

# Truman *today*

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## Director of Interdisciplinary Studies Position Open Forum

The search committee for the position of director of interdisciplinary studies (DIS) has narrowed the field of applicants to three candidates: Scott Alberts, associate professor of mathematics; Michael Kelrick, professor of biology; and James Padfield, associate professor of health and exercise science. The next step in the process is for each candidate to appear in a campuswide open forum which members of the Truman community are encouraged to attend; each candidate will also interview with the deans and department heads in special meetings later this month, and each candidate will also interview with Garry Gordon, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Adam Davis, current DIS.

### Open Forum

1:30 p.m. - James Padfield  
2:30 p.m. - Michael Kelrick  
3:30 p.m. - Scott Alberts  
Jan. 16  
Violette Hall 1000

Each candidate will appear for approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

The forum is open to everyone on campus—faculty, staff, and students. Those who are able to attend will be able to provide feedback to the committee (forms will be available at the forum).

The complete job description and each candidate's letter of application and curriculum vitae are available online at <http://provost.truman.edu/dissearch.asp>.

## Boeing Gifts \$75,000 to Expand Math/Science Teacher Training Program at Truman

The Boeing Company has partnered with Truman State University in a special initiative designed to increase the level of academic achievement in mathematics and science among Missouri high school students.

The Boeing Teacher-Scholars for Advanced Study in Mathematics and Sciences is a \$75,000 scholarship fund that will provide special preparation for 40 teachers in Truman's Advanced Placement program.

Missouri teachers of mathematics and science, with focus in St. Louis schools, are eligible to participate in the program. Participants will be chosen by a team of Truman State University education professors and selected on the basis of interest and commitment to the program and the needs of the teachers' home school districts.

Boeing Teacher-Scholars will complete a weeklong program of study designed to powerfully prepare them to develop and implement Advanced Placement (AP) classes in their respective high schools.



*Randy Maier, educational relations manager for Boeing, (left) accepts a lamp from President Barbara Dixon (right) during the Foundation Banquet in April 2007. The Boeing Company received Truman's 2007 Distinguished Corporation/Foundation Award and is a substantial employer of Truman graduates.*

Funds from the Boeing gift will cover tuition, travel and materials expenses for each participant. Upon completion of the training, teachers will devise a plan to offer at least one AP class in their school, and the new offering will be included in the school's curriculum.

"This significant gift from The Boeing Company will allow Truman to bring more AP offerings to students in the metropolitan St. Louis area," said Sam Minner, dean of the school of health sciences and education at Truman.

"This program will help improve mathematics and science education by providing teachers with high quality professional development and provide students with access to demanding classes. Students enrolled in AP classes are exposed to a rigorous and demanding curriculum and they often go on to enroll in even more advanced math and science classes in postsecondary education," Minner said. "The result is higher achievement and stronger national performance in math and sciences."

With the gift, The Boeing Company has become Truman State University's largest corporate donor, with more than \$360,000 in cumulative gifts.

The company received Truman's 2007 Distinguished Corporation/Foundation Award and is a substantial employer of Truman graduates. Nearly 250 alumni are serving the company in areas such as finance and accounting, information technology, supplier management, procurement and software engineering.

## New Board of Governors Member Appointed

Gov. Matt Blunt has appointed Truman alumnus John C. Hilton of Alexandria, Va., to the Board of Governors to fill the expired term of former member Matthew C. Barnes of Houston, Texas. Hilton fills one of two non-voting seats on the Board reserved for out-of-state members with knowledge of the University and its liberal arts mission. The appointment is effective immediately and is subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate.

Hilton is a fifth-generation Missourian who graduated from Truman summa cum laude in political science. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was very active in student government as an undergraduate,

capping his career as vice president of the Student Senate. He also served a Jefferson City internship with a member of the Missouri legislature. Upon his graduation from Truman, Hilton entered Harvard University's School of Law where he received his legal training. He is currently employed at Patton Boggs LLP in Washington, D.C. Previously, he served as a law clerk to Judge Duane Benton on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City, Mo., where he also served as president of the Kansas City Federalist Society lawyers chapter. He is married to the former Christina Hall, who is also a Truman graduate.

## MLK

Preserving Freedom:  
Be the Change

### Change Yourself

#### Unity Program

#### Tapestries: A Celebration of Cultural Arts

A multicultural hour of song, excerpts from Martin Luther King Jr., spoken word and dance including performances by Unique Ensemble, Illusions, Linda Seidel, True Men and others.

3 p.m. • Jan. 21

Baldwin Auditorium

### Change the World

#### Unity Luncheon

Featuring a preview performance by the St. Louis Black Repertory Company

Noon • Jan. 23

SUB Georgian Room A

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Buffer lunch begins at 11:45 a.m.  
Program begins at noon.

R.S.V.P. by Jan. 18 to the Public Relations Office at 785.4016. Cost is \$8 per person. A Truman student may pay for his/her meal by using one meal block and \$4. Students must provide their Banner ID number with a reservation.

#### Unity Performance

#### "No Land's Man: A Chapter in the Lives of Dred and Harriet Scott"

7 p.m. • Jan. 23

Baldwin Auditorium

Special performance by the St. Louis Black Repertory Company

#### Martin Luther King Jr.

#### Symposium

7 p.m. • Jan. 24 • SUB Down Under

Insights and reflections of Martin Luther King Jr.'s message as it pertains to current issues.

The symposium is limited to 50 participants.

Call 785.4142 to sign up.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

### Change Your Community

#### MLK "READ In"

Students, staff and faculty will be volunteering to help share the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 24-25 • area Kirksville locations  
Individuals interested in volunteering for the "READ In" should contact Molly Smith at the SERVE Center by phone at 785.7222 or via e-mail at [serve@truman.edu](mailto:serve@truman.edu).

# Alumni Establish Scholarship for Forensics Students

*Dean and Amy (Ayres) Rosebery recently made a \$25,000 gift to Truman to create the Amy Ayres Rosebery Debate Scholarship*

Truman State University has announced that Dean and Amy (Ayres) Rosebery have established a scholarship to honor, recognize and perpetuate Amy's achievements as a former member of the University's debate team. The couple created the Amy (Ayres) Rosebery Debate Scholarship with a \$25,000 gift made through the University's "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign, and the scholarship will be awarded to a high-performing forensics student at Truman.

Both Dean and Amy are Truman alumni who are active in University events, and the couple served as grand marshals for the 2007 Homecoming parade this



Amy (Ayres) Rosebery and Dean Rosebery

past October.

A native of Atlanta, Mo., Amy graduated from Truman as valedictorian of her class in 1943 with a B.A. and B.S.E. in English. While attending the University, she was a top performer in oratory and debate contests at Truman in the early 1940s, and forensics continues to be one of the University's signature programs. Amy taught speech at the Kirksville Junior High School in 1945, and from 1946-48, she taught English at the Blacksburg, Va., High School. In 1949, Amy received an M.A. from Columbia University in New York.

Dean received his B.S.E. in biology from Truman in 1941 and attended graduate school at Virginia Tech. From 1942 to 1945 during World War II, he was a Naval lieutenant on a Destroyer Escort. After returning to Virginia Tech and receiving his Ph.D. in aquatic zoology, Dean served as assistant chief of the Division of Fish for the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. His position with Truman State University began in 1953, and he retired as professor emeritus of biology and head emeritus of the division of science in 1985.

## The University Art Gallery Presents First Exhibitions of 2008

The University Art Gallery at Truman State University is delighted to host three exciting new exhibitions to start off 2008. "Recent Work" by John Bohac, professor of art, fills the Spotlight Gallery with work that focuses on the individual life and materiality of paint. "Pictocrypt," a selection of drawings and paintings in the Main Gallery by Emily Booth, assistant professor of art, addresses human interaction through semiotics and narrative picturewriting. "See Related Story: The Murder of J.R. Warren," in The Cube, is a body of work by Brooklyn-based artist Rory Golden that examines the nature of prejudice, bigotry and hate crimes and the role we all play in them.

The Gallery invites everyone to attend a reception at 6 p.m. Jan. 22 to view these interesting and challenging exhibitions. "Recent Work" and "Pictocrypt" are on display from Jan. 14-Feb. 22, "See Related Story" from Jan. 14-Feb. 15.

The University Art Gallery at Truman is located on the ground floor of Ophelia Parrish. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4:30 p.m. Gallery exhibits, talks and most other events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Emily Booth, interim gallery director, at 785.5386 or [ebooth@truman.edu](mailto:ebooth@truman.edu).

## Kirksville Alumni Chapter Changes Name to Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter

The name of the Kirksville Alumni Chapter was recently changed to the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter to make the chapter more inclusive of area alumni not living in Kirksville. The chapter has members from all around northeast Missouri, and chapter officers felt that a name change was in order to reflect the group's

broad membership and also to encourage other alumni living in northeast Missouri to become members. The issue was voted on by the Truman Alumni Board at their meeting on Oct. 26, 2007, and members of the board approved the request to change the name to the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter.

### Students May Spend a Day Lobbying in Jefferson City, Mo.

The student government of Truman invites students to be part of "Storm the Capitol." Storm the Capitol will give students firsthand experience of the political environment in Jefferson City.

Join members of the student government Feb. 6 as they lobby state representatives and senators on issues that relate to the experience students have at Truman. Everyone is welcome to attend Storm the Capitol. Students will receive transportation and lunch courtesy of the student government. There are two mandatory informational meetings at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 in Violette Hall 1010.



## NOTABLES

"Miscarriages of Justice: Eye of the Beholder," an article on reactions to death penalty reversals by **Ben Coate**, a senior political science and Spanish double major from Chanute, Kan.; **Ryan Lewis**, a 2007 graduate; and **Paul Parker**, professor of political science; was published in the November 2007 *Journal of the Institute of Justice and International Studies*. Coate and Parker will present additional findings at a conference this spring. **Derek Daschke**, chair and associate professor of philosophy and religion, had his essay "Mourning in America: Apocalyptic Melancholy and the 2008 Election" published in the December issue of *Clio's*

*Psyche*, a journal of psychohistory.

**Martin Erickson**, professor of mathematics, and **Anthony Vazzana**, associate professor of mathematics, have had their textbook "Introduction to Number Theory" published by Chapman & Hall /CRC Press. **John Ishiyama**, professor of political science and director of the McNair Program, has been elected for a two-year term to the Advisory Board for the Minorities at Risk (MAR) project, housed at the University of Maryland-College Park. The MAR project is the largest and most widely used database on ethnic politics and ethnic conflict in the world.

## Homecoming Committee Presents Checks to Philanthropies

The Truman State University Homecoming Committee is dedicated to providing the students, faculty, and staff of the University and Kirksville community with one week of fun and entertaining events. Homecoming is designed to serve the purpose of linking the past, present and future through various formal and informal events involving alumni, current students, faculty, staff, parents, prospective students, and the entire Kirksville community. The Homecoming Committee is devoted to keeping and building on the tradition from past years, as well as leaving lasting memories. One way in which the Homecoming Committee fulfills this mission each year is through philanthropic efforts that benefit the campus, Kirksville community, and the greater world in which we live. This year, the committee chose three philanthropies to support in fund raising efforts during Homecoming 2007: Rockin' for the Troops, Adair County YMCA, and Baldwin Auditorium renovations.



(Center) Randy Bame, director of Baldwin Auditorium, accepts a donation of \$1,631.50 from (left to right) Mindy Maness, Greg Xander, Katie Vanderhoof, JC Scholfeld, Winston Vanderhoof, Bonnie Treichel, Brandt Bell, Katie Shannon and Ellen Albers. Homecoming Committee members Amy Currier, Laura Bates, Jared Bieser, Becky Hadley, Rachael Candee, Mike Dean and Sam Sweet are not pictured. The donation will be used to assist in the purchase of new items for the auditorium. The Homecoming Committee and students at Truman make great use of the facility throughout Homecoming as well as the rest of the year. In order to show our appreciation for the facility and its staff, the committee chose to donate to the renovation of the facility. Each year, the committee puts on a Lip Sync competition in which teams comprised of campus organizations compete against one another in song and dance. Tickets to the event are sold both in advance and at the door for \$3 and \$4 respectively. This year, the competition raised \$3,263 that was split between two philanthropies.



(Center) Lance Dempsay, executive director of the Adair County YMCA, accepts a donation of \$1,631.50 from (left to right) Mindy Maness, Greg Xander, Katie Vanderhoof, JC Scholfeld, Winston Vanderhoof, Bonnie Treichel, Brandt Bell, Katie Shannon and Ellen Albers. Homecoming Committee members Amy Currier, Laura Bates, Jared Bieser, Becky Hadley, Rachael Candee, Mike Dean and Sam Sweet are not pictured. The donation will be used to buy memberships for local children. Each year, the committee puts on a Lip Sync competition in which teams comprised of campus organizations compete against one another in song and dance. Tickets to the event are sold both in advance and at the door for \$3 and \$4 respectively. This year, the competition raised \$3,263 that was split between two philanthropies.



(Center) Dustin Carmack, Blue Key member and founder of the service project Rockin' for the Troops, proudly accepts a donation of \$1,121.80 from (left to right) Mindy Maness, Greg Xander, Katie Vanderhoof, JC Scholfeld, Winston Vanderhoof, Bonnie Treichel, Brandt Bell, Katie Shannon, and Ellen Albers. Homecoming Committee members Amy Currier, Laura Bates, Jared Bieser, Becky Hadley, Rachael Candee, Mike Dean and Sam Sweet are not pictured. The money was raised through a friendly competition of penny wars throughout Homecoming Week. With the assistance of Blue Key and Cardinal Key members, Rockin' for the Troops raised enough money to pay for several care packages to be sent overseas to soldiers in Iraq.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Ortech** currently has an internship opportunity available to Truman students. Ortech seeks an IT analyst intern. The individual will be compensated based on experience. This is a replacement position and the individual should be available to start as soon as possible. Contact H. Sasaki at 627.1655 extension 181 for more information.

### TruFit Faculty/Staff Wellness Program for Spring Semester 2008

Do you catch yourself saying: "I want to start exercising and changing my diet, but..."

Time to sign up for the spring 2008 TruFit Wellness program designed for faculty and staff members looking to make changes to their health. TruFit Wellness is a 12-week education and physical activity program focused on teaching group members the skills needed to empower lifetime health behavior changes, not just short-term results.

The spring session will incorporate behavior education sessions on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. to assist members in learning:

- Creating motivation for change
- Planning strategies for change
- Combating negative thoughts
- Goal setting for success
- Overcoming obstacles
- Nutrition tips and education

Participants will have a choice to participate in a group exercise class lead by Karen Skoch, director of fitness/wellness at the Student Recreation Center, on Fridays at noon to 1 p.m. or to engage in a walking session at least one day a week.

Meetings take place Jan. 29-April 29.

An informational meeting will take place at noon Jan. 22 at the Student Recreation Center. More information about the program will be provided and Jennifer Hurst will answer any questions people might have about TruFit.

Any Truman faculty or staff member who is not currently engaging in regular physical activity is encouraged to join.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to sign up, contact Hurst at 665.4464 or [jhurst@truman.edu](mailto:jhurst@truman.edu).

## NOTES

**Summer employment opportunities: Upward Bound has multiple summer openings** (including instructional, residential, media and other positions). For complete information, see the Web site at <http://ub.truman.edu> or stop by Kirk Building 220. Application packets, including references, resumes and transcripts, due by Feb. 15.

**The Staff Development and Recognition Committee is now accepting Bulldog Award nominations.** Any faculty and staff member can nominate a department, which they feel strives to be outstanding in providing customer service. Log on to <http://hr.truman.edu/recognition/bulldogaward/> to nominate a department or find out more information.

**IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak** at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Room 320 each Friday. Additional details and the topic schedule can be found at <http://its.truman.edu/techbreak>.

**The Student Activities Board presents Chris Carter**, freak out artist, at 6 p.m. Jan. 18 in Baldwin Auditorium. This event is free for students with their student ID and \$2 for general admission. Carter can read minds, perform hypnosis and manipulate inanimate objects using only the power of his mind. Contact the Student Activities Board office at 785.4722 for more information.

**The Student Activities Board will have a press conference to announce the upcoming spring concert performer.** The press conference will take place from 7-7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Contact the Student Activities Board office at 785.4722 for more information.

**An informational meeting for "Sweet Power: Sugar, Empires, and Slaves in the Caribbean," a six-credit-hour summer 2008 study abroad class**, will take place from 6:30-

7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Student Union Building Room 322. Interested students will be able to meet the students who have just returned from the winter break trip, and see photos of Truman students in action in the Caribbean classroom. The meeting will include covering the itinerary for the next class, planned for May 14-June 4, and discussing ways to finance the program. For more information, contact Steven Reschly at [sdr@truman.edu](mailto:sdr@truman.edu) or 785.4648.

**Auditions for Truman Live, Truman's live talent show**, will take place from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 29 in Baldwin Auditorium. Students who want to audition must sign up before Jan. 29 in the Student Activities Board office located on the bottom level of the Student Union Building. Contact the Student Activities Board at 785.4722 or [sab@truman.edu](mailto:sab@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Ozarks New Energy Conference, which will take place Feb. 22-23 in Springfield, Mo., may be of particular interest to students and faculty in engineering, other applied sciences, agri-business, business and the environmental sciences.** The conference will see a convergence of nationally known researchers, university scholars, entrepreneurs and policy makers to discuss emerging new fuels technologies, solar and wind technologies, energy efficiency, business and investment opportunities and application how-tos. The conference seeks to foster ideas aimed at achieving energy independence and growth in the Ozarks while protecting the environment. Students may attend the plenary sessions free of charge if they register in advance or may attend the entire conference at a reduced fee of \$35. Log on to <http://www.ozarksnewenergy.org> for more information or contact Jennifer Ailor, conference coordinator, at 417.581.0745 or e-mail [info@ozarksnewenergy.org](mailto:info@ozarksnewenergy.org).

## Tel Alumni Campaign Now Hiring Students

Students who have excellent communication skills on and off the phone, an outgoing personality, a reliable and dependable work ethic, and a willingness to ask parents and alumni for financial support are needed.

There are nightly incentives (prizes, food, etc.) as

well as the institutional hourly wage.

Contact Brad Neathery at 785.7432 or [neathery@truman.edu](mailto:neathery@truman.edu) or stop by the Office of Advancement, McClain Hall 100.

The application deadline is Jan. 25.

### Offices Move to Different Locations

- The School of Health Sciences and Education, Sam Minner, dean, and Mona Davis, dean's secretary, have moved to Pershing Building 212. They can be reached at 785.4383.
- Wendy Miner, chair of the department of education, and Brenda Walker, education department secretary, have moved to Violette Hall 2300. They can be reached at 785.4386.

- The department of health and exercise sciences has moved to Pershing Building 334. Also, four faculty members have moved from their individual offices into the PB 334 complex. The faculty members include: Roberta Donahue, Celeste Holbrook, Jennifer Hurst and Liz Jorn. All phone numbers will remain as printed in the most current Faculty and Staff Directory.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Co-Rec Basketball	Open	Jan. 22	4:30 p.m. • Jan. 24	Jan. 28
Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 22	4:30 p.m. • Jan. 24	Jan. 28

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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## ON CAMPUS

### 16 WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.-**Wrestling vs. Millikin University (Ill.), Pershing Arena**

### 18 FRIDAY

2-3:15 p.m.-**Welcome reception for Regina Morin, Violette Hall atrium**; see Master Calendar

4 p.m.-**Men's and women's swimming vs. Missouri State University, Natatorium**

### 19 SATURDAY

1 p.m.-**Men's and women's swimming vs. Lewis (Ill.), Natatorium**

### 21 MONDAY

No classes, offices closed-**Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



### Topographic Maps of Missouri

Pickler Memorial Library has added 73 topographic maps of Missouri. The maps are the 1:24,000-scale topographic maps, also known as 7.5-minute quadrangles, which are part of the more than 55,000 7.5-minute maps made by the U.S. Geological Survey to cover the 48 conterminous States. Check out these maps of such places as Beulah, Cureall, Competition, Success, Theodosia, Wasola, Willhoit, and Yancy Mills, Mo.

### Spring Semester Hours

#### Pickler Memorial Library

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Friday • 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Saturday • Noon-9 p.m.  
Sunday • Noon-1 a.m.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan. 18 • 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Jan. 19-20 • 1-5 p.m.  
Jan. 21 (offices closed)  
1 p.m.-1 a.m.

#### Student Recreation Center

Monday - Thursday  
6:30 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Friday • 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Saturday • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sunday • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.