

# Truman *today*

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## Truman Day at the NEMO Fair

Truman needs volunteers to work July 14 at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts are as follows:

6-9 a.m. • *Two volunteers needed*

8:45 a.m.-Noon

*One volunteer needed*

11:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Six volunteers needed*

Volunteers will receive a free one-day pass to the fair.

*Please call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 to sign up or stop by McClain Hall 101 if you are interested in volunteering.*

## Summer Session Hours

### Pickler Memorial Library

June 2-July 27

Monday-Thursday • 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday • 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday • 1-5 p.m.

Sunday • 4-8 p.m.

### 4th of July Holiday

July 4 • Closed

### Student Recreation Center

June 2-July 25

Monday-Friday • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday • Closed

### 4th of July Holiday

July 4-5 • Closed

### The Writing Center

McClain Hall 303

June 2-July 25

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Friday • 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday • Closed

### 4th of July Holiday

July 4 • Closed

## Truman Forensic Union Sends Representatives to Beijing, People's Republic of China

Students and faculty from the Truman Forensic Union and the Department of Communication recently returned from Beijing, China, and the 12th Annual FLTRP Cup English Language Debating Competition-China's equivalent of a national debate championship. Students and staff assisted with the tournament while visiting a variety of sites in China.

Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication and director of forensics, was in his second year serving as a trainer for the Cup, in cooperation with the International Debate Education Association (IDEA). Christopher Girouard, a senior from Chesterfield, Mo.; Mark Buchheit, a junior from Carthage, Mo.; Kristopher Stroup, assistant professor of communication and interim assistant director of

forensics; and Elizabeth Clark, communications department chair and former forensics director; served as Independent Adjudicators for the Tournament.

The event took place in the aftermath of the tragic Wenshan earthquake in China's Sichuan Province. Among the more than 120 Chinese teams present at the event were several teams who struggled to reach the tournament through earthquake devastated territory.

Truman's involvement in the Cup is a first step toward the development of a broader initiative to involve Truman forensics students in regular international forensics opportunities, including tournaments, conferences, and outreach activities. At least three possible exchange initiatives are under discussion as a result of the event.

## Truman Awarded a \$600,000 Grant to Provide Scholarships to Mathematics and Computer Science Majors

Truman State University has been awarded a \$600,000 NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) grant.

This is a four-year grant that will provide scholarships for students with financial need who are mathematics or computer science majors.

The goals of the project are to 1) recruit and retain academically talented, financially needy math and computer science majors and 2) increase the number of mathematics and computer science graduates who enter the workforce in these fields.

In addition to the scholarships, support services including tutoring, mentoring, career placement assistance, and interactions with business and professional individuals will be provided.

The project PI is Dana Vazzana, associate professor of mathematics, and CO-PIs are Alan Garvey, associate professor of computer science; Eric Howard, professor of mathematics; Robert Matthews, assistant professor of computer science; and Jason Shaw, visiting assistant professor of mathematics.

The Student Recreation Center Fitness/Wellness is offering free fitness classes for students, faculty and staff in town for the summer. Classes offered include step, yoga, body sculpting, ballet and more. For more information visit [http://recreation.truman.edu/instructional\\_programs.asp](http://recreation.truman.edu/instructional_programs.asp).

**Are you taking advantage of Staff Exercise Time?**

For more information visit <http://recreation.truman.edu/set.asp>.

The next issue of the *Truman Today* will be published July 15. *Truman Today* is published biweekly during the summer session. Submissions for the next issue are due by July 9 to [truman.kbest@gmail.com](mailto:truman.kbest@gmail.com).

**Sodexo invites members of the Truman community to attend barbecues** on the Mall this summer. The remaining dates are July 11 and 25.

The Financial Aid Office is hosting a retirement reception in honor of Sue Neely from 2-4 p.m. July 25 in the atrium of McClain Hall. Please take a few minutes to join Neely for refreshments and reminiscing. She has been at Truman for the past 35 years.

**The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) is now accepting registration for the 2008 Activities Fair,**

to take place from noon-4 p.m. Sept. 4 on the Quadrangle. All campus departments and student organizations in good standing with the CSI are eligible to register. Registration forms are available in the Center for Student Involvement or at <http://studentinvolvement.truman.edu>. The first 100 organizations to sign up will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

## Phi Beta Lambda Members Recognized at National Leadership Conference

Phi Beta Lambda members and advisers from Truman State University participated in the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference June 21-24 in Atlanta. The conference theme was "Leadership in Action."

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, various workshops for training, and election of officers for the next year. Alicia Stewart, a history major from Clinton, Mo., served as National North Central Region Vice President for the 2007-2008 year. Cathy Poyner, instructor in business administration, was recognized as Missouri Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser. The Truman State University Chapter also received the Gold Seal Award of Merit.

Several Truman students were recognized at the Awards Program.

Amy Rowden, an economics and business administration double major from Dixon, Mo., received first place for Financial Analysis & Decision Making and International Business.

Jonathan Arnold, a pre-business administration major from Gallatin, Mo.; received first place for Employee Training & Development.

Marissa Chaplin, an exercise science and pre-business administration double major from Warrensburg, Mo., received fifth place for Sports Management & Marketing.

Stewart, National North Central Region vice president, was named as one of the Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business. There are more than 11,000 active members in the United States.

**4 FRIDAY**

**Independence Day**

**No classes, offices closed**



**Audio Books for your Summer Travels**

Traveling this summer? Make your trip more enjoyable by listening to some of the newer audio books from the library such as: "The Wisdom of History;" "Way off the Road – Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small-town America;" "From the Heart: Seven rules to live by;" and John Grisham's "Playing for Pizza."

**Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Coordinating Fourth of July Activities**

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce has been working with area businesses and organizations to put together an amazing celebration.

There will be events for several days. People should bring their lawn chairs and blankets, family and friends to enjoy the celebration.

View the schedule of All-American Red, White and Blue Festival activities at <http://www.kirksvillechamber.com>.

For more information, contact the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce at 665.3766. Proceeds from these events benefit the fireworks and the festival.

**Missouri Campus Compact Awards Grant Proposals**

The Center for Teaching and Learning is thrilled to announce that the following grant proposals have been awarded funding by the Missouri Campus Compact:

**Grassroots Environmentalism**

Michael Kelrick, Interdisciplinary Studies

**Community Partner Needs Assessment**

Elaine McDuff, Sociology

**Recipe Book Project**

Teak Nelson, Nursing

**Safer, Smarter Driving**

Roberta Donahue, Health & Exercise Science

**Developing and Promoting Recreational Opportunities for Youth in Adair County**

Liz Jorn, Health & Exercise Science

**Northeast Missouri ESL Assistance**

Sally Cook, English & Linguistics

**Economic Development with MREIC**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**Success for Kirksville Teens**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**SB40 Developmental Disabilities Board**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**Heartland Ranches Collaboration**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**The Campus Mic Research Collaboration**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**BSAD 360 Marketing Research Collaboration with Truman State University**

Datha Damron-Martinez, Business

**Service-Learning and Special Education**

Peter Kelly, Education

All 12 of the proposals submitted through the Center for Teaching and Learning were funded as well as one proposal that was submitted independently. The efforts of these faculty members will bring \$7,000 to Truman in 2008-2009 to support 13 service-learning projects. In the past, Truman secured \$4,000 per academic year from the Missouri Campus Compact.

*Truman Today* is a biweekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff during the summer. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to [truman.kbest@gmail.com](mailto:truman.kbest@gmail.com) or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.**  
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