Voter Registration Deadline Oct. 8

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election is Oct. 8.

Those individuals wanting to register to vote in Adair County can do so at the County Clerk's Office. They will need to bring some form of ID. It takes about two minutes to register.

Students who are registered to vote in their hometown and would like to vote in their home district, must request an absentee ballot from their hometown clerk's office. The clerks will send a ballot and the students must send a notarized ballot back.

The business office in McClain Hall can notarize ballots for students. If students are not sure where they are registered to vote, they can call the Adair County Clerk's Office, which has the ability to look up all Missouri voters through a statewide registry.

Individuals who have moved since they last voted in Adair County need to update their address with the clerk's office so they can learn their new polling location.

The clerk's office is located downtown on the second floor of the courthouse. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and they are closed for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.

Anyone with questions about voter registration or where they should vote can call 665.3350.

At 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Hub of the Student Union Building, the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards will host a Debate Watch. Everyone is invited to watch the second presidential debate. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Truman Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Available Online

The Truman Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarship applications for the spring 2009 semester are now available online. Applications are available online and are due by midnight Nov. 1. To learn more, go to http://www.truman.edu and click on Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships or go to http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/.

This application period is for Foundation scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2008-2009. Applications for the majority of Foundation scholarships will be available in January and February for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Applications are also available in the Center for International Education (CIE) office in Kirk Building 114 for the Truman Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships for the summer of 2009.

Ten $1,500 scholarships will be awarded for summer, faculty-led Truman study abroad programs based on financial need, statement of purpose and academic achievement.

These applications are due in the CIE office by 12 p.m. Jan. 23, 2009, and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

Since its creation in 1980, the Truman Foundation has provided an opportunity for thousands of alumni and friends to make an investment in students.

The mission of the Foundation and Office of Advancement is to support the goals and activities of Truman by nurturing viable relationships with external constituencies, obtaining financial support and serving as prudent financial stewards of the Foundation's resources. More than $621,000 will be awarded in scholarships to Truman students in 2008-2009.
The new NSCS members are part of the top 20 percent of students at Truman. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

Dana Smith (above, center) and Roberta Donahue (below, center) pose with University President Barbara Dixon and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Troy Paine after being named recipients of the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award.

Dr. Jeanne Stephens Lee Blackmar established the award in honor of her late husband, who was president of the University’s Board of Governors during the 1970s. Two academic advisers are selected annually for the award, which includes a $1,000 development fund stipend to be used for travel to advising conferences or institutes, research materials and other relevant items. The Lee Advising Award pays tribute to excellent advisers and demonstrates how important academic advising is at Truman.

United Way Campaign Update

After the sixth week of Truman’s United Way campaign, the faculty, staff and students have contributed nearly $45,000, which means Truman has met 80 percent of its goal.

Campaign Co-Chairs Brad Chambers, in advancement, and Debra Kerby, professor of accounting, said they are grateful to everyone who has already contributed to this year’s campaign.

If you have questions, or need a replacement pledge form, contact Chambers at bchamber@truman.edu or Kerby at dkerby@truman.edu.

The MAC Hosts MLK Collegiate Challenge

Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of multicultural affairs, recently received a grant from Missouri Campus Compact for a Martin Luther King Day service activity.

The grant will fund the “MLK Collegiate Challenge,” which brings together a diverse student pool and divides them into groups to work on service projects in the Kirksville community. Students who participate fully in this event can receive service-learning credit on their co-curricular record through the Service-Learning Advantage Program.

Students and organizations interested in the “MLK Collegiate Challenge” or other Martin Luther King Day activities may contact the Multicultural Affairs Center (MAC) at 785.4142.

Application for this grant was aided by The Center for Teaching and Learning and the VISTA Member for Service-Learning, who has assisted with seven successful grant applications for service-learning at Truman in the past year.

Glamour Sponsors 2009 Top Ten College Women Competition

Glamour magazine is now accepting applications for the 2009 Top 10 College Women Competition. Applications are due by Dec. 1, and only female college juniors may apply by e-mailing ttcw@glamour.com or logging on to http://www.glamour.com/about/top-to-college-women.

The competition recognizes the exceptional achievements and academic excellence of female college juniors from across the United States and Canada. It is an ideal opportunity for talented students to be rewarded for their leadership roles on campus and in the greater community. Winners receive a $3,000 cash prize, coverage in an issue of Glamour and a trip to New York City for an awards luncheon. In New York, the winners will get the opportunity to meet with female professionals in their field as well as meet the other winners.

Attention All Missouri Bright Flight and Access Missouri Recipients

A new Missouri law, HB 1549, effective Aug. 28, 2008, requires public colleges and universities to verify that recipients of state educational funds are lawfully present in the United States. If you have been awarded one of these state programs for the fall semester, you must provide “affirmative proof” of U.S. citizenship, permanent residency or other lawful presence in the U.S. A valid Missouri driver’s license is sufficient. If you have completed I-9 clearance for student employment, you have met “affirmative proof” requirements. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Elsea at 785.4130 or e-mail finaid@truman.edu.
NOTABLES

Mike Ashcraft, associate professor of religion, has been named the book review editor of “Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions.”

Alpha Sigma Gamma Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness Week

The women of Alpha Sigma Gamma will be hosting events beginning Oct. 13 to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

Bras decorated by various organizations will be displayed on the Quad from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 13. Organizations will have a chance to decorate their own bras from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Student Union Building 3201.

A Health Fair will take place from 12-4 p.m. Oct. 15 on the Quad with information tables pertaining to women’s health issues set up by numerous organizations, including the American Medical Student Association, GlobeMed, the Student Public Health Association and the Women’s Resource Center.

Speaker Pam Newman from the Susan G. Komen Foundation will be discussing breast cancer awareness and research, as well as the foundation itself, at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in Georgian Room A of the Student Union Building.

All proceeds from the week will go to the foundation.

The week’s events will conclude with a vigil for those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, as well as families and friends, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in front of Kirk Memorial by the eternal flame.

Next STEP Office Accepting Applications for Undergraduate Research Conference

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) recently sent out a national call for proposals from students to submit abstracts and applications for the 23rd National Conference on Undergraduate Research to take place April 16-18, 2009, at The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

Again this year, the Next STEP Office will be coordinating the application process for the Truman campus. Only abstracts submitted through this process will be eligible to receive funding from the University to attend the conference.

The Next STEP Office anticipates being able to send 50 students to the NCUR this year.

Truman students will use Truman’s online application at http://ncur.truman.edu to submit an abstract for consideration by Oct. 31. Students may start submitting abstracts to Truman’s site immediately.

Each submission will be reviewed at the departmental level according to a process determined by the department. Departmental reviews will be completed by Nov. 14 and students will have the opportunity to make recommended changes by this date.

Once the abstract is finalized and approved, the Next STEP Office will submit each approved student abstract to the NCUR for consideration by Dec. 1.

Questions about the process can be directed to Jennifer Thompson, administrative coordinator of the Next STEP Office, by e-mail at step@truman.edu.

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All information, rules and registration requirements are online at http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralsrec.asp, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467.

Submit Master Calendar Events for the Fall Semester

If you have planned an on-campus event for the upcoming academic year, do not forget to submit it to the Master Calendar at http://calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp. All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department/division/program of Truman State University. Off-campus events will not be posted on the calendar unless they are alumni events affiliated with Truman Alumni Chapters.

Professional Development Institute Program Schedule

The goal of the PDI, created by the Career Center and sponsored by Student Affairs, is to prepare students professionally and personally, for a smooth transition to life after college.

5-6 p.m. Oct. 7
So you mean I have to pay it back?
Kathy Elsea, director of financial aid, will discuss student loans and the details about repayment.

5-6 p.m. Oct. 13
First impressions: How to survive the 5 second resume scan
Elizabeth Bauer, career coordinator, will talk about how to format a resume so that relevant information is easy to find.

12-1 p.m. Oct. 14
You never know who’s watching
Lana Dowell, an administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Business, will teach proper etiquette in the electronic age.

5-6 p.m. Oct. 14
So tell me about yourself
Polly Matteson, career coordinator, will talk about typical questions in an interview and answers a recruiter may seek.

5-6 p.m. Oct. 23
Diversity 101
Bertha Thomas, assistant dean of multicultural affairs, will discuss views of diversity.

5-6 p.m. Nov. 5
Safety First: Recognizing and maintaining workplace safety
Tom Johnson, director of public safety, will discuss safety in the workplace.

12-1 p.m. Nov. 11
Who wants your life? Preventing identity theft
Tom Johnson will teach how to prevent identity theft.

All sessions take place in the Career Center. Sessions are open to everyone on campus. To register go to http://pdi.truman.edu.
Pickler Memorial Library will host three simultaneous exhibits marking the beginning of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Birthday Celebration at Truman. The exhibits are located in the first floor gallery of the library. A program about Lincoln and the exhibits is scheduled at 6 p.m. Oct. 13 in the gallery and will feature brief presentations by Mark Hanley, professor of history, and Gary Rozanc, assistant professor of art. The exhibits will be in the library for the month of October. All are invited to attend. For continued information about the celebration events visit http://lincoln200.truman.edu.

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to fund Incentive Scholarships of up to $500 for students who are not math or computer science majors to take extra math or computer science classes. To find out more, or to fill out an online application, go to http://smacs.truman.edu. Application deadline for spring 2009 semester classes is Oct. 14.

The Career Center will be hosting Expo 411 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Oct. 15 on the Mall. Expo 411 is designed to help students prepare for this fall’s Career Expo. Students can sign up for the Expo and S.C.O.R.E. and employer mock interviews, have their resume critiqued, and find out how to successfully work a career fair. Free food and lots of helpful information will be provided. All students and professors are welcome to come.

The School of Business will be hosting an open house from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Violette Hall upstairs commons. The open house is for all students who are interested in learning more about a major in accounting or business administration, or a minor in business. Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Marilyn Romine, business academic adviser, at 785.4268 or mromine@truman.edu.

The Multicultural Affairs Center will host a presentation by the students of a Mexican history class taught by Marc Becker, associate professor of history, at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Baldwin Little Theater. They will present a multimedia examination on the diversity of Mexico, along with its varied historical and cultural traditions.

The General Honors committee and the Office of the Provost invites interested, prospective and current General Honors students and faculty advisers to an information reception at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Alumni Room of the Student Union Building. This will be an opportunity to learn more about one of Truman’s top academic awards. General Honors in Arts and Science is awarded to graduating students who complete five approved courses including at least one from each of the four areas of humanities, social science, mathematics, and natural science with a GPA of at least 3.5 in these five courses and an overall GPA of at least 3.5. For more information and details on the program, please visit the General Honors in Arts and Science website at http://honors.truman.edu.

Students may pick up applications for the 2008-2009 “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award” in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Student Union Building 3100. To qualify, 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 2008-2009 academic year. Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 17. For more information visit http://saffairs.truman.edu or call 785.4111.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring Little Event beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 19. Members of Alpha Phi Omega will help with odd jobs needed throughout the community, such as cleaning, raking leaves and cleaning gutters. This year the Little Event has been expanded to provide needed services to students and campus organizations. Please submit any possible job ideas to Theresa Perkins at tap657@truman.edu and include the job details and location.

Physical Plant Services invites students, faculty and staff to participate in the annual survey of campus member satisfaction with Physical Plant services. The survey is available online until Oct. 31. Please complete it by that date. To take the survey, please visit http://survey.truman.edu/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=309 and log in with your network user name and password.

The Kirksville Bike Co-op invites the Truman community to take a survey about the state of bicycle racks around the Truman campus. The survey is accessible through the following link: http://issurvey.truman.edu/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyID=309 and log in with your network user name and password.

The Department of Public Safety’s annual Campus Crime Report is now available online at http://police.truman.edu. A printed copy of the report is available at the DPS office. You can also request a copy of the report mailed to you by calling 785.4177.

The American Heart Association presents: Rhapsody in Red

HEART GALA
6 p.m. Nov. 8
A.T. Still University Connell Information Technologies Center
800 West Jefferson Street
For more information please contact Amy Currier at 785.4222 or acurrier@truman.edu.

All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association and all gifts are tax deductible.