

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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## **Commission on Undergraduate Commission to Host Forums**

The Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum invites students, faculty and staff to attend the third open forum titled "Changing Pedagogy, Changing Curriculum."

After reading a number of books and articles and engaging in hours of discussion, the commission has come to realize that a distinctive curriculum is more likely to occur from modifying and coordinating the way Truman faculty teaches the classes than from designating a unique set of classes for students to take. Truman needs to develop more effective ways to develop and reinforce the full-range of critical thinking, communication and life skills. As the commission drafts new learning outcomes it would like input from the Truman community regarding how pedagogy can be used to encourage the kinds of learning opportunities that would lead students to develop the desired characteristics of Truman graduates that appear in the recently adopted SPAC document.

The forums will take place from 3:30-5 p.m. Sept. 25 in the SUB Activities Room and from 3:30-5 p.m. Sept. 26 in VH 1010.

The commission plans to have additional forums as it moves forward with the curriculum review process. These are the first in a number of forums the Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum plans to have during the next two years.

## **The Kerr Foundation Inc. Contributes \$10,000 to Truman**

The Kerr Foundation Inc. of Oklahoma City, Okla., recently contributed \$10,000 to the Truman State University Foundation in support of the Health and Exercise Sciences (HES) Fontaine C. Piper Movement Analysis Laboratory project. The gift was made after the University successfully met the conditions of The Kerr Foundation's 1:1 challenge grant.

The challenge grant was instrumental in helping the University secure more than \$18,000 in contributions from HES alumni and friends. When fully funded, the Fontaine C. Piper Movement Analysis Laboratory will be the leading motion analysis laboratory in the Midwest. The laboratory's equipment will provide Truman students with cutting-edge technology and experiences and will play a

significant role in expanding the depth and breadth of research questions available for exploration.

"We are confident that these experiences and opportunities for research will lay a strong foundation for students who wish to pursue careers in the human-services professions, including medicine, physical and occupational therapy, and geriatrics," said Chris Lantz, associate professor of exercise science and department chair of health and exercise sciences at Truman.

The Piper Lab Project recently concluded year one of a three-year fund-raising effort for the project. The gift from The Kerr Foundation pushes the projects total to more than \$50,000 toward the overall goal of \$100,000.

## **Students and Faculty to Present at Sixth Annual "Archaeology at Truman" Symposium**

The Department of Anthropology, Geography and Sociology and the Department of Art will sponsor the Sixth annual "Archaeology at Truman" symposium. There will be presentations by students majoring in anthropology, art history, biology and history as well as faculty in anthropology and art. The event will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in Barnett Hall 2217.

Several students and faculty will present papers.

Maggie Abbott, a senior history major from St. Louis, will present, "Mississippian Period Celt Caches of the Cahokia Region."

Allison Meadows, a senior art history major from Manchester, Mo., will present, "I get to do what!?: A summer intern's experiences at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian."

Sara E. Orel, associate professor of art, will present "The Cemeteries of the Gebel el-Haridi: A report on archaeological work in Upper Egypt."

Doug Eudy, a senior art history major from Foristell, Mo., will present, "Shreds of Evidence: Drawing conclusions from the surface collections at Körösladány 14 and Okány 16."

Ashley Wagoner will present "Evaluating Arguments About Hunter-Gatherer Occupation of Tropical Rainforest Environments."

Amber Johnson, associate professor of anthropology and department chair of anthropology, geography and sociology, will present "Exploring the Intersection of Chemistry, Ecology and Archaeology: What can we learn from stable carbon isotopes in human remains?"

## **KOHLBERG LYCEUM SERIES BEGINS SEASON**

**WITH  
TONIC SOL-FA**

7:30 p.m. • Sept. 25  
Baldwin Auditorium

Seating is general admission. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with their University ID. Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office, third floor of the Student Union Building. Faculty and staff may pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement, third level of the Student Union Building.

### **Missouri Government Internship Informational Meeting**

An informational meeting about the Missouri Government Internship will take place at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Pizza will be provided.

The Missouri Government Internship Program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with a public official, legislator or state agency during the spring 2008 semester. The internship is open to all majors.

### **2007-2008 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award**

Students may pick up applications for this prestigious award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. Faculty and staff are also invited to nominate students for this award. Nominations are due by Oct. 5 in the Student Affairs Office.

To qualify, the students should be active in campus and community activities, have a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and be a senior eligible for graduation in December, May or August of the 2007-2008 academic year. Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 26.

For further information, visit <http://affairs.truman.edu>, stop by Kirk Building 112, or call 785.4111.

# Debaters Rock Wyoming "Top of the Rockies" Tournament

The Truman Forensic Union launched its 2007-2008 season with an impressive placement at the University of Wyoming's Top of the Rockies tournament, Sept. 15-17. Among programs entered in the tournament's two debate divisions, Truman was ranked third behind Washburn University which is located in Topeka, Kan., and the University of the Pacific which is located in Stockton, Calif.

Sarah Backhaus, a freshman political science major from Liberty, Mo., and Kara Mohs, a freshman biology major from Winterset, Iowa, reached the semifinals of the junior varsity division of parliamentary debate and concluded their long run through the tournament at approximately 1 a.m. Monday morning in a debate over energy policy.

Backhaus was ranked fifth-best speaker in the division, which was composed of 36 teams and 72 individual students from throughout the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions.

In open division parliamentary debate, the team of Sara Archer, a senior accounting major who is from Riverside, Mo., and Chris Girouard, a junior communication major from Chesterfield, Mo., joined the team of Mark Buchheit, a sophomore history major from Carthage, Mo, and Dylan Rothermel, a senior economics major from Homewood, Ill., in the double-octafinals. The field was composed of 108 speakers and 54 teams.

Parliamentary debaters engage in a different debate topic each round—usually on matters of

public policy. During the course of the weekend, Truman debaters engaged topics relating to two different Supreme Court decisions, the proposed Access for Afghan Women Act, and the revocation of the "designated hitter" rule in major league baseball, among other questions.

In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Rothermel staged a come-from-behind victory in the open division, defeating the top-seeded debater, from Washburn University, in the double-octafinal round, eventually advancing to the quarterfinals (elite-eight) of the tournament. Mohs advanced to the octafinals (sweet sixteen) of the junior division. Archer was ranked sixth-best speaker in the open division.

Unlike parliamentary debaters who clash on a different topic each round, Lincoln-Douglas debaters speak on a yearlong topic addressing U.S. aid to the countries of the Greater Horn of Africa. During the course of the weekend, Truman debaters addressed questions related to the diplomatic recognition of Somaliland, veterinary assistance programs to African farmers, and micro credit programs, among other issues.

For more information on Truman Forensics, visit the program's Web site at <http://forensics.truman.edu>. The Truman Forensic Union is open to all interested students without regard to previous experience. It is a co-curricular program affiliated with the Department of Communication.

## Patterson to Present Faculty Forum Series Talk

Eric Patterson, associate professor of chemistry at Truman State University, will present the first Faculty Forum series talk of the year at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in Magruder Hall 1000. The title of his presentation is "The Chemistry of Killing: Pest Control and Chemical Warfare."

Patterson will show how the 1909 invention of the first commercially viable method for the synthesis of the simplest nitrogen fertilizer ushered in a new age in agricultural science, but also ushered in the modern age of chemical warfare. His talk will explore the connections between agricultural chemistry and chemical warfare, with a focus on

events and personalities of the last 100 years.

The Truman Faculty Forum was created in 2003 to give faculty the opportunity to present their research and creative work to the Truman community, and to enhance the importance of scholarship and creativity in the culture of the institution. Patterson has established a research program that focuses on the chemical destruction of nerve agents—the most lethal of all chemical warfare agents. As an amateur history buff, Patterson focuses on examining the historical context of chemical discoveries and their influence on human events.

### **Allen Fellowship Nominations**

The Office of the Provost is accepting nominations for the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence. To nominate an eligible faculty member, send a letter of nomination to the Office of the Provost addressed to the Allen Fellowship Selection Committee. See Web site <http://www.truman.edu/pages/131.asp> for details. Nominations are due to the Office of the Provost by Oct. 1.

## NOTABLES

Elizabeth Clark, associate professor and department chair of communication, and Mark Smith, assistant professor of communication, have co-authored a study for publication in both a broadcast trade newspaper and a juried journal. The study examines the availability of Issues-Programs Lists, available to the public, from commercial and noncommercial radio stations in Missouri. The Lists outline the community service programming broadcast each quarter. Under FCC rules, the public may inspect the quarterly reports and offer program suggestions to meet the needs of the community. The trade article appears in the latest paper and digital editions of *Radio World* and may be accessed at <http://rwonline.com/pages/s.0046/t.8420.html>.

A scholarly version of the article will appear in Winter 2008 edition of *Journal of Radio Studies*. Truman students participated in the research, and Clark and Smith have taken the research into the classroom with a presentation to students in Principles of Communication as an example of scholarly research.

**Teresa Heckert, professor of psychology**, was among 323 delegates, observers, guests, Board members and Society Headquarters office staff to attend the 2007 Phi Kappa Phi National Triennial Convention from Aug. 9-11 in Orlando, Fla. Heckert, attending the convention as a delegate, is a member of the Truman State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and was inducted into the Society in 2001.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

**Glamour Magazine is sponsoring a 2008 Top Ten College Women Competition.** Winners receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to New York City, opportunities to meet with top female professionals and national recognition in *Glamour's* June 2008 issue. Applicants must be full-time juniors for the 2007-2008 academic year and have leadership experience, involvement on campus, and in the community, excellence in their field of study and unique, inspiring goals. Applications must be received by Nov. 30 and are available at <http://www.glamour.com/news/top10collegewomen>.

**SOF (Seeds of the Future) is offering a scholarship awards of up to \$1,000** for those who qualify and meet all requirements. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, must demonstrate financial need and file a FAFSA. Additional requirements include 2.7 GPA and must be enrolled in a program leading to applicant's desired degree. Students may apply online at anytime during the academic year at <http://www.soffoundation.com>.

## Melvin to Receive \$10,000 to Complete a Master of Science in Nursing Degree

Pam Melvin R.N., B.S.N., a 1984 graduate of Truman and part-time clinical faculty member, received a \$10,000 Missouri Hospital Association scholarship to complete a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Central Missouri. She is among 31 nursing students who will receive funding to pursue graduate education



Pam Melvin

requirements for faculty positions at Missouri's nursing schools.

"The faculty shortage in Missouri's nursing schools has limited students' opportunity to pursue nursing careers," said Marc D. Smith, MHA president. "The Graduate Nursing Faculty Financial Assistance Grant Program is designed to ease the financial burden for aspiring nurse educators while increasing student capacity in nursing schools."

## Mundt Benefits from Truman Library Internship

Cassie Mundt, a senior business administration and history double major from Overland Park, Kan., was an intern at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library, located in Independence, Mo., this summer. She had a role in the 50th anniversary celebration of the Library, including planning for the visit by



Cassie Mundt and David McCullough

historian David McCullough. She also had a large role in planning President Bill Clinton's visit.

The intern usually works in one of a variety of areas at the Museum and Library including archiving, public relations, marketing, educational programming, museum development or visitor services.

Contact Jeff Gall, associate professor of history and social science education, at [jgall@truman.edu](mailto:jgall@truman.edu) for more information about this internship.

### 15th Annual McNair Research Presentation and Luncheon

Sept. 26

**Session One:** 9-11:40 a.m.  
Violette Hall 1000

**Luncheon:** Noon-1:30 p.m.  
SUB Georgian Room

Required R.S.V.P. was due by Sept. 17.

**Session Two:** 2-3:20 p.m.  
Violette Hall 1000

For more information, see <http://mcnair.truman.edu>.

### After Dark

8 p.m. • Sept. 27 • Quadrangle  
Rain location: Pershing Arena

Dave Barnes will be taking the stage for a free, live concert followed by one of the most motivational speakers today, Joe White. He will address the question of Jesus Christ in a compelling, unforgettable way. Campus Christian Fellowship is a sponsor for this event. Contact [kjw538@truman.edu](mailto:kjw538@truman.edu) for more information.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Week 2007

#### Bra Decorating:

1-4 p.m. • Sept. 30  
SUB Alumni Room

#### Tabling:

10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Oct. 1-5  
Quadrangle

#### Speaker:

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Oct. 2  
Magruder Hall 2001  
Speaker: Pam Newman

#### Vigil:

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Oct. 4  
Flame to the Second Century  
Rain site: Kirk Building

#### Poker Tournament:

7 p.m.-midnight • Oct. 5  
SUB Georgian Room

There is a \$10 entry fee with a 50/50 pot. Half of the proceeds will go to the winner and the other half will be given to breast cancer research.

Men's and women's T-shirts will be available.

Alpha Sigma Gamma is sponsoring Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

Contact Suzanne Russell at [snr345@truman.edu](mailto:snr345@truman.edu) or 816.805.2255 for more information.

# NOTES

**Missouri Voter Registration forms are now available** in Kirk Building 112, at the Cashier Window, in the Residence Halls, and at the SERVE Center. For more information visit <http://conduct.truman.edu> and click on the Voter Registration Link. **Informational meetings for Sweet Power: Sugar, Empires, and Slaves in the Caribbean**, a six-credit-hour summer 2008 study abroad class, will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room, and at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. See slides from previous trips, review the itinerary for the next class, planned for May 14-June 4, 2008, and discuss ways to finance the program. Contact Steven Reschly at [sdr@truman.edu](mailto:sdr@truman.edu) or 785.4648 for more information.

**The Art of Living Club is offering an intensive workshop in Yoga postures and breathing.** Feeling stressed already? Learn to breath, stretch and relax. The Art of Living Course, Sept. 27-Oct. 5, Information and Registration Meeting is at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 in Baldwin Hall 350. Faculty, staff, students and community are all welcome.

**IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak** at 1:30 p.m. each Friday in the Student Union Building Room 320. This weekly series is an opportunity to share information about new and existing IT Service offerings. Please join us for snacks and conversation. Additional details and the topic schedule can be found at <http://its.truman.edu/techbreak>.

**The bike co-op will be hosting mobile workshops** from 3:30-5:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of every month on the Quadrangle, warm weather permitting. Help will

be free (donations encouraged). There will be a charge for replacement parts. Tools and parts for most basic repair jobs will be available. Critical Mass rides are the last Friday of every month. Contact Cassie Phillips at [cphillip@truman.edu](mailto:cphillip@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Truman Equestrian Team is hosting the first stock show of the season.** Spectators are welcome and there is free admission. This event will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Truman State University Farm. Contact Whitney Mahsman for more information at [equestrian@truman.edu](mailto:equestrian@truman.edu).

**The Phi Kappa Phi Fall Luncheon will take place** from noon-1 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. For the new members, please know that this will be a casual gathering. There is no need to dress up. At the luncheon, the children's book drive that PKP is sponsoring this fall will be discussed. Please R.S.V.P. by Sept. 26 to Cole Woodcox at [cwoodcox@truman.edu](mailto:cwoodcox@truman.edu).

**The second annual Pickler Memorial Library Book Sale will take place** from 2-7 p.m. Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 3, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Proceeds from the book sale will be used for library materials and programs. For more information, please visit the Pickler Memorial Library Web site at <http://library.truman.edu/booksale.htm>.

**Brian Keck, president and chief operating officer of Macy's Midwest, will speak** from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. All students are welcome. Contact Lana Dowell at [ldowell@truman.edu](mailto:ldowell@truman.edu) for more information.

# ON CAMPUS

## 25 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.-**Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presents Tonic Sol-fa, Baldwin Auditorium**; see Page 2

## 28 FRIDAY

2 p.m.-**Women's soccer vs. University of Central Missouri, Soccer Field**

4 p.m.-**Men's soccer vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Soccer Field**

## 29 SATURDAY

2 p.m.-**Women's soccer vs. Missouri Western, Soccer Field**

6 p.m.-**Football vs. Fort Hays State (Kan.) Stokes Stadium**



### New Anthropology Database Added

The library has added a new database, AnthroSource, with full text coverage of 32 journals in the field of anthropology. People can access this database through the A-Z site index at <http://library.truman.edu>.

# Career Center Prepares Students for Expo

This year's Career Expo will take place from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Student Union. Now is the perfect time for students to update their résumé and have it critiqued, practice their interviewing skills, and research companies that are coming to Career Expo. Students can have their résumé critiques on a drop-in basis by any of the career assistants at the Career Center.

Please come by the Career Center or call 785.4566 for more information.

*These are important dates:*

**Sept. 30:** Deadline to apply for jobs and upload résumés on eRecruiting for companies coming to Expo for pre-screening for Oct. 11 interview slots.

**Oct. 3:** "Career on the Quad," a session where students can register for Expo, have their résumé critiqued, find out about how to make the most of the Expo experience, and enjoy popcorn, soda and

music.

**Oct. 4:** Sign up to practice interviewing skills with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Students may sign-up now in person in the Career Center. In order to interview, students must dress professionally and turn their résumé in 24 hours before the interview.

**Oct. 8 and 9:** Students can practice their mock interview skills with recruiters from Eli Lilly, Steak n' Shake and Edward Jones. Students must sign-up in the Career Center and dress professionally.

**Oct. 9:** Join Larry Frey from Eli Lilly for "Ace the Interview," an extremely popular and well-regarded session that provides insight into handling interview situations. Frey's session will take place in the Career Center classroom from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 10:** Career Expo takes place.

**Oct. 11:** Interview Day for Expo.

### Truman's International Film Festival 2007

Truman's International Film Festival 2007 runs from Sept. 19 to Nov. 14. Each week, a different international film will be screened for free at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Cinema 8 on the Kirksville Square.

Log on to <http://rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm> to learn more about the festival and the films.

This week's film is "Indigènes (Days of Glory)" from France, Morocco, Algeria and Belgium. It will be screened Sept. 26. Rachid Bouchareb directed this film, which was released in 2006.

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Frisbee Golf	Open	Oct. 1	4:30 p.m. • Oct. 3	Oct. 4
Darts	Open	Oct. 1	4:30 p.m. • Oct. 4	Oct. 7
MLB Playoff Pickem	Open	Oct. 3		Oct. 3

Entry forms and information sheets may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (lobby area). Entry forms are to be deposited into the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center. The entry deadline for each sport will be 11 p.m. on the date posted above. Online registration is available. Captains' Meetings for each sport will take place on the Thursday evening following the entry deadline (unless otherwise noted) at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Student Recreation Center. Official rules for each sport are available online at <http://recreation.truman.edu>.

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