Beck Named Truman’s Educator of the Year

Jon Beck, associate professor of computer science, was announced as the Educator of the Year at the annual banquet held April 14. Beck began his career at Truman in 1993. He received his bachelor’s degree from The George Washington University, his master’s degree from Hood College and his doctorate from West Virginia University.

Each semi-finalist was asked to write an essay and the title of Beck’s essay was “Weaponized Teaching: Changing the World One Student at a Time.”

“Teaching is not the conveyance of information; teaching is an inspiration,” Beck wrote. “It is true that an instructor must possess the knowledge and understanding of a discipline, the instructor’s subject area. But far more important is the ability to communicate, to teach, that discipline to others that marks the true educator.

Two Students Receive Goldwater Scholarships

Chris Bay, senior mathematics and computer science double major from Fenton, Mo., and Mackenzie Taylor, junior biology major from Stuart, Neb., were two of 310 students selected as Goldwater Scholars for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The recipients were elected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,113 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

The one and two year scholarships will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500 per year.

The Goldwater Foundation is a federally endowed agency established by Public Law 99-661 on Nov. 14, 1986. The Scholarship Program honoring Sen. Barry M. Goldwater was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields.

Bay and Taylor were mentored through the application process by Roger Festa, professor of chemistry, and Dana Vazzana, associate professor of mathematics. Donna Bailey, instructor in mathematics and coordinator of freshman mathematics, is Bay’s adviser.

Jeffrey Osborn, associate professor of biology, is Taylor’s adviser. The following faculty members served on the committee to select Truman’s four nominees for the scholarship: Maria Nagan, assistant professor of chemistry; Pamela Ryan, assistant professor of mathematics; Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture; and Tony Vazzana, associate professor of mathematics.
Debate Team Wins National Titles

Trump State University’s debate team recaptured the national debate championship April 11 at the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament at California State University-Northridge.

The team of Marie Tenny, junior psychology major from Villa Ridge, Mo., and Ian Samuel, junior computer science major from Pueblo, Colo., established a new record, losing only one ballot in the entire tournament and capturing the first national championship for the Truman team since it first took the national title in March 2000. Their win placed them at the head of an unprecedented field of 302 debate teams from 102 colleges and universities and several international teams (including representatives from China, Belarus, Moldova, Latvia and Lithuania). The Truman team passed prestigious institutions such as the University of California-Berkeley, the Air Force and Naval Academies, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Missouri-Columbia. The tournament was the largest collegiate debate tournament ever held.

In addition to their defeat of the Colorado College in the final round of the tournament, Samuel was the national champion speaker and Tenny was the runner-up. Truman is now the only University to win the national championship twice on unanimous decisions.

In addition to the national titles, the entire Truman program took third in national tournament sweepstakes, which is calculated by comparing the number of wins of the top four teams from each college or university in the tournament. Truman was one of only four squads to have four or more teams in elimination rounds of the tournament.

Truman also was honored with a fifth place ranking in season sweepstakes, which measures the performances of debate programs for the duration of the competitive season.

Tenny is the first woman to win a national championship since 1998, and one of only four in the activity’s history.

Three other Truman teams also had outstanding performances, appearing in elimination rounds of the tournament. These teams included Ben Holley, sophomore communications major from Neosho, Mo., and Ryan Walsh, junior political science and religion double-major from Cassville, Mo.; Tyson Helder, junior political science and communication double-major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Holly Magdziarz, freshman linguistics major from Springfield, Mo.; and Matthew Harms, junior economics major from Galesburg, Ill., and Justin Perkins, sophomore economics major from Columbia, Mo.

While not advancing to elimination rounds, significant contributions were also made by the teams of Cathy Clark, sophomore from Kansas City, Mo., and Meghan Kunkala, sophomore from Hattiesburg, Miss., and Paul Ragan, sophomore from Springfield, Mo., and Keith Schnakenberg, freshman from Buffalo, Mo.

Vice President for Advancement Named

Mark A. Gambaiana has been named vice president for university advancement and he will begin his duties July 1.

“Mark brings a wealth of experience to Truman,” Truman State University President Barbara Dixon said. “He understands university advancement from the ground up and I am confident he will provide outstanding leadership for Truman in this area.”

Gambaiana is currently a consultant for Gonser Gerber Tinker Stuhrl providing consulting services in the areas of annual fund, major and planned gifts, board and volunteer development, pre-campaign studies, capital campaign counsel, strategic planning, program audits, alumni and public relations.

He previously served as director of development for Iowa State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, and was a member of the ISU Foundation staff that generated $460 million in gifts during Campaign Destiny. He raised $23.2 million for veterinary medicine programs over a four-year period, including support for endowed scholarships, diagnostic imaging equipment, enhanced patient facilities, programmatic support and capital improvements. The value of scholarships awarded to students increased by 81 percent during his tenure.

The majority of Gambaiana’s career has been spent at Morningside College (1985-98), a private liberal arts college in Sioux City, Iowa, where he served the institutional advancement division in a variety of roles. As director of major gifts, he helped raise $32 million for endowment, capital, campus beautification and scholarship priorities during the Investing for the Future campaign. He also served as director of the annual fund, director of alumni relations, assistant director of public relations and sports information director.

Gambaiana received his B.A. degree in mass communications from Morningside College.

Barbara L. Whitten

physics department and women’s studies program at Colorado College

Physics Colloquium
“What Works for Women in Undergraduate Physics”
4:35-5:25 p.m. • April 21
Barnett Hall 251/252

Public Talk
“You Can Always Find Women in Science, If You Look”
7:30-8:30 p.m. • April 21
SUB Activities Room
The public talk is sponsored by the Diversity Institute.
For more information, contact Taner Edis at edis@truman.edu.
National Library Week, which began April 18 and will continue until April 24, will be celebrated with several events sponsored by Pickler Memorial Library.

Mark Spitzer will read from his work at 4 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Spanish Room. Spitzer has written “Chum” and “Bottom Feeder,” and has several translations published. His reading will be followed by a book signing. Spitzer is the fiction specialist in the Division of Language and Literature.

Throughout National Library Week there will be a drawing with a prize given away each day. The prizes are: “Lord of the Rings,” by J.R.R. Tolkien (books); “Not Till the Fat Lady Sings: The Most Dramatic Sports Finishes of All Time” (book with DVD); “Looney Tunes Golden Collection” (DVDs); “Ken Burns Jazz: The Story of American Jazz” (CDs); and “Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Reason” by Nancy Pearl (book). For a chance at these prizes, fill out a drawing slip which has a couple of questions about library service and put the drawing slip in the box in the library’s main atrium. Bookmarks will also be given away.

For more information, contact Carol Lockhart at clockhar@truman.edu or at 785.7417.

Philosophy and Religion Senior Seminar Students to Present Oral Exams

The philosophy and religion discipline will host oral exams for this spring’s senior seminar students April 24 and April 25 in Baldwin Hall 100. The public is invited to all sessions. The exam schedule is as follows:

April 24
9 a.m.- Greg Irwin, “Two Fatal Errors in Open Theism: Analogy and Culture”
Oral Examiner: David Murphy, philosophy and religion
10 a.m.- Ty Fagan, “Gödel, Penrose, Bakl: A Pernicious Gordian Brake”
Oral Examiner: Stephen Pollard, philosophy and religion
11 a.m.- Ben Harris, “A Study in the Philosophy Behind Liberal Arts Education in America”
Oral Examiner: Patricia Burton, philosophy and religion
1 p.m.- Lisa Gilbert, “Rejecting Feminism, Choosing Orthodoxy: Ba’alot Teshuvah”
Oral Examiner: Ding-hwa Hsieh, philosophy and religion
2 p.m.- Diana Dickerson, “Among the Ashes: A Study of Suffering through The Book of Job and the Holocaust”
Oral Examiner: Marie Orton, Italian
3 p.m.- Heather Murray, “Prophecy’s Role and Authority in Pauline Corinthian Theology”
Oral Examiner: Jennifer Jesse, philosophy and religion
5 p.m.- Shannon Clarkin, “Is it a Crime for a Citizen to Vote?: How the Human Rights Argument Functioned Within the Woman’s Suffrage Movement”
Oral Examiner: Keri Bodensteiner, communication

April 25
10 a.m.- Jake Nelson, “The Definitive Reading of the Sleeping Prophet: Edgar Cayce’s Mysticism and its Perennial Ramifications”
Oral Examiner: Dereck Daschke, philosophy and religion
11 a.m.- Flint Neidenthal, “Chemical Mysticism: Consequences of Alston’s Epistemology of Religious Experience”
Oral Examiner: Terry Palmer, psychology
2 p.m.- Mike Pippenger, “Anthony V. Alfieri as Substantivist: An Unstable Picture of Race-Conscious Legal Ethics”
Oral Examiner: Paul Parker, political science
3 p.m.- Julie Smayly, “The Wisdom of Middle-Earth: Good, Evil, and Moral Theory in The Lord of the Rings”
Oral Examiner: Dennis Leavens, English
4 p.m.- Maren Nelson, “More Than Her: The Redemption of Eve’s Identity in Genesis 1-3 by the Personification of Wisdom in Proverbs and a Feminization of Textual Interpretation”
Oral Examiner: Mark Appold, philosophy and religion
5 p.m.- Shannon Clarkin, “Is it a Crime for a Citizen to Vote?: How the Human Rights Argument Functioned Within the Woman’s Suffrage Movement”
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SPJ Chapter to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Truman State University’s student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will celebrate its 25th anniversary April 24 with a reception and panel discussion on the future of journalism. The guest of honor is Dr. Jack Dvorak, founding faculty adviser of Truman’s SPJ chapter and a professor at Indiana University. Other panelists are Judge Mary Rhodes Russell (’80), Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, and Barb Gannon Stears (’80), first SPJ president at the University.

The panel and reception are from 5-7 p.m., April 24, in the SUB Alumni Room.

For more information, contact Karon Speckman at speckman@truman.edu.

NCAA and MONSTER Launch Student-Athlete Focused Web Site

Student-athletes at NCAA member schools now have a new tool in conjunction with university career centers to assist them with career guidance and information about a range of job opportunities. NCAA CareerCoach™ is a new Web site created by the NCAA in conjunction with corporate partner, Monster, and CBS. NCAA student-athletes can currently access NCAA CareerCoach via the Association’s Web site, http://www.ncaa.org, or by going directly to http://www.ncaacareercoach.com. While the core function of NCAA CareerCoach is aimed at helping student-athletes with career exploration, any student can access the site for career guidance.

Dog Days presented by SAB
The event is free for all and will include laser tag, tie-dye, caricatures and more. The rain site is Pershing Arena. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more details.
Phi Beta Kappa Names Initiates

Delta of Missouri Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will initiate the following students into lifetime membership on April 25:


Truman Broadcast Journalism Students Speak at State Convention, Win Awards

Truman student media staffers participated in a panel presentation on their Vote ‘04 convergent media project at the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association Conference in Cape Girardeau.

Representatives from the Vote ‘04 news team related their experiences in covering the Iowa caucuses and the Missouri primaries for KTRM, TruNews and the Index. Representatives of the Vote ‘04 news team in attendance were Natalie Churchey, senior communication major from Pryor, Okla.; MayAnn MacCombie, senior communication major from Kirkville; Matt Marble, senior communication major from Blue Springs, Mo.; April Owens, junior communication major from St. Charles, Mo.; Dominick Scalise, senior communication major from Owensville, Mo.; Jonathan Thacker, junior psychology major from Kirksville; and student media adviser Dave Deely, assistant professor of communication.

Student media teams reported live to KTRM during the caucuses and the primaries. The Vote ‘04 News Team also produced special election editions of TruNews and the Index. The convergent media coverage of the national election events on-location by student media organizations is the first in the state and among the first in the nation.

In addition, two student broadcast productions won awards in the annual MBEA Student Competition at the convention. Marble and Scalise placed second and received honorable mention in a Television News Package. Laura Hordesky, senior communication major from Ellisville, Mo.; Justin Hartmann, a 2003 graduate with a degree in music from Wildwood, Mo.; Katie Stacy, a 2003 graduate with a degree in communication from Kansas City, Mo.; Shoshanna Holland, a 2003 graduate with a degree in communication from Independence, Mo.; and Fadzai Smout from Zimbabwe; took first place in Television Documentary for their video “Stepping Forward.” Winners from MBEA Student Competition will also be recognized with plaques by the Missouri Broadcasters Association at their annual convention in June.

The MBEA Student Competition is judged by professional broadcasters throughout the state. Fifteen colleges participated in this year’s competition, for which entries produced during the 2003 calendar year were eligible. Elizabeth Clark, associate professor of communication, served as the faculty adviser of the Truman television productions during that time.

Faculty & Staff Campaign Draws to a Close

Congratulations and thank you to the Truman State University community for another successful faculty and staff campaign. More than $75,000 has been raised for funds that provide direct support to students, faculty and staff.

We would like to thank the 2004 Faculty & Staff Campaign co-chairs, Cole Woodcox, professor of English, and Beverly Blodgett, benefits coordinator, for their time and efforts on behalf of the campaign. In addition, we would like to thank the following area coordinators for their volunteer efforts: Von Abbott, Michael Ashcraft, David Bethel, Zac Burden, Wanda Cagle, Barb Clark, Karen Croarkin, Ralph Cupelli, Mona Davis, Elaine De Jovin, Sarah Delaware, Sally Detweiler, Maria Di Stefano, Jerry Findling, Aaron Fine, Jan Fishback, Marilyn Gibbons, Marianna Giovannini, Janet Gooch, Charles Hunsaker, Martin Jayne, Liz Jorn, Susan Limestone, David Lusk, Carol Marshall, Greg Marshall, Anne Moody, Brenda Moore, Paula Moore, Colleen Murphy, Sue Neely, Becky Pike, Nancy Rediger, Jeff Romine, Cathy Sherraw, Katie Svoboda, Chad Tatro, Glen Wehner and Mary Lou Woehlk.

If you would like to make a gift before the end of the fiscal year, please visit the Faculty & Staff Campaign Web site at http://isupport.truman.edu. The current participation rate stands at 48 percent. Funds have been established to meet specific needs of the University community, and you can give to your favorite organization or activity or to scholarships that are designed to help the students you want to support. Please call the Office of Advancement at 785.4133 if you have any questions regarding funds at Truman State University.

Center for International Education Abroad (CIEA) Study Abroad Fair
10 a.m.-noon and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. • April 26 • SUB Activities Room
Notables

Alan Davis, assistant professor of accounting, has had a manuscript titled “The Universal Relevance of Locus of Control in Ethical Decision Making: A Multi-Country Examination” accepted for publication in the Journal of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues. Terrance G. Gabel, assistant professor of business and accountancy, has recently had two articles and one educational case printed. His articles titled “An Introduction to Politician-Centered Marketing” and “The Globalization of the Tortilla in Mexico,” which he co-authored with Gregory W. Boller, were published in the 2003 edition of Advances in Consumer Research. The case “Ben & Jerry’s Homemade: Social Responsibility and Growth,” which he co-wrote with O.C. Ferrell and John Fraedrich, was published in the sixth edition of Business Ethics: Ethical Decision Making and Cases. Stephen Hadwiger, associate professor of nursing, participated in Cambio de Colores Latino Conference March 10-12 in St. Louis. David McKamie, professor of music, recently performed a Guest Artist solo piano recital at the University of Iowa. Seymour Patterson, social science division head and professor of economics, had his article “Ethnic Tensions, External Conflict, Government Stability and Growth” published in the September-December 2003 edition of the Journal of Development Alternatives and Area Studies.

Accreditation Self-Study Subcommittee to Focus on University Engagement, Community Service

This article is the third of several articles describing the subcommittees, consisting of faculty, staff and students, that are currently engaged in a comprehensive self-study of Truman. The third criterion on which a subcommittee will evaluate the University is Engagement and Community Service.

As part of the University accreditation process, this subcommittee is charged with studying how the University defines and serves its constituencies. The Higher Learning Commission emphasizes higher education as a public good, and members of this subcommittee are currently collecting documentation on some of the ways in which Truman State University partners with external communities to achieve that public service. For example, the subcommittee is gathering evidence related to partnerships with primary and secondary schools; transfer and articulation agreements with community colleges; and many more. For each pattern of evidence, the subcommittee is investigating how the University learns about the needs of our constituencies, and how we respond to those needs in ways that are mutually beneficial.

The subcommittee members include Karen Smith, assistant professor of psychology; Lana Brown, director of Upward Bound; Sally Cook, assistant professor of linguistics; Darli Davis, director of the Regional Professional Development Center and adjunct professor of education; Dean DeCock, assistant professor of mathematics; Sarah Delaware, assistant professor of nursing; Marty Eisenberg, associate vice president for academic affairs, dean of the Residential College Program and associate professor of economics; Ken Hahn, professor of physics; Mark Hanley, associate professor of history; Donna Fisher-Rhinesmith, associate professor of education; Dana Smith, assistant professor of theatre; Jerry Wollmering, director of athletics; and Marcia Kottemann, sophomore history major from Affton, Mo.

Fayemi to be Guest Speaker on Campus

Kayode Fayemi will be presenting “Terrorism, Security Sector Governance, and Its Linkages to Human Security: A Perspective from Africa” at 7 p.m., April 22, in the SUB Alumni Room. The lecture will address issues such as the impact of post 9/11 United States, perceptions of security and threat in the African sub-region, the evolving structures and capacities of the African Union (AU), and the evolving relationship between the AU, sub-regional organizations and the United Nations.

Fayemi will lecture to the History of Africa II class at noon, April 22, in Pershing Building 233. The topic of the discussion will be “Reflections on Post-Conflict Reconciliation in Africa: The cases of South Africa, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe.” Both lectures are open to the University community.

Fayemi is the founding director of the Center for Democracy and Development in Nigeria, a research and training institution dedicated to the study and promotion of democratic development, peace-building and human security in Africa. He is currently a scholar-in-residence in the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

For more information, contact Sylvia Macauley at 785.4663.

Faculty Members Receive Academic Tenure

The Truman Board of Governors approved the following 25 faculty members to receive reappointment that is equivalent to the granting of academic tenure for the 2004-2005 academic year. Academic tenure is awarded to faculty on continuous appointments who are recommended by their academic division head, the vice president of academic affairs, and the University president.

Division of Education
Josephine Agnew, associate professor of education
Dale Blesz, assistant professor of special education

Division of Fine Arts
Sar J. McClure, associate professor of music
Russell L. Nelson, associate professor of art

Division of Human Potential & Performance
Carlton O. DeFosse, associate professor of communication disorders

Division of Language & Literature
Hena Ahmad, associate professor of English
Sana Camara, associate professor of French
Elizabeth Clark, associate professor of French
Sally Cook, assistant professor of linguistics
Christine Harker, associate professor of English
J. Eric Jovell, associate professor of Spanish
M. Royce Kallerud, associate professor of English
Carol Marshall, associate professor of Spanish
Bridget Thomas, associate professor of classics

Division of Math & Computer Science
Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics
Philip Ryan, assistant professor of mathematics

Anthony Vazzana, associate professor of mathematics
Dana Vazzana, associate professor of mathematics

Division of Science
Richard Charles Apter, assistant professor of agriculture
John O’Brien, associate professor of chemistry
John Rutter, associate professor of biology
Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture

Division of Social Science
Bruce Coggins, associate professor of economics
Wolfgang Hoesele, associate professor of geography
Ding-hua Hsieh, associate professor of philosophy & religion
On Campus

20 TUESDAY
2 p.m.-Softball vs. Northwest Missouri State University, Softball Field

21 WEDNESDAY
11 a.m.-2 p.m.-SAB mini-golf; the Mall; see Notes
12:30-1:15 p.m.-Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes
7 p.m.-TSODA recital, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

22 THURSDAY
11 a.m.-3 p.m.-Plant sale, Greenhouse; see Notes
2 p.m.-Softball vs. Quincy, Softball Field
8:30-10:30 p.m.-Open house, University Observatory; see Notes

23 FRIDAY
11 a.m.-3 p.m.-Plant sale, Greenhouse; see Notes
Graduation Clearance packets and graduation applications due to Registrar’s Office
24 SATURDAY
Junior Visit Event
11 a.m.-3 p.m.-Plant sale, Greenhouse; see Notes
1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Missouri-Rolla, Baseball Field
noon-5 p.m.-Dog Days, MC parking lot; see Page 3
8 p.m.-Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes
8 p.m.-SAB drive-in movies, Red Barn Park; see Notes

25 SUNDAY
1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Missouri-Rolla, Baseball Field
3:30 p.m.-CDC Art Auction Reception, Washington Street Java Company; see Notes

26 MONDAY
10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.-CIEA Study Abroad Fair, SUB Activities Room; see Page 4
7 p.m.-“Truman Smarts,” SUB Down Under; see Notes

Retirement Reception
for John Applegate
professor and director of communication disorders
2-3:30 p.m. • April 30
SUB Alumni Room

Notes

If you made a reservation for May 15 at Patterson’s prior to spring break, please call 627.4800. Patterson’s reservation book disappeared prior to spring break, so they have no record of any reservations made for the day of spring commencement.

SAB presents mini-golf on the Mall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 21. This event is free for everyone. For more information, contact the SAB Office at 785.4722.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with a discussion with Barbara Whitten about how to attract and retain more women at all levels of science from 12:30-1:15 p.m., April 21, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

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, Capoeira, HALO, Ceilidh 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.

There will be a plant sale from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 22-24, in the Campus Greenhouse, located on the north side of Magruder Hall. Several varieties of plants will be sold for as low as $1. For more information, contact Theresa Mayo at 785.7117.

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 Day 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.

SAB is sponsoring drive-in movies at 8 p.m., April 24, in Red Barn Park. “Big Fish” will be shown first. “The Last Samurai” will follow at 10:30 p.m. The rain site is Pershing Arena.

The University Symphony Orchestra and Choral Ensembles will present Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony at 8 p.m., April 24, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for students and are available at the door or in advance at the Fine Arts Division Office. For more information, contact Sam McClure at 785.4434.

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.

“Truman Smarts,” based on the TV show “Street Smarts,” will be shown at 7 p.m., April 26, in the SUB Down Under. Contestants on the show will guess whether or not members of the Truman community can answer questions. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722.

The American Association of University Professors will meet at 9 a.m., April 29, at the University Club house (516 E. Patterson). For more information, contact Marc Becker at 785.6036.

The Truman Master of Arts in Education program invites foreign language teachers to two presentations “Texts and Technology: The Glencoe French and Spanish Programs” from 3:30-5 p.m., April 29 in the SUB. Please R.S.V.P. by April 27 to Timothy Farley at tfarley@truman.edu.

“The Refugee World: The Impact of Globalization on Indigenous Populations in Africa” will be presented by Robert Hitchcock from 7-9 p.m., April 29, in the SUB Alumni Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

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 29, in the Ryle Hall Classroom. For more information, contact Nick Harbison at 785.5973.

Beta Beta Beta is sponsoring their 4th Annual Campus Coffeehouse from 6-9 p.m., April 30, in the SUB Down Under. The event will feature local bands and all proceeds will go to support Kirksville charities. For more details, contact Shawna Cooper at 216.2582 or at sac82@yahoo.com.

SAB will be showing the movie “Mon Lisa Smile” at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 30, and 3 p.m., May 1, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

True Men will have their spring concert from 7:30-9 p.m., April 30, in Baldwin Auditorium. For more information, contact Nick Cloud at 665.8224 or e-mail truemen@truman.edu.

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

Graduate student applications for August 2004 graduation are due May 14. December 2004 graduation applications are due August 6. For more information, contact the Graduate Student Office at 785.4109.

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