school provided support.

Karen Armstrong from the Department of Conservation helped the Truman students design the prairie exercise.

# Notes

Grades for the fall 2004 Truman Week courses are now available via Truview.

**Advisers are needed for active student organizations.** Any faculty or staff member interested in supporting student activities may contact Robin Taylor in the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 robint@truman.edu.

**The University Art Gallery at Truman presents an art faculty exhibit, "The Truman Show," until Sept. 25.** Contact Aaron Fine at 785.5386 or e-mail afine@truman.edu for more information.

**Katrina Brooks, KCOM media coordinator University Relations, will speak about strategic scheduling of advertising** at the Advertising and Public Relations Club meeting at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 21, in BH 272a. Contact Trevor Marlow at 785.4924 for additional information.

**Sigma Chi Delta, the only local social sorority on campus, will have Fall Recruitment** at 8-9:30 p.m., Sept. 21, in the SUB Alumni Room and 8-9:30 p.m., Sept. 22, in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. The recruitment is informal, free and open to any female Truman student with four semesters left. Students can attend either or both of the open nights. For more information, contact Ashley Phillips at 627.5856.

**The Weekly Lunch Series will combine with the McNair Program luncheon** from noon-1:30 p.m., Sept. 22, in the SUB Georgian Room. Reservations for the luncheon were due Sept. 15. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information about the Weekly Lunch Series.

**FAC and ICA applications for the spring semester are now available** in the Center for Student Involvement and the FAC Office. An informational meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 22, in SUB Room 309 to answer any questions about the application. Call Katie Pederson at 665.0760 for more information.

**Last day to drop fall 2004 full semester courses without a W** on the transcript is Sept. 24.

**The second annual Women's Retreat sponsored by the Catholic Newman Center** will begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 25 and end at 11 a.m., Sept. 26, in Edina, Mo. This year's theme is "Reflection." The retreat will cost \$25 per person with a T-shirt included. Registration forms can be picked up in the Newman Center lobby. Contact Jessica Hoelzer with any questions at 785.7316.

**The College Republicans will host Secretary of State Matt Blunt, republican governor nominee, for an informal meet and greet** at 6 p.m., Sept. 25, in the SUB Down Under. Contact Brian Baker at 785.5371 for more information.

**Echo Yearbook pictures will be taken for the 2004-2005 yearbook** at 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Sept. 27-30, on the third floor of the SUB. Many coupons will be available from local businesses as prizes. Contact Loretta Palmer at 785.4450 with any questions.

**The Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda will have an open informational meeting** at 8 p.m., Sept. 27 and Sept. 28, in Baldwin Hall Little Theater. Phi Beta Lambda is a coed business fraternity

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and is open to all majors. The fraternity has speakers, state competitions and much more. The open meetings also include free food. For more information, contact Jessica Tipp at 627.5878.

**Truman's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be hosting its second annual "Habitat on the Quad"** event this year from Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Habitat for Humanity members will be staying in a cardboard shack to represent the more than one billion people worldwide who live in substandard housing. Those interested can stop by and visit with them as they raise awareness and collect donations to help people who do not have an adequate place to live. Contact Kevin Brown at 665.6897 for more information.

**Informational meetings for Sacred Sites in Greece IV**, a six-credit-hour Summer 2005 study abroad class, will be at 5 p.m., Sept. 29, in the SUB Alumni Room and at 6 p.m., Oct. 5, in the SUB Governors Room. Those interested will be able to view slides from previous Greece trips, go over the itinerary for the next class (planned for May 17 to June 7) and discuss ways to finance the program. For more information, contact M. Lynn Rose, [lynnrose@truman.edu](mailto:lynnrose@truman.edu), 785.4057; or Steven Reschly at [sdr@truman.edu](mailto:sdr@truman.edu) or 785.4648.

**The University Counseling Services will be sponsoring a National Depression Screening Day** from noon-4 p.m., Oct. 7, in the Student Union Building. An information table will be set up outside of the Mainstreet Market. The screening is available free of charge to all Truman students and is confidential. For more information, contact Brian Krylowicz at 785.4014.

**Applications for students interested in joining Students Together Educating Peers (S.T.E.P.)** can be picked up at University Counseling Services or completed online at <http://ucs.truman.edu/step.htm>. S.T.E.P. members educate the Truman community on issues related to sexual assault, sexual harassment and diversity. Applications are due Oct. 14. For more information, call 785.4014. Men and women from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

**In celebration of the 16th Annual National Coming Out Day**, all members of the Truman community are invited to add their names to the 2004 GLBT Support List that will be printed in the Oct. 7 issue of the *Index*. A more complete description of the list and directions for adding your name can be found at <http://www2.truman.edu/~martye/GLBTSupportListFall2004.htm>. If you have any questions, contact Marty Eisenberg at [martye@truman.edu](mailto:martye@truman.edu).

**Gear up for the Career Expo, the annual fall career fair Oct. 26.** Expo will feature employers from various organizations looking to talk to Truman students. Stay tuned for more information and helpful tips as it gets closer to the big event. Be sure to check out the Web site at <http://career.truman.edu> to see which employers are coming to the Expo at this point and what other employers are conducting on-campus interviews. Go to the Career Center if you have any questions about Career Expo or call 785.4353.

# On Campus

## 21 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.-**Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presents Harlem Blues & Jazz Band, Baldwin Auditorium**; see Page 1

## 22 WEDNESDAY

8:50 a.m.-3:30 p.m.-**McNair Research Presentations, VH 1000**; see Page 2  
4 p.m.-**Men's and women's tennis vs. Westminster, Truman Tennis Courts**

## 23 THURSDAY

8 a.m.-**Staff Council elections begin**, see Page 2  
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## 26 SUNDAY

1-4 p.m.-**Archaeology open house, SUB Activities Room**; see Page 2

### United Way Seeks Group Leaders

The campus fund drive for the Adair County United Way is still seeking group leaders to conduct the 2005 campaign.

The responsibility entails contacting approximately 10 neighboring colleagues, informing them about United Way and extending the opportunity to contribute. The campaign kicks off Sept. 30 and continues until late October.

If interested in being part of the campus fund-drive team, contact drive co-chairs, Kay Anderson at 785.4143 or e-mail [aka@truman.edu](mailto:aka@truman.edu) or David Connor at 785.4075 or [dbconner@truman.edu](mailto:dbconner@truman.edu).