Debaters Take Second at Competition

Students from the Truman State University Forensic Union garnered awards at the Nebraska Double-Up, co-hosted by Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.) and Concordia University (Seward, Neb.), Oct. 19-21 in Omaha. Among the 12 honors the team brought home, Truman debaters were ranked second overall in the debate division of the tournament.

In parliamentary debate competition, the team of Dylan Rothermel, a senior economics major from Homewood, Ill., and Mark Buchheit, a sophomore history major from Carthage, Mo., reached the semifinals of the open division before being defeated by last year’s national runner-up team from Creighton University. Their compatriots, Sara Archer, a senior accounting major from Riverside, Mo., and Chris Girouard, a junior communication major from Chesterfield, Mo., reached the octafinals of the open division tournament. Parliamentary debaters engage topics of value and policy on a range of different topics, which change for each debate.

Meanwhile, in Lincoln-Douglas debate competition, three Truman competitors reached elimination rounds. Dylan Clark, a freshman political science major from Maryland Heights, Mo., took second in the junior division of the tournament, losing in the final round to a competitor from Wisconsin’s Carthage College after defeating competitors from Creighton and Missouri Southern State University. Sarah Backhaus, a freshman political science major from Liberty, Mo., reached the octafinals of the open division of the tournament, while Barbara Gillard, a freshman political science major from Jackson, Mo., reached the quarterfinals of the junior division. Girouard was ranked the fifth-best speaker in the open division, followed by Buchheit, who was ranked sixth. Clark was ranked the best speaker in the junior division, followed by Gillard in fifth place. Students in Lincoln-Douglas debate argue about various aspects of foreign aid policy toward the Greater Horn of Africa for the duration of the 2007-2008 season.

In individual speaking events, a young team garnered some of its first awards and earliest National Championship tournament qualifications. Andrew Kindiger, a freshman English major from Liberty, Mo., reached semifinals of extemporaneous speaking at the portion of the tournament hosted by Creighton University. Archer took home sixth-place honors in extemporaneous speaking at the Concordia half of the tournament, qualifying for the National Forensic Association championships in April. She was joined by Jamie Menown, a sophomore nursing major from Kansas City, Mo., who took fifth in rhetorical criticism and also garnered her first nationals qualification. Extemporaneous speakers deliver seven-minute speeches on questions related to current events and public policy, after a brief 30-minute preparation period. Students in rhetorical criticism provide a 10-minute speech analyzing an artifact of public communication.

Gillard, Clark and Backhaus’ placements in Lincoln-Douglas debate competition similarly qualify them for national competition in April.

Glenn to Speak at Global Issues Forum

The third Global Issues Forum for this semester will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Evelyn Nakano Glenn, a sociologist with a joint appointment in Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, will be the guest speaker. Glenn is the founding director of the Center for Race and Gender at Berkeley, and is the author of several books, including “Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship and Labor,” and “Issei, Nissei, Warbride: Three Generations of Japanese American Women in Domestic Service.”

She is the 2007-2008 Feminist Lecturer for Sociologists for Women in Society, and she will be speaking on the topic “Yearning for Lightness?: The New Global Marketing of Skin Whitening Products."

“A close examination of the global circuits of skin lightening provides a unique lens through which to view the workings of the current and evolving global commercial system as it simultaneously promulgates white-supremacist ideology while also promoting western-dominated consumer culture,” Glenn said.

The Truman community is invited to hear Glenn speak. A reception will follow the lecture.
Kirkville Chapter of Sigma Xi Donates Books to Kirkville Middle School

Following its donation of a book series titled “Women’s Adventures in Science” to the Adair County Library this past summer, the Kirkville Chapter of Sigma Xi donated a second set to the Kirkville Middle School library on Oct. 17. The money for this purchase of these books was donated by Sigma Xi members.

There are 10 books in the series, sponsored by the National Academics of Science, each of which focuses on the life and career of a particular woman scientist. Careers described in the books include: planetary astronomy, forensic anthropology, sociology, wildlife biology, climate science, neuropsychology, biomechanics, robot design, planetary geology, and physics. Books are most appropriate for middle school students.

Sigma Xi is the national Scientific Research Society, and Kirkville Sigma Xi includes faculty, staff and student members from the research communities at both Truman State University and the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University. In addition to sponsoring one public lecture each spring, Kirkville Sigma Xi members participate in various community outreach projects from giving talks or tours of their research labs to local school classes to providing judges for science-related competitions. In addition, Sigma Xi makes an annual award of Teacher of the Year for outstanding Math and Science teachers in area schools.

More information about Kirkville Sigma Xi, recent award winners and contact information is available online at http://sigmaxi.truman.edu.

Gering Gives Truman Faculty Forum about Katydid to Students at Ray Miller Elementary School

Jon Gering, associate professor of biology, presented a Truman Faculty Forum titled “The Katydid: Model Organisms for Citizen Science” at 9 a.m. Oct. 12 at Ray Miller Elementary School.

Third graders were able to attend Gering’s presentation, which covered basic information about the katydids: what characters distinguish them from crickets and grasshoppers, what they look like, and what sound they make. He also provided the children and their families with keys, developed by Gering and his students, to identify katydid sounds. Finally, he provided live katydids that were handled by the children.

The main purpose of the presentation was to foster a sense of “biophilia” by exposing children to this abundant, widespread, and charismatic family of insects that are model organisms for citizen science.

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 our institution. In the spirit of the liberal arts, the Forum provides one more way of exposing all members of the Truman community to various fields of investigation. A variety of formats are offered including public lectures, classroom-style symposia, performances, and gallery exhibitions. By opening the presentations up to the public, the Forum is yet another way that Truman serves the Kirkville community at large.

Hensley Receives American Stars of Teaching Award

Melissa Hensley, previously a reading coach in the Milan C-2 school district, received the American Stars of Teaching award for the state of Missouri. The United States Department of Education presents the American Stars of Teaching to one teacher in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia each year; a representative from the U.S. Department of Education traveled to Milan to present Hensley with the honor, which came as a surprise. Her former principal nominated her for the award last year.

Hensley now works as a reading specialist at the Northeast Regional Professional Development Center at Truman.

More than 4,000 teachers nationwide were nominated for the American Stars of Teaching award this year. The distinction recognizes educators of all disciplines for their unique success stories.
NOTABLES

John Ishiyama, professor of political science and director of the McNair Program; Paul Parker, professor of political science; John James Quinn, associate professor of political science; and Candace Young, professor of political science; had their article “Surveying Capstone Courses in Political Science” accepted for publication in the journal Academic Exchange Quarterly. The article will appear in the December 2007 issue of the journal.

Lesa Ketterlinus, director of the Career Center, was one of the 12 recipients of the Key Leader Award for an outstanding volunteer for the YMCA in the state of Missouri. She was recognized at the Key Leaders Conference Oct. 12 in Columbia, Mo.

Steven D. Reschly, associate professor of history and chair of the department of history, and M. Lynn Rose, associate professor of history, gave the keynote speech, “Third-Wave Feminism: Women’s Abilities and Disabilities in the Twenty-First Century,” for International Women’s Day at the American University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, on March 8. Rose also presented “Issues in Disability” for an upper-level class in business philosophy at AUK, and Reschly presented “High Noon’ and American Popular Culture” as part of AUK’s film forum.

Rose and Reschly, with the support of the Center for International Education Abroad, facilitated “Sacred Sites in Greece” in May 2007, taking 23 Truman students to mainland Greece and Santorini, where they were guided by vulcanologist Tom Pfeiffer. The author wrote “Fire in the Sea,” Walter L. Friedrich, gave a lecture to the group on May 24.


Rose’s essay, “Teaching Gilgamesh: The Historical Context of Obliteration,” which she co-authored with two Truman alumnae Shannon Crowder (’07) and Jennifer Roberts (’07) and Shahrbou Rezaiekhaliaghi, a senior history major, was published in The International Journal of the Humanities 4.6 (2007): 65-72. The essay won one of 10 Common Ground Publishing 2007 International Awards of Excellence.

On July 12, Rose presented a guest lecture on “Feminism and Freakery” at the University of Rostock, Germany, where Reschly taught two courses in June and July, mentoring one Truman student in each. Carolyn Minchk, a senior majoring in English and biology, assisted in “Religion and Politics in America;” Abigail Wolcott, a senior in history, assisted with “Women and Gender in Twentieth-Century US History.”

Rose and Reschly led weekend Advanced Placement Summer Institutes in Kansas City, Rose on world history with Sally West, associate professor of history, and Reschly on U.S. history with Bradley Dyke from Des Moines Area Community College in Iowa.


Rose and Reschly presented their co-written research, “Amish Tourism in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as Open-Air Freak Show” on Oct. 2, through the Transdisciplinary Program at the Claremont Graduate School of Religion, Claremont, Calif. Rose presented “Killing Defective Babies” on Oct. 4 at the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity Lecture Series at Claremont College.

In March 2008, Reschly and Rose will travel to the American University of the United Arab Emirates-Al Ain, where they have been invited to present their scholarship.

Communication Disorders Graduate Student Recruitment Day

The Truman State University Communication Disorders (CMDS) Department will be hosting a Graduate Student Recruitment Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10 in Barnett Hall 1400.

All prospective students interested in pursuing a master’s degree in communication disorders from Truman are invited to attend. Information regarding the communication disorders graduate program, the profession, employment opportunities and funding for graduate school will be provided along with the opportunity to meet faculty, alumni and students of the program.

R.S.V.P. to Sara Logan, Graduate Recruitment Day coordinator, at sel430@truman.edu.

Dobson Hall Senate is hosting its annual fall outdoor concert, Toasterpalooza

3-9 p.m. • Nov. 3 Dobson Hall Courtyard

The bandfest is free and local bands will perform. In addition to bands, TAG Improv will be performing between acts. Popcorn, hot cocoa and cotton candy will be available. Contact JoEllen Flanagan at jaf3154@truman.edu for more information.

To view additional events happening on campus, log on to the master calendar at http://calendar.truman.edu.


The Truman State University Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are available for Foundation scholarships for the spring 2008 semester. Scholarships are available in the following categories: general, accounting, business administration, classical and modern languages and nursing.

To apply, go to http://www.truman.edu and click on Student Life, Money, Foundation Scholarships or go directly to http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/. The deadline is midnight Nov. 1.

Haskell Indian Nations University Dancers

The Haskell Indian Nations University Dancers will perform inter-tribal dance styles from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the SUB Down Under.

Contact Laura Bates at lbates@truman.edu for more information.

Summer Research in Molecular Ecology

Students interested in doing summer research in Molecular Ecology are invited to apply to join Jose Herrera’s research team for summer 2008. Participants will spend 10 weeks traveling across Mexico, the United States and Canada to examine the ecological role of Dark Septate Fungal Endophytes (DSEs) within a variety of sites.

Participants will receive a $3,500 stipend, three hours of undergraduate research credit, and room/board for the duration of the 10-week experience. To qualify for the program, students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and able to obtain a passport prior to May 1, 2008. The program will take place beginning in mid-May and will run through mid-July.

For additional information on the program including application materials please visit http://step.truman.edu/herrera.

Interested students should apply online; applications will begin being reviewed on Dec. 15.

For questions about the program or application process, please contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or by e-mail at step@truman.edu.
The Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic has begun providing services via telehealth to citizens in rural communities surrounding Kirksville, in conjunction with the Northeast Missouri Telehealth Network. The Truman community is invited to attend an Open House to unveil the new telehealth site in Barnett Hall, and help spread the word about uses of telehealth. Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic Telehealth Open House will take place from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 30 in Barnett Hall 1400, the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic. All University staff and faculty who are interested in learning about how telehealth services are used in Northeast Missouri to reduce travel and time for obtaining specialized healthcare should attend. Also, students interested in health-related careers should attend. There will be a live speech therapy demonstration from 10:30-11:30 a.m. There will be limited reserved parking behind Barnett.

Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF) needs everyone’s help for the H2O project. They are hosting a two-week fund-raising and awareness campaign from Nov. 1 to Nov. 14 for the drilling of clean water wells in Africa. During this time, they are going to drink only water and then donate the money they would have spent on other beverages to Blood: Water Mission, an organization that funds the drilling of wells in Africa. People and their organizations can do the same. There will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 in Baldwin Hall 249. To learn more about Blood: Water Mission go to http://www.bloodwatermission.org. E-mail mark.hoger@gmail.com or emily.kroogman@gmail.com for more information.

The next Physics Colloquium is at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 31 in Magruder Hall 1000. Ping Yu of the University of Missouri-Columbia physics department will be speaking on “Diffusion Photons for Biomedical Imaging Applications.” There will be refreshments 10 minutes before the talk.

The International Film Festival presents “Le Temps Qui Reste,” which means “Time to Leave.” This is a film from France from 2005. It will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Downtown Cinema 8. To learn more about the festival and the films, log on to http://tcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm.

University Society of Middle Eastern Dance (USMED) presents Halloween Hafla from 8-10 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Student Union Building Down Under. There will be a short belly dance show that will be then followed by a costume party/dance. Everyone is invited and the cost will be $1 to get in and free if for those who wear a costume. During the dance there will be additional activities such as tarot readings and a special guest hypnotist. E-mail TrumanUSMED@gmail.com for more information.

Huling Ling, professor of history, will be signing her new book, “Voices of the Heart: Asian American Women and Their Lives” and “Chinese St. Louis: From Enclave to Cultural Community, Chinese in St. Louis: 1857-2007.” The importance and contributions of her work have been recognized nationally and internationally. “Voices of the Heart” is a firsthand look at Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Laotians, Hmong, Thai and Pakistani women of the Midwest. Through oral histories, they tell their heartfelt stories of their journeys to America, their aspirations and dreams, their strides in education and employment, their cultural heritage, and their family dynamics. Published by Truman State University Press, the book will be on sale for $30.

The next Biology Seminar Series will take place from 12:30-1:20 p.m. Nov. 2 in Magruder Hall 2001. Andrea Porras-Alfaro of the University of New Mexico will be speaking on “Diversity and Structure of Soil and Endophytic Fungal Communities in Semi-arid Grassland.” E-mail wpk956@truman.edu for more information.

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. There will be snacks and conversation. Additional details and the topic schedule can be found at http://its.truman.edu/techbreak.

Eastern Blok will present a lecture and performance on the history of Balkan music at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Eastern Blok has toured all across the United States and received rave reviews. Multicultural Affairs, the Residential College Program and the Department of Classical and Modern Languages are sponsoring this free event. The Truman State University Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The program will include the “Simple Symphony for String Orchestra” by Benjamin Britten and Robert Schuman’s “Symphony No. 1” (“Spring”). The orchestra will be joined by Gregory Jones, professor of music, in the “Concerto in E-flat” by Neruda.

Free tobacco cessation classes will take place from 8-9 p.m. Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5 in Pershing Building 301. There will be free patches, gum, quit classes and physician consultations. Any student, staff or faculty member are welcome. Please contact the Student Health Center at 785.4192 to sign up today.

The Third Annual Madrigal Dinner will take place Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $22 for adults and $17 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at http://music.truman.edu/madrigal or call 785.4428. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted. Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir composed of students from across campus. This year, it is being directed by graduate students Nicole Robertson and Tim Rebers. People can reserve their tickets now.

The Homecoming Committee thanks Alpha Sigma Gamma for sponsoring the Tailgate Picnic, Student Senate for sponsoring the Alumni Golf Tournament, and Cardinal Key and Phi Epsilon Kappa for sponsoring the 5K Run.
America Recycles Day
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 15
Student Union Building
(on the mall, weather permitting)

Information tables include:
- University Recycling Center
- ECO: “Bring your own bag”
- General recycling information
- Garbology and demonstrations
- University Composting project

Recycling Center Tours
Anyone who would like to have a tour of the Recycling Center on campus can contact Howard Worcester, Truman’s recycle coordinator, at 785.7672 to schedule a tour after Nov. 15.

WHAT TRUMAN RECYCLES:

◦ Newspapers
Can be tied with a string, put in paper bags, placed in a cardboard box or placed loose in newsprint containers. NOTE: Advertising supplements that come in the newspapers can stay with the newspapers when recycled.

◦ Mixed Office Paper
Can be tied with string, placed in cardboard box or paper bags or placed loose in mixed office paper containers.

Acceptable
- Computer paper
- Typing paper
- Writing paper
- Photocopy paper
- Envelopes
- Light pastel colors
- File folders
- Unwanted residential mail
- Staples

Not acceptable
- Carbon paper, other sensitized paper
- Blueprint paper
- Film, photographs, tape or glue
- Metal objects, spiral binders, fasteners

◦ Magazines
Only slick or shiny magazines and catalogs accepted.

Examples
- Time
- Newsweek
- National Geographic
- Catalogs, etc.

◦ Cardboard
Corrugated cardboard only. Please flatten and stack cardboard. Drop-off sites are available by most dumpsters on campus.

Not acceptable
- Wax coated cardboard
- Feed/Seed sacks
- Pop/Soda carriers
- Anything with food scraps

◦ Shredded Paper
All shredded paper must be in bags and tied securely.

Acceptable
- White paper
- Colored paper
- Any paper that can be placed in mixed office.

◦ Cans
All aluminum cans are acceptable. Please rinse the cans and remove labels if possible.

◦ Glass
All glass is acceptable. Please rinse the containers and remove labels if possible.

◦ Plastic Bottles and Jugs
Check the bottom of the container for the recycling logo. Inside the logo is a number identifying the type of plastic. Generally, plastics accepted for recycling at Truman are No. 1 and No. 2 only.

Acceptable
- Milk jugs
- Juice jugs
- Food containers
- Detergent bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Butter containers
- Bleach jugs
- Yogurt containers
- PET containers

Not acceptable
- Motor oil bottles

◦ Hard Books
Can be placed in book recycle containers or placed with papers.

Acceptable
- All books
- Spiral binders
- Books with glued ends

◦ Printer Cartridges
Place in any recycling container.