

# Truman *today*

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## Physics Colloquium

Eric Patterson, associate professor of chemistry, will speak on the topic of "Chemistry in Silico: Understanding Chemical Reaction via Schrödinger and Newton."

**4:30 p.m. • Jan. 31  
Magruder Hall 1098**

Any effort to understand bond breaking or forming processes from a theoretical point of view must rely upon quantum mechanics. Patterson will explain methods of studying this process and provide examples of how chemists use physics to better understand chemical reactions. This is an intermediate-level topic. Refreshments will be provided at 4:20 p.m.

## Sicilian/Italian Folklore Colloquium

Matt Tornatore, professor of foreign language and linguistics, will entertain with his rich repertoire of Italian and Sicilian folklore.

**6-7:45 p.m. • Jan. 31  
McClain Hall 306**

As part of his ongoing research, Tornatore plans to be on his sabbatical as a Fulbright Scholar in Sicily next year collecting stories which have been passed down through oral tradition.

The colloquium is free and open to all and is one of four required events for IDS 300 credit. Contact Betsy Delmonico at 785.4492 or bdelmoni@truman.edu for more information.

## University Press Releases Book Chronicling Truman's History

The Truman State University Press has published David C. Nichols' book, "Founding the Future: A History of Truman State University."

In 1867 Joseph Baldwin founded the North Missouri Normal school to train young men and women of the area to teach in the new public schools being established throughout the state. During the next decades, the school continued to focus on training teachers for the public schools, but also developed a general education program. The curriculum gradually expanded into other fields of study and professional training.

Balancing tradition and innovation, the college built a strong foundation by providing superior liberal arts and sciences education in

a student-centered learning environment. In 1985, Northeast Missouri State University was given a new mission as Missouri's premier liberal arts and sciences institution. A decade later, the name was changed to Truman State University, reinforcing the change in mission.

Nichols' book traces the University's path as it evolved from a small, regional teachers college to a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts and sciences institution.

Insights from students, faculty and administrators included in the book provide a unique perspective of the University's history.

The book sells for \$34.95 and is available in local bookstores. Contact the Truman State University Press at 785.7336 for more information.

## Distinguished Scholar to Speak on Campus

James N. Giglio, distinguished professor emeritus of history of Missouri State University, will speak at the 16th annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture.

Giglio will speak on the topic of "My Odyssey with John F. Kennedy" at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

He has devoted a great deal of attention to the Kennedy presidency. His contribution to the American Presidency Series recently appeared in its second edition, "The Presidency of John F. Kennedy."

Having attained degrees from Kent State University and his Ph.D. from Ohio State in



James N. Giglio

1968, he began a career of teaching, researching and service at Missouri State University. He retired in 2006.

Giglio has published widely on 20th century U.S. history, particularly on sports and politics, including seven books and many articles. He also served on the editorial board of *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Joseph Vreeland established the Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture series in memory of his wife who graduated from the University in 1973. This series allows the Truman community the opportunity to hear public lectures by scholars of international reputation.

Contact Mark Hanley at 785.4089 or ss04@truman.edu or Tom Zoumaras at 785.4095 or zoumaras@truman.edu for more information.

**Student Senate is accepting nominations for Educator of the Year until Feb. 5.**

The winner will be announced at the annual banquet in April. Students can fill out the nomination form at <http://senate.truman.edu>.

**2006 Educator of the Year Plaque Unveiling**  
*Honoring Marie Orton*

4:30 p.m. • Jan. 30  
First floor of Pickler Memorial Library

A small reception with refreshments will follow in Baldwin Hall 100. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Contact Becky Hadley at 314.471.5106 or [rlh936@truman.edu](mailto:rlh936@truman.edu) for more information about these events.

**Career Expo**

The Career Center has invited representatives from Midwest companies to meet with students.

**1-5 p.m.  
Feb. 21  
Student Union Building**

Map Out Your Future events are designed to prepare students for the expo. These workshops will take place Feb. 20. Interviews for full-time positions and internships are scheduled for Feb. 22 in the Student Union Building.

The Career Center staff and assistants encourage students to start planning for this event now. The career assistants are currently available, without an appointment, to help with résumé revision and other important aspects of the job search process.

## Truman Speakers Place High in “Sleet and Snow Swing” Competition

The Truman Forensic Union braved the elements and took second in debate sweepstakes at the “Sleet and Snow Swing” tournaments in Seward, Neb.

The tournaments, hosted jointly by Concordia University and Wheaton College, took place the weekend of Jan. 19-21. Competitors from Truman had to top performances by students from Creighton University, the University of the Pacific, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and others to earn their second-place finish.

In addition, students took individual honors in both debate and individual speaking events. The first half of the weekend brought two parliamentary debate teams, comprised of Dylan Rothermel, a junior economics major from Homewood, Ill., and Mark Buchheit, a freshman history major from Carthage, Mo., and Trevor Alexander, a senior economics and English double major from Gladstone, Mo., and Stefani Wittenauer, a senior communication and political science double major from Belleville, Ill., to the octafinals, before losing to teams who went on to win the competition. This was sponsored by Concordia University.

Buchheit and Rothermel were ranked ninth and 10th in the tournament, respectively. Jessica

Carr, a sophomore justice systems major from Park Hills, Mo., posted her first elimination round appearance in poetry interpretation and ranked seventh.

Truman posted an even stronger performance the second half of the weekend at the Wheaton tournament. Sara Archer, a senior accounting major from Riverside, Mo., and Kevin Haynie, a sophomore political science major from Bridgeton, Mo., and Rothermel and Buchheit debated their teams into the quarterfinals.

At this tournament Archer was ranked third speaker in the tournament, Haynie took fourth. Stephanie Howes, a freshman political science major from St. Louis, ranked fifth in the junior varsity division of parliamentary debate. Cherish Varley, a freshman theatre major from St. Louis, and Jamie Menown, a sophomore nursing major from Kansas City, Mo., earned a sixth place finish in duo interpretation. Prior to their duo interpretation, Varley placed second in poetry interpretation and Menown made her competitive debut with a fourth place finish in dramatic interpretation.

The team travels next the weekend of Feb. 2-4, dividing forces between invitationals in Salina, Kan., and San Diego, Calif.

## Physics Society Receives National Recognition

The Truman State University Society of Physics Students (SPS) was selected as an Outstanding Chapter by the organization’s national headquarters for the 2005-2006 school year.

The selection was based on the depth and breadth of the chapter’s activities in areas such as physics research, public service, physics tutoring programs, hosting and representation at physics

meetings and providing social interaction for chapter members.

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, advises the Truman SPS chapter. The organization was given a certificate to display.

For more information on the Society of Physics Students, visit the organization’s Web site at <http://www.spsnational.org>.

## The Center for Student Involvement to Recognize Student Leaders

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) is implementing a new leadership award program to honor exceptional Truman students and support campus leaders.

The Truman Golden Leadership award will honor students for their hard work, dedication and leadership in the Truman community. Each month, faculty, staff and students can nominate Truman students who they feel possess these qualities.

The CSI will accept February nominations from Feb. 1-16. Nomination forms can be picked

up at and turned in to the CSI, located on the first floor of the Student Union Building.

Nominees will be notified Feb. 16 and asked to fill out an application, which will be due by Feb. 28.

Winners of the Truman Golden Leadership award will be honored at a banquet later this semester. All of the nominators, nominees and winners will be invited to attend.

Contact Rachele Williams at the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 or [csilead@truman.edu](mailto:csilead@truman.edu) for more information.

## NOTABLES

**Eric Dieckman, a junior physics major from Wellington, Mo.,** won second place in the musical acoustics student paper competition at a recent national meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in Honolulu, Hawaii (Nov. 28–Dec. 2, 2006), for his research presentation, “Input Impedance of Asian Free-reed Mouth Organs.”

**Oleksiy Golovin, a junior physics major from Kent, Ohio,** received a Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research for the purchase of an infrared photoelectric photometer. This grant has a

highly competitive application process and only approximately 25 percent of applicants receive funding. Golovin will use the photometer to support his ongoing research on the variation in brightness of cool, red giant stars.

A review essay by **Arnold Preussner, professor of English,** covering the Summer 2006 productions of Shakespeare’s “Titus Andronicus and Coriolanus” at the Globe Theatre, London, can be found in the Winter 2006 issue of *Shakespeare Bulletin*.

## RecycleMania Kicks Off at Truman

Truman has kicked off the start of RecycleMania this week.

RecycleMania is a friendly competition among college and university recycling programs across the United States. During 10 weeks each spring, schools compete in different contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. Schools report

measurements on a weekly basis.

RecycleMania began in 2001 as a competition between Ohio University and Miami University of Ohio and has grown tremendously each year.

Students, faculty and staff can help Truman beat schools in Missouri and the United States by recycling items such as aluminum cans, paper, corrugated cardboard, glass and plastics.

Contact Howard Worcester, recycle coordinator, at 785.7672 for more information.

## Jim Gaffigan to Visit Truman

Comedian Jim Gaffigan will perform Feb. 2 at Truman.

Gaffigan is most commonly recognized for his appearances in “Super Troopers,” Sierra Mist commercials, and his Comedy Central Special titled “Beyond the Pale.” He can currently be seen in “My Boys,” TBS’ first original scripted comedy series, which started in November.

The host of the comedy act, Truman State University’s Student Activities Board (SAB),

anticipates a large crowd for the event.

The event takes place in Baldwin Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the opening act, Rich Brooks, begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for Truman students with their student ID and \$15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the SAB Office in the Student Union Building Governors Room or ordered by phone.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the SAB Office at 785.4722.

## Organizations to Participate in National Wear Red Day

One day a year, what you wear is a matter of life and death. On National Wear Red Day, Feb. 2, millions of Americans will wear red to show their commitment to the fight against heart disease in women.

Coronary heart disease is the number one killer of women 25 and older. The Student Recreation Center, The Serve Center, HES and the residence halls are coordinating events on campus to emphasize awareness, raise money for this cause,

and work with the Kirksville community.

There will be information booths and prizes at the SERVE Center (located in the Student Union Building by Mainstreet Market) from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., the Student Recreation Center from 2-6 p.m., and the top floor of McClain Hall from 2-6 p.m. where people can also get a free blood pressure screening. People can also check out <http://goredforwomen.org> for more information about Wear Red Day.

### Spring 2007 Exercise Incentive Program Begins Feb. 1

Burn & Earn is designed to promote the importance of nutrition and exercise as key components for achieving and maintaining overall health.

Sign up at the weight room desk in the Student Recreation Center.

Contact Karen Skoch, fitness and wellness director, at 785.7739 or [kbskoch@truman.edu](mailto:kbskoch@truman.edu) for more information.

### Juror Appreciation Week Poster Contest

The Missouri Bar encourages students to submit poster designs recognizing Missouri jurors.

**The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship check to be used at any Missouri college or junior college.**

The poster should recognize those Missourians who have served as jurors and remind others of how important it is.

The winning design will be distributed to all courthouses in Missouri. The deadline for entries is March 30.

Send zipped files to [mediarelations@mobar.org](mailto:mediarelations@mobar.org) or CDs to Media Relations Director, The Missouri Bar, 326 Monroe St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Contact the Missouri Bar at 573.638.2251 for more information.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Society

**10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 8 • Feb. 9  
SUB Activities Room**

Make an appointment to donate. Sign up Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at tables located in the Student Union Building, McClain Hall, Magruder Hall, Centennial Hall and Ryle Hall. The Red Cross will also be signing-up walk-in donations the day of the event.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
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Racquetball Singles AST/Open Feb. 5 Feb. 8 at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 12

Entry forms may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (IM bulletin board) and are available online. Online registration is now available. Entry forms must have name, banner ID number and signature of each participant. Entry forms are to be deposited in the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center by 11 p.m. of the posted due date. Official rules for each sport go to <http://recreation.truman.edu>.

# NOTES

**The Student Recreation Center is offering a Cardio 101 Class for faculty and staff** from 12-12:55 p.m. Wednesdays in the Aerobics Room. Instead of socializing over the table at lunch, join a group fitness class. Go to <http://recreation.truman.edu/Facilities/Aerobics%20Room/ClassSchedule.html> for more information.

**Applications are now being accepted for Le Coin français, Truman's French language residence community, and La Casa Hispánica, Truman's Spanish language residence community.** These communities will be housed in Missouri Hall beginning in fall 2007. Applications are due Feb. 9. For more information or to receive an application, contact Tim Farley at [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu) for Le Coin français and Carol Marshall at [carolmar@truman.edu](mailto:carolmar@truman.edu) for La Casa Hispánica.

**Upward Bound has several summer job openings** including instructional, residential, media and other positions. Application packets with résumés, transcripts and references are due Feb. 16 in Kirk Building 220. Go to <http://ub.truman.edu> or call 785.4244 for more information.

**Applications for the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life's 21st Century Leadership Academy are now available** at <http://registrar.truman.edu/other/shear.html> and are due Feb. 23. The Academy is a weeklong, residential college program that encourages students to consider careers in public policy, and provides leadership skills training. Applicants must be currently enrolled, degree-seeking students who have expressed interest in women's public policy leadership, and will be returning to Truman for the fall 2007 semester. Contact A. Kay Anderson, registrar, at 785.4143 or [aka@truman.edu](mailto:aka@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Truman Bookstore is having a sale on Jones & Mitchell hooded sweatshirts** Jan. 30-Feb. 17. The sweatshirts, normally priced at \$49.98, will be selling for \$34.99. The Bookstore is located on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

**The Mostly Live Composers Society presents its Fall Student Composers Showcase** at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. New compositions for voice, flute, clarinet, guitar and percussion by seven student composers will be premiered. A "surprise piece," performed by the Mostly Live Players, will conclude the concert. This 50 minute recital is free and open to the public.

**Social, service sorority Tau Lambda Sigma is hosting recruitment events** Jan. 30-31. Social night will take place from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 30. Service night will take place from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 31. All events take place in the Student Union Building Activities Room and all female students interested in joining should attend. Contact Becky Hadley at [rlh936@truman.edu](mailto:rlh936@truman.edu) or 314.471.5106 for more information or visit the Tau Lambda Sigma Web site at <http://tls.truman.edu> for more information.

**Local social sorority Sigma Chi Delta is having open rush events** from 7-8 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 in Baldwin Hall 303. Contact Alexandra Luedke at [anl032@truman.edu](mailto:anl032@truman.edu) or 660.349.9184 for more information.

**The Weekly Lunch Series continues with a presentation by Sara Orel, associate professor of art, from 12:30-**

**1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.** She will speak on the topic of "Mentoring a Student Proposal to the Research Conference."

**The Truman Bookstore will feature several new book releases by Truman authors in February.** The new books include "An Illusion of Harmony" by Taner Edis, "Plunging to Leviathan?" by Robert Graber, and "Founding the Future: A History of Truman State University" by David Nichols. Visit <http://truman.bkstore.com/> for additional author titles. Contact Steve Pennington at 785.4211 for more information.

**Psi Chi, a national honor psychology fraternity, is having a rush event** from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in Baldwin Hall 349. Psychology majors or minors with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Chris Honts at [crh402@truman.edu](mailto:crh402@truman.edu) or 563.349.2643 for more information.

**"Student Union Presents" is sponsoring a campus viewing of "An Inconvenient Truth"** at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in Baldwin Auditorium. William Allen, assistant professor and coordinator at Mizzou, will provide post-screening comments. Contact Sujit Chemburkar at [sujit@truman.edu](mailto:sujit@truman.edu) or 785.4186 for more information.

**The Career Center is hosting SCORE mock interviews** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Career Center. Retired professionals who are members of the Service Corp. of Retired Executives (SCORE) will be conducting mock interviews with one-hour time slots. Upperclassmen who are actively applying to graduate or career schools or searching for a job are encouraged to attend. Prior sign-up, résumé and professional attire are required. Contact Polly Matteson at 785.4240 or [pollym@truman.edu](mailto:pollym@truman.edu) for more information. **The University Orchestra will perform a concert** at 8 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Contact Sam McClure at 785.4434 or [smcclure@truman.edu](mailto:smcclure@truman.edu) for more information.

**Phi Beta Lambda will host a Spring Rush informational meeting** at 8 p.m. Feb. 5 in Violette Hall 1010. Phi Beta Lambda is the largest coed student business organization in the nation. All majors are welcome to attend. Contact Leon Shih at [tsupbl@hotmail.com](mailto:tsupbl@hotmail.com) for more information.

**John Tagg, author of "The Learning Paradigm College," will speak at a Baldwin Lecture and Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Tagg's interactive lecture is titled "In the Beginning." He will be on campus Feb. 7 and 8 to meet with students and faculty. Contact Julie Lochbaum at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391 for more information.

**Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome to join members of Truman's women's soccer team in a 2.6 mile minimarathon** at 11 a.m. Feb. 10 in front of Pershing Building. All proceeds go directly to nonprofit organizations that fight disease and poverty in Africa. Suggested donations are \$25. For more information or to register, contact Emily Huyck at [ehuyck@truman.edu](mailto:ehuyck@truman.edu) or 785.7260.

**Blue Key Spring Recruitment begins** at 4 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Attendance at the event is required for all men who are interested in going through recruitment. Contact Joe Baumann at [jab035@truman.edu](mailto:jab035@truman.edu) for more information.

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## 2 FRIDAY

**National Wear Red Day;** see Page 3  
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## 3 SATURDAY

1:30 p.m.-**Women's basketball vs. Southwest Baptist University, Pershing Arena**  
3:30 p.m.-**Men's basketball vs. Southwest Baptist University, Pershing Arena**

**The Environmental Campus Organization presents the fourth annual Environmental Studies Conference 2007**  
*Building Towards Sustainability*

Start thinking about possible topics, presentations and creating art for the Environmental Studies Conference. Papers and presentations from all disciplines and backgrounds will be accepted.

**Earth Week** - April 16-21

**Conference presentations**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. • April 17  
Followed by keynote speaker and dessert reception

E-mail a concise abstract to [cassiephillips@care2.com](mailto:cassiephillips@care2.com) to submit a proposal. Proposals will be accepted through April 1.

Conference submissions are open to students, faculty, staff and Kirksville community members.