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## University Conference Schedule

*"Building Our Third Decade of Excellence in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Becoming More Learning-Centered"*

Feb. 7

8 a.m.-Registration, outside OP Performance Hall

8:30 a.m.-Opening remarks and introduction, Vice President for Academic Affairs Garry Gordon, OP Performance Hall

8:45 a.m.-Plenary Address, "Learning to Change, Changing to Learn: Creating a Learning-Centered University," John Tagg

10 a.m.-Concurrent Sessions I

10:50 a.m.-Concurrent Sessions II

11:45 a.m.-Lunch buffet, SUB Lounge

12:30 p.m.-Baldwin Lecture, "In the Beginning...", John Tagg, SUB Lounge

1:45 p.m.-Overview of Truman's Strategic Plan, VH 1000

Technology Fair begins, SUB Activities Room

2:45 p.m.-Concurrent Sessions III

3:30 p.m.-Concurrent Sessions IV

4:30 p.m.-End-of-Conference Social, SUB Activities Room

Visit <http://vpaa.truman.edu/communications/universityconference/2007/> to view the complete schedule of events.

## Seventh Annual University Conference Welcomes Author, Discusses Changes

The seventh annual University Conference will take place from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 7.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to participate in a variety of presentations and discussions concerning the topic "Building Our Third Decade of Excellence in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Becoming More Learning-Centered."

The Conference is an opportunity for the entire University community to review and collectively address key issues affecting the future of the University and its ability to provide students with the best possible opportunities to learn and develop their talents both inside and outside the classroom.

This year the event's objective is to encourage discussion and input from all areas of the University community related to becoming more focused on the learning process and both what hinders and aids this process.

Classes will not meet from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Feb. 7, giving students and faculty the opportunity to attend the event.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. outside the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, where light refreshments will be served. Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, will give opening remarks and an introduction in the OP Performance Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Immediately following at 8:45 a.m., John Tagg, author of "The Learning Paradigm College," will give the plenary address, "Learning to Change, Changing to Learn: Creating a Learning-Centered University."

The first two of the day's four sets of concurrent sessions will discuss Tagg's and other's ideas with multiple presentations on various topics. The first

session begins at 10 a.m., the second set is scheduled for 10:50 a.m.

Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Union Building Lounge, during which Tagg will deliver the 2007 Baldwin Lecture, "In the Beginning..." In his lecture he will explore recent research capturing the nature of expertise, with the provocation that experts are good beginners.

A break is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., after which an overview of Truman's Strategic Plan is scheduled to take place at 1:45 p.m. in the OP Performance Hall. At this time, participants are also welcome to visit the Technology Fair in the Student Union Building Activities Room. See Page 2 for more information about what will be on display at the Fair, which will run from 1:45-5 p.m.

The final two sessions will follow. The third set of session, beginning at 2:45 p.m. will include a focus on the University's Strategic Plan. The fourth, beginning at 3:30 p.m., will concern the different majors and disciplines that Truman offers.

The Conference will conclude with a Conference Social held in conjunction with the Technology Fair at 4:30 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room. This time will allow participants to socialize and reflect on the day's activities.

Visit <http://vpaa.truman.edu/communications/universityconference/2007/> for a complete itinerary of the events for the day.

Contact Julie Lochbaum, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391 for more information on the Baldwin Lecture. A limited number of copies of Tagg's book are also available in the Vice President for Academic Affairs office, McClain Hall 203.

### 16th Annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture

#### "My Odyssey with John F. Kennedy"

James N. Giglio, distinguished professor emeritus of history of Missouri State University, will present this lecture.

**7 p.m. • Feb. 7 • SUB Alumni Room**

Contact Mark Hanley at 785.4089 or [ss04@truman.edu](mailto:ss04@truman.edu) for more information.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Society

**10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Feb. 8-9**

### **SUB Activities Room**

Blue Key members urge the public to participate in this upcoming Red Cross blood drive. This is the organization's second blood drive of the academic year.

The Red Cross will be signing up walk-in donations the day of the event.

## **Bulldog Football to Host Signing Social**

The Truman State University Bulldog football team will be having a signing social event beginning at 4 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

KTVO Sports Director Fred Beck will provide a welcome at 4:15 p.m. Jerry Wollmering, Truman's director of athletics, will speak at 4:20 p.m. Shannon Currier, head football coach, will speak at 4:25 p.m. followed by the 2007 Bulldog Signing Class Highlight Show at 4:35 p.m. There will be free appetizers and beverages.

The Truman football staff thanks faculty and staff for all of their efforts in helping recruit the class.

## **Health Awareness Week**

### **Health Awareness Fair**

Noon-5 p.m. • Feb. 15

Student Recreation Center  
Multipurpose Room

The Fair will offer free blood pressure screenings, BMI calculations, HIV screening (from 1-6 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room) and other free prizes. Additional health information and support groups will also be on hand. E-mail [nursing@truman.edu](mailto:nursing@truman.edu) for more information.

### **Speaker Devon Harris**

Jamaican bobsledder and motivational speaker

7-8 p.m. • Feb. 15

Baldwin Auditorium

This free event is sponsored by the Nursing Student Association in conjunction with the Health Awareness Fair. Visit <http://www.devonharrislive.com> for more information on the speaker.

# **Fifth Annual Technology Fair to Take Place During University Conference**

Many projects will be on display and two Dell all-one-printers will be awarded at this year's Technology Fair.

The Teaching Learning Technology Roundtable (TLTR) is hosting the Fifth Annual Technology Fair from 1:45-5 p.m. Feb. 7, the afternoon of the University Conference, in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

The Technology Fair will showcase exciting ways that technology can facilitate the educational process as well as innovative ways that technology is already being used at Truman.

The topics that will be covered include, among others, creating an e-textbook, tailoring an online simulation game for use in courses, with audiovisual and textual resources to enhance the reading

of a literary work, using an online "wiki" Web site to compile class resources for use by different instructors, developing an online mathematics curriculum for use in K-12 education, and the latest from Instructional Design Services led by Diane Richmond, the new instructional designer.

In addition, the winners of the TruTech Challenge, a competition of technology projects open to students, faculty, staff, classes and organizations, will be awarded Dell printers in a ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

The Technology Fair will conclude in conjunction with the University Conference's social hour, during which refreshments will be served.

Contact Chad Mohler at [chmohler@truman.edu](mailto:chmohler@truman.edu) for more information about the fair or TLTR.

## **Students Take Research to State Capitol**

The University took 27 students to Jefferson City Jan. 31 to present their research to



Missouri's legislators. The poster presentations were part of Truman's Capitol Appreciation Event.

Pictured front row, left to right: Jamie Matthews, Brooke Hamilton, Jill Scognamiglio, Nohemi Alvarez-Landa, Rep. Rebecca McClanahan, Teresa Kerbawy, Shanna Foster and Miriam Savabi. Second row, left to right: Amanda Groebel, Laura Halfmann, Loretta Palmer, Maddie Schill, Kristen Overson, Meagan Batson and Megan Hasse. Third row, left to right: Josh Kelly, Keith Trivitt, David Bonner, Michael Landrum, Cari Brummit, Jaret Copeman and Rachel Goldammer. Fourth row, left to right: Zach Monroe, Steven Webb, Christopher Peterson, Sean Lowery, Adam Gouge and Ryan Hart.

## **Students Spread the Fundamentals of Free Enterprise**

Students in Kirksville received an early lesson on spending habits.

On Jan. 23 and 25, Truman's Students in Free Enterprise team (SIFE) organized a project titled "SIFE Savings" at the Adair County Family YMCA.

This two-day event, designed for third- and fifth-grade children, included a discussion and a game focused on the difference between impulse and smart buying.

As part of the game, students were asked to make decisions about buying situations. They were also asked to keep track of their transactions in a savings register. At the end of the game the participants received prizes based on how much they had saved, thus demonstrating the

consequences of poor spending choices.

SIFE is a global nonprofit organization represented by student teams on more than 1,600 university campuses in 40 countries. SIFE offers students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

Each year SIFE competitions take place worldwide, paying tribute to the education outreach projects.

Contact Jeni Long, Truman's SIFE president, at [jll707@truman.edu](mailto:jll707@truman.edu) or 314.973.0977 or visit their Web site at <http://sife.truman.edu> for more information.

**SAB Spring Films presents "Stranger Than Fiction" starring Will Ferrell and Emma Thompson at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Feb. 9 and at 3 p.m. Feb. 10 in Violette Hall 1000. Free with student ID.**

## NOTABLES

**Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science**, has been awarded a Ping Fellowship to support her participation in the CIEE (Council on International Education Exchange) International Faculty Development Seminar in Ghana summer of 2007.

**Matt Tornatore, associate professor of foreign language and linguistics**, had his article concerning the disputed origin of several Italian Gallicisms published in the most recent issue of "Rivista italiana di linguistica e dialettologia" (Rome, Italy) pp 175-190.

## Black History Month Events to Take Place

**F**ebruary is Black History Month and Truman State University will celebrate through competition, food, political discussion, film, music, dance and fashion.

The month kicks off with the Black History Knowledge Bowl at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in Baldwin Hall 156. Team sign ups will take place Feb. 5-8.

The Soulful Sunday Dinner will take place at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. People can feed their mind, body, and spirit with a nourishing home cooked meal. The event is free, but there is a limited quantity of food.

The next event helps people to enrich their mind by listening to a presentation by KC Morrison at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in Magruder Hall 1098. Morrison is a member of the doctoral faculty of political science at the University of Missouri-Columbia specializing in the areas of Third World politics, African politics and society, African-American politics and society, and comparative political leadership. He is scheduled to discuss "Race Cycles and the 2008 Elections" with a focus

on two-party politics in the United States.

The third week of Black History Month will bring film, music, dance and fashion. The film "The Language We Cry In" will be shown at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in Baldwin Hall 251. A woman traces her roots to a village in Africa in this film. Following the film, Sylvia Macauley, African historian, will lead a discussion concerning the issues illuminated by the film and its content.

The month wraps up with a cultural explosion with "Sights and Sounds of Africa." This event will celebrate African culture through food, dance, fashion and more at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Student Union Building Lounge. This is event is sponsored by the African Student Association, the Residential College Program and Multicultural Affairs.

All events are sponsored by the African Student Association, Association of Black Collegians, Multicultural Affairs Center, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Residential College Program.

## Scholarship Looks for Undergraduates Committed to the Environment

**T**he Morris K. Udall foundation is expected to award 80 scholarships of up to \$5,000 to sophomore or junior undergraduates who have demonstrated a commitment to the environment.

The campus deadline for this nationally

competitive scholarship is Feb. 27. For more information visit the Udall Web site at <http://www.udall.gov/> and contact Maria Di Stefano, Truman's Udall Foundation representative, at [mdistefa@truman.edu](mailto:mdistefa@truman.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

**The Point Foundation has announced the availability of numerous scholarship opportunities** for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. The Point Foundation hopes to provide a greater level of acceptance, respect

and tolerance within future generations for all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity. Visit <http://www.thepointfoundation.com> for more information about the foundation's scholarship opportunities.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Volleyball	AST/Open	Feb. 19	Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 26
Scrapbooking	Open	Feb. 23		March 17

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>.

### Career Expo

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

On the Career Center's Web site, <http://career.truman.edu>, find the Career Expo link and click on it. There students will find a helpful list of companies who have signed up thus far as well as a student registration link where students can sign up ahead of time. It is recommended that they sign up before Expo as it will save them a lot of time waiting in line the actual day of Expo.

Feb. 14 is the last day to apply online for jobs with companies that will be conducting on-campus interviews Feb. 22. The Career Center will sponsor "Map Out Your Future" Feb. 20 which includes employer mock interviews all day. Students can sign up now in person for employer mock interviews but they will need to turn their résumé in at the same time they sign up. And as always, the career assistants are available, without appointment, to assist students with their résumé and cover letter questions.

Stop by the Career Center or call 785.4353 if for more information.

### Student Ambassador Applications Available

The Office of Admissions is looking for applicants who are responsible, energetic and sincere in their desire to relate all aspects of University life to prospective students and their families.

**Due 5 p.m.  
Feb. 15**

The Student Ambassadors are a group of approximately 150 students whose goal is to promote Truman State University to prospective students and their families. They are in charge of visiting with prospective students, giving tours of campus and assisting with visit events.

Applications are available in the Office of Admissions, McClain Hall 205. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 19-23.

Contact Jill Graves at [jgraves@truman.edu](mailto:jgraves@truman.edu) for more information.

# NOTES

The Truman campus was covered in red on Feb. 2 for

**National Wear Red Day.** Karen Skoch, director of fitness/wellness programs, thanks those Truman students, faculty and staff that participated in helping to raise awareness and raise money in support of the American Heart Association's research and educational efforts for Adair County. Special thanks to the SERVE Center, Janice Young and HES Health 440 Students, the Student Health Center, and SRC volunteers for planning and implementing activities on campus. Special thanks to the female athletic teams for helping support Wear Red Day. Also, a special thank you to Tim Barcus for taking photographs of the events. It is never too late to get involved and learn more about preventing heart disease. February is the month to love your heart. Schedule your heart health check up today.

**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** until 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.

**Cap, gown and graduation announcements for May 2007 graduates can now be ordered** through the Truman Bookstore until March 5. Log on to <http://truman.bkstore.com> for more information.

**Book releases by Truman authors in February will be available at the Truman Bookstore.** The new books include "An Illusion of Harmony" by Taner Edis, "Plunging to Leviathan?" by Robert Gruber, 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.

**John Tagg, author of "The Learning Paradigm College," will speak at a Baldwin Lecture and Luncheon** in conjunction with the University Conference at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Tagg's interactive lecture is titled "In the Beginning..." He will also be speaking at a follow-up lunch Feb. 8 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room from noon-1:30 p.m. Those wanting to attend the follow-up lunch should R.S.V.P. by Feb. 6 to Julie Lochbaum at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391.

**ACEI will meet** from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in Violette Hall

on the Upstairs Couches. The organization promotes the education and development of young children. Cookies will be provided. Contact Arianna Downard at [ahd232@truman.edu](mailto:ahd232@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Spring 2007 Academic Workshop Series continues** at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in Magruder Hall 1090. David Garth, John Hoffman and Diane Janick-Buckner will speak on the topic of "Preparing for Graduate School: M.A.E., M.S., Ph.D., M.D.Ph.D. - Is it for me? How do I get there?" Come and engage in a lively discussion on all things graduate school.

**CIAO is having a study abroad meeting** for those interested in studying abroad in Italy at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in West Campus Suites 100. Contact Gina Ribaudo at [gmr588@truman.edu](mailto:gmr588@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Career Center is hosting SCORE mock interviews** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 9 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.

**Are you flexible?** Join people from 5:30-6 p.m. Feb. 9 in the SRC Aerobics Room for an interactive workshop demonstrating proper stretching techniques and highlighting the benefits of stretching prior to physical activity. Stretching 101 will be offered by the SRC Fitness/Wellness Program and HES Health 440 Students. Questions and one-on-one assistance will be from 6-6:30 p.m. Contact Karen Skoch at 785.7739 or [kbskoch@truman.edu](mailto:kbskoch@truman.edu) for more information.

**Hillel is hosting an Israeli dancing night** from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 9 in Baldwin Hall 252. No experience is necessary and refreshments will be provided. Contact Anna Horowitz at [avh657@truman.edu](mailto:avh657@truman.edu) 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.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring a Global Issues Colloquium** from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 15 in Magruder Hall 1000. Contact Julie Loebaum at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391 for more information.

**Phi Kappa Phi is having a group lunch for Truman's staff, faculty and student Phi Kappa Phi members** at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Those who wish to attend should R.S.V.P. to Wynne Wilbur at [wwilbur@truman.edu](mailto:wwilbur@truman.edu) or at 785.4435 by Feb. 12. Phi Kappa Phi members are also welcome to drop by the meeting as their schedule allows.

**The kick off event for team-captains who are participating in the third annual Kirksville Heartwalk** will be at 5 p.m. March 15 in the Student Recreation Center. Help with online registration and team packets will be given out. Go to <http://heartwalk.kintera.org> for more information.

# ON CAMPUS

## 7 WEDNESDAY

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1:45-5 p.m.-Technology Fair, SUB Activities Room; see Page 2  
5:30 p.m.-Women's basketball vs. Northwest Missouri State University, Pershing Arena  
7:30 p.m.-Men's basketball vs. Northwest Missouri State University, Pershing Arena

## 8 THURSDAY

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.-Red Cross Blood Drive, SUB Activities Room; see Page 2  
Noon-1:30 p.m.-Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes  
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7:30 p.m.-Black History Knowledge Bowl, Baldwin Hall 156; see Page 3

## 9 FRIDAY

10 a.m.-2 p.m.-SCORE mock interviews, Career Center; see Notes  
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6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.-Film "Stranger than Fiction," VH 1000; see Page 2

## 10 SATURDAY

11 a.m.-Run for Africa minimarathon, front of Pershing; see Notes

## 11 SUNDAY

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