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FAMILY DAY EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

**Women's Tennis Hosts
Truman Invitational**

9 a.m. • Truman Tennis Courts

**Truman Baseball
Scrimmage**

10 a.m. • Truman Baseball Field

Library Tours

10 a.m.-Noon Pickler
Memorial Library

**Women's Volleyball vs.
Emporia State University**

1 p.m. • Pershing Arena

Annual Festival Centennial

1-4 p.m. • Centennial
Hall Courtyard

**SAB Presents: Jeff Civillico
Juggler and Comedian***

4 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

Barbecue

5-6:30 p.m. • Student Union Mall
(Rain site: Student
Union Building)

**Bulldog Football
vs. Pittsburg State**

7 p.m. • Stokes Stadium

EXTRAS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

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Truman Invitational**

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Clifton Truman Daniel

7:30 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

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**Red Barn Arts &
Crafts Festival**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Downtown

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

**Truman Softball
Scrimmage**

1 p.m. • Truman Softball Field

Apply Now For the Spring 2012 Missouri Government Internship

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 2012 semester. The program provides students an inside look at state government and the political process.

Interns receive a stipend of \$2,500 and up to 15 hours of credit. Duties may vary based on each individual public official, however, typical duties include attending meetings and making reports, communicating with constituents, doing office and computer work, conducting research, assisting with committee hearings, writing speeches, editing printed materials, tracking and summarizing legislation and being on call to help with projects.

Students wishing to participate in the program are required to have a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit, a minimum of two semesters of residence at Truman, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and divisional approval.

No special coursework is required prior to the internship.

Students interested in learning more about the internship should attend the informational meeting scheduled 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 26 in Student Union Building Georgian Room C.

Applications are available online at career.truman.edu/Internships/mogovBrochure.asp.

For more information, contact Heidi Templeton at 785.4016 or heidi@truman.edu, or Candy Young at 785.4650 or cyoung@truman.edu.

Mohler Designs Winning Mobile Application

Chad Mohler, professor of philosophy and religion and developer of the iPhone application TruTouch, was recently named winner of the "Mobile for Global Good" programming competition sponsored by Big Nerd Ranch.

Big Nerd Ranch (www.bignerdranch.com) is one of the premiere companies in the world for offering training programs in Mac and iOS (iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch) software development.

The competition solicited ideas for an iOS application that would facilitate the work of some charitable organization. Mohler's award-winning submission proposed an application that serves as a portal to JustGive, an organization that, through its database of nearly 1.8 million charities, seeks to connect donors with the charities the donors would like to support.

"Insofar as a JustGive iOS app would help users to find charities they'd like to donate to and then donate

to those charities in just a matter of a few taps, such an app would go a long way toward increasing the convenience of charitable giving," Mohler said of his proposal.

As a result of winning the competition, Mohler received an all-expense-paid weeklong trip to the Big Nerd Ranch in Atlanta, Ga., for training in iOS programming. That training will be followed by a week of one-on-one mentoring at Big Nerd Ranch to facilitate the creation of the JustGive app.

The skills Mohler acquired at Big Nerd Ranch will also help him to continue to make improvements to TruTouch, the Truman iOS app he developed to give iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch users convenient, one-click access to various sorts of information about Truman.

More information about TruTouch can be found at Mohler's software development website, www.absolutelyfun.com.

**Clifton Truman Daniel
7:30 p.m. • Sept. 16
Baldwin Auditorium**

Truman State University Press invites students, staff, faculty and family to listen to guest speaker, Clifton Truman Daniel, the oldest grandson of former U.S. President Harry S. Truman. Daniel will speak of his famous, but very ordinary, grandparents.

For more information visit truman.tsup.edu.



MOCK INTERVIEWS

The Career Center is hosting mock interviews with employers from all majors on Sept. 29. Sign up by Sept. 28 on truman.experience.com.

Students should dress business casual and are welcome to stop by the Career Center for a resume critique.

The list of employers and majors they will be interviewing include:

Butler and Associates

Pre-Law, Political Science, History, Justice Systems, Foreign Languages, Classics, Linguistics

Majors Brands

Business, English, Philosophy & Religion, Sociology, Anthropology

A.T. Still University

Pre-Med, Health Science, Exercise Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Swank Motion Pictures

Business, Accounting

YMCA

Non-Profit, Education, Music, Health Science, Exercise Science, Athletic Training

Kemin Industries

Communication, Business, Economics, Psychology

Missouri

Healthcare for All

Government, Political Science, Nursing

Sigma Aldrich

Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Math, Agricultural Science

J.C. Penney

Business

Truman State University

Visual Communication, Art, Music, Theatre

Summer Class Travels to National Parks

Eight students and two faculty members spent 11 days traveling to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons national parks as part of a special topics exercise science course.

Taught by associate professor of exercise science, Jennifer Hurst, the five-week summer course titled "Exploring Yellowstone and Grand Teton" combined learning about the national parks within the classroom and the excursion that occurred July 16-26. Hurst and staff member Cathy Monroe served as the trip leaders.

The course represented students from different majors and was available to take as an elective.

Prior to the trip, students learned about the national park system and the specific histories, ecology and geology of the two national parks visited.

"The focus was on exploring how the national park idea reflected American values and society and the diversity of people that were involved in the National Parks movements," said Hurst.

Students also learned high altitude physiology, personal safety issues and basic map and compass skills that were applied in their travels.

During the trip students experienced the ecosystems and environments of both parks through various physical activities.

Their first stop was to Yellowstone National Park where they visited a series of local

monuments through hiking.

Junior psychology major, Brendan O'Brien described his experience as incredible.

"We learned while there that we had to rely on each other a great deal - running low on water, helping set up camp, getting encouragement on long hikes or rock climbing, and just sharing the awesome experiences along the way," O'Brien said.

In Grand Tetons National Park, the group toured the National Museum of Wildlife Art, whitewater rafted, and continued exploring through hiking.

Students were asked to write and reflect upon their relationship with nature. They did this before and after their trip to the national parks.

Students were also required to put together a creative project representing their relationship with nature through the use of imagery, videos and or journal entries

collected on their trip. These projects were given on the last day of class.

Hurst hopes to teach this course again next year as a writing enhanced course that can fulfill the physical activity portion of the well-being requirement.

"It was the most amazing teaching experience I have ever had. I have never been more engaged with my students and the content of my course as I was teaching this course," Hurst said.



Truman students stop for a picture near Beartooth Pass in Montana before reaching the northeast entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Pictured, top row, left to right: Kelly Ferguson, Richie Schumacher, Brendan O'Brien and Katie Shannon. Bottom row, left to right: Madison Bray, Taylor Wilson, Carmen Holahan and Scott Nelson.

Phi Beta Lambda Awarded At Nationals

Truman's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) received top honors at the national leadership conference in Orlando, Fla., June 23-26.

The conference sponsors a series of comprehensive competitive events ranging in business and career-related areas. To compete in the events students had to place first or second at state level.

Student Wanding "Diane" Shi ranked third place in Financial Analysis and Decision Making. Also representing Truman were students Parker Leatherman, Daniel Riekana, Kadie Webster and Megan Recklein.

Leatherman, Riekana and Webster competed in the Business Decision Making event and Recklein competed in the individual Management Concepts events.

**2011 Homecoming
Apparel Pre-Orders
Available**

Order Homecoming apparel early.
Go to homecoming.truman.edu and click on apparel.
Fill out a pre-order form and return to the CSI or order your apparel online through the online Homecoming store.

Truman Landscape Receives Grant

A grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation is helping maintain part of the Truman landscape and could lead to a future attraction for campus visitors.

Earlier this year, the University conducted a tree inventory that served as the first step in securing a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant. The purpose of the TRIM program, which is administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forestry Council and the U.S. Forest Service, is to provide financial assistance for the management, improvement or conservation of community forests.

The \$9,725 grant, received by the University in June, will go primarily to cover the cost of the initial tree inventory and development of a management plan.

Luke Mudd, director of grounds, who secured the grant for Truman, said he would like to re-apply for another TRIM grant in two years with the hopes of creating a tree walk for campus visitors.

On the tree walk visitors could follow a map and see what history is available at each tree.

The inventory, conducted in March, counted 1,744 trees total, with the top three varieties consisting of Pin Oak (268), Crabapple (117) and White Pine (92).

NOTABLES

Miguel Fernandez, a mathematics and physics major, received the Mathematical Association of America's Outstanding Presentation Award at the national MathFest meeting in Lexington, Ky., in August for his talk "Geometry of Surfaces with Density." The talk resulted from work he did this summer at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Jason Miller, professor of mathematics, and former Truman professor Matthew Beaky were awarded a five-year NSF S-STEM grant. The \$600,000 grant will provide need-based scholarships for first- and second-year students in biology, chemistry, physics, agricultural science or interdisciplinary STEM majors. The scholarship project aims to provide early career experiences for the students that emphasize the interconnectedness and interdependence of all STEM majors.

Antonio Scuderi, professor of Italian, recently published a book and an article. The book, "Dario Fo: Framing, Festival, and the Folkloric Imagination" is published by Lexington Books. The article, "Okay Napulitan!: Social Change and Cultural Identity in the Songs of Renato Carosone," is available in *Italica* 87.4:619-36, the journal of the American Association of Teachers of Italian.

Finance majors Wanding Shi and Linyu Zheng passed CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Level I with highest marks. The CFA Level I exam that

requires general knowledge in finance is highly challenging and the first step to set the highest educational, ethical and professional standards in the investment industry.

Rachel Witts, a senior chemistry major, presented her research "Natural Bond Orbital Analysis to Rationalize Stability of the Transfer RNA Anticodon," at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Denver, Colo. Co-authors included alumni **Emily Hopson, Drew Koballa, Drew VanBoening, Nick Hopkins** and faculty members **Eric Patterson** and **Maria Nagan**.

Professors of chemistry David Wohlers and Dana Delaware traveled to Denver, Colo., for the 242 meeting of the American Chemical Society in August. Wohlers serves as councilor of the Mark Twain local section and represents the local section at each national meeting. As councilor, he also participates on several committees including the Committee on Community Activities and the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities. Wohlers coauthored a talk with April Hill, Cary Supalo and Tom Maallouk of the Pennsylvania State University and presented by Dr. April Hill, currently at the Metropolitan State College of Denver, entitled "Long-term effects of a one-week, laboratory-based, multisensory science experience for high-school students who are blind or low-vision." It is available online at abstracts.acs.org/chem/242nm/program/view.php?obj_id=83499&terms.



GRAD SCHOOL PREP: PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOPS

The Career Center is hosting nationally known author and lecturer Donald Asher to conduct a personal statement workshop. Students will have the opportunity to complete writing exercises and leave with a rough draft of their statement.

Sessions will take place on:

3-6 p.m. • Sept. 27

2:30-5:30 p.m. • Sept. 28

To attend, a student must be nominated by a faculty or staff member. To nominate a student, submit the following information to ucc4@truman.edu: student name, student email and which workshop they can attend.

Asher will also conduct the following workshops:

How to Attend Graduate School for Free or Minimum Cost

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 27
Student Union Building
Activities Room

The Hidden Job Market

6-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 28
Student Union Building
Activities Room

For Donald Asher's biography and credentials visit www.donaldasher.com.

Additional questions can be directed to ucc4@truman.edu.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary Rhodes Russell • "What Does the Constitution Mean to You?"

7 p.m. • Sept. 15 • Student Union Building Georgian Room B

Judge Russell is a Truman graduate and former member of the Board of Governors. Truman students, faculty and staff and members of the local community are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Provost.

Phi Sigma Pi Accepts Three Awards at National Convention

The Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity accepted three national awards this summer, including the Joseph Torchia Award for best chapter in the nation for the 2010-2011 school year.

Six fraternity members represented Truman at the National Convention held Aug. 4-7 in Arlington, W. Va.

In addition to the best chapter

award, the organization brought home the award for best in region and for outstanding scholarship event.

The fraternity secured the award through a combination of innovative event planning, leadership and national participation in the Spring 2011 showing of the documentary, "Call and Response," in a joint effort with Namaste Nepal.



Phi Sigma Pi members display their organization's awards at National Convention. Pictured, left to right: David Hotop-Brown (junior); Brad Dunlap (alumnus); David Lee White, Jr. (alumnus); Baillie James (senior); Garrett Foster (junior); and Clee Shy (junior).

NOTES

The Math Colloquium will feature guest speaker Jianguo Sun, professor of biostatistics from the University of Missouri, at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in Violette Hall 1236.

Anthony Blades, blindness skills specialist, will present a workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Violette Hall 1312 on Sept. 15. The workshop will focus on the education of students with visual impairments and the role of the regular teacher. This presentation is free of cost. For more information contact Blades at ablades@truman.edu.

Johnnie LeMaster, former shortstop for the San Francisco Giants, will be speaking at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 on the mall.

An informational meeting for the Truman-China EFL Internship Program will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Violette Hall 2351. The program provides opportunities for students to teach conversational English in Guangdong Province, Peoples' Republic of China in the Spring semester for 12 credit hours. For more information, contact Timothy Farley at tfarley@truman.edu.

An international graduate school consortium is coming to campus at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. The session will feature several universities and provide information to students about their graduate degrees and careers in international affairs.

The Lutheran Student Fellowship and Tau Lambda Sigma will host a 5K CROP Hunger Walk/Run at 9 a.m. Sept. 24. Registration is \$5 with 25 percent of the proceeds going to local charities and 75 percent going abroad. There will be registration on the Quad from Sept. 19-23. The 5K will begin on Franklin Street by the

Student Union Building. Participants should arrive by 8:30 a.m.

Yoga on the Quad will take place from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sept. 24. Visit recreation.truman.edu for more details. This event is sponsored by Student Recreation Center's Fitness/Wellness Program.

President Paino will host a "Coffee with the President" from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. The regularly scheduled "Coffee with the President" events are part of Truman's effort to keep the lines of communication open between the president and the campus. Sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for individuals to ask questions about issues facing the University. Visit truman.edu/Coffee%20with%20the%20President.asp for more information.

"Truman Renewable Energy Summit" will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Student Union Building.

The third Annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium will take place at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Connell Information Technologies Center at A.T. Still University. The event is focused on faculty-mentored student research in biomedical science. Students are encouraged to register and submit an abstract. Visit www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CV64NP3DT/ for registration and submissions. The deadline for registration is Sept. 30 and for submission, Oct. 7.

The September issue of Student Health 101, a national health and wellness magazine written for and by college students, is available online at readsh101.com/truman.html. Anyone wanting to receive monthly issues via email can respond to hamilton@truman.edu.

GATES CAMBRIDGE WEBINAR

The Gates Cambridge Trust and the Gates Scholars Alumni Association (GSAA) will be hosting an online webinar for prospective U.S. Gates Scholars at 10 a.m. Sept. 14. This webinar information session will discuss:

- How to make an application
- Information about undertaking graduate study at the University of Cambridge
- The experience of living and working as a Gates scholar

To register visit www2.gotomeeting.com/register/218496978

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