

# Truman *today*

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## The University Art Gallery Presents the Annual Juried Student Exhibition

The University Art Gallery at Truman State University is pleased to present the Annual Juried Student Exhibition, a collection of works from the finest student artists of the Truman community. The Gallery invites everyone to attend a reception at 6 p.m. March 4 to view this exhibit of emerging artistic talent. The show will be on display until April 11.

The juror for this exhibition is Janell Olah, a Philadelphia-based artist who uses a variety of media and appreciates artistic merit in many forms.

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.-7 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from noon-4:30 p.m. Gallery exhibits, talks and most other events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Emily Booth, the interim gallery director, at 785.5386 or [ebooth@truman.edu](mailto:ebooth@truman.edu).

## The Writing Center is Now Hiring

Students from all majors are invited to apply for positions as writing consultants. Consultants may choose to receive a stipend or apply their work toward scholarship hours. Stop by The Writing Center, MC 303 for an application or visit the Web site <http://writingcenter.truman.edu>. For more information call 785.4484.

## Steel Pan Artist Rick Kurasz to Perform

On March 6, guest steel pan artist Rick Kurasz will perform a concert in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Music and the Truman Percussion Society.



Rick Kurasz

Kurasz is currently director of percussion studies at Western Illinois University. He received his B.M. in music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, his M.M. from the University of Akron, and his D.M.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In addition to teaching, Kurasz has performed in numerous orchestras including the Akron Symphony, Sinfonia da Camera, Champaign-Urbana Symphony, Idaho State Civic Symphony, Peoria Symphony, Knox-Galesburg Symphony and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. Kurasz is also a performer of contemporary music and continues to commission and perform new works.

As an active member of the Percussive Arts Society, Kurasz serves as Illinois chapter vice

president and as a member of the New Music Research Committee. He has performed at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention as soloist and as an ensemble member. Kurasz is also a clinician and adjudicator for percussion and steelband throughout Illinois.

Kurasz is a composer/arranger in the genre of steel band and is published by Pan Ramajay productions and Panyard Publications. Before coming to Western Illinois University, Kurasz directed the University of Akron Steel Band, the University of Illinois Steel Band, I-Pan Steel Groove, the Idaho State University Steel Band, and his own combo, Panak. He has twice traveled to Trinidad to perform in the national Panorama festival with the bands Potential Symphony and Starlift. He has shared the stage with pan artists such as Ray Holman, Cliff Alexis, Liam Teague, Robert Grenidge, Ken "Professor" Philmore, Tom Miller, Andy Narell, Pan Ramajay and calypso legend, David Rudder.

## Eta Sigma Gamma Presents Safe Brake

Safe Brake is a highway safety awareness campaign that Truman State University's Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG) Health Science Honorary sponsors to promote safe driving, particularly during mid-term break. This year Safe Brake will take place from 10 a.m. March 3 through 5 p.m. March 7. Additionally, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 6 Truman's Flame to the Second Century will be lit to commemorate lives lost on the road and is open to anyone who wants to place flowers there in memory of a loved one. There will be a poster adjacent to the flame with the names of those Truman students who died on local highways. An information table will be set up from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 4-5 in the Student Union Building.

"Safe Brake is an important prevention strategy

aimed at making Truman students more conscious of their choices and consequences while driving," said Weslee Chew, ESG vice president and head of Safe Brake. "We honor our Truman classmates who lost their lives on the road by educating others and preventing more tragedy."

Since 1995, Truman State University has lost a total of 11 students to automobile-related crashes, averaging two per year. In 2007, not one student's life was lost on the road. Eta Sigma Gamma asks people to take an active role and stop by the Student Union Building to see what they can do.

Eta Sigma Gamma is a National Professional Health Science Honorary since 1967. Truman's Gamma Rho Chapter was established nationally in 1995.

### **Environmental Studies Conference 2008: Nourish the Future**

A call for papers, presentations and art.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about possible topics and presentations and creating art for the Environmental Studies Conference and the ARTSEnvironmental Gallery Show.

Consider designing school research or art projects to fit into an environmental studies topic. Papers and presentations from all disciplines and backgrounds will be accepted since environmental studies is an interdisciplinary topic.

Earth Week is April 20-26 and conference presentations will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 22-23. Following the presentations, keynote speaker Michael Shuman will close the conference with a speech at 7:30 p.m. in the Baldwin Auditorium.

To submit a proposal, e-mail a concise abstract to [blw456@truman.edu](mailto:blw456@truman.edu). Proposals will be accepted through March 31. Conference and Art Show submissions are open to students, faculty and Kirksville community members. For more information about Earth Week events, go to <http://earth.truman.edu>.

### **Health and Fitness Presentations for Faculty and Staff Members**

Students in the Program Implementation and Evaluation health class will be giving different health and fitness presentations to faculty and staff members.

**Quick Cheap, Healthy Meals**  
1:30-2:30 p.m. • March 4 • PML 103

**Fast Food and Restaurants**  
11 a.m.-noon • March 17  
SRC Conference Room

**Deskercize**  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • March 25  
PML 103

**Graded Bag Lunch**  
1:30-2:30 p.m. • April 1  
SUB Georgian Room B

**Stress Management**  
10-11 a.m. • April 7  
Student Recreation Center  
Conference Room

For more information, contact Rebecca Verhaeghe at [rnv051@truman.edu](mailto:rnv051@truman.edu).

## Bike Co-op Makes First Purchase

Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, and President Barbara Dixon signed the requisition for the first purchase made by the Bike Co-op Feb. 29. The purchase will be insurance to cover operational risks.

Soon to follow will be a requisition for \$1,552 to be spent at Seattle Bike Supply and Ace Hardware to fill the shop with tools and parts. The Bike Co-op members will be working all of March to get the shop ready for the grand opening weekend of March 28 and 29. The opening will begin with a mobile workshop at 3 p.m. March 28, a critical mass ride at 5:30 p.m., and conclude with Squirrel Fest, a band fest on the Quadrangle with celebrations to last into the night. The festivities will continue March 29 with an all day open house, membership registration and other activities.



(standing, left to right) Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Cassie Phillips, Brett Wiley and Student Senate President Matt Szewczyk, watch as University President Barbara Dixon (seated), signs a requisition for the Bike Co-op's first purchase.

The Bike Co-op building is located on the south side of Patterson Street. It is the freestanding brick garage of the Multicultural Affairs Center.

Membership to the Bike Co-op includes access to workshop tools and mechanic assistance, an opportunity to buy parts and merchandise, participation in skills workshops, and the opportunity to loan bikes (on a limited basis).

Truman students will have free membership, non-Truman students and faculty/staff will be charged \$15 and community members will be charged \$20. Memberships are valid for one year. Lifetime memberships are \$55.

For more information, contact Cassie Phillips at [d2064@truman.edu](mailto:d2064@truman.edu).

## Clinical Experiences in Teaching to be Offered During Spring Interim

There will be an informational meeting at 5 p.m. March 6 in Violette Hall 1320 for students who will be taking the spring interim class ED 393 Clinical Experiences in Teaching. At that time students will be completing background screening forms and providing suggested grade levels for the field component of the course.

Meeting times for the course include two mandatory

Saturday sessions from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 29 and April 10. The regular meeting dates will be May 12-23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Students should sign up in the Department of Education office in Violette Hall 2310. If there are questions, contact Sheila Berkowitz at [sberko@truman.edu](mailto:sberko@truman.edu) or Peter Kelly at [pkelly@truman.edu](mailto:pkelly@truman.edu).

## Consumer Advisory Project Provides Students with Valuable Lessons

Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE) presented a Consumer Advisory Project that reached out to Truman students, educating them about the common scams in which they may become victims and providing helpful prevention tips. The student-tailored presentation covered topics from online shopping scams, identity theft, scholarship scams, e-mail scams, phishing, online job scams, and credit card scams. Most topics revolved around

the Internet as online commerce increases.

During the last week of February, SIFE joined four hall senates (Ryle, Dobson, Grim and Missouri) during their weekly meetings to deliver the presentation. SIFE also made a presentation during an Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting.

For more information about SIFE or the scams discussed above, e-mail Megan McLaughlin at [mem145@truman.edu](mailto:mem145@truman.edu), or Helen Pham at [hkp587@truman.edu](mailto:hkp587@truman.edu).

## Faculty/Staff Wellness Fair to Take Place March 19

For the first time, a Faculty/Staff Wellness Fair is being presented by members of the Truman State University faculty and staff for Truman faculty and staff. It will take place March 19 in the Student Union Building. There are concurrent sessions scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Student Union Building Rooms 319 and 320. Morning sessions will be repeated in the afternoon.

To register, go to the Human Resources Web site, click on Program Registration <http://hr.truman.edu/register/classlist.asp>.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to complete a Health

Risk Appraisal (HRA) as part of the Wellness Fair. Laptop computers and assistance for interested faculty and staff to complete the HRA will be available between 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Student Union Building Room 322.

The schedule is available online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/FSWellnessFairSchedule08.doc>. The session descriptions are available online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/FSWellnessFairDescriptions08.doc>. Contact Michael Bird at [mbird@truman.edu](mailto:mbird@truman.edu), Curt Devan at [devanc@truman.edu](mailto:devanc@truman.edu), or Janice Young at [jcyoung@truman.edu](mailto:jcyoung@truman.edu) for more information.

# NOTABLES

**Stephen Allen, professor of business administration,** and Daniel Tracy of the University of South Dakota have an article titled "An Unbiased Look at Automotive Quality," published in the forthcoming May 2008 issue of the *Regional Business Review*.

**Brent Buckner, professor of biology; Diane Janick-Buckner, professor of biology; and Kayleigh Swaggart, a senior biology major from Belton, Mo.;** had their article titled "Expression and Nucleotide Diversity of the Maize RIK Gene" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Heredity*. Co-authors on this article include Truman State University alumni **Cheryl Wong, Kelsey Aurand** and **Heath Smith**. The manuscript describes research that was supported by the following NSF grants: "Functional Analyses of Genes Involved in Meristem Organization and Leaf Initiation" and "High-density Genetic Map of Maize Transcripts."

**Emily Dahmer, a senior art major from St. Louis,** has had work selected for two regional juried shows that will be on display in Columbia, Mo., in the month of March. Her "Plum Blossoms" teapot was selected for the Access Arts Teapot Exhibition sponsored by the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs. Her sculptural piece, a bust titled "Five Ginko Trees Which Survived the Atomic Blast at Hiroshima," was selected for the Women in the Arts exhibit sponsored by the Craft Studio Gallery at the University of Missouri.

**Two original musical compositions by Warren Gooch, professor of music,** have been selected for performance at the 2008 Region VI Society of Composers Incorporated Conference, to take place on the campus of Sam Houston University. The compositions, titled "Light of Shadow" for solo timpani and "Prayer of David" for tuba, will be performed April 18. Both compositions were selected through a juried process involving a large pool of submissions from composers across the United States. **Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history,** participated in a forum on "Engaging Indigenous Critiques: Reconsidering 'Race,' Gender and Politics in New England Native History," at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, on Feb. 12.

**At the Write to Learn conference Feb. 15 in Osage Beach, Mo., Barbara Price, associate professor of**

**English,** gave a presentation focused on online resources for teaching and learning. Also attending the conference were **Joel Anderson, an English graduate student; Bob Becker, a senior English major from St. Louis; Deana Judah, a senior psychology major from St. Joseph, Mo.; and Emily Murdock, a senior English major from Spring Hill, Kan.** Recent Truman MAE graduates **Kara Burns, Nick Kremer, Chris Marino, Mary Beth Nakai and Jackie Paulson** also attended the conference. Marino was a workshop presenter, with a colleague from Oakville High School where he currently teaches, on the topic "Working and Reflecting Together." The Missouri Association of Teachers of English presented the 2008 Robert J. Greef awards to outstanding pre-service teachers at the conference; Anderson was the Truman recipient.

**The Missouri National Education Association Student Program (MNEA-SP)-Truman State University** was awarded Outstanding Chapter at the Missouri NEA Student and Future Educators Association Conference Feb. 16 at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark. **Amanda Balk, a junior psychology major from Jefferson City, Mo.,** served on the MNEA Student Advisory Committee which was responsible for coordinating the conference. **Melody Jennings, instructor of health and exercise science,** presented a workshop on "Rainy Day Activities" and **Sally Carter, NASA Education Specialist (Northeast RPDC),** presented "To Infinity and Beyond." Student members in attendance were **Balk; Beth Rudder, a senior English major from Centertown, Mo.; Renee Stites, a junior English major from O'Fallon, Ill.; Ava Cichock, a freshman English major from Lakewood, Ill.; Bethany Goldammer, a sophomore history major from Kansas City, Mo.; Emi Griess, a senior English and psychology double major from Nevada, Mo.; Stephanie Hiatt, a sophomore psychology major from St. Peters, Mo.; Rachel Hix, a senior English major from Kirksville; Katie Johnson, a junior English major from Overland Park, Kan.; Kristina Rieman, a senior English major from Fenton, Mo.; and Cassandra Runge, a graduate English student from O'Fallon, Mo.** The adviser for Truman's MNEA-SP chapter is **Bev Perrachione, assistant professor of education.**

## Grow Receives Grant to Conduct Teacher Institute

**J**anice Grow-Maienza, professor of education, has been awarded a \$176,000 Improving Teacher Quality grant by the Missouri Department of Higher Education from federal "No Child Left Behind" funds.

Grow will conduct a Teacher Institute Aug. 4-15 to introduce 50 k-12 teachers to "gecKo mathematics," adapted from the NSF-funded English translations of the 6th National Primary Mathematics Curriculum of Korea.

The Northeast Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC) is collaborating in this project, as is the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Todd Hammond, professor of mathematics; Scott Alberts, associate professor of mathematics; and Hyun-Joo Kim, associate professor of mathematics; will help facilitate the Institute and the assessment of teachers and their students in the academic year 2008-2009, as will staff from the

RPDC. A fourth collaborator in the "gecKo mathematics" project is Sungard Higher Education whose staff is preparing "gecKo mathematics" for online Web access for all teachers, parents and students. Ryan Herriman, a senior linguistics major from Lee's Summit, Mo.; Stephen Emlund, a senior art major from Fredericktown, Mo.; and Garry Polley, a sophomore mathematics major from Imperial, Mo.; have designed and prepared adaptations for the Web site.

Grow attributes her success in writing a winning proposal to Judy Lundberg, director of grants and sponsored programs, and the assistance she received from the and Foundation Relations office at Truman and the support of Sam Minner, dean of the school of health sciences and education, and Darl Davis, director of the regional professional development center.

### Midterm Break Hours

#### Pickler Memorial Library

March 7 • 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
March 8-9 • Closed  
March 10-14 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
March 15 • Closed  
March 16 • Regular hours resume

#### Student Recreation Center

March 7 • 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
March 8-9 • Closed  
March 10-14 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
March 15 • Closed  
March 16 • 4 p.m.-7 p.m.  
March 17 • Regular hours resume

### Shuttle to LaPlata Train Station March Midterm Break

The Department of Public Safety will be providing a shuttle service for students at 9 a.m. March 8 from the Department of Public Safety Building to the Amtrak station in LaPlata. The cost of the shuttle service is \$5, and payment is due by March 6. The fee can be paid at the Public Safety Building. The shuttle will pick students up in LaPlata at the train station for return to the Public Safety Building at 7 p.m. March 16. Contact Joyce at 785.4177 for more information or to make reservations.

### March is Women's History Month: Save 20 Percent on all Related Titles at the Truman Bookstore

Choose from titles including: "Anne Frank's Diary," "Our Bodies Ourselves," "The Feminine Mystique" and more. For more information, call 785.4211.

### Mark Your Calendar

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presents "Rock" performed by the Missouri Contemporary Ballet

7:30 p.m. • April 4  
Baldwin Auditorium

# NOTES

**SAB presents Step Afrika!** from 8-9:15 p.m. March 4 in the Baldwin Auditorium. Step Afrika! is a high-energy professional dance troupe that will perform and showcase various step routines as well as explore traditional West African dance origins. Tickets are now available in the Student Activities Board office and are free with Truman ID and \$2 for general admission. No photography or recordings are allowed. SAB reserves the right to release unoccupied seats to non-ticket holders five minutes before showtime. For more information, contact Erin Palmer at esp132@truman.edu.

**The SERVE Center is sponsoring a Girl Scout Cookie Booth** in partnership with Kirksville Junior Troop 9169. The booth will be open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. March 5 in the Violette Hall lobby area. Cookies are \$3 per box. Proceeds go to support the troop's activities all year long. Cookie varieties may be viewed at <http://www.girlscoutcookies.org/> or <http://www.myspace.com/girlscoutcookiesale>.

**The Weekly Lunch Series** will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. March 5 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. This week's session will feature a joint session sponsored by the Undergraduate Council (UGC) and the Curriculum Commission titled "Critical Thinking and the Curriculum."

**There will be a Physics Colloquium** at 4:30 p.m. March 5 in Magruder Hall 1096 featuring Wayne Polyzou from the department of physics and astronomy at the University of Iowa. The topic to be discussed is "Few-body Nuclear Physics: Working Towards the Transition Region." Snacks will be provided 10 minutes before the talk. For more information about the colloquium series and upcoming talks, visit <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp>.

**Students may attend a viewing of the Disney College Program E-Presentation** at 7 p.m. March 5 and 25 in Student Union Building Room 319. Students will be able to learn more about this internship from Truman students who are alumni of the program. Contact Jessica Berger at tsudisneyreps@aol.com for more information.

**Rep. Rebecca McClanahan presents the second annual photography contest, "Seasons of Tourism."** There will be a reception with a presentation of awards from 5-8 p.m. March 6 at the Kirksville Arts Center.

**The Association of Black Collegians is hosting a Feminine Mystique night** from 7-9 p.m. March 6 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. There will be free food, self-defense instruction, an open mic and a hot topic panel. Contact Kierra Mosby at ktm4347@truman.edu for more information.

**IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak**

at 1:30 p.m. March 6 in Violette Hall 1300. The topic of this week's discussion is "TruTube" - video upload tool. A web application designed by Truman's Web Services department to facilitate the uploading and display of video in Blackboard and other University Web sites by faculty and staff.

**Funds Allotment Council (FAC) funding applications are due** by 4 p.m. March 7 in the Center for Student Involvement office. Applications are now available in the FAC office in the Student Union Building lower level. Contact Jenny Dix at jld534@truman.edu with questions. **The Truman State University Recycling Center will be closed** March 8 and 15 due to midterm break but will be open March 10-14. The center will also be closed March 24 for spring break.

**The Women's Resource Center presents the Red Dress Project** March 17-21 in Pickler Memorial Library and the residence halls. Red dresses and information about sexual violence against women will be displayed in the locations. For more information, contact Rebecca Reddin at rjr2368@truman.edu.

**Truman's Sierra Student Coalition is sponsoring a Renewable Energy Panel** from 7-9 p.m. March 18 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Students are invited to learn about the availability and impact of renewable energy solutions. The manager of Wind Farm Operations (of the Wind Capital Group) and an AmerenUE (Truman's energy provider) representative will be speaking about Truman's and Missouri's current energy state and how it might be improved. For more information, contact Hannah Hemmelgarn at hlh833@truman.edu.

**SIMS applications are now available** via the Student Affairs Web site and in hard copy form in the Center for Student Involvement and the Student Affairs office. Applications must be returned by March 28 to the Center for Student Involvement. Any problems, contact Student Affairs at 785.4111 or stuaff@truman.edu.

**Beta Alpha Psi will be sponsoring Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 29 and April 5 in Violette Hall 1424. The members will give income tax assistance to students and the community and file their tax return electronically for free. Additional information is available at <http://bap.truman.edu/eventsVITA.htm>.

**Financial Aid Reminder:** April 1 is the filing deadline for Access Missouri funds. Apply soon for all available federal (including work-study, Perkins Loan, and SEOG) and state aid. The 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103, 785.4130, if you have any questions.

# ON CAMPUS

## 8 SATURDAY

1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Upper Iowa, Baseball field

## 9 SUNDAY

noon-Baseball vs. William Penn (Iowa), Baseball field

## 10 MONDAY

Midterm break begins, no classes

## 12 WEDNESDAY

2 p.m.-Baseball vs. Central Missouri, Baseball field

## 14 FRIDAY

3 p.m.-Baseball vs. Emporia State (Kan.), Baseball field

## 15 SATURDAY

1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Emporia State (Kan.), Baseball field

## 16 SUNDAY

noon-Baseball vs. Emporia State (Kan.), Baseball field

## 17 MONDAY

Classes resume

There will be no *Truman Today* published for the week of March 10 due to midterm break. The *Truman Today* will resume the week of March 17.



## Jazz Up Your Presentation at the Library

Pickler Memorial Library provides a variety of services to help you create quality documents and presentations. Laminate your posters or documents for only 50 cents per foot. Use the color copier and the presentation binder to create a professional look. Make colorful cut-outs with the die-cut press for a poster or bulletin board. Come check out these services at the library.

## Textbook Returns

8 a.m.-5 p.m. • March 10-14

The Truman Bookstore will be sending back books from this semester to prepare for inventory. Stop in before midterm break if you still need to pick up a book.

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
March Madness Pickem	Open	March 7	N/A	N/A
Outdoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	March 19	March 20	March 26

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>.