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.

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 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.

Sodexho’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.
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 psychology pre-M.A.E. major from Fulton, Mo., is the executive director of KTRM.

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 mbump@truman.edu for more information.

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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.; Zhian Kamvar, a senior biology major from Capetown, Calif.; Eneka 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.”


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.

### Recreational 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.

### 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.”
Join the Pickerl 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 seds730@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 at 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 ac635@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 Kiera Cornell at kce97@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 622.1485 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 Bibbi people in Costa Rica. Contact Julia Redford at jm336@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.

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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.

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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.