Third Presidential Candidate to Visit Campus

David E. Payne
vice president for academic affairs at Sam Houston State University

Open Forum for Staff
1 p.m. • March 4
Violette Hall 1000

Open Forum for Faculty
3:30 p.m. • March 4
Violette Hall 1000

Open Forum for Students
5 p.m. • March 4
Violette Hall 1000

For those who cannot attend the forums, they will be aired on Channel 36 starting at 6 p.m. March 5.

Woolf to Deliver 12th Annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture

Daniel Woolf will be delivering the 12th annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture at 7:30 p.m., March 6, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Woolf, professor of history and classics and dean of the faculty of arts at University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, will speak about “Ancestry and Authority in Early Modern England.”

He will discuss the topic from his forthcoming book, “The Social Circulation of the Past: English Historical Culture, 1500-1730,” at his lecture. The book will be published by Oxford University Press.


The Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture, established by Joseph Vreeland in memory of his wife who graduated from the University in 1973, gives the Truman community the opportunity to hear public lectures by scholars of international reputation.

Contact David K. Robinson, associate professor of history, at 785.4321 or e-mail drobinso@truman.edu if you would like more information about the lecture.

Safebrake Speaker to Present Lecture on Highway Safety Awareness for Midterm Break

Penny Bailey, a motivational speaker on highway safety, will speak about her personal experiences with automobile accidents and reasons to drive safely at 7 p.m., March 4, in Baldwin Auditorium. Her presentation is a part of a highway safety awareness campaign known as “Safebrake.” It is sponsored by Eta Sigma Gamma.

Eta Sigma Gamma is Truman’s national professional health science honorary. They have chosen the week of March 3-7 for Safebrake to promote safe driving throughout the upcoming midterm break. An information table will be set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 5-7, in the Student Union Building.

The Flame to the Second Century will be lit from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., March 4, dedicated to those who have lost their lives in highway collisions. A poster with the names of Truman students who have died on local highways will be placed adjacent to the flame. Truman has lost a total of 11 students to automobile-related crashes since 1995.

“Safebrake is a safe driving campaign that allows our students who have died on the highways to not have lost their lives in vain,” Liz Carpenter, Eta Sigma Gamma president and head of Safebrake, said. “Their memories can help save more students lives. In the four years that Safebrake has been active on Truman campus a decrease in student deaths due to automobile accidents has been witnessed and last year every Truman student returned safely.”

Students are encouraged to stop by the SUB to take an active role and see what can be done. Contact Emily Forsyth at 785.5645 for more information.
University Bands to Present Concerts

The Truman State University Bands will be presenting two concerts this week. The University Concert Band will perform at 7:15 p.m., March 5, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. They will perform “Americans We” by Henry Fillmore, “Puszta” by Jan Van der Roost, “First Suite in F” by Thom Ritter George, and others.

The group will be conducted by Dan Peterson, and assisted by Graduate Teaching Assistants Katy Anselmo and Michael James.

The Wind Symphony will perform at 8 p.m., March 6, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Among the works performed will be “Lincolnshire Posy” by Percy Grainger, “Be Thou My Vision” by David Gillingham, and “Theme and Variations” by Arnold Schoenberg.

The Wind Symphony will be conducted by Dan Peterson, and assisted by Graduate Teaching Assistant Michael James.

Both concerts will last no more than one hour and are free and open to the public.

Ward to Present Human Origins Lecture

Carol Ward, from the department of anthropology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will lead a seminar titled “Human Origins: Newest Evidence of our Earliest Ancestors” at 7 p.m., March 18, in the SUB Alumni Room.

Ward’s expertise is in anthropology and anatomy and her interests include the evolution of humans and their closest relatives, ape and monkeys. Ward’s research focuses on fossils from East and South Africa, primarily Kenya. She takes a mechanical approach to the interpretation of the postcranial skeleton and uses these principles to reconstruct the behavior of extinct animals.

Ward’s current research involves the description and interpretation of early hominid fossils from Ethiopia. She studies the functional anatomy of the spines and the hands of modern and fossil humans and of earlier relatives.

Ward’s visit to Truman is co-sponsored by Truman State University, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. Contact Cynthia Cooper at 785.4082 for more information or if you wish to meet with Ward during her visit to Truman March 18. Admission is free and open to the public.

Students Present Research at State Capitol

Forty-three students presented posters about their research at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City recently.

Pictured front row, left to right: Nate Polaske, Suzanne Leslie, Audrey Gilmore, Teresa Roth, Amanda Wood, Sara Clause, Serena Shafer, Maggie Clark and Representative Bob Behnen.

Second row: Sara Langenfeld, Catherine Zivnuska, Corey Owens, Andrea Smith, Hattie McDowell, Erin Schwartz, Stephanie Toole and Mychel Varner. Third row: Jennifer Schisler, Joy Chisholm, Jackie Weiss, Alan Toigo, Elizabeth Carpenter, Christina Degenhardt, Catherine Perrine, Kate Christman, Jennifer Main and Maryann Dwyer.

Fourth row: Mike Cone, Kurt Hoeman, Ryan Walsh, Tyler Unsell, Kris Kueker, Shawnaf

Cooper, Orlando Williams and Ben Holley. Back row: Todd Lansford, Sarah Welch, Paul Ragan, Christopher Bay, Brandi Sweiger, Cary Rivard, Christina Eberhardt, Owen Forck and Karissa Weidinger.

The Truman Today will not be published next week due to midterm break

Please note entries for the week of March 17 should be turned in by March 7

Call 785.4243 or e-mail ksvoboda@truman.edu for more information

GRAD FAIR

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
March 4-5
Lower Level of the SUB

Representatives from Herff Jones and ArtCarved will be taking announcement and official school ring orders

Caps and gowns will be available

Sponsored by the Truman Bookstore
Scholarship Opportunities Available

Several scholarship opportunities are available for Truman students.

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program is currently accepting applications. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in the chemical science fields such as chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, materials science and environmental science. Contact http://www.chemistry.org/scholars for more information.

The A.R. Zipf Fellowship has been established to encourage students who are planning careers in information management. Applicants should be studying information science, information technology, engineering, and/or business. Award amount is $8,000 and the application deadline is April 1. Applications and instructions may be obtained from their Web site at http://www.clir.org/fellowships/zipf/zipf.html.

The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) is soliciting applications for its J.J. Barr Scholarship in the amount of $5,500, to be awarded for the 2003-04 academic year. Awards are limited to graduating college seniors or current graduate students in graduate degree-seeking programs. Application deadline is April 1.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants is now accepting applications for the John L. Carey Scholarships Program. Scholarships are available to all liberal arts degree holders of any regionally-accredited U.S. institution who wish to pursue a CPA certificate. Scholarships are given based on academic achievement, leadership and future career interests and are contingent upon acceptance in a graduate accounting program. Each year, up to seven recipients will be awarded $5,000 and will be eligible for renewal for one or more years, provided satisfactory scholarship progress is maintained. Application deadline is April 1. Visit the Web at http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm.

Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 for more information about any of the scholarships or to pick up an application.

Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, will speak to the Skeptics Society at Caltech, Pasadena, Calif., March 9 about his recent book, “The Ghost in the Universe.” He also will speak to the Bay Area Skeptics, Berkeley, Calif., about “Intelligent Design” creationism and its threat to science education March 13.


Dale Blesz, assistant professor of special education; Pete Kelly, assistant professor of special education; and Sam Minner, division head of education and professor of education; will present two papers at the Professional Development School National Conference in Orlando, Fla., March 7 and 8. Their works include “First Year Results of a PDS in Special Education: Symbiosis from Three Perspectives” and “On the Frontline: Faculty Life in the PDS.”

Erin Fogarty, junior accounting major from Houston, Texas, and member of the women’s golf team, and Derek Kent, senior business administration-management major from Chariton, Iowa, and member of the football team, represented the institution at the first ever NCAA Action Academy Leadership Institute. The leadership conference was held Feb. 21-23 in Indianapolis. Matt Copeland, assistant football coach, served as the staff representative. B.J. Pumroy, assistant athletic director, served as one of the 10 facilitators of the conference.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m., March 5, in the SUB Spanish Room. The topic, “Success Stories From Pioneer JINS Courses” will be lead by Marc Rice, assistant professor of music; Pam Ryan, assistant professor of mathematics; and Phil Ryan, assistant professor of mathematics. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

Dobson Hall and Fine Arts Film Series will show the movie “Andrei Rublyov” at 6 p.m., March 5, in OP 2210.

SAB will be sponsoring a Campus Coffeehouse featuring a number of local bands from 8:30-11:30 p.m., March 5, in the SUB Down Under. Free refreshments will be provided. Call SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

Donations of canned goods or dry goods are being accepted at residence hall desks now through March 6. Springtime marks a low point for the local food pantries as the winter stock runs out. Any donation would be appreciated. This event is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and the Boy Scouts of America.

The 2003 Juried Student Exhibit will be on display at the University Art Gallery until March 7. The exhibit displays various student artwork such as paintings, sculptures and fibers. The show is juried by Craig Subler, art professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The University Art Gallery is located on the ground floor of OP and is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday noon-4:30 p.m.

A shuttle to the LaPlata train station for midterm break will depart at 9 a.m., March 8, from the Public Safety Building. Tickets are $5 in advance with registration. Call Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 to reserve a space for the shuttle to LaPlata for the return trip from LaPlata on March 16.

Additional 2003 Leadership Awards nomination forms are available in the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB. Nominations are due by 5 p.m., March 12, in the Center for Student Involvement.

The Truman State University Child Development Center Seminar Series will culminate with “The Growing of Our Children: Issues of Weight and Health Among Young Children” at 4:30 p.m., March 20, in VH 1300. Pam Gardner, assistant professor of nursing, will be the presenter. Contact Mona Davis at 785.4383 at least two days before the event for childcare.

Beta Alpha Psi is offering Volunteer Income Tax Assistance from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 22, 29 and April 5, in VH 1010. Truman faculty, staff and students as well as Kirksville residents are welcome. For more information, contact Steve Schnurbusch at 665.4603.

William O’Donnell Lee Advising Award nomination forms are available in division offices or by calling Kathy Powell in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office at 785.4105. They can also be accessed on the VPAA Web site at http://vpaa.truman.edu. Nominate an outstanding academic adviser (only full-time faculty advisers are eligible). Nominations are due by April 7.

The 2003-2004 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on the Web at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply soon to be considered for all available federal and state funds. Contact the Financial Aid Office, MC 103, 785.4130, if you have questions.

The Student Recreation Center is offering a prize to the person who guesses when the one millionth patron will enter its doors. The one millionth patron will also win a prize. Visit the Student Recreation Center for official rules, regulations and an entry form.

The Registrar’s Office will be closed on the following dates for training on the new student information system:

March 11-13
8:30 a.m. to noon

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 ksvoboda@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today submission form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. It may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submission form.pdf.