

# Truman *today*

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## **SPEAKERS SOUGHT FOR READING IN CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM**

The program "A More Perfect Union: The Struggle for Civil Rights for All," is looking for students, faculty and staff to volunteer to prepare and read civil rights speeches.

Speeches may be selected from an already established list or may be submitted for approval prior to the event. All speeches are to be from historic civil rights authors and not the original work of the reader. Readers are expected to come prepared.

Speeches will be read at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Pickler Memorial Library. Speeches will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis so please do not delay. As the program will last 60-90 minutes, some speeches may need to be shortened to excerpts.

Please contact Erin Case at [ecase@truman.edu](mailto:ecase@truman.edu) immediately if you are interested in reading a speech.

### **Kohlenberg Lyceum**

#### **Series Presents**

**Hubbard Street 2  
dance company**

7:30 p.m. Jan. 27  
Baldwin Hall Auditorium

Tickets are available at the SAB Office and Information Desk in the Student Union Building.

## **Truman Nationally Ranked on CPA Exam**

According to newly released data from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Truman State University's accounting students have ranked eighth in the nation for the percentage of its students passing all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination on the first attempt in 2007 (the most recent period of compilation). In four of the past six years, Truman students have ranked in the top 10 of participating schools in the nation.

In this particular testing period, 65 percent of the Truman students passed all four parts of the exam on the first attempt. The national pass rate for first-time candidates for all exam sections is 7.5 percent. Missouri was named again one of the top 10 honor roll states. This designation is reserved for states whose candidates achieved pass

rates higher than the national average.

The School of Business' accounting program is well known for its history of assessing and monitoring educational processes to ensure student success.

Faculty members attribute strong student performance on the CPA exam to a "perfect storm" of factors which come together to create consistently high achievement values including bright students, a rigorous curriculum and an emphasis on student learning.

Truman's School of Business is one of only 167 business schools in the world accredited in both business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the foremost worldwide accrediting agency for schools and programs of business.

## **Girouard Selected to Represent the United States on Debate Tour of Japan**

Christopher Girouard, a senior political science and communication double-major from Chesterfield, Mo., has been selected to represent the United States on a tour of Japan.

Selected as one of only two students for this honor by the National Communication Association's Committee on International Discussion and Debate (CIDD), Girouard will tour Japan for approximately a month this June as a member of the U.S. team. He joins a master's degree candidate from Cornell University and a supervisor from the CIDD on the trip.

In order to be selected from the competitive pool of bachelor and master students from around the country—including some active graduate student debate coaches—Girouard was first selected by a screening committee in November, then completed a live interview in Dallas, Jan. 9-10, during which he had to demonstrate

skills in debate, argumentation, instruction and intercultural and diplomatic adaptability.

The CIDD has sponsored international debate exchanges since 1922 and has sponsored students to tour the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the former Soviet Union, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and the Baltic States. Each year the CIDD also organizes tours of the U.S. by the British national team, as well as tours by the Japanese national team every other year. The costs of the delegation's travel are underwritten by the CIDD and host institutions abroad.

With the American delegation, Girouard will visit several Japanese universities and cultural associations for demonstration debates and guest lectures on American academic debating. Past tours of Japan have included debates in front of Japanese business leaders, high school teachers and media representatives.

## V-Week 2009

Feb. 9-13

### *Congo Teach-In*

7-9 p.m. Feb. 9

Baldwin Hall Little Theatre

A powerful presentation about the atrocities occurring to the women in the Congo.

### *Speculum Art*

7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 10

Ophelia Parrish 2121

Decorate speculums, explore your creativity and celebrate womanhood.

### *Poetry Slam*

7-9:30 p.m. Feb. 11

Student Union Building Spanish Room

Share poetry, stories and art about women, relationships, dating, violence and sex.

### *The Vagina Monologues*

7-9 p.m. Feb. 12-13

Baldwin Hall Auditorium

Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. Enjoy Eve Ensler's powerful and award-winning play performed by Truman women.

**Sponsored by The Women's Resource Center**

### **2009 Summer Orientation Dates**

June

5, 8, 12, 17, 22, 26, 29

August

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Optional overnights June 7, 26

### **Student Ambassadors Accepting Applications**

Applications are available in McClain Hall 205 or online at <http://admissions.truman.edu/ambassadors.asp>. Completed applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 9-20.

Questions can be sent to Jill Graves at [jgraves@truman.edu](mailto:jgraves@truman.edu).

## Truman Forensics Students Capture Sixteen Awards in a Two-Tournament Weekend

Eleven students from Truman's Forensic Union braved the arctic chill of Seward, Neb., Jan. 16-18 for the "Sleet and Sun Swing," a weekend of two tournaments co-hosted by Concordia University of Seward and Bethel College of St. Paul.

Truman won second place overall team in debate at both halves of the tournament and third-place overall team of four-year colleges in attendance at both halves. The team also secured a new qualification for the national championships and racked-up an additional 13 awards. Sixteen colleges and universities, from as far away as Louisiana, were in attendance.

At the Concordia-sponsored half of the tournament, freshman Andrew Grojean from Blue Springs, Mo., took third place in prose interpretation, qualifying him for the National Forensic Association Championships in April. This is his third event qualification for the national tournament in only four months of collegiate competition.

Debaters at the first half of the tournament secured numerous team and speaker awards. The parliamentary debate teams of freshman Ben Reid from Kansas City, Mo., sophomore Barbara Gillard from Jackson, Mo., freshman

Emily Wagman from Springfield, Mo., and freshman Elizabeth Hattting from Omaha, Neb., each reached the semifinals of their portion of the tournament. Reid reached the semifinals of the Lincoln-Douglas debate portion of the tournament. Gillard was ranked fourth-best speaker in the Lincoln-Douglas division and seventh in the parliamentary division. Wagman was the top-ranked speaker in the parliamentary division, followed by Reid in fourth, and Hattting in sixth.

During the second half of the tournament, hosted by Bethel, Gillard and Reid reprised their role in semifinals of the second parliamentary tournament, while Gillard was ranked second speaker and Reid, third. Hattting reached the finals of the competition in persuasive speaking, where she took sixth place.

Students will travel next to the Gorlok Gala, hosted by Webster University, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, in St. Louis. The Truman Forensic Union is open to all interested students regardless of previous interscholastic or intercollegiate speech and debate experience. Students interested in entering competition for the 2009-2010 season should contact a member of the coaching staff at 785.5677 or [kminch@truman.edu](mailto:kminch@truman.edu).

## Eisenberg to Serve as Acting Registrar

Marty Eisenberg, associate provost for academic affairs and dean of new student programs, has agreed to serve as acting registrar. He will assume this role in a temporary capacity in addition to his current duties on campus.

Eisenberg succeeds Nancy Asher, who has

served as interm registrar for the last year and a half.

Asher is returning to her position as the coordinator of testing and reporting, as well as assuming a new responsibility as the University's associate budget director.

## Experience Campus Town Jan. 30-31

Campus Town is a two-day program designed for college students that promotes diversity, tolerance and inclusion, sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians in conjunction with the Funds Allotment Council.

It is a peer-to-peer cultural immersion and leadership development experience. The first day of Campus Town will begin at 4:15 p.m.-9:15

p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building Activities Room and continue at 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

All students are eligible to participate and all meals will be provided. There is no cost for participation. Please RSVP to [ccc237@truman.edu](mailto:ccc237@truman.edu).

### **Upward Bound Summer Employment Application Review Begins February 3**

Completed packets include application, resume, transcripts and recommendations. For questions, go online to <http://ub.truman.edu> or call Donna at 785.4244.

# NOTABLES

**Taner Edis, associate professor of physics**, had a chapter, "Muslim Resistance to Darwinian Evolution," published in J. Seckbach and R. Gordon, eds., "Divine Action and Natural Selection: Science, Faith and Evolution."

**Teri Heckert, professor of psychology**, had her article, "Alternative Service Learning Approaches: Two Techniques that Accommodate Faculty Schedules," accepted for publication in the journal "Teaching of Psychology." This research was partially supported through a Truman State University Faculty Summer Research Fellowship.

**Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French**, was interviewed on "The Writer's Voice," a radio program on KRUU in Fairfield, Iowa, regarding her book "Dieppe Crossing." The interview aired Jan. 16 and was rebroadcast Jan. 19.

**Matthew Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages**, had his article "Trilce LXXV: los muertos natos," an exegesis of a debated oeuvre of César Vallejo's Trilce, published in "Texto Crítico" (Vol. 16: 79-96) by the Instituto de Investigaciones Lingüístico-Literarias of the University of Veracruz, Mexico.

## Alpha Phi Omega Wins Four National Awards

Between Dec. 27-31, 25 members and four alumni of the Truman chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon, traveled to Boston, Mass. to attend the fraternity's national convention. At the conference, the co-ed service chapter earned four awards, including Chapter of Excellence, Pledge Program of Excellence Diamond Level, National Leadership Award and an honorable mention for the National Scouting Award.

Both the Chapter of Excellence and Pledge Program of Excellence recognize Epsilon as a chapter whose programs of leadership, friendship and service promote growth, retention and

stability for the active chapter, as well as providing a positive and educational environment for prospective and new members.

Epsilon was awarded the National Leadership Award for its extensive leadership involvement in other campus organizations, the integration of pledges into leadership positions and involvement in leadership programs.

The honorable mention for the National Scouting Award was given due to the organization's involvement in Boy Scout events such as Klondike, Merit Badge College and Camp Thunderbird.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Jan. 30	NA	Feb. 1
Racquetball-Doubles	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 9	Jan. 29	Feb. 16

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room.

### Educator of the Year Nominations

Nominate your favorite professor for Educator of the Year.

Nominations can be made online at <http://senate.truman.edu/EOY-nomination.html>.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Jan. 30.

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2009 SURE

Students considering a degree in a science, mathematics or computer science discipline can apply for the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) through the Next STEP Program.

Apply online at <http://step.truman.edu/apply>. Applications are due by Feb. 1. For questions contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or [step@truman.edu](mailto:step@truman.edu).

### THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and be interested in becoming a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Deadline for the fellowship is Feb. 6.

For more information go to <http://www.woodrow.org/>.

### Interested in joining the Romance Language Wing?

The **Coin Français** and the **Casa Hispánica**, located in Missouri Hall, are accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

For more information, or an application, contact Timothy Farley, [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu), for the French wing, and Carol Marshall, [carolmar@truman.edu](mailto:carolmar@truman.edu), for the Spanish wing.

Deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 15.

### WGST Committee Accepting Papers

The Women's and Gender Studies Committee is accepting papers for Truman's Fourteenth Annual WGST Conference, set for March 26-28.

The topic is on men including masculinity studies, personal experiences of men and the personal observations of women who have thought about men.

All members of the Truman and Kirksville communities are eligible to submit abstracts by Jan. 30. Send abstracts along with your name, address, phone number and title to Linda Seidel, Department of English, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO 63501 or [lseidel@truman.edu](mailto:lseidel@truman.edu).

### Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum's Phase II Report

The survey link will be open until 5 p.m. Feb. 4. Results will be posted online and discussed at the February conference. Students that complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for \$250 Kirksville Cash.

Any departments wanting to submit a written departmental response should send those to Debi Cartwright, School of Business or [dcart@truman.edu](mailto:dcart@truman.edu) by the end of January.

#### Survey for Faculty

<http://itssurvey.truman.edu/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyid=1233>.

**Survey for Staff** <http://itssurvey.truman.edu/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyid=1246>.

### Applications Being Accepted For Molecular Ecology Research For 2009

Students can apply for this 10-week program online at <http://molecularecology.truman.edu>.

Students will be conducting research in Kirksville and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a \$3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board.

For questions contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or [step@truman.edu](mailto:step@truman.edu).

# NOTES

**Van driving classes are scheduled** for 2 p.m. Jan. 27-28 in the Public Safety Building. Class sizes are limited. People may reserve a space by calling 785.4177. Please allow two hours for the class.

**The Pre-Dental Club will hold its first open meeting** at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Magruder Hall 2080 for students interested in a career in dentistry.

**Betty Smocovitis, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar**, will give a lecture "Singing his Praises: Darwin and His Theory in Song, and Musical Production" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

**The Prim Roses will continue** recruitment at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. More information can be found at <http://primroses.truman.edu>.

**Alpha Sigma Gamma rush** will be Jan. 27-29, with events taking place at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room for those interested in learning more about the local service sorority.

**Sigma Chi Delta, a local sorority, will continue to host recruitment meetings** at 7 p.m. Jan. 27-28 in Baldwin Hall 251.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning's Weekly Lunch Series returns** at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. Dave Leaton will speak as part of a series called "Faces of Truman." Leaton is the new director of the Writing Center. A \$3.50 credit is given to attendees for their lunch.

**Cardinal Key rush applications** should be turned in by 5 p.m. Jan. 28 to the mailbox in the CSI, located in the Student Union Building. Rush applications can be found online at <http://cardinalkey.truman.edu>. Cardinal Key will conduct a rush meeting, "Are You Inspi(red) for Service?" for females interested in joining the honor/service organization. The first session, for individuals with last names A-M, will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room C. A second session, for last names N-Z, will follow at 7:30 p.m. Dress for this event is casual.

**The Professional Development Institute will host Sue Limestall, director of the Student Recreation Center** presenting "Don't Feel the Burn and Brain Food" at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Career Center. For more information and future PDI events visit <http://pdi.truman.edu>.

**A STAND meeting will take place** at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in Baldwin Hall 284. STAND is an organization devoted to ending, preventing and educating people about past genocide. For more information about the movement visit <http://standnow.org/>, to join the Truman chapter online

go to <http://standnow.org/chapter/tsu>.

**Phi Delta, social and service sorority, will begin rush with "Help a Sister Out," an informational meeting**, at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in Magruder Hall 2007 and "Speed Friending" at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Magruder 2007.

**Sigma Lambda Gamma will have an information meeting** at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Student Union Building 3201. Sigma Lambda Gamma is a multicultural sorority committed to diversity, friendship and the empowerment of women.

**Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication National Honor Society, will host a game night** at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in Barnett Hall 1211 for communication majors and minors interested in joining. Requirements include 60 total credit hours, with at least 12 in communication courses, and a 3.0 cumulative GPA with a 3.25 communication GPA.

**Roger Craik, a scholar of English renaissance literature and professor of English at Kent State University, will be reading poetry** at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the University Club House.

**Alpha Gamma Delta will host an evening of Grey's Anatomy and philanthropy** at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in Brewer Hall 2203 and dinner at Mainstreet Market at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building for Spring Recruitment.

**The Campus Leadership Institute (CLI), information night** will take place at 4:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. The CLI is a program that promotes diversity, tolerance and inclusion for college students.

**SUB After Dark will host a Super Bowl party** at 3 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Student Union Building HUB. Free food and drinks will be provided.

**The Student Conservation Association (SCA) information session** will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Career Center. Sign up for the SCA session at <http://pdi.truman.edu/register/classlist.asp>.

**The Missouri National Education Association (NEA) will host PRAXIS II workshop** at 6 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room to prepare MAE students for the certification test. RSVP to [trumannea@gmail.com](mailto:trumannea@gmail.com) or [res657@truman.edu](mailto:res657@truman.edu). The workshop is free to NEA members and \$20 for non-members.

**Phi Sigma Pi, National Honor Fraternity, will begin rush with information sessions** at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Student must have 30 credit hours and a 3.0 cumulative GPA to rush. Dress for this event is casual.

# CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available at <http://calendar.truman.edu>, as well as on the Truman home page and TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off-campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.



## RECENT LINKS AND BOOKS AT PICKLER LIBRARY ON THE ECONOMY

**"The Economic Outlook: hearings before the Joint Economic Committee,"**

Congress, United States, Nov. 7, 2007

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110\\_senate\\_hearings&docid=f:40283.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_senate_hearings&docid=f:40283.pdf)

**"Evolution of an Economic Crisis?: the Subprime Lending Disaster and the Threat to the Broader Economy: hearing before the Joint Economic Committee,"**

Congress, United States, Sept. 2007

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110\\_senate\\_hearings&docid=f:38426.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_senate_hearings&docid=f:38426.pdf)

**"How the University Works: Higher Education and the Low-Wage Nation"**

Bousquet, Marc (print).

**"State of the U.S. Economy and Implications for the Federal Budget: hearing before the Committee on the Budget,"**

House of Representatives, Dec. 5, 2007

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