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20th Annual Student Research Conference

A day of Universitywide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement.

April 3

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Daytime classes are canceled.

For a complete schedule of presentations and discussions, see <http://src.truman.edu>.

Plenary Address

The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS: The real mathematical story that inspired the hit television series

11 a.m. • April 3 • VH 1000

Keith Devlin, executive director and senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Language and Information, and will deliver the address. He is also "the Math Guy" on National Public Radio.

Shake your TABOOty

A Conference of Critical and Creative Texts

The Graduate English Organization will host its fourth annual conference April 4 and 5.

Presentations and panels will run all day both days in Violette Hall 1000. For a complete schedule, visit <http://gradeng.truman.edu>.

Keynote speaker Andrei Codrescu, award-winning author and NPR commentator, will speak at

**8:30 p.m. • April 5
SUB Activities Room**

All the events are free and open to the public. Contact Maggie Mayhan at mmayhan@truman.edu or 785.5769 for more information.

Debaters Finish in National Top 10

Members of the Truman State University Forensic Union closed their season on a high note, placing 10th in National Tournament Sweepstakes at the 2007 Championship Tournament of the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) March 22-25 at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

This marks the 10th consecutive year that Truman has placed in the top-10 nationally in Championship Tournament Sweepstakes, Season-Long Sweepstakes or both.

Three Truman teams placed in the elimination rounds at the tournament, continuing a nine-year streak of students representing Truman in the double-octafinals or better.

The team of 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., ranked among the top 32 out

of the 238 teams at the tournament.

A second team including Sara Archer, a senior accounting major from Riverside, Mo., and Keith Schnakenberg, a senior communication and political science double major from Buffalo, Mo., reached the triple-octafinals.

Finally, the team of Christopher Girouard, a communication and political science double major from Chesterfield, Mo., and Kevin Haynie, a sophomore political science major from Bridgeton, Mo., made their elimination round appearance in the quad-octafinals.

In addition, Wittenauer was awarded the NPDA Academic All American Award at the competition. She was one of only six students nationally to receive the honor, which recognizes students with a strong debate history, an impressive grade point average and involvement in extra-curricular activities and community service.

Crouch Receives Director's Interdisciplinary Research Award

Jennifer Crouch, a junior biology pre-med major from Farmington, Mo., was awarded the Director's Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research for her paper, "Why Many Health

Problems are More Prevalent Among Rural



Jennifer Crouch receives the Director's Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research from Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture, recently in McClain Hall.

Populations."

She wrote the paper under the direction of Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture, for his Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar class, Rural America.

Crouch's paper looks at why health problems are more prevalent in rural America and addressed possible solutions for the problem.

Crouch is the daughter of John and Kathy Crouch. She is a member of the American Medical Student Association, Beta Beta Beta biology honor society and the College Republicans.

Sodexo's Annual Food Drive will take place until April 6

Donate nonperishable items, block meals, dining dollars or bonus bucks. All donations will be delivered to Kirksville's local food bank. All dining halls, C-stores and Mainstreet Market will have carts for food items and donation sheets available at cash registers.

Student Media Leaders Selected

The Truman Student Media Board has selected the student media leaders for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The new *Detours* editor in chief is Alicia Collins, a sophomore English and communication double major from Bloomington, Ill.

M. Nathan Becker, a junior communication major from Pacific, Mo., was named editor in chief of the *Index*.

Jordan Kimbrell, a junior English major from Liberty, Mo., will be the *Windfall* editor in chief.

The executive producer of News36 is Andrew Richmond, a junior business administration major from West Des Moines, Iowa.

Jessica Wright, a junior a psychology pre-M.A.E. major from Fulton, Mo, is the executive director of KTRM.

Truman Percussion Ensembles to Perform

The Truman Percussion Ensembles will be performing their Second Annual Spring Percussion Extravaganza concert at 8 p.m. April 3 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The concert will feature two percussion groups. The first will be directed by Michael Bump, associate professor of percussion studies.

The second will be directed by Doris Doyon, graduate teaching assistant in music.

Kelli Mullarkey, a senior music pre-M.A.E. major from Waukee, Iowa, who received the 2006 Michael Hooley Memorial Percussion award will perform as a guest marimba soloist on David Gillingham's "Gate to Heaven."

The concert will feature music written expressly for percussion, and cover a wide range of music styles and genres. Admission is free.

Contact Bump at 785.4052 or at mbump@truman.edu for more information.

Students Receive Academic Honor Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which publicly recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement,

will take place at 7 p.m. April 2 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Presentation of awards will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting	Jennifer Long
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting	Sabrina Sandeen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance	Ryan Hudnall
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management	Sam Prescott
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing	Bethany Nichols
Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education	Sarah Watt
Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education	Sarah Jones
Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education	Shea Roberts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art	Angela Hoffman
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History	Heidi Willhauck
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication	Jason Simpson
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music	Christopher Gillette
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre	Amber Gerencher
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders	Jacquie Faust
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders	Jenny Kertz
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Exercise Science	Dorothy Matta
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Health Science	Emily Forsyth
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing	Sarah Carter
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics	Laura Provance
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Arts	JoAnn Jorgovan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism	Whitney McFerron
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Science	Grace Del Nero
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies	Emily Null
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication	Angela Crawford
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English-Bachelor of Arts	Rebecca Maddox
Outstanding Graduate Student in English-Master of Arts	Maggie Mayhan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French	Kayce Swigelson
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German	Gregory Wiser
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German	Renee Remy
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics	Megan Kennedy
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish	Ashley Morris
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science	George Wang
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics	Daniel Matheny
General George C. Marshall ROTC Award	Michael Frazier
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science	Amy Arel
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology	Katy Browning
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry	Kelly Watters
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics	J.D. Lloyd
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics	Joshua Cannon
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History	Ryan Lewis
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems	Maria Kaylen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy and Religion	Gregory Wiser
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science	Ryan McDaniels
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science	Justis Tuia
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Ashley Ramsey
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Cynthia Wooldridge
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology and Anthropology	Amanda Nieman
Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	Daniel Coate

Truman State University Climbs to 10th place in RecycleMania Contest

After eight weeks, the University has climbed from 29th place to 10th in the overall per capita portion of the contest and is beating out many of the large Universities around the country. Truman is also ranked in the targeted material portion of the competition, coming in at fourth place in the bottles/cans category. There are only two weeks left in the competition, so bring your paper, aluminum cans, cardboard and glass to Truman's Recycling Center.

NOTABLES

Members of Truman State University's Academic Competition Organization (ACO) team competed at Washington University's 12th Annual Gateway Invitational Tournament March 24. Truman's A team took first place. **William Regot, a sophomore psychology major from Holts Summit, Mo.;** **Ryan Stander, a freshman history and political science double major from Kansas City, Mo.;** **Christopher Stone, a junior linguistics major from Springfield, Ill.;** and **Paul Strauss, a senior history pre-M.A.E. major from Bellflower, Mo.;** were members of Truman's A team. Stander placed first overall in individual points. **Matthew Beaky, associate professor of physics,** received a grant from the American Astronomical Society. The grant will be used to purchase an astronomical spectrograph that will be a key component in ongoing student research in variable star spectroscopy.

Brent Buckner, professor of biology; **Mark Campbell, associate professor of agricultural science;** and **Diane Janick-Buckner, professor of biology;** recently attended the 2007 Maize Genetics Conference, an international conference attended by approximately 500 scientists each year, in St. Charles, Ill. Current students **Kelsey Aurand, a senior biology and psychology double major from O'Fallon, Mo.;** **Courtney Bonney, a senior physics major from Cape Girardeau, Mo.;** **Kate Browning, a senior biology major from Columbia, Mo.;** **Ashleigh Fritz, a senior biology major from Kansas City, Mo.;** **Zhian Kamvar, a senior biology major from Cupertino, Calif.;** **Eneda Hoxha, a junior biology and psychology double major from Tirana, Albania;** **Julie Meyer, a senior agricultural science major**

from St. Louis; **Jessica Ponder, a senior biology and chemistry double major from Kirksville;** **Heath Smith, a senior biology major from Unionville, Mo.;** **Kayleigh Swaggart, a senior biology major from Belton, Mo.;** and **Cheryl Wong, a senior music and biology double major from Florissant, Mo.;** also attended and presented the results of their research activities. Truman alumni Ryan Douglas, Ashley Lough, Louis Meyer and John Woodward also attended the conference. The majority of participants are Ph.D. principal investigators, post-doctoral research associates and graduate students, few undergraduates attend and present.

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, will give a talk at the University of Kansas April 3, based on his new book, "An Illusion of Harmony: Science and Religion in Islam."

Liubov Kreminska, assistant professor of physics, and co-authors recently filed a Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) International Patent Application on the invention of "Electronically-Controllable Polarization Independent Liquid Crystal Optical Medium and Devices Using Same." The PCT number is PCT/US06/48416.

Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history, participated in a workshop at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., to make final preparations for a collection of essays (including his) on "Crossings: Reexamining North American Indian Mission History." **Matthew Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages and linguistics,** recently had his article, "In Defense of an Endangered Species: Historical Romance Linguistics," published in *Romance Notes*, Vol. XLVI, Number 2.

Recreation Center to Host Summer Camp

Truman State University Campus Recreation will be hosting a Summer Sports Camp for children ages 7-11 on July 9-13 and July 23-27 at the Student Recreation Center.

The camp will give children the opportunity to play games, have fun and learn activities that will keep them physically fit.

Activities will include basketball, indoor and outdoor soccer, flag football, Frisbee disc golf, table tennis,

badminton, schoolyard games, kickball and volleyball.

Session 1, for participants ages 7-9, will run from 1-5 p.m. July 9-13. Children ages 9-11 can participate in the second July session.

The cost of the camp is \$75 per child and \$50 for each additional immediate family member.

The deadline for registration is May 31.

Visit <http://recreation.truman.edu> or call Scott Wagner at 785.7739 for more information.

Office of Admission Accepting Telecounseling Program Applications

Need a job for next year? Truman Telecounseling through the Office of Admission is now hiring for fall 2007. Telecounselors call prospective students to share information about Truman and help students in their college decision process. Visit <http://telecounseling.truman.edu> to learn

more about the Telecounseling program.

Applications are available at the Office of Admission front desk, and they are due April 10.

For more information, contact Julie Watson at 785.4114 or jmwatson@truman.edu.

The International Student Office is looking for Hall Hosts

for the 2007-2008 school year

Hall Hosts live on campus and act as a resource to incoming and current international students.

They are required to work one hour in the ISO every week and have one room hour every week to meet with students.

Information sessions will take place on the following dates in the Kirk Building Conference Room:

8 p.m. • April 4
8 p.m. • April 5

Applications are available in the ISO and due by 4 p.m. to Kirk Building 120.

Contact Liz Enberg at eae626@truman.edu for information.

Public Relations Internship Opportunity Available

The Truman State University Public Relations office is now accepting résumés for the fall 2007 internship position.

Interns receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in desktop publishing and public relations office duties. Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing.

Interested students should stop by the Public Relations office, McClain Hall 101, call 785.4016 or e-mail Katie Best at kbest@truman.edu, as soon as possible.

SPRING BREAK HOURS

Student Recreation Center

April 6 • 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
April 7 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
April 8 • Closed
April 9 • 4-11 p.m.

Pickler Memorial Library

April 6 • 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
April 7-8 • Closed
April 9 • 1 p.m.-1 a.m.

NEMO Phi Beta Kappa Association presents the Annual Spring Lecture

Jack Magruder, president emeritus and professor emeritus of chemistry at Truman, will speak at

3 p.m. • April 15 • SUB Alumni Room

The topic of the lecture will be "History, Science, Politics: Hope for the Future."

NOTES

Join the Pickler Memorial Library staff in celebrating the 400th anniversary of our country by visiting the display in the gallery. Settled in 1607, Jamestown is our nation's birthplace, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.

Women of Distinction nomination forms are now available at the Women's Resource Center in the Ryle Hall foyer or online at <http://wrc.truman.edu>. They are due April 6. Contact Sarah Downey at sed730@truman.edu for more information.

The Women's Resource Center is now hiring for scholarship, work study and volunteer positions for fall 2007. Applications are available at <http://wrc.truman.edu> or at the Women's Resource Center in the Ryle Hall foyer. They are due to the WRC by 5 p.m. April 10.

Dobson Hall Senate is sponsoring a silent auction from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 3 and 6 in the Student Union Building outside of Mainstreet Market. Come and help raise money for River Paws Rescue, a rural Missouri no-kill nonprofit animal shelter that is in need of funding. Contact Ashley Richards at acr635@truman.edu or at 314.304.5414 for more information.

The Student Activities Board is sponsoring "Down and Dirty" from 1-4 p.m. April 3 at the Rugby Field. Come to the event for free food, mud volleyball, Frisbee disc, kickball, putt putt and more. Bring your own equipment if possible. Contact Kierra Cornell at kec979@truman.edu for more information.

Cardinal Key is having a service auction from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 4 and 5 in Violette Hall. Contact Lauren Hamilton at llh139@truman.edu for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series will continue from 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 4 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

There will be a forum about the Student Fee to Support Truman's Athletics Program proposal. The forum will take place at 7:30 p.m. April 5 in Violette Hall 1010. The proposal calls for a ballot item to be placed before Truman students in the April 2007 student elections. The ballot proposal would ask to implement a fee of \$50 per student per semester to support improvements that will enhance Truman's athletics program and benefit the greater student body through the improvement of facilities used by not only athletes, but by the larger student body through their use in health and exercise science classes and Truman's intramural program. The purpose of this fee will be to increase funds for athletics and related facilities, and not to replace existing funds to these programs already allocated by the University.

The Student Recreation Center Fitness/Wellness Program and the HLTH 440 students to discuss different types of stressors and techniques for handling stress at 1:30 p.m. April 6 in the Student Recreation Center Conference Room. Contact Karen Skoch at 785.7739 or kbskoch@truman.edu for more information.

Cardinal Key, the Adair County Family YMCA and Kirksville Parks and Recreation present the 29th Annual

Children's Free Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. April 7 on the Quadrangle. Call 627.1485 for more information.

The Leadership Recognition Ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. April 11 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Candy Young will be the guest speaker and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 for more information.

The women of Alpha Sigma Gamma invite you to Ducky Days from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 10-12 on the Quadrangle. It's an opportunity to play games and donate summer clothes, toys and toiletries to the Bribri people in Costa Rica. Contact Julia Redford at jmr336@truman.edu for more information.

Get more out of your cardio workout. There will be a seminar on making your cardio workout time more effective from 5:30-6 p.m. April 11 in the Student Recreation Center Conference Room. Contact Andrea Rhodus at adr602@truman.edu for more information.

The Spring Workshop Series continues with a presentation on "Careers in STEM: Ph.D. and M.D.Ph.D. Careers" from 5:30-7 p.m. April 12 in Magruder Hall 1090. Join Alan Garvey and Pam Ryan in discussing the opportunities available after you have obtained a Ph.D. in math and computer science. Other panelists will also be on hand.

There will be a Global Issues Colloquium from 7-9 p.m. April 12 in Magruder Hall 1000. John Quinn will be speaking on the topic of "How Ethnic Conflict Expands: The Rwandan Genocide and Mobutu's Overthrow in Zaire." Contact Julie Lochbaum at the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@truman.edu or 785.4391 for more information.

The College Republicans at Truman will be hosting the College Republicans State Convention from 5-10 p.m. April 13 and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. April 14. Contact Brandon Foster at republicans@truman.edu for more information.

Healthy Habits! There will be a seminar on planning and maintaining a healthy lifestyle from 5-5:30 p.m. April 16 in the Student Recreation Center Conference Room. Contact Andrea Rhodus at adr602@truman.edu for more information.

The Business and Accountancy Division is hosting Executive in Residence and guest speaker Diana Dagget. She will give two lectures. Her first speech, "Preparing to Compete," will be at 3:30 p.m. April 17 in Violette Hall 1000. The second is titled "Influencing U.S. Policy in a Global Economy" and will be given at 6 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000.

The 33rd annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Approximately 149 current and retired members of the University will be honored for their commitment to the University. **Due to limited seating, tickets will not go on sale to the public until April 6,** at which time they will be available in the Human Resources office in McClain Hall 106 for \$10 each.

ON CAMPUS

3 TUESDAY

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.-**Student Research Conference, VH**; see Page 1

11 a.m.-**Student Research Conference Plenary Address, VH 1000**; see Page 1

11 a.m.-6 p.m.-**Silent Auction, SUB**; see Notes

1-4 p.m.-**Down and Dirty, Rugby Field**; see Notes

2 p.m.-**Softball vs. Northwest Missouri State, Softball Field**

8 p.m.-**Percussion Performance, OP Performance Hall**; see Page 2

4 WEDNESDAY

GEO Conference, VH; see Page 1

1 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Central Missouri, Baseball Field**

8 p.m.-**Lab I and Lab II jazz concert, Baldwin Auditorium**

5 THURSDAY

GEO Conference, VH; see Page 1

6 p.m.-**Quartet-A-Palooza, OP Performance Hall**

8:30 p.m.-**GEO Conference Keynote Speaker, SUB Activities Room**; see Page 1

6 FRIDAY

11 a.m.-6 p.m.-**Silent Auction, SUB**; see Notes

1 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Fort Hays State, Baseball Field**

2 p.m.-**Softball vs. Washburn, Softball Field**

7 SATURDAY

10 a.m.-**Easter Egg Hunt, Quadrangle**; see Notes

Noon-**Softball vs. Fort Hays State, Softball Field**

1 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Fort Hays State, Baseball Field**

9 MONDAY

Spring break no classes, offices closed

Volunteers Needed

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is looking for people to help with Special Olympics.

April 14

Stokes Stadium

Volunteers work as buddies or in the Olympic Village. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Those interested should contact Annie Woodruff at atw180@truman.edu for more information.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Cranium	Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 15
Ultimate Frisbee	Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 14
T-shirt Design	Open	April 10		
Swim Meet	AST/Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 16

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>.