“White as Snow, Red as Blood” to be Performed

The theatre department presents “White as Snow, Red as Blood” Nov. 17-19 in the Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre. Shows will be at 7 p.m. In addition, there will be a matinee show at 2 p.m. on Nov. 19. On Nov. 15 and Nov. 16, there will be special performances for Ray Miller Elementary students at 1 p.m.

“White as Snow, Red as Blood,” is an adaptation of the popular tale from the Brothers Grimm, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” The story includes all of the traditional characters, beginning with the Good Queen who dreams of having a little girl “white as snow, red as blood, and black as ebony.” The audience meets Snow White at age seven, as she’s led into the “dark wood, the far forest,” where she’s spared from death by the Huntsman. Of course, the dwarfs adopt Snow White as their little sister, and they all lead a life of quiet and peace in their forest cottage until Snow White turns 16.

Playwright Virginia Koste parts company with the traditional tale by splitting the role of the Evil Queen into two: the beautiful and fashionable Evilun, and HerSelf, a ratty, ugly manifestation of Evilun’s spirit. The two of them dance, exchange insults, and conspire to end Snow White’s life. This division of the Evil Queen into a public persona and hidden spirit brings to the fairytale a subtle exploration of evil, as Evilun battles and then embraces her own ugliness in her quest to be “fairest in the land.” Snow White is not fooled into allowing the world, or a mirror, to define her as a person. Her intuitive wisdom and her inner beauty, which Evilun calls, “magic,” make her dangerous to the false confidence of Evilun’s divided self.

This show is appropriate for children and adults alike and should last 85-90 minutes with no intermission.

Tickets are available Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tickets will also be for sale 30 minutes before the performance.

For more information and to reserve tickets, call the Box Office at 785.4515.

Holiday Window Painting at the Student Union

The Student Union is once again sponsoring Holiday Window Painting on the lower level of the Student Union Building during the holiday season.

Truman State University offices, departments and student organizations are encouraged to participate.

Participants are asked to sign up for a window pane in the Student Union Building administrative office. The displays will run from Nov. 16 to Dec. 9, culminating with a reception in the TV lounge area on Dec. 9.

The Student Union Building will supply the paint, brushes, and clean up materials.

If you have questions please contact the office, 785.4186, or stop by, Student Union Building Room 200, which is next to the Quiet Lounge.
Truman Mathematical Biology Initiative to Sponsor Colloquium

Truman’s Mathematical Biology Initiative is sponsoring a colloquium at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, in Violette Hall 1000.

Dr. W. Brad Barbazuk from Donald Danforth Plant Science Center will present “Genome and Biotechnology: A promise for food security in developing countries.” Barbazuk will discuss the agricultural challenges that the world faces given projected population growth and available land. In this context he will briefly discuss the genomic/biotech revolution with respect to agriculture and crop improvement strategies. In the course of his talk, he will feature some familiar examples and discuss future efforts. He will also introduce and discuss challenges to their implementation.

Barbazuk is senior bioinformaticist at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. The Danforth Center is a not-for-profit research institute with a global vision to improve the human condition. Research at the Danforth Center will enhance the nutritional content of plants to improve human health, increase agricultural production to create a sustainable food supply, and provide the scientific ideas and technologies that will contribute to the economic growth of the St. Louis region and of the State of Missouri.

This special colloquium is sponsored by Truman’s Mathematical Biology Initiative and is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation.

Philosophy and Religion Senior Seminar Students to Present Oral Defenses of Senior Theses

All philosophy and religion majors are required to write a substantial senior thesis that successfully supports a well-defined position in some area of significance within philosophy or religious studies under the guidance of a committee of faculty readers. The public oral defense of thesis with an external examiner is both a component of the course and of the philosophy and religion senior testing.

The philosophy and religion discipline will host the oral defenses Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 1 in Baldwin Hall 100.

On Nov. 28 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:20 p.m., Dustin Engels will present “The Dao De Jing: The Seeds of Laozi’s Rhetorical Theory.” The examiner will be Lloyd Pfueger.

From 12:30-1:20 p.m., Kate Collins will present “Ignatius of Antioch: Martyrdom and the Sacrifice of the Eucharist.” The examiner will be W. Michael Ashcraft.

On Nov. 29, Reneé Gordon will present “Theodor Adorno: Philosophical Interpretations through Musical Analysis,” from 9-9:50 a.m. The examiner will be Chad Mohler.

From 10:30-11:20 a.m., Debra Sullentrup will take over with her presentation, “A comparison of two feminist Medieval Mystics: Mechthild of Magdeburg and Rabi’a al for Adawiyaa.” The examiner will be David Murphy.

On Nov. 30 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:20 p.m., Kristin Varwig will present “Fundamentalism vs. Environmentalism: The True Nature of the Conflict.” David Murphy will be the examiner.

Jon Skinner will present “The Challenge of the Kingdom of God: What the Individual Must Recognize about the Historical Jesus” from 12:30-1:20 p.m. Dereck Daschke will be the examiner.

On Dec. 1 from 9-9:50 a.m., Robert Benjamin Tytka will present “Plato and Brecht: A Shared Concern for the Unengaged Intellectual.” Stephen Pollard will be the examiner.

Brittany Sears will present from 10:30-11:20 a.m. Sears’ topic is “Primo Levi and the Language of Memory and Judgment.” The examiner will be Jennifer Jesse.

All sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ding-hwa Hsieh or Patricia Burton at 785.4636.

Truman’s United Way campaign surpassed their goal of $52,000 and ended with a total of $56,713.84, 109 percent of the goal.
Bradford Blackburn, assistant professor of music, recently had his electroacoustic composition “Vox Insecta” performed at the Electronic Music Midwest conference in Kansas City, Kan. The work was subsequently presented with choreography and dancing at Truman’s New Music Festival.


Christopher Maglio, professor of counseling, recently presented, “Professional School Counselors and the Independent Psychological Evaluation” at the annual meeting of the Missouri School Counselor Association that took place the Lake of the Ozark, Mo. Maglio has also recently served as a consultant and expert witness for the Missouri Attorney’s General Office and the Missouri State Committee for Professional Counselors in their preparation for a number of cases before the Administration Hearing Commission regarding the acceptance of degrees from “universities without walls” for professional counselor licensure.

Eric Patterson, associate professor of chemistry, was part of a research group that was featured on the cover of the Oct. 28 issue of the Journal of Organic Chemistry, the world’s leading journal in this field of study. The paper includes three Truman alumni as co-authors: Jolita Seckute (2004), Jessica Menke (2005), and Ryan Emnett (2001). The cover artwork was designed by Winston Vanderhoof, senior graphic designer. The research focuses on achieving a better understanding of how chemical warfare agents such as sarin and VX are inactivated and rendered harmless. The article was selected to appear on the cover of a panel of JOC editors due to its broad appeal, timeliness, and quality. The cover and article may be accessed from any campus computer at http://pubs3.acs.org/acs/journals/toct page?incoden=joceah& indecade=0&involume=70&inisissue=22.

Gregg Siewert, professor of French, has been elected by the midwestern members of the American Association of Teachers of French to serve a three-year term for the association’s Region VII. He will sit on the executive board at international meetings of the 10,000 member group in Milwaukee, Wis., (2006), in Baton Rouge, La., (2007), and in Belgium (2008).

Alumna Challenges Members to Make Foundation Gift

Next spring, Alpha Gamma Delta will celebrate 13 years on campus. In honor of this anniversary, alumna DeAnn Malone has asked members of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta to combine their efforts and each make a gift to the Truman State University Foundation. With more than 325 chapter members, they could make a combined contribution of more than $13,000 if each member or parent gave just $40 in response to this challenge. The University will tally all contributions by Epsilon Omega alumni between July 1-Dec. 31, 2005, and will recognize the combined chapter effort in a future Truman Review.

Contributions to any existing scholarship, division or sports team will be counted. Members who are interested in contributing to a scholarship may view a full list of existing Foundation Scholarships on the Truman State University Web site under Current Student resources. Malone asked the members to consider donating to either the Kelin Sanders Memorial Scholarship or the Cady Award.

The Kelin Sanders Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Kelin Sanders, a member of Epsilon Omega Chapter, in 2002 by her parents, family and friends. The scholarship is given to M.A.E. students with medium financial need that share Sanders’ passion for teaching.

The Cady Award is designated for a female member of the Greek community demonstrating outstanding involvement in campus leadership and philanthropy. The Cady Award memorializes a great American woman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The individuals who created both of these scholarships have been contacted and they would welcome additions to their scholarships in response to this challenge.

Contact the Advancement Office at 785.4133 for more information.

Thanksgiving Information

Pickler Memorial Library Hours
Nov. 22 - 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Nov. 23 - 26 - closed
Nov. 27 - Resume regular hours

Student Recreation Center Hours
Nov. 22 - 6:30 a.m.- 7 p.m.
Nov. 23 - 26 - closed
Nov. 27 - 4-7 p.m.

The Department of Public Safety will provide a shuttle to the La Plata Train Station 8:30 a.m.
Nov. 22 and Nov. 23
Public Safety Building

Call Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 to reserve a space on the shuttle for Thanksgiving Break.

Students must pay $5 at least one week in advance to DPS with reservation for a specific date. A return shuttle will leave La Plata on Nov. 27.

Native American Heritage Month Events

Stanley Holder
U.S. Department of Education, Indian Affairs
4:30 p.m. • Nov. 15
Baldwin Hall 349
Authentic historical and anthropological presentation on Native American culture.

Mike Davis
professor of anthropology
1:30 p.m. • Nov. 16
McClain Hall 208
Slide show presentation on historical photographs of Plains Indians.

Contact Sunnie Hughes at 785.4590 for more information.
The Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by the Child Development Center will continue from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Nov. 15, on the second floor lounge of Violet Hall. For more information, call Katy Korte at 785.4473.

The final information session for “Braveheart Meets King Arthur,” a study abroad trip to England and Scotland in August 2006, will be at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, in OP 2210. Interested students who are unable to attend the information session should contact Sara Orel at 785.4419 or orel@truman.edu or Christine Harker at 785.6018 or charker@truman.edu.

The Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, will take place from noon until 5 p.m., Nov. 15-17, on the third floor of the SUB. Appointments are not necessary. Door prizes will be available. Contact Lauren Johnson at lnj237@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Forensics Union public debate series will continue at 8 p.m., Nov. 15, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. The topic will be “The United States Should Cease Production and Exportation of Landmines and Sign the United Nations Convention.”

For more information, contact the Truman Forensics Union at 785.4430 or gradinfo@truman.edu.

The Olds Hosts Coop will kick off the spring semester with “Inquiring Minds Want to Know,” featuring faculty sharing about their research or scholarly work. From 12:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

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Students, faculty and staff are invited to join IT Services at their regular series titled “Tech Break.” This week’s session, “Dear ITS, How do I...?” Question and Answer Panel,” will take place from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in Violet Hall 1300. Go to http://its.truman.edu/techbreak for more information.

The Habitat for Humanity Dodgeball Tournament will take place at 1 p.m., Nov. 19, in the Pershing Small Gym. Students are encouraged to organize a team of six to seven people or students may come alone and get placed on a team. There is a registration fee of $20 per team or $3 per single person. Contact Sara Lynn at 816.914.2339 or TSU_Habitat@yahoo.com for more information.

The Celebration of a Life: Rosa Parks will take place from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 19, in the SUB Georgian Room. There will be a banquet and guest speakers to commemorate the life of Rosa Parks. Tickets are $10 or free for Truman students with a University ID. R.S.V.P. by Nov. 16 to tt034@truman.edu to attend. This event is sponsored by AKA and RCP.

Students who are interested in studying in the Alps in Chambéry, France, this summer should attend an informational meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 21, in SUB Room 309. Students may receive six credit hours of French. There will be weekend excursions, family stays and five days in Paris. Contact Timothy Farley at tfarley@truman.edu or 785.4520 for more information.

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There will be a Marathon and Half Marathon informational meeting at 9:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge and at 9:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Centennial Hall classroom. Residence Life and Roadrunners Club are organizing a group to train and run the St. Louis Marathon. The meetings will divulge details about what the program will entail, including training folders, Saturday group long runs and T-shirts. For additional information visit http://www2.truman.edu/~jcj117/) or contact Jill Moeller at 785.5942.

The Great American Smokeout will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Nov. 17, on the Mall. This annual event encourages tobacco users to quit. Ekklesia, the campus ministry for churches of Christ, and Baachus & Gamma will sponsor Turkey Bowling on the Mall. Contact Dan and Gaylene Green at 627.5003 for more information.

The Iraq War Memorial Service will take place from 5-10 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Georgian Room. The Amnesty International Truman Chapter is commemorating the soldiers lives lost in the Iraq war. Balloons will represent fallen American soldiers. Amnesty International works for human rights around the globe. Regular meetings take place at 6 p.m., Wednesdays, in OP 2117.

Dance Fusion 2005 Rhythm of the Night will take place at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, in Baldwin Auditorium. There will be guest performances by Celidh, Showgirls, University Singers and High Street Dancers. This event is sponsored by the Social Science Division Office. Admission is free.

SAB presents Trivia Night at 9 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Down Under. Teams of up to five people can compete to win prizes. Admission is free to Truman students. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

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The Forum for the Revision of the Student Conduct Code will take place from 6-8 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. Students are encouraged to attend and express how they would like to change or revise the Student Conduct Code. Dave Lusk, assistant dean of student affairs, will be the facilitator. Refreshments will be free. Contact Brandon Large at blarge@truman.edu for more information.

The Physics Colloquium will feature Sergej Kopeikin from the University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Physics and Astronomy, from 4:35-5:25 p.m., Nov. 30, in Barnett Hall 112. The presentation will be “Gravitation Magnetism and the Lorentz Invariance of Gravity in the Gravitational Light-Ray Deflection Experiments.” Contact Tamer Edis at 785.4583 for additional information.

Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 Study Abroad Grant competition and the 2006-2007 Graduate Fellowship Competition. Contact Wynne Wilbur at 785.4435 for more information.

The Truman Chamber Choir will be having a Renaissare Madrigal dinner at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, in the SUB Georgian Room. This will be an annual event. Cost is $18 for adults, $15 for students or $12 plus one meal for students with an on-campus meal plan. See any member of the Chamber Choir for tickets or contact Rachel King at rmk917@truman.edu.

The Global Issues Colloquium will continue from 7-9 p.m., Dec. 1, in Violette Hall 1000. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

The Observatory will be open to the public, weather permitting, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Dec. 1, at the University Farm. Contact Michael Adams at 785.4088 or mjadams@truman.edu for more information.

The American Association of University Professors will meet at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 2, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

Staff Council is sponsoring a day for members of the Truman community to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Dec. 3. People may sign up to work as a two-person, two-hour shift by contacting Katie Best at kbest@truman.edu or calling 785.4243.

Staff Council will again sponsor a team for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. This is the signature fund-raising event for the organization and will take place April 21-22. Deadline for early registration ($5 per person) is Dec. 5. Interested parties may contact Cindy Woods at 785.7691 or cwoods@truman.edu for registration packets or additional information.

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