

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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## Provost/VPAA Search

William (Bill) Funk of Funk and Associates will visit campus as the first step in identifying a provost/VPAA for Truman State University. The intent of this visit is to provide Funk with not only the background he needs, but also a sense of the campus culture, its goals and aspirations for the future, and the challenges ahead. This is an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to discuss with him Truman's expectations for the position as well as the qualifications and desired characteristics of the ideal candidate.

People are encouraged to attend one of the three sessions scheduled for faculty, staff and students.

They are as follows:

May 2  
10:30-11:20 a.m. • Violette Hall 1000  
1-1:50 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000  
2-2:50 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

## Spring Commencement

2 p.m. • May 5  
Stokes Stadium

Linda Miller will deliver the commencement address. She was recognized as Truman State University's Alumna of the Year in 2002, and she currently serves as president on Truman State University's Foundation Board of Directors.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in Pershing Arena, where a ticket will be required.

## New Board of Governors Members Appointed

Gov. Matt Blunt has appointed two new members of the Truman Board of Governors to fill the expired terms of G. Ruth Mach of St. Louis, and Michael T. Schwend of Kirksville.

The full Missouri Senate confirmed the appointments of the Honorable Matthew W. Potter of St. Louis, and the Honorable Cheryl J. Cozette of Columbia, Mo.

Potter is the deputy democratic director for the City of St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners. His previous work experience included service as an associate attorney in the St. Louis law firm of Burroughs, Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank & True, LLP and as an assistant circuit attorney for the



Matthew W. Potter and Cheryl J. Cozette have been appointed to the Truman Board of Governors.

Circuit Attorney's Office for the City of St. Louis. Potter graduated magna cum laude from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Latin in 1996. He received his juris doctorate from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1999 where he served on the *UM Law Review* and earned Order of the Coif honors. Potter is licensed to practice law in Missouri and Illinois. While at Truman he was involved with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Order of Omega.

Cozette has had a long and distinguished career in public education. She has a baccalaureate degree in history from Kansas City College and Bible School, a master's degree in elementary education from the University Missouri-Kansas City, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She also completed advanced course work in educational administration at Truman.

She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma. She currently serves as the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Columbia Public Schools.

## Students Receive General Honors Medals

The General Honors Program medal ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. May 4 in the Student Union Building Lounge.

Nineteen seniors are candidates to graduate with General Honors and will be recognized for their achievements at this special ceremony sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri and Truman's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Program offers outstanding students the opportunity to select rigorous courses in the liberal arts and sciences component of their degree programs.

The honor is awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five approved courses, with at least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, natural science, social science and humanities. They must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in those courses, and their overall cumulative grade point average must also be at least 3.5.

The following students will be recognized: Chelsea Balch, a business administration major from Platte City, Mo.; Emily Doucette, a biology major from Kansas City, Mo.; Kevin Dyke, a history major from Manhattan, Ill.; Christopher Gillette, a music major

from Kirksville; Christopher Halsey, a chemistry major from Liberty, Mo.; Abbie Hesse, a classics and English double major from Farber, Mo.; Robert Kelchen, a business administration finance and economics double major from Columbia, Mo.; Rachel King, a music and health science double major from Elkland, Mo.; Daniel Kling, an economics and English double major from Kirksville; Laura Kopff, a philosophy and religion and chemistry double major from Affton, Mo.; Lulie Laub, a philosophy and religion major from Bloomington, Ill.; Brianna Lennon, a political science major from Ballwin, Mo.; James Lloyd, a physics, mathematics and German triple major from St. Peters, Mo.; Daniel Matheny, a mathematics major from Columbia, Mo.; James Quigley, a philosophy and religion major from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Hope Slaby, a Linguistics major from Rosebud, Mo.; Kathleen Warrington, a chemistry major from Adams, Neb.; Gregory Wisner, a philosophy and religion and German double major from Springfield, Mo.; and Cynthia Woolridge, a psychology major from St. Charles, Mo.

Truman students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the medal ceremony.

### Senior Picnic

All May and August graduates are invited to the Reading Day Picnic.

**11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • May 2  
On the Mall**

There will be free hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, barbecue chicken, bratwursts, chips, soda and dessert.

Seniors can also pick up their free gift bags at the picnic, including a Truman Alumni T-shirt.

If unable to attend, stop by the Office of Advancement in McClain Hall 100 and pick up a free alumni gift bag.

Contact Denise Smith at [dsmith@truman.edu](mailto:dsmith@truman.edu) or Greg Xander at [gregx@truman.edu](mailto:gregx@truman.edu) in the Office of Advancement for more information.

### Farewell Reception for Robin Taylor

Please join the Truman community in wishing Robin Taylor a fond farewell. A reception in her honor will take place from 3-5 p.m. May 2 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room (SUB 208). Light refreshments will be provided.

A memory Web site has been set-up at <http://csi.truman.edu/robin/>. We hope you can find the time to answer the questions provided.

If you have any questions, contact Sujit Chemburkar at [sujit@truman.edu](mailto:sujit@truman.edu) or by phone at 785.4186.

### Airline Offers New Flights to Kirksville

Midwest Airlines has expanded its service in Kansas City.

Beginning May 6, Midwest Airlines passengers will be able to connect in Kansas City on Air Midwest/US Airways Express to and from Columbia/Jefferson City, Joplin and Kirksville, Mo., and Grand Island, McCook and Omaha, Neb.

Tickets for the new service may be purchased at <http://midwestairlines.com>. Schedules, including a downloadable time table, and fares are also available on the Web site.

Customers purchasing a ticket within three days of their intended travel date should contact a travel agent for assistance.

## Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members

The Delta of Missouri chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society initiated new student members April 22. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest undergraduate academic honor society in the liberal arts and sciences.

The new initiates include Kelsey Aurand, Lauren Barth, Joseph Baumann, Kristi Baur, Jordan Bergsten, Laura Blakley, Katy Browning, Laura Casey, Emily Chadwick, Benjamin Coate, Ryan Dabler, Emily Doucette, Kevin Dyke, Douglas Eudy, Joseph Frana, Seth Freeman, Christopher Gillette, Daniel Goering, Kelsie

Goodman, Adam Gouge, Christopher Halsey, Kristin Harkins, Adam Hoskins, Ryan Johnson, Joshua Kelly, Lina Khan, Stephanie Kimball, Laura Kopff, Jessie Krause, Amanda Kueper, Ryan Lewis, Rebecca Maddox, Jamie Matthews, Ryan McDaniels, Meredith Mertz, Courtney Moran, Robyn Neathery, Dale Pahls, Elizabeth Petry, Stacey Strange, Ashley Styczynski, John Tressler, Justis Tuia, Katherine Tullmann, Lauren Walker, Stacey Walker, Michael Wasikowski, Amy Wessel, Heidi Willhauck, Timothy Wittmann and Hannah Wittmer.

## Phi Kappa Phi Recognizes Two Truman Students, Announces New Award

Two Truman students were recently honored by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

John Brockman, a senior biology major from Omaha, Neb., was awarded the Phi Kappa Phi Award of Excellence April 2.

This award, for the 2007-2008 academic year, will allow him to pursue a degree in medicine and a master's degree in public health at Case Western Reserve University School.

The selection process for this award is based on academic performance, leadership, graduate potential, a personal statement and recommendations. Brockman is one of 100 students in the nation to receive this award.

Amy Bockelman, a sophomore Spanish pre-M.A.E. major from Overland Park, Kan., was awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant for 2007. She will be participating in a study abroad program in Costa Rica.

Phi Kappa Phi awards 50 Study Abroad Grants annually valued at \$1,000 each. They are designed to recognize and assist undergraduates as they seek

knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. The Society inducts more than 30,000 students, faculty and professional staff and alumni each year by invitation only.

The organization has also announced its newest program, the Love of Learning Award.

Fifty of these awards will be given each year in the amount of \$500 each to Phi Kappa Phi members who are seeking funding for post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development opportunities.

This award is only available to active Phi Kappa Phi members. The application is available online at <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/index.html>. The deadline for applications is June 30.

Any questions about the application process can be directed to Maria Davis at 1.800.804.9880, ext. 35 or at [mariad@phikappaphi.org](mailto:mariad@phikappaphi.org).

## Students Receive Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships



The Truman State University Foundation awards 10 \$1,500 scholarships annually to students who are participating in a summer, faculty-led study abroad experience. Students who received the Foundation Study Abroad scholarships include (pictured front row, left to right) Kim Church, Jenna Klinghammer, Shelley Coffman, Sarah Huber and Glessie Reese; (back row, left to right) Katie Adler, Megan Galloway, Abby Wolcott, Steve Wehmeyer and President Barbara Dixon.

# NOTABLES

**Scott Alberts, associate professor of mathematics**, was mentioned in an article in *University Business* about Web 2.0 as someone who uses Wikipedia as a teaching tool. The article can be found online at <http://www.universitybusiness.com/viewarticle.aspx?articleid=729>.

**Nancy Asher, Truman's coordinator of assessment and testing**, has agreed to serve as interim registrar from the point of Kay Anderson's departure in mid-May through June 30, 2008. Anderson, registrar, will be leaving Truman to take a similar post at Georgia College and University.

**Carol Cox, associate professor of health science**, was recognized with the Excellence in Education award from the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Key Women Educators in the group's conference April 27 and 28 at Lake of the Ozarks.

**Robert Graber, professor emeritus of anthropology**, and **Ashley Wagoner, a senior sociology/anthropology major from St. Charles, Mo.**, have just had accepted for publication their paper, "From Testing Hypotheses to Causations: Latitude and Hunter-Gatherer Subsistence Strategies." It will appear this fall in the fifth edition of Prentice Hall's "Strategies in Teaching Anthropology."

**Ronald A. Knight, professor emeritus of mathematics**, presented a paper titled, "Initially Deformed Flows" at the Spring Topology & Dynamics Conference March 30 at the University of Missouri-Rolla. The paper will appear in the journal *Topology Proceedings*.

**Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history**, will have his next book, "King Philip's War: The Conflict Over New England," published by Chelsea House in June, as part of a series for high school students on important moments in Native

American history.

**Marc Rice, associate professor of music**, presented his paper "We Miss O.T.: The Demise of Jazz Radio in Cincinnati" at the Midwest Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology April 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

**Four student representatives of Truman State University's Amnesty International** chapter attended their Annual Conference March 23-25 in Milwaukee. They represented Truman as voting delegates in the Plenary Assembly determining national policy resolutions. These students included **Hallie Gleasman, a freshman from St. Louis; Teresa Kerbawy, a senior biology and art double major from Kansas City, Mo.; Bethanie Seiglar, a senior philosophy and religion pre-M.A.E. major from LaPlata, Mo.; and Joseph Wotawa, a freshman history and political science double major from St. Louis. Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French and faculty co-adviser to Truman's chapter of Amnesty International**, accompanied the group.

**The Mathematical Contest in Modeling MAA Award Winning Team** consisting of **Bach Ha, a senior computer science and mathematics double major from Hanoi, Vietnam; Daniel Matheny, a senior mathematics major from Columbia, Mo.; and Spencer Tipping, a sophomore computer science major from New Boston, Mo.**; has been invited to present their solution at the national annual MAA meeting this summer in San Jose, Calif. The National Mathematical Association Meetings run from July 31-Aug. 4 are called "MathFest." A link is available online at <http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x66406eae8>.

## Truman Hosts the AmeriCorps\*VISTA Program

Truman was recently approved by the Missouri Campus Compact and the Corporation for National and Community Service to participate in a statewide AmeriCorps\*VISTA program.

The program is to begin in July, when a VISTA member will be placed on campus to help assess community needs and to help faculty members build civic engagement through service-learning.

The VISTA member will link relevant courses with community agencies in the hopes of tackling poverty and assisting single, head-of-household

females with children under the age of 18 living in the home.

The program is set to last three years on each campus. To accommodate unique aspects of rural poverty, Truman's program will also address economic development as a field for service-learning.

Contact Julie Lochbaum at 785.4391 for more information about the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program at Truman.

### Communitywide Picnic

Sodexo will be hosting a picnic in celebration of Harry S. Truman's birthday.

**11 a.m.-1 p.m. • May 8  
On the Mall  
Rain site: SUB Lounge**

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$4 each and for \$5 each on the day of the event.

The menu will include hamburgers, bratwursts, barbecue chicken, veggie burgers, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, assorted sodas and birthday cake and ice cream.

Contact the Public Relations office at 785.4016 or stop by McClain Hall 101 for more information or to purchase tickets.

### Tel Alumni is Hiring for the Summer

Applicants should have good communication skills, an outgoing personality, a strong work ethic and a willingness to ask alumni for financial support.

The job offers hourly wages, nightly prizes, fun work environment and an excellent résumé builder. Shifts are available from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Interested students should contact Brad Neathery at 785.7432 or at [neathery@truman.edu](mailto:neathery@truman.edu) or stop by the Office of Advancement in McClain Hall 101 for more information.

### Staff Council Election Results

#### Academic Affairs

Cinda Mitchell  
Jennifer Thompson

#### Academic Support

Janice Weddle

#### Administrative Offices

Laura Thrasher

#### At Large

Melissa Rodman

#### Student Affairs

Vicky Wehner  
Polly Matteson

**The next issue of the *Truman Today* will be published June 5.**

The *Truman Today* is published biweekly during the summer.

Submissions for the next issue are due by May 30 to [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu).



## NOTES

**It is that time of year again to start looking toward housing for fall early returners.** The process and policy for Housing for Early Returners is available online at: <http://reslife.truman.edu/services/earlyreturners/>. Early returners must be returning for purposes of employment, athletics, academics or to assist in the coordination of University sponsored Truman Week activities.

**The Student Recreation Center will be hosting a Summer Sports Camp** for children ages 7-9 July 9-13 and ages 9-11 July 23-27. The camp will give children the opportunity to have fun, learn and participate in activities that will keep them physically fit. Cost of the camp is \$75 per child and \$50 for each additional immediate family member. The deadline for enrollment is May 31. Visit <http://recreation.truman.edu> or contact Scott Wagner at 785.7739 for more information.

**A consortium of groups in Kirksville will be offering Entrepreneurship 101** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 2 at the Kirksville TCRC, designed to help people start their own consulting businesses. This is a way for knowledge workers to create niche employment for themselves beyond what the Kirksville market offers. A number of spouses, partners or householders of Truman faculty/staff might be interested in participating in this workshop to learn how to translate their skills and education into such an enterprise. This workshop is also suitable for students who desire to create self-employment as they work their way through school, or who may wish to settle in Kirksville upon graduation. Steve Holt from the University of Missouri Business Development will be the workshop facilitator. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$25 per person. Contact Julie Lochbaum at 785.4391 for more information.

**Two groups of agriculture practicum students, DaVine and Little Fowls on the Prairie, will hold a**

**field day** from 4-6 p.m. May 2 at the University Farm. They will be presenting the results of projects they have worked on for the past two semesters. The University Farm is located at the intersection of LaHarpe and South Boundary streets. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served, including salsa and fried green tomatoes. Contact Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture, at 785.4316 or at [mseipel@truman.edu](mailto:mseipel@truman.edu) for more information.

**Faculty wishing to apply for sabbaticals during the academic year 2008-2009 should submit a letter of intent to their current dean by May 4.** Details are available at <http://vpaa.truman.edu/sabbaticals/index.stm>. The sabbatical applications themselves are due Sept. 7.

**The annual boiler shutdown for maintenance and inspection is scheduled** for May 7-18. The campus will be without steam for building heat and hot water during this time. The boilers are anticipated to be back online by the afternoon of May 18. Contact the Physical Plant office at 785.4200 in regards to a conflict or for more information.

**There will be a retirement reception for Matt Eichor, professor of chemistry and director of the Northeast Area Criminalistics Laboratory,** from 2-4 p.m. June 21 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

**There will be a retirement reception for Melinda Wood, director of financial aid,** from 2-4 p.m. June 22 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

**The Center for Student Involvement will host the Activities Fair** from noon-4 p.m. Sept. 6 on the Quadrangle. All departmental and student organization tables must be reserved via the registration form available now in the CSI office, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. It is also available on the CSI Web site, <http://csi.truman.edu>. The registration deadline is Aug. 31. Table space is limited. Contact the CSI at 785.4222 for more information.

## ON CAMPUS

### 1 TUESDAY

Finals continue

### 2 WEDNESDAY

Reading Day, no classes

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-**Senior Picnic, Mall;** see Page 2

4-6 p.m.-**Agriculture practicum, University Farm;** see Notes

### 3 THURSDAY

Finals continue

### 4 FRIDAY

Finals end

### 5 SATURDAY

2 p.m.-**Commencement, Stokes Stadium;** see Page 1

### 8 TUESDAY

11 a.m.-1 p.m.-**Picnic, on the Mall;** see Page 3

### May Interim Hours

#### Pickler Memorial Library

May 1-3 • 7 a.m.-2 a.m.

May 4 • 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 5 • Noon-5 p.m.

May 6 • Closed

May 7-11 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 12-13 • Closed

May 14-18 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 19-20 • Closed

May 21-25 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 26-28 • Closed

May 29-31 • 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

June 1 • 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

June 2 • 1-5 p.m.

June 3 • 4-8 p.m.

#### Student Recreation Center

May 1-2 • 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

May 3-4 • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 5-6 • Closed

May 7-11 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 12-13 • Closed

May 14-18 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 19-20 • Closed

May 21-25 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 26-28 • Closed

May 29-June 1 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 2-3 • Closed

## Nursing Program Holds Advisory Meeting



The Truman State University Nursing Program Advisory Council met April 12. The purpose of the Council is to provide community input and support for the nursing program.

*Pictured (front row, left to right) Martha Gagg, Shirley Riley, Myra Baiotto, Harriet Beard, Delores Lesseig, Elsie Gaber, Dianthe Cable, Brenda Higgins, Teri Haman, Bonnie Collier and Carol Race; (Back row, left to right) Dennis Smith, Jill McCord, Tim Tucker, Robert Elsea, Jack Magruder, Mark Gambaiana, Mark Laughlin, Charles Baldwin, Garry Gordon, Mary Laird, Jerry Smith and Rene McGovern.*

### Truman Ranks as Second Best Public Value in "America's Best Value Colleges"

Truman is the nation's No. 2 best value in the public sector according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school on its "Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges" ranking list and profiles the school in the 2008 edition of its book, "America's Best Value Colleges" (Random House/Princeton Review). A list of the schools profiled in the book can be found online at Web site <http://www.princetonreview.com>.

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