Earth Day Events Planned for April 14-24

There are several upcoming events planned in honor of this year’s Earth Day celebration, “Local Action, Global Vision.”

The activities will be kicked off with a Residence Hall Contest April 14-21. The winning hall will be the one that recycles the most cans.

The Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) has scheduled Bear Creek clean up for April 18. Those interested should meet at 2 p.m. on the Mall.

A program titled “Building Energy Efficiency” will take place at 12:30 p.m., April 19, in the SUB Alumni Room. This event is sponsored by Sierra@Truman.

ECO is also sponsoring a night hike at 7 p.m., April 20, beginning in the McClain Hall parking lot.

Eileen McManus will present “Yellowstone: Endangered Species Act for the Grizzly Bear” at 5:30 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Alumni Room. Sierra@Truman is sponsoring this lecture.

The Environmental Conference kickoff, sponsored by the Graduate English Organization, will take place at 7:30 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Alumni Room. The conference will continue from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., April 22-24, in VH 1000.

An Earth Day Celebration will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., April 22, on the Mall. There will be displays about the composting project, Life in Bear Creek, the University Recycling Center, ECO “Garbology,” and the Environmental Studies minor. Sodexho will give away popcorn, snow cones and beverages to those who bring their own container.

Student Senate is sponsoring a picnic on the Quadrangle from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 22. The menu includes vegan sandwiches, garden vegetables, fruit salad and organic chips.

Sierra@Truman is also sponsoring a speaker at 7 p.m., April 22, in VH 1000. Deborah Lee will be presenting “Eating with Environmental Wisdom.”

The Downtown Earth Day Festival, sponsored by ECO, will take place from 5-8 p.m., April 23, on the Courthouse lawn.


Rep. Bob Behnen and Rep. Jane Cunningham will be participating in a forum that will focus on issues relevant to the JINS 325 “Rural America” course from 7-8:30 p.m., April 15, in the Centennial Hall Main Lounge.

The “Rural America” JINS course explores ways of conceptualizing and defining “rural,” describes the geographic, social, economic and political characteristics found in rural places, and discusses the implications of using alternative perspectives. Beyond this common introduction, specific sections of the course examine in more detail selected contemporary issues relevant to rural people and places.

Possible discussion topics for the forum include education, land use/property rights/transportation, health care, economic development and agriculture, drug use, abuse and treatment, and trends in rural voters’ political attitudes, party affiliation and voting behavior.

The forum is free and open to students, faculty and staff. It will include a question and answer section.

For more information, contact Chett Breed at 785.5981, Doug Davenport at 785.4674, or Michael Seipel at 785.4316.
Faculty and Staff to be Honored at Service Recognition Banquet

Members of the Truman faculty and staff who are celebrating their fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth, thirty-fifth and fortieth anniversary of service to Truman will be honored. They will be recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet at 6:30 p.m., April 19, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Tickets for the banquet are available for $10 each in the Human Resources Office until April 15.

The following faculty and staff members will be recognized this year:

- John Perrachione, Business and Accountancy
- Alanna Preasner, Language and Literature
- Rickey Sayre, Physical Plant
- Maureen Slaughter, Human Resources
- Thomas Zoumaras, Social Science

**Tenth Anniversary**
- Michael Adams, Math and Computer Science
- Michelle Boyd, Athletics
- Clyde Cody, Student Union
- Carolyn Cox, Health and Exercise Sciences
- Patricia Gately, Language and Literature
- Mariqut Hadwiger, Nursing
- Todd Hammond, Math and Computer Science
- Mark Hatala, Social Science
- Robert Jones, Fine Arts
- David Hoffman, Student Affairs
- Lili C. Jackson, Physical Plant
- Gayla McHenry, Library
- Steve Reschly, Social Science
- Jack Schrader, Athletics
- Jonathan Smith, Social Science
- Matthew Tornatore, Language and Literature

**Fifth Anniversary**
- Tim Acton, Physical Plant
- Galion Anderson, Physical Plant
- Dan Antal, Physical Plant
- Jeffrey Arabas, Health and Exercise Sciences
- Michelle Baier, Athletics
- Becky Becker, Fine Arts
- Marc Becker, Social Science
- Elaine Boda, Fine Arts
- Tammy Bringaze, Counseling Services
- Stan Bunfill, Printing Services
- David Cameron, Physical Plant
- Sally Detweiler, Gender Equity/EEO Compliance
- Brenda Embree, Business Office
- Gary Fagan, Printing Services
- Laura Fielden-Rechav, Science
- Aaron Fine, Fine Arts
- Lisa Glaubitz, Library
- Marcy Graham, Residential College Program
- Roddy Grahle, Physical Plant
- Eldon Grissom, Physical Plant
- Masahiro Hara, Language and Literature
- Lesa Ketterlinus, Career Center
- David Kincaid, Career Center
- Sylvia Macauley, Social Science
- Nancy Majewski, Language and Literature
- Daniel Mandell, Social Science
- Jennifer Marcus, Residential College Program
- James McCormick, Science
- Devon Mills, Residential College Program
- Kevin Minch, Language and Literature
- Chad Mohler, Social Science
- Eric Patterson, Science
- Kelly Pigg, Business Office
- Marc Rice, Fine Arts
- Janet Romine, Library
- Philip Ryan, Math and Computer Science
- Dana Smith, Fine Arts
- Karen Smith, Social Science
- Doris Snyder, Business Office
- Carol Thatcher, Math and Computer Science
- Bob Tobia, Language and Literature
- Jerry Wollmerring, Athletics
- Phillip Worley, ITS / Media Services

Tickets are $5 and may be purchased in advance or placed on reserve at the Box Office in OP.

For more information, call the Box Office at 785.4515.
WRC Donates Money to Victim Support Services

The Women’s Resource Center presented Victim Support Services with a check from the money they earned by hosting V-Day activities.

Pictured from left to right are Kim LeBaron, executive director of Victim Support Services; Dana Kuhnline, V-Day organizer; Suzanne Chappelow, V-Day public relations chair; and Xander Kennedy, the play director.
The deadline for the Dr. Jack Magruder Faculty Hall of Fame and the Vonnie Nichols Staff Hall of Fame nominations has been extended to April 13. Forms are available in division offices or the Student Affairs Office and are due by 5 p.m., April 13, in the Omicron Delta Kappa mailbox in the CSI. For more information, contact Amy Wheeler at 665.4149.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with a presentation by Karen McClaskey on Library Services ‘First Alert’ for faculty from 12:30-1:15 p.m., April 14, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

Amnesty International is sponsoring events April 14 to bring awareness to violence against women to campus. A table set up with petitions to the Mexican and American governments will be set up on campus. Bones will be strewn around campus to symbolize the dead women in Mexico who were found when they were nothing but bone. There will be a panel discussion about violence against women and domestic violence from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in BH 251. A candlelight vigil will be held after the discussion in front of Kirk Memorial. For more information, contact Bethany Seiglar at 785.7206.

The Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society invites all Truman students who have been accepted into study abroad programs for the Fall 2004 semester to apply for a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant in the amount of $1,000. Completed applications are due April 15. For more information on the grant or to obtain an application, go to http://www.phikapppaphi.org.

Cardinal Key is sponsoring Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Week. There will be information tables in the SUB April 15-16. April 15 is also a ribbon day to help promote awareness of the disease. For more information, contact Lisa Sieren at 785.7108.

SAB will be showing the movie “Gothika” at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 16, and 3 p.m., April 17, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Students without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722.

SAB presents Guster live in concert at 8 p.m., April 16, in Pershing Arena. Tickets are $5 for students or $10 for the general public and are available in the SAB Office. For more information, contact SAB at 785.4722 or at sab@truman.edu.

Truman’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be having a car wash from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 18, in the Hy-Vee parking lot. The car wash is free, but donations will be accepted.

Kappa Mu Epsilon is hosting an Integration Bee at 1 p.m., April 18, in VH 1000. There is no registration fee and students of all majors are encouraged to attend. The event is open to undergraduates. To register, e-mail Chris Bay at charlie@truman.edu. For more information on prizes and subject matter, go to http://kme.truman.edu.

The Laughing Irish Comedians, sponsored by SAB, will perform at 7 p.m., April 19, in the SUB Activities Room. Admission is free with a valid Truman student ID. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

The Truman Society of Dance Arts spring dance recital, “Dance Fusion 2004: Get up and Dance” is at 7 p.m., April 21 and 22, in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free, but donations would be appreciated. There will be guest appearances by High Street Dancers, University Swingers, Capeoira, HALO, Cellidh Club and Showgirls. For more information, contact Beth Austin at 627.2737.

Weather permitting, the University Observatory will be open to the public from 8:30-10:30 p.m. April 22. For more information, go to http://observatory.truman.edu.

The faculty/staff parking lot located between the SUB and McClain Hall will be closed from 5 p.m. April 23 until 6 p.m. April 24 for Dog Days and Family Weekend events. Temporary handicapped parking will be established in the Commuter Parking Lot north of the Student Recreation Center.

Attention May 2004 graduates: Graduation clearance packets were mailed to your local address March 29. If you have not received your packet, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 785.4143 or at registrar@truman.edu. This packet is a graduation requirement and must be completed by April 23.

Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in December 2004 are due in the Registrar’s Office no later than April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available at http://registrar.truman.edu.

Ryle Hall is showing the movie “Mifune” in conjunction with a diversity program as a part of Movies Around the World Part 4 from 7-9:30 p.m., April 23, in the Ryle Hall Classroom. For more information, contact Nick Harbison at 785.5973.

The Child Development Center is sponsoring a silent art auction at the Washington Street Java Company in celebration of “The Week of the Young Child.” Fine arts in a variety of medium will be displayed and bids accepted until the closing reception at 3:30 p.m., April 25, at the Java Company. Families, friends, stakeholders and participants are all welcome to attend the reception.

The Center for International Education Abroad (CIEA) is sponsoring a Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m., April 26, in the SUB Activities Room.

Tom Thumb is looking for art submissions for the Tom Thumb Art Extravaganza, which will be held April 30-May 2. Any medium, including musical, performance, installation or experimental, will be accepted. Submissions may be dropped off in the OP Atrium from 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday or in the OP Drawing Room at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Please include name and phone number with submissions. Contact Julia Karll at 665.5640 for more information.

Truman is hosting the MIAA Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships May 2-3. Anyone interested in helping with this meet should contact John Cochran at 785.4341.

Interested in participating in the 11th Annual French Immersion Weekend? Sign-up now to participate in the event Sept. 25-26 at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Mo. To participate, students must have completed or be currently enrolled in French 221 and must pay a $40 enrollment fee. Participation in the event earns students one credit hour and a yellow card is required for participation. For more information, contact Ron Manning at 785.4018.

On Campus

13 TUESDAY
1-7 p.m.-Baseball vs. Missouri Western, Baseball Field
14 WEDNESDAY
12:30-1:15 p.m.-Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes
2 p.m.-Softball vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Softball Field
16 FRIDAY
6:30 and 9 p.m.-”Gothika,” VH 1000; see Notes
8 p.m.-Guster concert, Pershing Arena; see Notes
17 SATURDAY
11 a.m.-Men’s and women’s tennis vs. Emporia State, Truman Tennis Courts
noon-Baseball vs. Southwest Baptist, Baseball Field
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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 ksvo@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submitform.pfd. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, style and space.
The 45th Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference was held in Jefferson City March 26-27. Members of the Truman chapter and Adviser Cathy Poyner participated. The conference theme was “Missouri PBL-The Road to Success.”

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and the election of officers for next year. Alaina Murray, junior business administration major from Novelty, Mo., was elected state secretary for the 2004-2005 school year.

The Truman chapter received second place for largest local chapter membership. The following Truman students were also recognized individually at the awards banquet: Kris Kueker, senior accounting major from Perryville, Mo., Who’s Who in Missouri PBL, first place in public speaking and second place future business executive; Lisa Helgenberg, senior accounting major from Fenton, Mo., first place in accounting for professionals; Todd Young, junior business administration major from Quincy, Ill., first place in business law; Theresa Hopfinger, junior business administration major from Lee’s Summit, Mo., fifth place in business law; Kyle Gifford, sophomore computer science major from Columbia, Mo., first place in computer concepts and first place in Java computer programming; Jason Rugeberg, senior business administration major from Lamar, Mo., second place in economics; Alaina Murray, junior business administration major from Novelty, Mo., fifth place in hospitality management; Naoki Iijima, junior pre-business administration major from Sagamihara, Kanagawa, fourth place in international business.

Gifford, Helgenberg, Kueker, Rugeberg and Young will represent Truman at the National Leadership Conference in July.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business.

Truman Mathematics Teams Place First, Fourth Among 25 Teams in Missouri

At the recent ninth annual Missouri MAA Collegiate Mathematics Competition, Truman’s Team A won first place and Truman’s Team B won fourth place. This is the first time both Truman teams have won an award.

The competition was held at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 1-2. Twenty-five teams competed in the contest this year.

Members of Truman’s Team A are Evan Merrell, senior mathematics major from Jefferson City, Mo.; Kelly Steinmetz, senior mathematics major from Alexandria, S.D.; and Khang Tran, senior computer science and mathematics double major from Saigon, Vietnam.

Truman’s Team B consisted of Chris Bay, senior mathematics and computer science double major from Fenton, Mo.; Carlos DiStefano, senior music and physics double major from Kirksville; and Bach Ha, freshman computer science and mathematics double major from Hanoi, Vietnam. Both of Truman’s teams were sponsored by Steve Smith, professor of mathematics.

Each team is allowed to solve as many of the given 10 problems as possible in five hours.

Truman Chemistry Department Ranks in Top 25 Nationally for Preparedness

Truman State University ranked No. 22 in the nation for the preparation of American Chemical Society-certified Bachelor of Science graduates in chemistry for the 2001-2002 academic year.

This achievement was announced in the March 29 edition of the weekly chemistry newsmagazine, Chemical and Engineering News.

The Truman chemistry department tied with Georgia Southern University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Illinois-Chicago and San Diego State University with 22 ACS-certified chemistry graduates for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The “Top 25” was figured using statistics based on the number of graduating American Chemical Society-certified chemists. Biochemistry majors are not included under this heading.

This is not the first time Truman has been ranked among the “Top 25” undergraduate chemistry programs nationally.
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- Brady Miller, first place, advertising design
- Brian Russell, second place, sports column
- Heather Schwegler, third place, feature page
- Dan Sem, second place, news photography; third place, feature photography
- Mandy Sheets, second place, photo page
- Luke Trautwein, first place, story illustration; first place, advertising design; third place, information graphics; honorable mention, page one design
- Laura Ulhmansiek, second place, newswriting
- Maggie Wolcott, third place, feature page

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**Truman SIFE Named Rookie of the Year Team**

The Truman Students in Free Enterprise team (SIFE) competed in the USA Regional Competition in St. Louis April 2 and was one of the champion teams. They will compete in the USA National Competition in Kansas City May 23-25. The team was also named the Rookie of the Year Team, and they were a finalist for National Fiscal Fitness Month.

Members of Truman’s SIFE team gathers at the USA Regional Competition in St. Louis April 2. The team was one of the champion teams.

Members of the Truman SIFE team are: Arpan Narayan, senior business administration major from Faridabad; Niki Matejka, junior business administration major from O’Fallon, Mo.; Robert Kelchen, sophomore pre-business administration and economics major from Washington, Mo.; Karla Wegner, senior accounting major from Arlington Heights, Ill.; Nurjamal Asanova, senior accounting major from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Phuong Truc Nguyen, freshman computer science major from Rai Town, Vietnam; April Newman, senior business administration major from St. Charles, Mo.; Kevin Ray, sophomore business administration major from O’Fallon, Mo.; Jeni Long, freshman pre-accounting major from St. Louis; Allison Atchley, freshman pre-accounting major from Kirkwood, Mo.; Patience Rhodes, junior agricultural science and pre-business administration major from St. Louis; and Bethany Fuller, senior accounting major from Maryville, Mo. Glen Giboney, instructor in business administration and director of the Small Business Development Center; Neil Gilchrist, professor of business administration; and Marilyn Romine, instructor in business administration; co-sponsor the team.

SIFE encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.