On April 20, Truman will hold its 19th annual Student Research Conference, which will feature a broad spectrum of presentations from all degree-granting academic divisions. Scheduled classes will not formally meet during the day of the Conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and faculty members to attend and fully participate.

The day will be a Universitywide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement. This year’s Conference will be a record year, with 319 presentations delivered by 399 student authors who are mentored by 161 faculty members. Students will present their scholarly work in a range of presentation types, including oral papers, posters, performing arts, studio arts and technology displays.

The day will also include a Conferencewide Plenary Address by Naomi Shihab Nye, acclaimed poet, essayist and teacher. The Plenary Session begins at 11 a.m., in Violette Hall 1000, and it will include a lecture, poetry reading, question and answer session and book signing.

Several informal, roundtable-type discussion sessions will take place during the lunch break. Three discussion sessions are designed for students to learn how to get started on a scholarly project, how to integrate scholarly projects into their curriculum, as well as opportunities for conducting research during the first year. Two other discussion sessions are focused on faculty issues. These will focus on strategies for using scholarship in the classroom and the role of the library in fostering faculty-student research.

To view the full Conference program and all presentation abstracts, visit the Conference Web site at http://src.truman.edu.

Seeking Nominations for the 2005-2006
William O’Donnell Lee Advising Award

Do you know or have a great faculty academic adviser? Would you like to honor him or her? If so, nominate an outstanding full time, faculty academic adviser for the William O’Donnell Lee Advising Award.

To nominate a faculty member, complete the online nomination form at http://rcp.truman.edu/lee/LeeNomination.htm.

Faculty receiving the Lee Advising Award will be recognized at August Commencement.

Nominations are due by 8 a.m., April 24.

For more information, contact Marty Eisenberg at marty_e@truman.edu.

Educator of the Year Search Narrows

Truman’s 2006 Educator of the Year Committee has announced six finalists from the record-breaking field of 66 nominated professors.

The decision for finalists was based on the nomination forms submitted, the professors’ essay responses and the classroom surveys of the professors’ students. The finalists include: Adam Brooke Davis, professor of English and interim director of Interdisciplinary Studies; Pamela Gardner, assistant professor of nursing; John Ishiyama, professor of political science; Marie Orton, associate professor of Italian; Eric Patterson, associate professor of chemistry; and Karon Speckman, associate professor of communication.

Between April 5-14, the committee will sit in on lectures in the finalists’ classes. They will choose the winner at the conclusion of the observations.

The new Educator of the Year will be announced at a banquet at 6 p.m., May 2, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. All of the nominees will be honored at this time. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For more information or to receive an invitation to the banquet, contact the committee at tsu_eoy@yahoo.com. R.S.V.P.'s for all guests are due by 5 p.m., April 21.

Members of Student Senate, Phi Kappa Phi and the Pershing Society comprise the Educator of the Year Committee.

Want to be a Truman Week Student Involvement Mentor?

Apply to be a Mentor and
1. Promote involvement in student organizations at Truman.
2. Participate in a variety of Truman Week activities.
3. Conduct an informal session about student involvement.
4. Help first year students move in.
5. Help organize Dawg Fest, a carnival promoting student involvement.
6. Work with an energetic team of people just like you.
7. Gain leadership and organizational skills.
8. Have fun!

For more information and to obtain an application visit http://affairs.truman.edu/colleges/ims.html.

Questions?
Contact the Student Affairs Office at 785.4111 or email stuff@truman.edu.

Return applications to the Center for Student Involvement in the lower level of the Student Union by 5 p.m., April 21.
Students Receive Academic Honor Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement among Truman State University undergraduate and graduate students, was at 7 p.m., April 10, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

The following students were honored as the outstanding student in their respective disciplines.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration-Finance
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration-Management
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration-Marketing
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration-Engineering
Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education
Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education
Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication - Arts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication - Arts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication - Journalism
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication - Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication - Studies
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English - Bachelor of Arts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student General George C. Marshall ROTC Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy and Religion
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology & Anthropology
Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award

Anna Halim
Myra Martin
Randy Beilsmith
Bradley Dohack
Lindsay Pittenger
Lauren Kistner
Paya Rhodes
Alaina Denney
Valerie Broderick
Christopher Lindgren
Katherine Eusey
Megan Irwin
Carole Anne Perry
Megan Dittmann
Andrea Rabenold
Laura Thornton
Abbie Smith
Gregory Day
Mary Klein
Christopher Steffe
Christine Schlosser
JoAnn Jovovan
Jessica Rasmussen
Justine Finney Geyer
Sara Miller
Lauren Helbig
Kathryn Brown
Aubrey Evans
Joanna Ristow
Sofia Kerbawy
Olga Nikolova
Khang Tran
Samuel Grabill
Kathryn Smith
Ashley Lough
Angela Soemo
Brock Schmützer
Casey Copeland
Elizabeth Robinson
Erin Poettker
Dennis Trinkle II
Amanda Keener
Joseph Bredestoff
Angela Farabee
Benjamin Kort
Sarah McDuff
Amy Gates

“American Power: The Bush Administration’s War on Terror”

by Rich Lowry, nationally syndicated columnist and editor of National Review magazine

7 p.m. • April 11
Baldwin Auditorium
Sponsored by the College Republicans
For more information, contact Will Tollerton at 785.7116 or wt073@truman.edu.
Truman Broadcasters Win Awards at MBEA Convention

News 36 and KTRM broadcasters won the most first place awards at the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association Conference March 31.

Professionals from the Missouri Broadcasters Association (MBEA) judged the students’ work in radio and television production categories ranging from news and sports to music video and radio aircheck to script writing. Truman student broadcasters competed against universities throughout the state including schools with stations in the top 100 markets in the nation. Truman won seven first place awards and two second place awards.

Kelly Kasparie, a senior communication major from Quincy, Ill., won the most individual awards of any student entered in the competition. She garnered first place in both television news package for coverage of the Highway 63 Opening and news promo for the News 36 promo, along with a second place in commercial/promotional/PSA script for the television spot for KTRM 88.7 The Edge.

Jill Kasparie, a senior communication major from Quincy, Ill., also won first place in television news package, as well as first place in commercial/promotional/PSA script for her television PSA on healthy aging produced in collaboration with ATSU.

Brian Schmittgens, a junior communication and pre-elementary education double major from Imperial, Mo., won first place in television commercial for his spot promoting the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series.

Kristal Miller, a senior communication major from O’Fallon, Mo., won first place in audio PSA for her radio PSA for PALS. A PSA by Kelly Wikstrom, a senior communication major from Sedalia, Mo., took second.

April Owens, a senior communication major from Belton, Mo., and Karen Schwartztrauber, a senior communication and art double major from Colfax, Iowa, won first place in video documentary for “The Soldier Next Door” which featured personnel from Truman’s ROTC.

Abbagail Whiteley, a senior communication major from Kirksville, won first place in audio documentary for her piece on Red Cross Blood Drives.

The professional Missouri Broadcasters Association will also recognize these winners at their conference in June.

Fifteen students represented Truman at the conference. These included Brian Bourne, a senior communication major from Antioch, Ill.; Keri Esmar, a senior communication major from St. Charles, Mo.; Jos Fenton, a junior communication major from Troutdale, Ore.; Kyle Hill, a junior history and pre-secondary education double major from Kansas City, Mo.; Jill Kasparie; Kelly Kasparie; Miller; Owens; Courtney Rakers, a senior communication major from Imperial, Mo.; Andrew Richmond, a sophomore pre-business administration major from West Des Moines, Iowa; Dawn Runge, a junior communication and pre-business administration double major from Florissant, Mo.; Schmittgens; John Weeks, a senior communication major from Chesterfield, Mo.; Whiteley; and Wikstrom.

Eric Maze, Truman alumni and the current news director of KRGC-TV in Jefferson City, Mo., led a panel on “Breaking Into the TV News Business.” Media professionals from all areas of broadcast throughout the state led panels discussing student media operations and professional development.

Elizabeth Clark, associate professor of communication and adviser of News 36, and Mark Smith, assistant professor of communication and adviser of KTRM, are both past presidents of the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association.
Students Recognized at Criminal Justice Conference, Competition

During the week of March 19-25, Scott Chenault, instructor of justice systems, accompanied 16 Truman students of the Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Chi Chapter, to the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA-LAE) national conference in St. Charles, Ill. As part of the conference, the students and faculty member participated in a series of competitions designed to test their abilities in various fields of criminal justice. The competitions are divided into four areas: academic testing, physical agility, crime scene investigation, and firearms.

Each competitor is assigned to one of three competition levels for all of the events. Lower division consists of people who have completed less than 70 hours of college credit. Upper division consists of people who have completed more than 70 hours of college credit and includes graduate students. Finally, the professional division consists of anyone who is currently employed in the field of criminal justice.

The Truman group had another successful showing, finishing in third place as a team for the second consecutive year. The group totaled five trophies in the area of academic testing, and a first place trophy in the Lip Sync contest.

In addition to the trophies won by the members of the team, Truman students also claimed three cash prizes for success in a national student paper competition. Sarah Wisdom, a junior justice systems major from Grandview, Mo., finished in third place in the upper division of the paper contest, while Beatrice Kelrick, a junior justice systems major from Kirkville, finished second. In the lower division, Jon Wolf, a sophomore justice systems major from Long Prairie, Minn., took first place.

Other team members who participated were Lindsay Lambert, a junior biology major from Maryland Heights, Mo.; Lauren Block, a junior justice systems major from Florissant, Mo.; Taryn Spoon, a junior justice systems major from Beardstown, Ill.; Kenny Jacobs, a junior justice systems major from Kirkville; Jasmine Nedvin, a junior accounting and pre-special education double major from Wildwood, Mo.; Jeff Stieff, a sophomore justice systems major from Wentzville, Mo.; Gabby Stocke, a junior justice systems major from St. Louis; Theresa Putnam, a senior justice systems major from Letts, Iowa; and Paul Strinni, a junior justice systems major from St. Louis.

The Truman State University Bookstore will sponsor a Book Signing by Naomi Shihab Nye, the Plenary Address speaker at the 19th Annual Student Research Conference

11 a.m.-noon April 20
Violette Hall 1000

Books authored by Nye will be available in the Bookstore before the event and on the day of the book signing.

For more information, contact Steve Pennington, Truman Bookstore manager, at 785.4211.
Monica Barron, professor of English, edited a recent special issue (16.2) of Feminist Teacher magazine focusing on “Educating for Environmental Change: Feminist Pedagogy and Environmental Justice Practice.” The issue is available in Pickler Memorial Library.

Stacey Berger, a Truman accountancy and business administration graduate student from St. Louis, and a member of the Iota Nu chapter of the international professional fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, was recently named Provincial Collegian of the Year for the South Central Province. The announcement was made at the South Central LEAD Provincial Conference held Feb. 17-19, in Austin, Texas. Only five members of Delta Sigma Pi receive this honor each year. One of these five winners is then named National Collegian of the Year.

Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, and Kathryn Sanders, a junior political science major from Crestwood, Mo., have been notified that their article “Gender and Journal Authorship in Eight Prestigious Political Science Journals,” has been accepted for publication in a future issue of PS: Political Science and Politics.

Huping Ling, professor of history, was selected to receive the Best Article Award by the 48th Annual Missouri Conference on History 2006 for her article “Reconceptualizing Chinese American Community in St. Louis: From Chinatown to Cultural Community.” This article appeared in the Winter 2005 issue of the Journal of American Ethnic History, vol. 24, no. 2, on pages 65-101.

Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication and director of forensics, recently became president of the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA), the largest intercollegiate debate league in the United States. The departing president resigned to pursue an administrative appointment. The position involves various managerial duties, coordination with other forensic organizations, national convention program planning, and work coordinating the annual NPDA National Championship Tournament.

The Truman State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is proud to announce that Ashley Walker, a junior nursing major from Odessa, Mo., is one of 38 undergraduates selected nationwide for a $1,000 Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant for 2006. These grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Walker will study in the Philippines next year.

Matthew G. Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages, had his article “In Defense of an Endangered Species: Historical Romance Linguistics” accepted for publication by “Romance Notes” at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This article considers the current state of historical Romance linguistics and Romance philology in American universities.

Theatre Department Performs “Violet”

Truman State University’s Division of Fine Arts and Theatre Program will present the musical “Violet ∞ A musical featuring Deadwood & Co.” directed by Becky Becker, associate professor of theatre at Truman. The show will be at 8 p.m., April 18-22, in the Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre.

One of the most acclaimed off-Broadway shows of the 1990s, “Violet” borrows its musical style from the American traditions of blues, gospel and folk.

The Truman State University production will feature local blues band, Deadwood, along with Truman graduate students, Michelle Jones and Leslie Sikes, and Daryl Fazio, assistant professor of art, performing with the band. “Violet” is rated PG due to mild language and sexual situations.

With a score by Jeanine Tesori, book and lyrics by Brian Crawley, “Violet” won the New York Drama Critics Circle Best Award for Best Musical in 1997. It was the first off-Broadway musical to earn this honor.

Tickets are $5 each and may now be reserved or purchased in advance at the Ophelia Parrish Box Office. Opening night tickets are free. Make reservations by calling the Box Office at 785.4515 or stopping by during Box Office hours, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, in the Ophelia Parrish atrium.
Sodexho is sponsoring the Generous Helpings Hunger Relief Initiative now through May 12. Sodexho is assisting in raising additional funds by purchasing specified manufacturer food and supply products. One hundred percent of the additional funding earned will be distributed to the Sodexho Foundation to support hunger programs. Every day, Sodexho will Show Case a particular item that will use these featured products from a participating manufacturer. Using more of these products will increase the amount of money donated to hunger relief in North America.

The DEPTHS group will meet at 8 p.m., April 11, in BH 249. E-mail depths.truman.edu for more information.

All art submissions for the first ever ARTSEnvironmental Gallery Show, sponsored by the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) and the Kirkville Arts Association, are due by April 12. The show will take place April 19-May 4. For more information, contact Cassie Phillips at cassis5phillips@care2.com.

The English Graduate Organization will present its third annual conference with this year’s theme focusing on the creative art of writing from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., April 12, in the SUB Alumni Room and April 13, in the SUB Activities Room. Presentations can include anything from fictional and non-fictional narratives to writing about artistic creations such as fiber projects and music. Contact Tom Useted at tuseted@truman.edu for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning’s Weekly Lunch Series will examine advising at 12:30 p.m., April 12, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

“Should You Really be a Lawyer?” discussion, VH 1146; from 4:30-5:15 p.m., “Should You Really be a Lawyer?” discussion, VH 1146; from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., April 12, in the SUB Georgian Room. For more information, contact Derek Daschke at 785.6005 or ddaschke@truman.edu.

The Annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m., April 27, in the SUB Alumni Room. Visit http://environmentalstudies.truman.edu/ for the conference schedule.

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) invites students to come play some exciting rounds of Bingo at 9 p.m., April 20, in the SUB Down Under. Admission is free, and there will also be free refreshments and prizes. Call 785.4722 for more information.

The Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) will sponsor the Environmental Studies Conference from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Alumni Room. Visit http://environmentalstudies.truman.edu/ for the conference schedule.

The Filmmaker’s Club will present the world premiere of “The Lounge,” an original feature length film, from 7-9 p.m., April 21, in VH 1000. The film is the product of two years of planning, production and editing. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Brian Rose at 785.5988 or Brianruns10@hotmail.com.

Prism will host SHOULDSstock 2006, Student Helping Others Understand and Love Diversity, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., April 22, on the Quadrangle. The event will feature live music, dance, a petting booth, games, barbeque and more. For more information, contact Matthew A. Seibert at 660.349.0531 or mas602@truman.edu.

The Delta of Missouri chapter of Phi Beta Kappa’s Initiation Ceremony will take place from 2-4 p.m., April 23, in the SUB Georgian Room. For more information, contact Derrick Daschke at 785.6005 or ddaschke@truman.edu.

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The Second Annual National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Charity Walk will take place from 5-8 p.m., April 28, at Stokes Stadium. Registration costs $10 and includes a T-shirt if done by April 12. All proceeds will benefit the Missouri School for the Blind. For more registration information, contact nsccswalk@gmail.com.

This year the Kirkville Heart Walk (approximately 2.5 miles) will be in honor of former Truman State University football coach and Truman alumnus, John Ware. Anyone can participate in this event on April 29. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. If you have an interest in participating or being part of a team, contact Jack Schrader at schrader@truman.edu or 785.4171.

Faculty, staff and students who know an international student who deserves to be recognized for his or her hard work and enthusiasm must be submitted. For more information, contact Chris Gillette at 785.4924 or cgillette@truman.edu.

11 TUESDAY
3 p.m.-Tennis vs. William Jewell (Mo.), Tennis Courts
7 p.m.-“American Power: The Bush Administration’s War on Terror,” Baldwin Auditorium; see Page 2

12 WEDNESDAY
9 a.m.-5 p.m.-Creative Writing Conference, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes
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2 p.m.-Softball vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Softball Field
4:30-5:15 p.m.-“Should You Really be a Lawyer?” discussion, VH 1146; from 7 p.m.-“American Myths Revealed,” Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

13 THURSDAY
9 a.m.-5 p.m.-Creative Writing Conference, SUB Activities Room; see Notes
6-9 p.m.-Psi Chi Annual Research Conference, MC 212; see Page 3
9-11 p.m.-Observatory Open House, University Farm; see Notes

14 FRIDAY
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.-Faculty and Staff Health and Wellness Fair, Student Union Building; see Page 4

17 MONDAY
Spring break, no classes and offices closed

Visiting Scholar Lecture
S. Kent Brown, head of FARNS research at BYU-Provo
“Old World Setting for the Book of Mormon: Evidence from Arabia”
4:30 p.m. • April 19
Violette Hall 1000
Sponsored by the Latter Day Saint Student Association and the Pershing Society.
For more information, contact Chris Gillette at 785.4924 or cgillette@truman.edu.

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