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Homecoming Tailgate Picnic

Oct. 4
11:00-1:30 p.m.
Red Barn Park

Sponsored by the Truman
Alumni Association and
Alpha Sigma Gamma.

Everyone is welcome to
attend. Tickets are \$7 per
person. Residence Hall
dining facilities will be
closed.

Voter Registration Forms Now Available

Student Affairs Office
Information Desk
Cashier's Window
Residence Hall Desks
SERVE Center
Multicultural Affairs Center

The last day to register to vote
in the Nov. 4 election is Oct. 8.
For more information visit <http://conduct.truman.edu> and click on
the voter registration link.

Allen Fellowship Nominations

Nominations for the \$10,000
Walker and Doris Allen
Fellowships to recognize
outstanding faculty members are
being accepted by the Office of
the Provost until Oct. 1.

The Fellowships are open to all
tenured or tenure-track faculty
with at least four years of full-
time service at Truman.

For details on the nomination
process visit <http://www.truman.edu/pages/131.asp>.

President Barbara Dixon Resigns and Board Appoints Darrell Krueger As Interim President

The Truman State University Board of Governors Chair Mark Wasinger announced on Tuesday Sept. 16 that the Board had accepted the resignation of University President Barbara Dixon, effective at the close of business Oct. 15, 2008. The Board and the president have been in conversation for the past three months regarding the goals and expectations for the future and recently concluded that it is unlikely they would arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement.



Barbara Dixon

"Our talks have been professional and friendly, but given our differences, I believe at this point that it is in everyone's best interest that I step down from my position," Dixon said. "I recognize the timing is not optimal, but appreciate the Board's consideration in accepting my resignation at this time."

In accepting the resignation of Dixon, Wasinger noted: "President Dixon has accomplished a great deal during her tenure as University President for which we are grateful. Under her guidance and leadership, the University has shown significant progress in many areas. She has demonstrated courage and perseverance in discharging her duties as President of Truman State University."

Areas in which the University has shown significant progress are facilities improvement, advancement/fundraising including launching the first comprehensive campaign, academic reorganization that established academic departments with faculty chairs, enhancement of faculty salaries, and several outstanding hires of senior administrative staff. Other areas where Dixon has made an impact include the creation of a Staff Council, and most recently the development of a classification/compensation system for all non-faculty positions that will

provide better market equity and promotional opportunities for staff.

In her five years at Truman, Dixon has been selected by her colleagues to serve in several leadership positions including president of Missouri Council on Public Higher Education from 2005-2007, president of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges from 2005-2007, and currently as an at-large member of the NCAA Division II President's Council.

On Friday, Sept. 19 Wasinger announced the Board had appointed Darrell Krueger to serve as the interim president of Truman. Krueger will begin his duties on Oct. 16.

Krueger served as the 13th president of Winona State University from 1989-2005. During his tenure as president he was nationally recognized for his work in outcomes assessment. Under his leadership, Winona State University became one of the most technologically advanced universities in the nation with one of the largest laptop university programs supporting more than 8,000 laptop computers across campus.



Darrell Krueger

Prior to his arrival in Winona, Krueger served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of instruction at Truman State University for 16 years. Before he received that appointment he was an assistant professor of political science for two years.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with such a wealth of higher education experience and a person who knows our University so well," Wasinger said.

"It is a great honor to be asked by the Board to serve as Truman's interim president," Krueger said. "I am thrilled to be returning to a University and community that my family and I love. I look forward to working with the campus community to continue to move the University forward."

GRADUATE SCHOOL WEEK

Sept. 22-26

Sponsored by the Career Center

TUESDAY

Kaplan Test Prep 10-Question Challenge

6-7:30 p.m. Magruder Hall 2050

Learn test taking strategies for the GRE by trying out real GRE questions and receiving tips from an expert.

Graduate Program Information Tables

Des Moines University

Osteopathic Medicine
Magruder Hall

University of Missouri

Public Health
Plant Sciences

University of Tulsa

All graduate programs
Violette Hall

Kaplan Testing Services

Student Union Building

WEDNESDAY

"Show Me the Money!"

Featuring Donald Asher, a nationally recognized author and speaker.

6-7 p.m. Violette Hall 1010

Learn how to fund your graduate education.

THURSDAY

Graduate School drop-in hours

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Career Center

"For Underclassmen Only: How to Prepare for Graduate School During Your First Two Years of Undergraduate Education"

12-1:20 p.m. Student Union Building Spanish Room
Pre-Registration required. Call 785.4238 or e-mail stephie@truman.edu by Sept. 24.

Graduate Program Information Tables

Aquinas Institute

Theology
McClain Hall

Truman State University

Select graduate programs
Student Union Building

For a complete schedule of events during Graduate School Week go on online to <http://career.truman.edu>.

United Way Campaign Raises \$39,000

After the fourth week of Truman's United Way campaign, the faculty, staff and students have contributed more than \$39,000, which means the University has met 71 percent of the goal.

Campaign co-chairs Brad Chambers and Debra Kerby said they are grateful to everyone who has contributed to this year's campaign, and welcome those who prefer to make a donation at the end of the month.

They also wanted to remind people of the remarkable things that can be accomplished through each contribution.

For example: Less than \$1 per week provides

swimming lessons for a child who cannot afford them, or a food basket for a family; less than \$2 per week buys pain medication for a terminally ill cancer patient; less than \$5 per week covers the cost of 102 meals for frail and disabled homebound clients; less than \$10 per week provides a manikin to teach CPR to many of the 80,000 residents in our area; and less than \$25 per week offers six nights in a safehouse for a family of four.

If you have questions, or need a replacement pledge form, contact Chambers at bchamber@truman.edu or Kerby at dkerby@truman.edu.

Fiction Writer Wingate to Visit Truman

The Department of English and Linguistics and the Green Hills Literacy Lantern are bringing Steven Wingate, a professor at the University of Colorado and author of the award-winning collection of short stories, "Wifeshopping," to campus Sept. 25-26.

Wingate will lead a fiction writing workshop, open to all interested writers, from 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 25 in Baldwin Hall 251.

Later that evening, he will read from his debut collection of short stories, "Wifeshopping," at 8:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1010.

The following day, Wingate will have a

presentation on writing and publishing fiction from 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Wingate teaches fiction writing at the University of Colorado. His stories have appeared in numerous literary journals including the Mississippi Review, Gulf Coast, The Journal and Green Hills Literacy Lantern. Wingate's "Wifeshopping" was the winner of the 2007 Bakeless Prize in fiction sponsored by the Breadloaf Writing Conference.

For more information, please contact Joe Benevento at jbeneven@truman.edu.

Truman in Washington Program Hosts Panel Discussion With Alumni

The Truman in Washington Program will host "Exploring D.C. Internships and Careers: Truman Alumni Talk" at 4 p.m. Oct. 3 in Baldwin Hall 303. Truman alumni will be speaking to prospective students about Washington D.C., internships and careers.

Students of all majors may attend this panel discussion to get information on the Truman in Washington Program and the internships that are offered.

The Truman in Washington Program is affiliated with the Washington Center for

Internships and Academic Seminars. To be eligible for the Truman in Washington Program, students must have a 3.25 grade point average. Selection for the program is competitive, with the University sponsoring only five students to participate during each summer semester. The annual program awards participants credit hours for their internship work and independent study project.

For more information about the Truman in Washington Program, please contact Diane Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu or 785.7852.

Missouri Government Internship Informational Meeting

An informational meeting about the Missouri Government Internship will take place at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room C. Pizza will be provided. The Missouri Government Internship Program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with a public official, legislator or state agency during the spring 2009 semester. The internship is open to all majors.

NOTABLES

Masahiro Hara, associate professor of Japanese, presented a poster titled “Evidence for L2 Syntactic Gap Processing” at the Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America 3, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sept. 4. The paper will appear in the online conference proceedings.

Sana Camara, associate professor of French, published a second book on Senegalese-Wolof poetry titled “Serin Muusaa Ka: Melokaani Royteef,” which translates in English to “Serigne

Moussa Ka: The Characteristics of a Role Model.” The book was published by Editions Papyrus Afriques in Dakar, Senegal.

Helen Pham, a sophomore business and finance double major from Ballwin, Mo., was featured in a full-page story with photo in this month’s issue of Forum Magazine, a written publication of Phi Kappa Phi. Pham received a study abroad grant from Phi Kappa Phi last summer which she used to spend five weeks in China learning the language and traveling.

Staged Reading Course Promotes Interactive Theater in Classrooms Across Campus

The new Staged Reading course offers a mechanism for bringing theatre into classrooms across campus, while giving students the opportunity to work on a performance style that is being used more frequently.

In addition to four play-readings throughout the semester, actors from the Staged Reading course are performing 3-5 minute scenes in other classrooms.

Instructors interested in having a performance occur in their class can contact Dana Smith, associate professor of theatre, at dasmith@truman.edu. Also, instructors with any suggestions of

titles that might enhance their courses, either as classroom scenes or full staged readings, should contact Smith so they may be incorporated in the spring semester if the Staged Reading course is offered again.

“A Doll’s House,” which was performed Sept. 19, was the first staged reading performance of the semester. Other performances include “West Moon Street” Oct. 17, “Chamber Music” Nov. 14, and “Picasso at the Lapin Agile” Dec. 5. For more information, contact Smith or College of Arts and Sciences Secretary Diane Moore at 785.4417.

Athletic Department Seeks Student Involvement

In an effort to increase student involvement in Athletic events, promotional activities are being included in upcoming contests.

Starting with the women’s volleyball match Sept. 24, Pagliai’s Pizza will sponsor a competition where students have the opportunity to serve the ball. If they hit a pizza box they win a prize.

The volleyball match will take place at 7 p.m. in the Kirksville Primary School. All subsequent home games, starting Oct. 11, will be played in

Pershing Arena.

The men’s soccer game at 4 p.m. Sept. 26 is designated as a ResLife Game, where various resident halls will be acknowledged and are encouraged to show their pride. In addition, there will be an interactive event at halftime where members of the various dorms will be selected to compete for prizes. All students are encouraged to come to support the team and have a chance to compete at halftime.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains’ Meeting	Play Begins
MLB Playoff Pickem	Open	Oct. 3	NA	Oct. 3
Frisbee Golf	Open	Sept. 29-Oct. 3	NA	Play on own
Darts	Open	Oct. 6	NA	Oct. 13
Indoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	Oct. 6	Oct. 8	Oct. 13
Co-Rec Indoor Soccer	Open	Oct. 6	Oct. 8	Oct. 13
Billiards	Open	Oct. 13	NA	Oct. 20
Table Tennis	Open/Org/Greek	Oct. 27	NA	Nov. 1
Basketball Pentathlon	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 3	NA	Nov. 10
Texas Hold’em	Open	Nov. 3	NA	Nov. 10
3 on 3	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 17
Pickle Ball	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 17

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467.

TEACH Program Informational Meeting

The Financial Aid office and the School of Health Sciences and Education are sponsoring an informational meeting on the new federal TEACH Program.

3:30 p.m.
Sept. 30
Violette Hall 1000

Under the TEACH Program, students could receive up to \$24,000 to pursue a teaching career in the following subjects:

French
Spanish
Mathematics
Vocal Music
Science
Special Education
Speech/Language

The meeting is open to all interested students. Pre-MAE, MAE, and students thinking about the MAE are encouraged to attend.

Preparing for the Career Expo

Oct. 22

Register at <http://career.truman.edu>.

Browse attending companies on the website.

Go to the Career Center for help on writing and critiquing your resume.

Sign up for SCORE, employer and student mock interviews.

Sign up for interviews on eRecruiting by clicking “Apply” and companies will notify you if you’ve been preselected.

Attend “Expo 411” Oct. 15 on the Mall to help you prepare for the Expo.

NOTES

Sigma Lambda Gamma presents "Auction Block to Hip Hop," a Broadway musical, at 8 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Student Union Building 2107. This event is free and is co-sponsored by the Funds Allotment Council, New Student Programs, Residence Life, College of Arts and Sciences, Departments of Language and Literature and the Department of History.

The Weekly Lunch Series will continue the Fall Critical Thinking emphasis with another publication from the Critical Thinking Foundation, "Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools" at 12:30 Sept. 24 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. Participants may receive \$3.50 towards their next Sodexo meal simply by signing the attendance sheet at any of the Union checkout counters. All faculty, GTRAs and teaching staff are welcome to attend.

The Physics Colloquium presents speaker Michael Ogilvie, a physics professor from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Magruder Hall 1000. Ogilvie will provide an introductory level presentation titled "Are There More Than Four Dimensions?" For more information, please visit <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp>.

PRISM and the Funds Allotment Council presents speaker Eric Alva, Marine Staff Sergeant, at 7 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alva will be speaking out against "Don't Ask Don't Tell," the military's policy banning gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans from serving in our armed forces.

The Truman in Washington Program will host a welcome back event at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the University Club. The achievements of Truman interns will be celebrated, and information on finding an internship will be provided. For more information please contact Erica Foster at ecf859@truman.edu.

The Dean of Student Affairs Office has applications for the 2008-2009 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award" available for students. Faculty and staff may also nominate students for this prestigious award. Nominations are due by Sept. 26. Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office, located in the Student Union Building 3100, by Oct. 17. For more information visit <http://saffairs.truman.edu> or call 785.4111.

Truman's Equestrian Team will host the first

IHSA western horse show of the season at 10 a.m. Sept. 27 and 9 a.m. Sept. 28 at the University Farm. Concession stand available and all are welcome to watch, but please bring lawn chairs.

Phi Sigma Pi, a national coed honor fraternity, will host an All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Missouri Hall Chariton Room. Tickets cost \$3 and include beverages, pasta and bread. Limited food is available so arrive early. Part of the proceeds will go towards Phi Sigma Pi's national philanthropy, Teach for America. Tickets may be purchased at the door or contact Carrie Ostrowski at cjo448@truman.edu for tickets or more information.

The Career Center will host "We Know What You Did Last Summer... Internship Reflections 2008" from 1-2 p.m. Sept. 29 and from 5-6 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Career Center. Free pizza and door prizes will be provided. All majors are welcome. For more information or to sign up for the event, e-mail Elizabeth Bauer, Career Coordinator, at ebauer@truman.edu. Limited seating is available so contact the Career Center soon.

University Counseling Services announces National Depression Screening Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The staff will provide free screenings for depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders and PTSD.

Phi Kappa Phi will have its annual fall lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. A short business meeting will take place at 11:45 a.m. to celebrate accomplishments from last year and discuss plans for the coming year. Please RSVP to Alan Garvey at agarvey@truman.edu

The Bulldog football team is selling "dog tags" for \$10. Dog tag holders are entitled to discounts at several area businesses. For more information contact Shannon Currier at 785.4252.

SEMA and FEMA are asking homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred between June 1-Aug. 13, to apply for disaster assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or online at www.fema.org.

The Center for Student Involvement is looking for Truman faculty or staff who would be interested in being advisers for student organizations. If interested, please contact the CSI at 785.4222.

CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available on the Truman home page and through TruView, for updated daily campus events.

The Campus Life, Spirit and Fun Working Group

posted the results of the Art and Science report at <http://saffairs.truman.edu/clsfreport/>.

A discussion of the report will take place in an open forum at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A.

"A Shadow in the Dark"

8 p.m. Oct. 1-4
James G. Severns Theatre
Ophelia Parrish

Written by Truman theatre major Jared Latore.

Due to strong subject matter, this play is not appropriate for children.

Tickets must be reserved in advance by calling the box office at 785.4515, Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.



THE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS RESOURCE CENTER

has electronic full-text articles on current social issues at <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/north1010>.

BOOK SALE

The 3rd Annual Book Sale is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sept. 23-25 in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building.