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City Council Candidates Forum

People will be able to learn about Kirksville's proposed smoking ordinance and hear opinions from candidates in the upcoming elections.

**6-8 p.m. • March 27
Violette Hall 1000**

Contact Lisa Khan at ljkh402@truman.edu or at 314.603.5505 for more information.

20th Annual Student Research Conference

A day of Universitywide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement.

April 3

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Daytime classes are canceled.

For a complete schedule of presentations and discussions, see <http://src.truman.edu>.

Plenary Address

The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS: The real mathematical story that inspired the hit television series

11 a.m. • April 3 • VH 1000

Keith Devlin, executive director and senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Language and Information, and will deliver the address. He is also "the Math Guy" on National Public Radio.

Folklore Colloquium Passover Folklore Around the World

Learn about passover traditions from around the world.

**6-7:45 p.m.
March 28
McClain Hall 306**

Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Recipients Announced

President Barbara Dixon, Vice President for Academic Affairs Garry Gordon and Vice President for University Advancement Mark Gambaiana presented three faculty members with the \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship March 19 and 20.

Diane Janick-Buckner, professor of biology; Teresa Heckert, associate professor of psychology; and Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics; each received a 2007 Fellowship.

The Fellowships were presented in front of each



Diane Janick-Buckner (left photo), Teresa Heckert (center photo), and Jason Miller (right photo) receive the 2007 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship from Truman State University President Barbara Dixon.

faculty member's class, surprising the faculty member and their students.

Alumni Walker and Doris Allen established the Fellowship six years ago with one of the largest outright gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship recognizes outstanding faculty members who have greatly contributed to the success of the University and its students.

Truman Students Clinch International Mathematical Award by Beating 943 Teams

Two teams of Truman students recently received honors in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an international problem-solving competition held by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications.

The team of Bach Ha, a senior computer science and mathematics double major from Hanoi, Vietnam; Dan Matheny, a senior mathematics major from Columbia, Mo.; and Spencer Tipping, a sophomore computer science major from New Boston, Mo.; won the contest.

They were designated "Outstanding Winners," beating 943 teams, tying with five others, including teams from Harvard and MIT, and losing to no one. Their solution was also selected as the Mathematical Association of America Prize winner, meaning it will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal, *Undergraduate Mathematics and its Applications*.

The second team included Adam Gouge, a senior mathematics and physics double major from Seneca,

Mo.; Kristofer (Kip) Raske, a junior mathematics major from St. Louis; and Matt Sealy, a senior mathematics and physics double major from Joliet, Ill. They captured an "Honorable Mention," beating 558 teams and placing in the top 27 percent.

Both teams have been asked to present their results at the Fourth Midwest Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium March 30-31 at Simpson College in Iowa.

The teams were advised by Steven Smith, professor of mathematics.

For the contest, teams were to solve one of two designated problems within 96 hours. Team advisers then mailed off the solutions.

Truman began competing in this contest in 1989 and these are the 13th and 14th teams from the University to receive awards. This marks only the third year that both Truman teams have received an award and the first year that a team from Truman has won the contest.

Think Student Senate needs help? Run for Student Senate

Election packets are now available in the Student Senate office on the third floor of the Student Union Building. Those interested need to complete the information and return it by 5 p.m. March 28 in the CSI.

Contact Becky Hadley at behad@truman.edu for more information.

True Men Alumni Concert

True Men will be performing old hits and crowd favorites with some alumni members.

**4:30 p.m. • March 31
Baldwin Auditorium**

Check out the online version of the *Truman Today* to see which True Men alumni will be in attendance. The show is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact Andrew Hardee at andrewhardee@hotmail.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is looking for people to help with Special Olympics.

**April 14
Stokes Stadium**

Volunteers can either work as buddies or in the Olympic Village. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Those interested should contact Annie Woodruff at atw180@truman.edu for more information.

Nominate an outstanding faculty adviser for the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award

Nominations due-8 a.m. • April 2
Nomination forms are available at <http://rcp.truman.edu/lee/LeeNomination.htm>.

Contact Marty Eisenberg at martye@truman.edu for more information.

Student Publications Win National Honors

Both *Detours* and the *Index* and won the Best in Show Apple Award in their respective categories at the College Media Adviser's National College Media Convention held March 15-17 in New York City.

This is the second consecutive year that *Detours*, Truman's regional travel magazine, has won the Apple Award

in the general interest category. The competition pitted the publication against more than 30 student publications from across the United States, including colleges of every size.

The publication entered its latest issue, Winter 2007, in the competition. Copies of this issue can be picked up outside the Center for Student Involvement.

Detours is published twice a year, once in the summer and once in the winter. Erin Clark, a senior communication and English double major from Lincoln, Ill., is the editor in chief and Evangeline McMullen, a senior English major



(Pictured from left to right) Whitney McFerron, Sara DeGonia, Erin Clark and Evangeline McMullen pose with the Apple Awards. McFerron is the managing editor of the *Index* and DeGonia is the editor in chief. Clark is the editor in chief of *Detours* and McMullen is the managing editor.

from Independence, Mo., is the managing editor. Karon Speckman, associate professor of communication, advises the publication.

The *Index*, Truman's weekly student-produced newspaper, won the Apple Award for best four-year nondaily broadsheet newspaper.

This is the fourth time in five years the *Index*

has received this honor, beating out newspapers from across the country. Judges looked at various criteria when determining the winner including news judgment, journalistic quality, quality of writing, variety and diversity of news, photography and layout and design.

Sara DeGonia, a senior communication and English double major from Liberty, Mo., is the editor in chief of the *Index* and Whitney McFerron, a senior communication and English double major from Advance, Mo., is the managing editor. Steve Stepanek, assistant professor of communication, is the newspaper's adviser.

Nonprofit Directors to Visit Campus

The Career Center is hosting "Lending a Hand for a Living" March 28.

Directors from nonprofit organizations including the YMCA, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Preferred Family, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Association and the United Way will be sitting on a panel from 5-6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

Discussion topics will include experiences as employees in the nonprofit sector and suggestions

and answers for students who are interested in similar career paths.

The Career Center has created informational posters and handouts on other nonprofits. The posters will be on display following the panel from 6-9 p.m. in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Stop by this informal exposé to enjoy some refreshments and learn more about nonprofit organizations.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2007 Scholarship of Assessment Grants

Truman is now accepting applications for the 2007 Scholarship of Assessment Grants. These grants are directed toward two basic goals: 1) to improve the quality of student learning and development at Truman, and 2) to enhance the culture of assessment through faculty and staff participation in assessment research and scholarship. All competitive grant proposals will focus on the use of assessment data to answer questions of importance to the University community.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals that make connections between assessment of student learning outcomes at the classroom, program, and University levels, including the selection or development of appropriate discipline-level senior tests.

Please see <http://assessment.truman.edu/grants/index.htm> for complete information, the Grant guidelines, and application form. The application deadline is April 10.

NOTABLES

Scott Ellis, dean of science and professor of biology, will be inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Dr. Jack Magruder Faculty Hall of Fame at the Leadership Recognition Program 7 p.m. April 11 in the Student Union Building Lounge.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, will serve as Composer-in-Residence with the Hastings Symphony Orchestra April 19-22. Gooch will participate in orchestra rehearsals and will speak

to classes at Hastings College (Neb.). Under the direction of Byron Jensen, the Hastings Symphony will perform two orchestral works by Gooch on April 22. They are "Menuet Macabre" and "...We are Experiencing Minor Turbulence..." The Hastings Symphony Orchestra consists of 80 musicians from central Nebraska, Omaha and Lincoln.

Organizations to Host All-Campus Dinner

Have "Dinner With Your AMIGOS." A cooperative of Truman organizations will host an all-campus dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 1 in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge.

The dinner is designed to increase awareness and raise money for the AMIGOS organization.

A buffet will be provided by local Mexican restaurants and anyone willing to bring a dish. Those wanting to attend can pay an entry fee or donate hygienic items or toys to AMIGOS.

AMIGOS de las Américas is a nonprofit organization that works to build partnerships

through its efforts of strengthening a multicultural understanding of the Americas. The organization provides volunteer opportunities for young people and supports hundreds of communities in the Americas.

Sponsoring organizations include Hablantes Unidos, Residence Life, Spanish Club, Spanish faculty and Casa Hispánica.

Contact Amy Bockelman, Centennial Hall student adviser, at aeb973@truman.edu for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Accountemps is partnering with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to provide \$2,500 scholarships to five outstanding students pursuing a degree in accounting, finance or information systems. Applicants must be an AICPA student affiliate member, declared accounting, finance or information systems major with an overall grade point average of at least a 3.0 having completed at least 30 semester hours including six semester hours in accounting. Applicants must be full-time undergraduates or graduate students. Applications are due by April 1. Visit <http://www.accountemps.com> or <http://www.aicpa.org> for more information.

The Journalism Foundation of Metropolitan St. Louis will be awarding journalism scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. Students of journalism or related fields who are residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area are eligible to receive the awards. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of aptitude and interest in pursuing a career in journalism or communication. Academic achievement and financial need will also be taken into account. Applications are available in the Truman State University Financial Aid office and are due to the Journalism Foundation by April 2.

Alpha Delta Kappa, the Sigma chapter of Burlington, Iowa, is offering one \$750 scholarship to a Des Moines county undergraduate who is majoring in education. Applicants must have graduated from a Des Moines county, Iowa high school, show quali-

ties of leadership, demonstrate success in academics and be involved in extracurricular and/or community activities. Financial need will be considered but is not a primary qualification. Visit the Financial Aid office for an application. They are due April 10.

The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis is a nonprofit organization that provides access to higher education to St. Louis area students through interest free loans. The program assists students with financial need. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0, demonstrate good character and must be a permanent resident of St. Louis City, St. Louis county, the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles or Warren or the Illinois counties of Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe or St. Clair for at least two years prior to application. Applications for interest free loans are due April 15. Call 314.725.7990 or e-mail info@sfstl.org for more information. Application packets are available in the Financial Aid office.

The Voluntary Service Organization at Columbia Regional Hospital awards scholarships to several students each year. To qualify, applicants must have been accepted into an accredited clinical or professional health care program leading to a state-licensed examination. Applicants are not required to be currently employed by the Columbia Regional Hospital. Stop by the Financial Aid office in McClain Hall 103 for further information about this scholarship. Applications are due at noon April 16.

The Environmental Campus Organization presents the fourth annual Environmental Studies Conference 2007

Building Towards Sustainability

Start thinking about possible topics, presentations and creating art for the Environmental Studies Conference. Papers and presentations from all disciplines and backgrounds will be accepted.

Earth Week – April 16-21

Conference Presentations

9 a.m.-5 p.m. • April 17
Followed by keynote speaker and dessert reception

E-mail a concise abstract to cassiephillips@care2.com to submit a proposal. Proposals will be accepted through April 1.

Conference submissions are open to students, faculty, staff and Kirksville community members.

Shake your TABOOTy

A Conference of Critical and Creative Texts

The Graduate English Organization will host its fourth annual conference April 4 and 5.

Presentations and panels will run all day both days in Violette Hall 1000. For a complete schedule, visit <http://gradeng.truman.edu>.

Keynote speaker Andrei Codrescu, award-winning author and NPR commentator, will speak at

**8:30 p.m. • April 5
SUB Activities Room**

All the events are free and open to the public. Contact Maggie Mayhan at mmayhan@truman.edu or 785.5769 for more information.

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The 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Apply soon to be considered for all available federal and state funds. Visit the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 or call 785.4130 for more information.

The SERVE Center is hiring for scholarship and work study positions for fall 2007. Applications are available in the Center for Student Involvement office. Completed applications are due to the CSI by 5 p.m. March 28.

Women of Distinction nomination forms are now available at the Women's Resource Center in the Ryle Hall foyer or online at <http://wrc.truman.edu>. They are due April 6. Contact Sarah Downey at sed730@truman.edu for more information.

Study abroad in the Caribbean. Informational meetings for "Sweet Power: Sugar, Empires and Slaves in the Caribbean," a six-credit-hour study abroad course scheduled for winter break 2007-2008. The meetings will take place at 6 p.m. March 27 in the Student Union Building Conference Room and at 5 p.m. March 28 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The two sessions will be identical, discussing photos, itinerary and ways to finance the program. Contact Steven Reschly at sdr@truman.edu or 785.4648 for more information.

The Society for Creative Anachronism presents a series of quests and diversions for your entertainment at 6:30 p.m. March 27 in the Baldwin Hall Taj (first floor near the vending machines). They will be re-creating the Middle Ages. Contact Eric Scott at eos127@truman.edu for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series will continue from 12:30-1:30 p.m. March 28 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

See what it's like to live a month in poverty. Students for Social Change invite students to look more deeply into the issue of poverty by simulating a month filled with different events and steps that lead to poverty. The simulation will take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 28 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Contact Natasha Vander Weide at ngv679@truman.edu for more information.

The American Medical Student Association will be hosting a Veto the 'Squito Pajama Party from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. March 30 in the Magruder Hall Planetarium. Veto the 'Squito is a youth campaign aimed at stopping the spread of malaria. A donation of \$10 to join the party will pay for one life-saving mosquito net, which will shield a child from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. A 20-minute United Nations documentary will be screened. There will also be party games, prizes and food. Contact Lindsay Allan at lma948@truman.edu or at 785.7112 for more information.

Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) is hosting its Fourth Annual Midwest StringFest March 30-31. March 30 events include performances by visiting ensembles from area high schools. SAI will perform from 7-8 p.m. March 30 in the Ophelia

Parrish Performance Hall. There will be workshops all day March 31, concluding with a performance at 4 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Contact Liz Hackney at esh042@truman.edu for more information.

Cheerleading tryouts are here. There is a mandatory tryout clinic to learn routines from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 31 in the Pershing Small Gym. Tryouts begin at 9 a.m. April 1 in the Pershing Small Gym. Download tryout information and the consent form at <http://cheerleading.truman.edu>.

There will be three forums about the Student Fee to Support Truman's Athletics Program proposal. The forums will take place at 5 p.m. April 1 in Pershing Building 325, at 6 p.m. April 2 in the Student Union Building Conference Room, and at 7:30 p.m. April 5 in Violette Hall 1010. The proposal calls for a ballot item to be placed before Truman students in the April 2007 student elections. The ballot proposal would ask to implement a fee of \$50 per student per semester to support improvements that will enhance Truman's athletics program and benefit the greater student body through the improvement of facilities used by not only athletes, but by the larger student body through their use in health and exercise science classes and Truman's intramural program. The purpose of this fee will be to increase funds for athletics and related facilities, and not to replace existing funds to these programs already allocated by the University.

Sodexo's annual food drive will take place April 2-6. All donations will be delivered to Kirksville's local food bank in time for Easter. Donate nonperishable items, meals, dining dollars or bonus bucks. Carts will be available at all dining halls, C-stores and Mainstreet Market for food items and donation sheets will be available at the cash registers.

Cardinal Key is having a service auction from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 4 and 5 in Violette Hall. Contact Lauren Hamilton at llh139@truman.edu for more information.

Cardinal Key, the Adair County Family YMCA and Kirksville Parks and Recreation present the 29th Annual Children's Free Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. April 7 on the Quadrangle. Call 627.1485 for more information.

The Spring Workshop Series continues with a presentation on "Careers in STEM: Ph.D. and M.D.Ph.D. Careers" from 5:30-7 p.m. April 12 in Magruder Hall 1090. Join Alan Garvey and Pam Ryan in discussing the opportunities available after you have obtained a Ph.D. in math and computer science. Other panelists will also be on hand.

The 33rd annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Approximately 149 current and retired members of the University will be honored for their commitment to the University. **Due to limited seating, tickets will not go on sale to the public until April 6,** at which time they will be available in the Human Resources office in McClain Hall 106 for \$10 each.

ON CAMPUS

27 TUESDAY

3 p.m.-**Women's tennis vs. Missouri Western, Tennis Courts**
6-8 p.m.-**City Council Candidates Forum, VH 1000;** see Page 1

28 WEDNESDAY

5-6 p.m.-**Nonprofit Panel, SUB Conference Room;** see Page 2
6-9 p.m.-**Non-profit reception, SUB Activities Room;** see Page 2

29 THURSDAY

4 p.m.-**Men's and women's tennis vs. SIU Edwardsville, Tennis Courts**

30 FRIDAY

Women's golf Bulldog Classic, Kirksville Country Club
Noon-Baseball vs. Southwest Baptist, Baseball Field
7-8 p.m.-**SAI performance, OP Performance Hall;** see Notes

31 SATURDAY

Men's and women's track and field Truman Open, Stokes Stadium
Women's golf Bulldog Classic, Kirksville Country Club
Noon-Baseball vs. Southwest Baptist, Baseball Field
4 p.m.-**StringFest performance, OP Performance Hall;** see Notes
4:30 p.m.-**True Men Alumni Concert, Baldwin Auditorium;** see Page 2

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6-8 p.m.-**Spaghetti Dinner, Centennial Hall Main Lounge;** see Notes

Public Relations Internship Opportunity Available

The Truman State University Public Relations office is now accepting résumés for the fall 2007 internship position.

Interns receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in desktop publishing and public relations office duties. Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing.

Interested students should stop by the Public Relations office, McClain Hall 101, call 785.4016 or e-mail Katie Best at kbest@truman.edu, as soon as possible.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
3K Run	AST/Open	April 2	4:30 p.m. • April 4	April 11

Entry forms may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (IM bulletin board) and are available online. Online registration is now available. Entry forms must have name, banner ID number and signature of each participant. Entry forms are to be deposited in the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center by 11 p.m. of the posted due date. Official rules for each sport go to <http://recreation.truman.edu>.