

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

Vol. 14 No. 2

September 8, 2009

## TRUMAN REMEMBERS

9/11

6 p.m.

Sept. 11

Magruder 2001

Award-winning journalist and scholar, Michael Dillon, from Duquesne University, will present images and words to help the campus community remember, reflect and commemorate the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. The presentation will conclude with a candlelight vigil.

## Allen Fellowship Nominations Under Way

The Office of the Provost is now accepting nominations for the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence. The Allens established the Fellowship in 2000 with a \$250,000 contribution, one of the largest gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships recognize outstanding faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the University and its students. The committee selects up to three faculty members each year. Tenured or tenure-track faculty who have

completed at least four years of full-time service at Truman may apply for the fellowships. Truman faculty colleagues or academic departments may nominate eligible faculty. Previous recipients are not eligible.

To date, the program has completed eight years of a scheduled eight-year program and has recognized 24 faculty members with awards. Due to favorable investment returns, the Office of the Provost expects the fellowships to continue until at least 2011.

To nominate an eligible faculty member, send a letter of nomination to the Office

of the Provost addressed to the Allen Fellowship Selection Committee.

The letter of nomination should be no longer than one page and should address how the faculty member fulfills the selection criteria. Deliver a signed hardcopy of the letter to McClain Hall 203, send it through campus mail or by fax to 785.7460.

See the website <http://www.truman.edu/pages/131.asp> for details, including selection criteria and list of prior recipients.

Turn in nominations to the Office of the Provost by Sept. 30.

## University Classrooms Receive Technology Upgrade

New technology is allowing students to review their latest class sessions on their computers or iPhones.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Truman IT Services, Instructional Design Services (IDS), the Physical Plant, the Student Senate Technology Committee and the University administration, all of whom worked over the summer to install six new SMART classrooms across campus, students can document every sight and sound from the classroom for later viewing. The SMART classrooms, located in Violette Hall, Ophelia Parrish, Barnett Hall and Pickler

Memorial Library, are equipped with the latest SMARTBoard, video cameras, document cameras, microphones and classroom capture technology.

When it's time for class to start, students take a seat behind a strategically placed room microphone while the professor dons a wireless microphone. At the scheduled time, the system begins recording everything. Minutes after class lets out, all the sights and sounds from class are automatically up on Blackboard for streaming or downloading to computers or portable media devices.

Students can flip through the instructor's writings on the

SMARTBoard like a notebook, listen to the lecture as an audio-only podcast, or watch a split-screen version with all the notes, diagrams, lectures, video and classroom Q&A.

ITS and IDS staff engineered everything in these rooms themselves at a substantial cost savings and trained more than 60 faculty who will be teaching more than 40 courses in these rooms this semester.

And not just the SMART classrooms got a facelift. ITS upgraded more than 137 classrooms across campus, installing 30 new media consoles, 37 data projectors, 31 laptop connections and

70 presentation remotes to completely equip all classrooms, all in less than 90 days.

There is still work to be done, but Truman students and faculty can take full advantage of more enhanced, up-to-date learning technologies and opportunities today. To request training or information go to <http://classroomcapture.truman.edu/request> or call 785.7750. To schedule the rooms for classes next semester, or meetings/special events anytime, call the Office of the Provost at 785.4105. To provide feedback to ITS on these rooms or other technology-related issues, e-mail [itsfeedback@truman.edu](mailto:itsfeedback@truman.edu).

## DEGREE WORKS OFFERS OPTIONS FOR ACADEMIC PLANNING

The Registrar's Office has announced the introduction of Degree Works, its new degree audit system.

Degree Works is replacing the older CAPP Degree Audit System known by many students and faculty members. CAPP will no longer be available.

There are many advantages to this new system. It is easier to read and more intuitive in its navigation. It also has more "bells and whistles" including a planner, a GPA calculator, and a "What-If" option to use when students are considering changing their major/minor.

Faculty can access Degree Works through the faculty tab on TruView. Students can access Degree Works through their student tab. Staff members can access Degree Works through either the faculty or student tab, depending on what is included in their TruView account.

Please note that substitutions and learning plans that were applied in the old system may not yet be updated to Degree Works. The Registrar's Office is updating these manually, but has not yet finished this process. For questions about Degree Works, please contact the Registrar's Office. Faculty may also contact the Registrar's Office if they or their department would like to request a training session in Degree Works.

### The Writing Center Now Offers Online Scheduling

The Writing Center now has an online scheduling system. Go to <http://writingcenter.truman.edu> or drop by the Writing Center in McClain 303 for details.

You can also direct questions to 660.785.4484 and write@truman.edu.

## Music Department Sponsors Guest Cello and Trombone Performances

Two acclaimed musicians will perform at Truman later this month.

Cellist Gregory Sauer performs Sept. 10 and Trombonist James C. Lebens visits Sept. 18. The setting for each 8 p.m. concert is Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Sauer's concert program includes works by Bach, Corigliano, Schubert and Barber, and will feature Truman faculty member and pianist Yukari Yano.

Sauer currently serves as the principal cellist of the Tallahassee Symphony and assistant principal cellist of the Colorado Music Festival Orchestra. He also performed as principal cellist of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra for nine seasons.

Sauer has served as associate professor of music at Florida State University since 2006. He taught 11 years at the University of Oklahoma and received the honor of Presidential Professor during his time there. He also worked as a visiting professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts and the Hot Springs Music Festival.

As a performer, Sauer has appeared in a variety of musical venues. He performed at the Old First Concert Series in San Francisco, the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento and the Brightmusic Concert Series in Oklahoma City, in addition to others throughout the United States. He has played concertos with the Hudson Valley

Philharmonic, the Houston Symphony, the Quad City Symphony, Oklahoma City Philharmonic and the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra. Sauer, a member of Trio Solis, performed in Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall.

American trombonist, conductor and educator James C. Lebens holds a bachelor of music as well as a master of music degree from the Juilliard School of Music in New York. Following two years of residency at the Banff Festival of Fine Arts collaborating with numerous world class musicians, Lebens began teaching at the University of Washington while earning a doctorate in musical arts from the same institution.

Lebens has served as professor of brass instruments at Laval University in Quebec City since 2003. He is a founding member of the Laval University Brass Quintet and the Quebec Wind and Percussion Ensemble, both of which are ensembles in residence at the university. An active jazz musician, Lebens is lead trombone and has recorded with Quebec's longest running jazz ensemble. He has recorded as a soloist and chamber musician on various labels and has performed as soloist with orchestras and wind ensembles across Canada.

In addition to the Sept. 18 concert, Lebens will conduct a master class at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in Ophelia Parrish 2340.

Admission to both concerts is free.

## NSCS Honored with Silver STAR Status

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars recognized its Truman Chapter with Silver STAR status at its annual Convention Honor Gala Aug. 15 in Washington, D.C.

NSCS functions as an honors organization for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores. The student-run Truman chapter is one of more than 240 across the nation.

Truman NSCS officers Kelvin Hodges and Rachel Schaefer traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept the award and a \$100 chapter scholarship which will help fund chapter programs for the upcoming academic year.

NSCS awards STAR status to chapters based on chapter program success, community service, member engagement and on-campus involvement. Chapters must also hold an induction ceremony

for new members each semester. The status levels of bronze, silver, gold and platinum reflect the quantity and quality of chapter events.

On Truman's campus, NSCS members worked to improve the organization's long-standing programs such as "Planning for College Success," a mentoring program for middle school students and "I Stand for Integrity Week," a week that supports NSCS' national integrity initiative. The Silver STAR status is the highest rank Truman's chapter has received during its nearly ten years on campus.

In addition, the Truman chapter also held an induction ceremony for new members, created an on-campus membership recruitment campaign and sent chapter officers Hodges and Schaefer to attend NSCS' leadership training summit.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to [tniles@truman.edu](mailto:tniles@truman.edu) 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.** Truman Today • Vol. 14 No. 2 • September 8, 2009

## NOTABLES

**The Kappa Nu chapter of Beta Alpha Psi**, the international accounting and finance honorary society, once again attained superior status. Students Eric Bozarth, Joe Pomicter and Laurie Turner attended the annual meeting in Brooklyn, N.Y., in August as representatives of Truman's chapter. While in Brooklyn, Pomicter presented information about Kappa Nu's VITA program.

**Tom Capuano, professor of foreign language**, had his introduction to the 16th century Spanish apothecaries' handbook "Compendio delos boticarios" reprinted in "Saladino d'Ascoli: La Scienza della salute e l'interculturala."

**Taner Edis, associate professor of physics**, published "Modern Science and Conservative Islam: An Uneasy Relationship," in "Science and Education."

**Michael Goggin, associate professor of physics**, and collaborators at the University of Queensland recently had their paper accepted for publication in the New Journal of Physics. The paper, entitled "Complementarity in variable strength quantum nondemolition measurements," is a result of work done on sabbatical at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

**Warren Gooch, professor of music**, had two of his musical compositions selected for performance at the 2009 joint conference of the Region V Society of Composers and the Iowa Composers Forum. Gooch's composition MIMOS for solo violin will be performed by Katie Wolfe, professor of violin at the University of Iowa. EMERGENCE for trumpet and piano will be performed by trumpet professor James Sherry

of the University of Dubuque. The conference, which takes place Oct. 8-10, is hosted by Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

**Kyung-Chun (Andrew) Mun, professor of finance**, authored a book chapter titled, "The 9-11 terrorist attacks and emerging stock markets," in "The Impact of 9/11 on Business and Economics: The Business of Terror."

**Assistant professors of biology Tim Walston and John Ma**, along with other biology faculty members, including **Brent Buckner, Jose Herrera and Diane Janick-Buckner**, recently received a \$196,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Major Research Instrumentation program to purchase a confocal microscope. The microscope will be used in research in biology and mathematical biology projects from both Truman and A.T. Still University. In addition, students in at least eight classes will have the opportunity to learn how to use the microscope.

**David Wohlers, professor of chemistry**, attended the 238th meeting of the American Chemical Society, held in Washington D.C. Aug. 16-20, as the Mark Twain Local Section Councilor. Wohlers participated in various assigned committee activities and the main council session. He also presented a poster, "Teaching chemistry to a blind student in a liberal arts chemistry laboratory course using Vernier software and probes." **Jessica Michael**, a 2009 Truman graduate now enrolled in the Master's of Arts in Education program, served as a sighted assistant to the blind student, **Brandi Jenkins**, also a 2009 graduate. Michael appeared as coauthor on the poster.

## RIBUADO AND PRATT SERVE AS CAREER CENTER INTERNS

The Career Center has announced Gina Ribuado and Heidi Pratt as its two new communication interns.

Ribuado is a senior communication major with a minor in Italian studies.

Pratt is a senior communication major with minors in business and psychology.

The interns will plan Graduate School Week, Expo 411 and the Career Center Haunted House.

### Attention Accounting Majors:

The Career Center will host interviews for internships and full-time jobs with accounting firms and companies interested in hiring accounting majors.

To secure an interview slot, visit <http://truman.experience.com>, and select 'Interview Schedules.' Employers will preselect candidates for their interview slots, which will take place in the Career Center.

**Sept. 22- Brown Smith Wallace**  
Interviews from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Sept. 23- Pricewaterhouse Cooper**  
Interviews from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sept. 24- Deloitte**  
Interviews from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sept. 25- Rubin Brown**  
Interviews from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Bauer at [ebauer@truman.edu](mailto:ebauer@truman.edu).

### National Competitive Scholarship Deadlines

**Sept. 11**

*George Mitchell Scholarship • Ireland  
British Marshall Scholarship • Great Britain*

**Sept. 18**

*Rhodes Scholarship • Oxford*

**Sept. 22**

*Fulbright Grants*

**Sept. 28**

*Gates Cambridge Scholarship  
Cambridge University*

**Oct. 19**

*Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship*

**Dec. 7**

*Harry S. Truman Scholarship*

For more information, go to <http://gradstudies.truman.edu/fellowships/shortlist.asp> or contact Maria C. Di Stefano at [mdistefa@truman.edu](mailto:mdistefa@truman.edu).

### WEEKLY YOGA & MEDITATION SESSION

Join the Art of Living Club for light yoga stretches, breathing exercises and a guided meditation every Wednesday evening from **5-6 p.m. in McClain Hall 208**. Faculty, staff, students and community members may participate. Participants may bring their own mat if they wish. The sessions are free and require no previous experience.

### 17TH ANNUAL MCNAIR RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND LUNCHEON SEPT. 21

*Presentations- 10 a.m. in Violette Hall 1000*

*Luncheon- 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Student Union  
Building Georgian Room B.*

The deadline to RSVP for the luncheon is Sept. 14 to [mcnair@truman.edu](mailto:mcnair@truman.edu). To view the presentation schedule and abstracts, go to <http://mcnair.truman.edu>.

### Submit Master Calendar Events for the Fall Semester

If you have planned an on-campus event for the upcoming semester, 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. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

# NOTES

**Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will have information nights** from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 8-9 and Sept. 11 in Violette Hall 1416.

**The Women's Club Lacrosse Team will conduct an informational meeting** from 7-7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in Centennial Hall Main Lounge.

**Beta Alpha Psi, an honors professional organization for accounting, finance and information systems majors, will have informational meetings** at 7 p.m. Sept. 8-9 in Violette Hall 1400.

**Hablantes Unidos will have a general meeting** from 7:30-8 p.m. Sept. 8 in Baldwin Hall third floor lounge. For more information, contact tsuhablantes.unidos@gmail.com.

**Delta Sigma Theta will host Truman Survival** from 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in Magruder Hall 1096.

**The Women's Club Basketball Team will hold an informational meeting** from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Student Recreation Center. Please direct questions to Stephanie McGrew at sym436@truman.edu.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning begins its Weekly Lunch Series** at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. The series takes place every Wednesday during the semester from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Participants may receive \$3.50 toward their Sodexo meal. All faculty, graduate teaching assistants and teaching staff may attend.

**The National Education Association Student Program will have its first meeting** from 4-5 p.m. Sept. 9 in Violette Hall 1312. NEA-SP will provide free pizza to attendees.

**TSUnami Women's Ultimate Frisbee will have an informational meeting** at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 in Baldwin Hall 252.

**Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity, will have its first recruitment event** from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in Student Union Building Georgian Room C. For more information, e-mail krw8616@truman.edu.

**University Swingers will host free dance lessons** at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 9, Sept. 16 and Sept. 23 in Kirk Building Gym.

**Campus PALS, an organization that pairs Truman students with children from the Kirksville area, will have a meeting** from 8-9 p.m. Sept. 10 in Violette Hall 1010.

**University Counseling Services will sponsor a QPR-athon, a suicide prevention training program,** from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in Georgian Room A of the Student Union Building. Participants may attend one of seven different times throughout the day: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**Truman alumna, Lindsay Johnson, and assistant professor of occupational therapy from Creighton University, Amy Matthews, will give a presentation** at 1 p.m. Sept. 11 in Student Union Building Georgian Room C for students who have an interest in occupational therapy. At 2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Spanish Room of the Student Union Building, Johnson and Matthews will host a lecture for students interested in careers in physical therapy and pharmacy.

**Illusion Danz Team, a hip-hop dance group, will host a clinic** for interested dancers from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Student Recreation Center. Auditions will take place from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sept. 12 in the Student Recreation Center and will consist of the dance learned during clinics and an original 16-count dance. For more information, contact illusiondanz@yahoo.com.

**High Street Dance Team will host auditions** from 8-10 p.m. Sept. 14 and Sept. 16 in Pershing Building 225. During those times, those interested will learn the tryout combinations. Review and practice will take place from 8-10 p.m. Sept. 18 and auditions will be 9 a.m. Sept. 19. There is a \$3 tryout fee. For more information, contact High Street Dancers' faculty sponsor, Melody Jennings, at 660.785.7259 or by e-mail at jennings@truman.edu.

**Sigma Chi Delta, a local social sorority, will begin its recruitment with a meeting** from 7-8 p.m. Sept. 14 in Baldwin Hall. For more information about recruitment events, please contact lmw980@truman.edu.

**Tau Lambda Sigma will host an information night** from 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. For more on upcoming Tau Lambda Sigma recruitment events, e-mail hew382@truman.edu.

**Co-ed national honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi will host informational sessions** at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Contact kla884@truman.edu for more information.

**Alpha Sigma Gamma's fall recruitment will begin with an information night** from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. ASG will host a service night from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The fellowship night will take place from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. For more information, please contact amr550@truman.edu.

**The Dean of Student Affairs asks Truman faculty and staff to submit grant proposals for excursion/field trip opportunities for students.** For information on past recipients as well as grant requirements, please visit [http://saffairs.truman.edu/stulife\\_initiatives.asp](http://saffairs.truman.edu/stulife_initiatives.asp). Proposals are due to the Dean of Student Affairs Office in Student Union Building 3100 by Oct. 1.

## Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Students may pick up Applications for the 2009-2010 award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, located in the Student Union Building 3100. Faculty and staff may also nominate students. Nominations are due Sept. 25. 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 2009-2010 academic year. Completed student applications must be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 19. For more information visit <http://saffairs.truman.edu> or call 785.4111.



**Encouraging Discovery**  
PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
**NEW LIBRARY DATABASES**

**General OneFile.** General interest news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics, including business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature, art, politics, science, social science, sports and technology. Millions of full-text articles, many with images.

**Health Reference Center Academic.** The full text of nursing, allied health and medical journals; consumer health magazines; newsletters topical overviews; and reference books. More than 2,000 full-text sources and hundreds of videos demonstrating medical procedures and live surgeries.

**Informe.** Created exclusively for Spanish-speaking users, this reference tool provides full-text of popular Hispanic magazines - not just translations.

**InfoTrac Custom Newspapers.** Coverage of more than 150 cover-to-cover titles and selected full-text news and business coverage from another 280 sources. Search by title, headline, date, newspaper section or other fields.

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
NCAA Pigskin Pickems	Open	Each Friday 3 p.m.	NA	Sept. 4
NFL Pigskin Pickems	Open	Each Friday 3 p.m.	NA	Sept. 11
Sand Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Co-Rec Sand Volleyball	Open	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Tennis-Singles	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 8	E-mail	Sept. 14
Flag Football	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Softball	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Sept. 26 & Sept. 27

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.