

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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## Leadership Recognition Program 2010

Students, faculty and staff can nominate exceptional student leaders, advisers, organizations and events on campus today.

Nomination forms are due by **5 p.m. March 17** to the CSI Office in the Student Union Building.

Contact the CSI at 785.4222 or [csilrp@truman.edu](mailto:csilrp@truman.edu) for more information.

## FACULTY & STAFF CAMPAIGN PUSH

In order for an employee to be eligible for the Faculty and Staff Fundraising Campaign drawings, they must make a gift before March 19. Prizes include:

### *Parking Spots*

One for faculty/one for staff  
Any gift will qualify

### *Truman Apparel Package*

First-time gifts qualify

ANY size gift makes a difference by helping the University leverage financial support from outside constituents.

All gifts count toward the 60 percent participation goal. To make a donation, or for more information about the campaign, go to <http://isupport.truman.edu> or <http://campaign.truman.edu>.

## Census Looks for University Participation

The 2010 Census is under way and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

Census forms are currently being distributed to students living in off-campus housing. Starting in April, forms will be distributed to students living on campus.

Everyone in the United States on April 1, including international students and non-U.S. citizen students, can take part in the Census. Everyone in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

Students living in a dormitory, residence hall, sorority or fraternity house, will receive a 2010 Census form in April or May. There is no need to mail the form, students can simply complete it and turn it in to a designated site on campus.

For students who live off campus, Census forms will be delivered or mailed to their house or apartment in March. All students living at the

address are considered one household, so only one form per domicile should be completed with information about all the people living at that address. Return the form in the envelope provided.

For students that commute to school and reside full-time at their parents' or guardians' household, they will be accounted for on their parents' or guardians' form and do not need to fill out a form.

One of the shortest in history, the 2010 Census form takes about 10 minutes to complete. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

For more information about the Census, visit <http://2010census.gov>.

## Students Represent Truman at Capitol



Truman students, along with University Provost Troy Paino, stand on the Missouri State Capitol steps in Jefferson City with Sen. Wes Shoemaker and Rep. Rebecca McClanahan during Capitol Appreciation Day, Feb. 24. Many of the students had research on display in the Capitol rotunda and presented their findings to their hometown senator and representative.

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

File the 2010-2011 FAFSA located at <http://www.fafsa.gov> before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. For more information, visit the Financial Aid Office, McClain 103, 785.4130.

## AUTHOR BEGINS “FOR-WORDS” SERIES MARCH 18

Award-winning author Howard Schwartz will present “Tales from the Great Jewish Mystics” at 7 p.m. March 18 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Schwartz, a professor of English who teaches creative writing at the University of



Missouri-St. Louis, is a major figure in Jewish folklore and mythology studies.

He has authored six novels and three books of poetry. Schwartz also edited a book on Biblical interpretation as well as several children’s books and more than a dozen collections of Jewish myths and folktales, parables, poems, proverbs and jokes.

Some of Schwartz’s works have been used at Truman by faculty members teaching world literature, mythology, creative writing and world religions classes. A complete listing of his work can be found online at <http://www.howardschwartz.com>.

The English and Linguistics Department, along with the Philosophy and Religion Department, are sponsoring Schwartz’s visit to Truman. Following the presentation, Hillel will provide refreshments.

“Tales from the Great Jewish Mystics” is the first of an English and Linguistics event series entitled “For-Words.” Future events include a poetry reading by Missouri Poet Laureate Walter Barga on April 15 and the English and Linguistics Senior Seminar Conference April 22-23. For more information go to <http://engling.truman.edu>.

## METS Week Trivia Competition Winners



Members from both the student and faculty winning teams show off the trophy following the Science and Mathematics Trivia contest. Gov. Jay Nixon designated the first week of March as Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Science Week (METS Week) in the state of Missouri. The intent is to increase awareness and community interest in mathematics, engineering, technology and science programs and to promote METS careers statewide in order to advance Missouri’s workforce. As part of METS Week, members of the Truman community participated in the Science and Mathematics Trivia contest March 3. The student team Halmos Bar and the faculty team PIGS won their respective divisions. Pictured, from left, Angela Page (student), Martin DiStefano (student), Phil Ryan (faculty), Ian Lindevald (faculty), Glenn Wehner (faculty), Karen Smith (faculty), Matt Kiblinger (student) and Breanna Daniels (student).

## McLane-Iles Receives 2010 Gruber Award

Betty McLane-Iles, professor of French, was awarded the 2010 David F. Gruber Leadership Development Award by the Missouri Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) during the organization’s annual meeting at the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Feb. 13.

The Gruber Award is a special honor that gives monetary support to AAUP members in Missouri who attend training seminars and regional or national meetings of AAUP. McLane-Iles attended the AAUP Summer Institute, July 23-26, at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. Among other activities there, she concentrated on seminars devoted to negotiations and arbitration of disputes. She has served as president of the Truman Chapter of AAUP since 2006.

The Gruber Award was established in 2005, the same year David Gruber, former president of the Missouri Conference and member of the National Council of AAUP, passed away. Gruber taught philosophy at Truman starting in 1989.

Since its founding in 1915, AAUP has followed its original purpose: to advance academic freedom and shared governance; to define



Betty McLane-Iles accepts the 2010 Gruber Award from David Robinson, vice-president of the Missouri Conference of AAUP. Gruber, a former professor at Truman, passed away in 2005.

fundamental professional values and standards for higher education; and to ensure higher education’s contribution to the common good.

More information can be found online at <http://www.aaup.org>, <http://www.moaaup.org> and <http://aaup.truman.edu>.

### YouTube Video Making Contest

Make a YouTube video that promotes the University to potential international students and earn up to \$400. Videos must be submitted to [iso01@truman.edu](mailto:iso01@truman.edu) by **March 19**. E-mail Wilson Zhang at [zz8224@truman.edu](mailto:zz8224@truman.edu) for details.

## NOTABLES

**Curtis Blakely, assistant professor of justice systems**, was recently selected by the American Correctional Association's Nominating Committee to run for a seat on their Delegate Assembly (Institutions of Higher Learning). If elected, this position would allow Blakely to help determine the types of education and training delivered to offenders. It would also allow him to help determine the types and content of educational programs provided to students and corrections employees. Blakely currently sits on the Association's Education, Vocation and Training Committee. The election will take place this spring.

**Elizabeth Bledsoe, a justice systems major**, recently had a book review accepted for publication by "Probation Journal: The Journal of Community and Criminal Justice." Bledsoe reviewed a new release entitled "Criminological Theory: Readings and Retrospectives." Probation Journal is an international publication based in the United Kingdom and is available in more than 25 countries.

**Matthew Carbery, a student in justice systems, and Curtis Blakely, assistant professor of justice systems**, have been asked by the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) to submit a short description of a paper they are writing entitled, "From Interest to Implementation: Undergraduate Research and It's Role in a Student-Initiated Course at Truman State University." The paper details their experiences with JUST 340-Prisoner Reentry: Policy and Procedure, which is being taught this spring by Carbery and supervised by Blakely. The description of this paper will appear in the fall 2010 issue of "CUR Quarterly."

**Richard Freese, a graduate music composition major**, has been awarded the 2010 Bruce Benward Memorial Student Award in Music Theory/Composition. This is one of two student awards sponsored by the Macro Analysis Creative Research Organization (MACRO) given annually to music majors across the country that show

outstanding future promise in their field. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and a lifetime membership in MACRO.

**Warren Gooch, professor of music**, will have two compositions performed at upcoming music conferences. "A Modest Compendium of Olde Verse" for brass trio will be performed on the Region VI Society of Composers Conference March 25 at Kansas State University. "Light of Shadow" for solo timpani will be performed on the Great Plains College Music Society Conference March 27 at Emporia State University.

**Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history**, presented "A Natural & Unalienable Right': The 1777 Prince Hall Petition and African American Emancipation in New England," at the annual meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, in Charlestown, S.C., Feb. 26.

**Jordi Teillard, French lecturer**, has been invited to participate in the 2010 Cincinnati Conference on the Romance Languages and Literatures to present a paper entitled "Le rôle de la femme dans l'ancrage insulaire des Colons en Nouvelle-Calédonie." The conference will take place May 7-9. With about 250 presentations from all over the United States, the Cincinnati Conference is the largest Midwest Conference in Romance Languages and Literatures after the M/MLA.

**Glenn Wehner, professor of animal science**, recently hosted five agricultural scientists from the country of Kazakhstan, a member of the former Soviet Union, as part of a USDA sponsored tour of livestock and meat production facilities in the United States. His presentations included overviews of the livestock and meat industry in the U.S., along with breeds of cattle and their uses in the U.S. for beef production. Students in AGSC 260-Agri Markets and Production were also treated to a presentation of meat production and marketing by these scientists.

## TRUMAN INCLUDED ON PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Truman has been included on the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Launched in 2006, the Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning progress.

This is the second consecutive year Truman has applied for, and been accepted to, the Honor Roll.

Baillie Cloyd, the current AmeriCorps VISTA member on campus, prepared Truman's application using information gathered from service-learning course projects, Service-Learning Advantage student organization initiatives, and Truman volunteer information.

The service-learning projects cited for the Honor Roll included: ENG 412 Practicum: "Teaching English as a Second Language," to emphasize academic service-learning on campus; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Challenge to emphasize Truman's recent participation in a national day of service; and Science on Saturday to highlight an entirely student-initiated co-curricular service-learning project.

The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

To view the complete honor roll, go to [http://www.learnandserve.gov/pdf/10\\_0225\\_lsa\\_honorrollfulllist.pdf](http://www.learnandserve.gov/pdf/10_0225_lsa_honorrollfulllist.pdf).

### Join the Writing Center Staff

Writing Center consultants work with writers of any ability and make writers better writers. If you 'get' writing and have good interpersonal communication skills, apply today at <http://writingcenter.truman.edu/apply> or e-mail [write@truman.edu](mailto:write@truman.edu). Applications are due March 22.

### Now Hiring: Academic Peer Mentors

New Student Programs and the School of Business are recruiting academic peer mentors to support the professional and faculty advising staff by providing an academic outreach program to first- and second-year pre-accounting and pre-business majors or those considering these majors.

Applicants must be junior or senior accounting or business administration majors by the fall semester. Applications are available in Violette Hall 2413, and are due March 22.

Did your organization do community service during spring break? E-mail your organization's spring break community service accomplishments to [tmiles@truman.edu](mailto:tmiles@truman.edu).

# Biermann Wins Pole Vault National Championship, Swim Team Takes Fifth with Multiple All-Americans

Senior Katrina Biermann won the national Championship in pole vault at the Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships March 12 in Albuquerque, N.M., while the women's swimming team earned a fifth place finish at the swimming nationals in Canton, Ohio March 10-13.

Biermann set new school records in both the pole vault and triple jump with marks of 13' 1.75" and 39' 8.00," respectively. In addition to the pole vault championship, she earned sixth place in the triple jump.

The Division II Championships mark the seventh indoor pole vault competition

championship Biermann has won this year.

With the fifth place finish, the women's swimming team has now placed in the top-five nationally in each of the past 13 seasons. Swimmers earning All-American accolades for the women's team included: seniors Kate Aherne and Kendra Brunkow; juniors Tanya Sylvester, Julia Jones and Emily Buss; sophomore Jessica Jenkot; and freshman Stacey Wymer. Freshman Jerod Simek also earned All-American honors for the men's team.

For complete coverage of the recent championship competitions, go to <http://gobulldogs.truman.edu>.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS NOW ACCEPTING INTERNSHIP APPLICANTS

The Truman Public Relations Office is now accepting resumes for the full-time fall 2010 internship position.

Interns can receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in public relations office duties. Interns usually take six hours of class in addition to taking six hours of internship credit.

Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing. Communication majors are encouraged to apply, with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of Associated Press Style, experience in desktop publishing and familiarity of InDesign or similar software.

To apply, send a resume, two writing samples and contact information for two on campus references to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. For specific questions about the internship, contact Heidi Templeton at [heidi@truman.edu](mailto:heidi@truman.edu).

## NOTES

**The Weekly Lunch Series continues** at 12:30 p.m. March 17 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room with the first of three events featuring the annual Academic Integrity series on copyright, plagiarism, FERPA and more. The Weekly Lunch sessions on March 24 and March 31 will also feature the Academic Integrity series.

**The Department of Music and Truman Opera Theatre will present Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus.** This comic operetta, performed in English, will be presented in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall at 8 p.m. March 18, 19 and 20, as well as at 3 p.m. March 21. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and are on sale in the Ophelia Parrish lobby. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to each performance.

**Phi Sigma Pi and Tau Lambda Sigma will host a free Parent's Night Out** from 7-10 p.m. March 25 in the Spanish Room of the Student Union Building. Parents from the Kirksville community can drop off their children for a night of games and activities. Dinner will not be provided. Contact [jcr3482@truman.edu](mailto:jcr3482@truman.edu) for more information or to RSVP. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged.

**Beta Alpha Psi is sponsoring a volunteer income tax assistance program** from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 27 in Violette Hall 1424. IRS certified volunteers will be available to help students and members of the community file their income tax returns for free. For more information, call 785.4268 or visit <http://bap.truman.edu>.

### Sodexo Food Drive March 22-26

Sodexo's annual Food Drive will begin March 22 and run through March 26. You may either bring in non-perishable food items or donate Dining Dollars, meals or Bonus Bucks. Sodexo will then take the food items to the Kirksville Food Bank for distribution to families in need of assistance.



### Attention Professors:

Give your students 24/7 access to material you put on reserve. Circulation staff will scan articles and have them available via the Web within three days. At the end of the semester you will be sent a statistical summary showing the number of times each item was used.

## Student Union Building Fall Room Lottery Goes Online

The Student Union will be accepting reservation requests for the fall semester starting March 29 until 5 p.m. April 1 online at <http://emspro.truman.edu>. Paper requests may also be submitted during this time. The lottery tab will be made inactive after April 1, and all other requests will need to be submitted in writing to the SUB Administrative Office in SUB 2000. Anything coming in after April 1 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Paper lottery forms can be found online at <http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery>. These forms can be submitted during the lottery time to the Administrative Office. All policies, charts and forms will be available online at <http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery> starting March 29. More information will be mailed to offices, departments and student organization mailboxes in the CSI, as well as e-mailed to student organization contacts.

## Candidate Forum

Meet the candidates campaigning for Kirksville City Council and School Board.

**6:30 p.m.  
March 25**

El Kadir Shrine Club  
U.S. Highway 63/Baltimore St.  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

## 2010 Orientation Dates

June 4  
June 8  
June 11  
June 16  
June 21  
June 25  
June 28  
August 20