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## Spring Career Expo 2006 1-5 p.m. • Feb. 28 Student Union Building

Visit with representatives from more than 100 different companies.

### Post-Fair Reception for Employers, Students, Faculty and Staff

Feb. 28 • Career Center Snacks, prizes and networking opportunities

For assistance at Career Expo, ask a fulltime Career Center staff member or one of the trained career assistants.

# The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presents the Montana Repertory Theatre's production of "The Trip to Bountiful"

#### 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 Baldwin Auditorium

A **limited** number of tickets are available for students, faculty and staff. Seating is general admission. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with their University ID.

Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office, lower level of the SUB. Faculty and staff may pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB.

The University requests that all patrons be seated five minutes prior to the performance. The University reserves the right to fill all seats, reserved and general admission, five minutes before the time of performance stated on the ticket. No refunds will be given.

Call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 for more information.

# SAFEBRAKE Activities on Campus

Health science honorary fraternity Eta Sigma Gamma will sponsor a highway safety awareness campaign on Truman's campus March 3-10.

The purpose of SAFEBRAKE is to promote safe driving among students, particularly during the upcoming midterm break.

From 1-3 p.m., March 3, the Missouri Highway Patrol will do a roll-over car simulation behind the Physical Plant. Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Brent Burnhardt will be available to answer questions and give tips for safe driving, express the importance of safe driving habits and demonstrate what happens in a crash following the simulation.

Truman's Flame to the Second Century will be lit from 6-8 p.m., March 6, in honor of those who have lost their lives in automobile accidents. A flower memorial will be

set up near the flame between March 6-10 with a sign displaying the names of Truman students who died on local highways. All Kirksville residents and members of the University community are welcome to visit the memorial.

Other SAFEBRAKE activities include a motivational speech at 6 p.m., March 6, in the Student Union Building Governors Room. Penny Bailey, assistant director of "Think First" Missouri, will speak about her personal experience with an automobile accident at the age of 17 and reasons to drive safely.

Students, faculty and staff can also gather information about safe driving at an informational table set up in the Student Union Building throughout the week.

For more information on SAFEBRAKE, contact Emily Forsyth at 319.560.9735.

# Sorority Sponsors Eating Disorders Week

Truman service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma is raising awareness of eating disorders among Kirksville residents and members of the University community.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week, through March 3, is designed to foster a better understanding of eating disorders and their effects.

Events for the week will begin with an Open Mic Night from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 28, in the Student Union Building Down Under.

On March 1, all interested individuals can participate in free eating disorders screenings from 9-11 a.m., at the University Counseling Center and from 4-5 p.m., at the Student Recreation Center.

The week's events will also include a panel discussion from 7-8 p.m., March 1, in Violette Hall 1010. Experts in the field of eating disorders will discuss their personal knowledge and experiences and

be available to answer questions from audience members.

The week will conclude with a balloon release and vigil ceremony from 5-5:30 p.m., March 2, near the flag pole on the Quadrangle.

Additionally, informational tables will be set up in the Student Union Building and McClain Hall throughout the week. Visitors at the table can purchase eating disorder scrub pants, T-shirts and/or balloons to which the name of a loved one afflicted by an eating disorder or an inspirational message may be attached for the balloon release on March 2. Money from the scrub pants, T-shirt and balloon sales will be donated to eating disorders research.

For more information on any of these events, contact Mandy Wortmann at alw230@truman.edu, 627.5574 or 314.795.6329.

# **Truman Faculty Forum**

# "Puncturing Surfaces: An Examination of the Creative Process"

Aaron Fine, associate professor of art, will present this forum.

# 7 p.m. March 2 SUB Alumni Room

Fine will focus on the process of creating a body of work, as well as the connections between his creative research and the work of other artists at various points in history. Specifically, he will focus on the theme of "surfaces" in his paintings to facilitate a discussion of how the artist works and how that relates to a cultural context.

A reception will follow and be accompanied by an exhibition of Fine's artwork.

For more information, contact Janice Grow-Maienza at 785.4390.

# Global Issues Colloquium

"The Transformational Imperative of the United States Army"

Major Steven Konecny, assistant professor of military science, will present this lecture.

# 7 p.m. March 2 Violette Hall 1000

Explore issues today's army faces as it meets the mandate to transform for the 21st century, including deploying combat-ready troops, fighting a global war on terror, maintaining the quality of the all-volunteer force, and more.

For more information, call the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391.

# The last day to register to vote in Adair County is March 8.

Call 665.3350 for more infromation.

# TruTech Challenge Winners Named

The Teaching/Learning Technology Roundtable (TLTR) has announced the grand prize winners of the annual TruTech Challenge. Janice Saffir, professor of music, and the Top Secret Research (TSR) Communication Disorders student research group advised by Paula Cochran, professor of communication disorders, took top honors in the competition of faculty, staff and student projects showcasing effective educational uses of technology.

Saffir submitted her demonstration of how a sequencing program could be used to illustrate various elements of musicality.

The TSR group submitted their consulting work in helping to develop software that bookmarks parts of a DVD for in-class use.

Both grand-prize winning projects received personal digital assistants (PDA) donated by Dell.

For their high-quality efforts, all 17 TruTech Challenge participants were awarded \$10 gift certificates donated by the Truman Bookstore.

All of the TruTech Challenge projects are publicly viewable at http://moodle.tru-

man.edu/moodle/course/view.php?id=39. Click on the "Login as Guest" button to see the projects.

The TruTech Challenge prizes were awarded at Truman's Fourth Annual Technology Fair on the afternoon of the University Conference, Feb. 15. The TLTR sponsored the Fair and the TruTech Challenge.



Chad Mohler, TLTR co-chair, presents the members of TSR Communication Disorders student research group with their TruTech Challenge grand prize, a Dell PDA. Paula Cochran, professor of communication and the research group's adviser, is on the far left, and Steve Pennington, manager of the Truman Bookstore, is to Mohler's right.

# Truman's Forensic Team Captures Multiple Championships at State Tournament

Forensic Union traveled to Drury University in Springfield, Mo., Feb. 17-19, for the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities' annual State Championship Tournament. Truman captured four individual state championships and qualified one student for the prestigious Interstate Oratorical Contest. The squad brought home a total of 26 different awards.

Elizabeth Hobbs, a senior biology major from Newton, Kan., took state championships in impromptu speaking and the pentathlon. Meghana Kunkala, a senior biology major from Chino, Calif., took state championships in extemporaneous speaking and rhetorical criticism.

Also in extemporaneous speaking, Trevor Alexander, a senior economics and English double major from Gladstone, Mo., took third, while Chris Dove, a sophomore biology and sociology/anthropology double major from Chesterfield, Mo., took fourth and was the top-ranked novice competitor in the tournament. In informative speaking, Stefani Wittenauer, a junior communication and political science double major from Belleville, Ill., took third place.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Dylan Rothermel, a sophomore economics major from Homewood, Ill., was the runner-up to the state champion from Drury University. Three Truman debaters were among the top 10 speakers in this event.

In parliamentary debate, Truman took three teams to elimination rounds and had four of the top 10 individual debate speakers.

In overall tournament honors, Truman took second in debate sweepstakes after being narrowly edged-out by Drury University. Truman placed third in both individual events sweepstakes and combined debate and individual events sweepstakes.

Capping off the event was Hobbs' second-place finish in Original Oratory, qualifying her to compete at the prestigious Interstate Oratorical Contest, to take place in April in Pensacola, Fla.

# Notables-

The Truman chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity won the Midwest Region Self-Governance Award at the first Midwest Keystone Regional Leadership Conference that took place Feb. 18 in St. Louis.

Rebecca Gordon, a junior Spanish and presecondary education major from Kirkwood, Mo.; Joshua Jones, a senior political science major from Kirkwood, Mo.; and Laura Najjar, a freshman Spanish major from St. Louis; represented Truman State University in the Midwest Intercollegiate Racquetball Tournament that took place Feb. 17-19 at Vetta Sports Concord in St. Louis. Gordon, one of the top-ranked women players in Missouri, led the team by earning 360 of the team's 494 total points. Gordon finished second in the women's gold division, while the combination of Gordon and Jones finished second in the mixed doubles division. Najjar also

finished strong in the women's red division, and Jones finished first in the men's white division. Overall, Truman finished in 10th place, beating out schools such as The Ohio State University and the University of Wisconsin. Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English, recently had his book "The Pigs Drink from Infinity: Poems 1995-2001" published by Spuyten Duyvil Press in New York. He has also again been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Robert Tigner, associate professor of psychology, was recognized as the Outstanding Regional Friend of Beta at the first Midwest Keystone Leadership Conference of fraternity Beta Theta Pi that took place Feb. 18 in St. Louis. The award was presented in recognition of Tigner's 10 years of service as chapter adviser, his work on the Men of Principle Steering Committee, and his receipt of the Dr. Edward Taylor Advisor of the Year Award.

# Honor Society Donates Books to Library

Officers of the Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society recently donated a set of reference books titled "The Uniting States" to the Adair County Public Library.

This marks the ninth year for the book donation project and the group hopes to continue it as an annual event to support the local community.

Officers of Phi Kappa Phi present donated books to Adair County Library Director Glenda Hunt. (Pictured from left to right): Patrick Lecaque, Wynne Wilbur, Glenda Hunt and Jennifer Jesse.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Sallie Mae Fund is offering a variety of scholarships to low-income and minority students for the 2006-2007 academic year. Scholarship criteria, applications and deadlines for 2006 are now available for download from the Sallie Mae Fund's Web site at http://www.salliemaefund.org.

The Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation is once again offering scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. These awards are for studies leading to a career in a medical or health care field, and are of an amount up to \$5,000. Applicants must either be current Lee's Summit residents or graduates of a Lee's Summit area high school. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of one year of college-level studies in their chosen field and have at least a 3.0 grade point

average. Additional details and the application form may be found on the Foundation Web site located at http://www.lshealthcare.org. The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis is a non-profit 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. For more information, call 314.725.7990 or e-mail info@sfstl.org.

# LAST CHANCE FOR FREE TAX E-FILING

through VITA provided by Beta Alpha Psi

8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 4 Violette Hall 1424

This service is available to the entire community. The site operates on a first come, first serve basis.

Those filing should bring a valid photo ID, social security card, all statements of earnings, their spouse with his or her social security number and all of their children's social security numbers.

See http://bap.truman.edu for more information.

## **Henry Smits Lecture**

## "Illness and Identity: The Leper That Lurks in Us All"

Gerald G. Osborn, lecturer in philosophy, will present this lecture.

7-9 p.m. March 8 SUB Alumni Room

Philosophically, identity implies sameness, but paradoxically people maintain a sense of personal identity in the midst of lives changing constantly. Illness and injury can alter this abiding sense of sameness and can become an affront to people's personal identity. In its most malignant form, the process becomes all-consuming and the person becomes their disease.

A psychiatrist, teacher and consultant, Osborn's areas of research center on the interfaces between psychiatry and primary-care medicine and in medical ethics and history.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series Extra Edition features the Wakonese Reading Circle and Ken Bain's "What the Best College Teachers Do," from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Feb. 28, in PML 205. Call 785.4391 for more information. Windfall, the campus literary magazine, has extended its submission deadline to Feb. 28. Those who have submitted a work, but have not received confirmation that it was received, are asked to please submit their work again. For more details, visit http://windfall.truman.edu.

Student Senate is sponsoring a Study Abroad Information Session at 6 p.m., Feb. 28, in VH 1000. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about study abroad programs and speak with other students about their experiences abroad. Contact Emily Meyer at 785.5599 for more information.

The Art of Living Club is offering its Art of Living Intensive Yoga Course again. The introductory meeting for registration and information is at 7 p.m., Feb. 28, in VH 1146. The course will run from March 2-9. This intensive introduction to stress relief through the yoga of breath and posture is open to all students, faculty and staff.

The Division of Fine Arts presents "Gianni Schicchi," a comic opera by Giacomo Puccini, at 8 p.m., March 2-4, and at 2 p.m., March 5, in the OP Performance Hall. The opera will be performed in English. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission. Contact Eran Feintuch at 785.5084 for more information.

Omicron Delta Kappa is now accepting nominations for the Student Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available in each division office and in the office of David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs, Kirk Building 112. Nominated students must have at least 90 credit hours and plan to graduate by December 2006. The deadline for nominations is March 2. The award will be presented at the Leadership Recognition Banquet on April 19. Contact Ilana Barash at 665.3130 or ikb513@truman.edu for more information.

The University Art Gallery presents "Encounters with Lincoln" illustrations by Thomas J. Trimborn, professor of music, until March 2. Contact Aaron Fine at 785.5386 for more information.

The 2006 annual wellness screenings will conclude on March 3. Human Resources, in cooperation with the staff of the Student Health Center, will be offering blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and prostate screenings for faculty, staff and spouses at the Student Health Center. People must register for a specific appointment block to attend. No walk-ins will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. for a block, visit http://hr.truman.edu/register/. Questions concerning the screening should be addressed to the nursing staff, Student Health Center at 785.4182 or Human Resources at 785.4031. The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m., March 3, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information. Truman's Mock Trial team will be having an exhibition from 6-8 p.m., March 3, in the SUB Activities Room. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Spectators will be asked to be members of the jury. For more information, contact Bryan Gelecki at 402.578.2349.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) presents Truman Live!, a talent show of Truman performers, at 7 p.m., March 3, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are available at the SAB Office in the lower level of the SUB. Call 785.4722 for more information. Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Sigma Alpha will sponsor the Spike Charity Volleyball Tournament from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 4, at the Student Recreation Center. Coed teams of at least six people, including at least three women, can register to participate for \$5 per person. Money raised will go to Hope's Kitchen. See the fliers posted on campus for registration information.

Student Senate will host the Spring 2006 Diversity Retreat from noon-3 p.m., March 5, in the SUB Spanish Room as a venue for representatives from student organizations to come together. Topics of discussion will include Diversity Week 2006, prospective students, and the first year experience. Contact Matthew Seibert at 660.349.0531 or mas602@truman.edu for more information.

Submissions for the Schwengel-Lincoln Contest in essay, oratory and art are now being accepted. Contestants must prepare a 1,000-1,500 word, three to five page essay, a speech of the same length or an artistic work. Winners in each division will receive a \$300 cash prize or a trip to Washington, D.C. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m., March 6. Contact Chett Breed at 785.5981, Barry Poyner at 785.4063 or Russell Nelson at 785.7332 for more information.

Joe Benevento, professor of English, will give a public reading from his new book of poems, "My Puerto Rican Past," at 7 p.m., March 7, in BH 218. A book signing will follow. Truman's Model United Nations Team is looking for new student participants. Beginning on March 7, training sessions will take place from 8-10 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in BH 348. Model United Nations, POL 554: Section 2, is a two-semester class (spring and fall) that earns students a total of three credit hours. Those interested in participating should contact Amanda Keener at akeener@gmail.com or Stuart Vorkink at ss27@truman.edu.

The Center for International Education/Study Abroad will host its annual Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m., March 8, on the first floor of Kirk Building. Representatives of study abroad options in Europe, Central America, Africa, and Asia will be present. Contact Carlos Di Stefano at 785.4076 for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will feature a presentation by Leslie Hahner about the Faculty Task Force on Public Speaking in our Courses from 12:30-1:30 p.m., March 8, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

Applications for fall 2006 FAC funding are due by 5 p.m., March 8, to the Center for Student Involvement or Funds Allotment Council Office. For more information, contact Brad Birkel at 816.809.0176 or bjb337@truman.edu.

The Department of Public Safety will be providing a shuttle service to and from the LaPlata train station for Midterm Break. Reservations are \$5 and are due March 9. Students can sign up at the Public Safety building. For more information or to make reservations, contact Joyce at 785.4177, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Nominations for the Leadership Recognition Program are due by 5 p.m., March 10, to the Center for Student Involvement. Nomination forms can be found at http://studentinvolvement.truman.edu/2006%20LRP%20Nomination%20Packet.pdf or can be picked up at the CSI in the lower level of the SUB. The Leadership Recognition Program will take place on April 16. For more information, contact Kayla Medley at 785.4222 or kaylajmedley@gmail.com.

The Special Olympics Northeast Area Track and Field Games are looking for volunteers to be buddies to athletes from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 8, at Stokes Stadium. Volunteers for other aspects of the games are needed as well, with less of a time commitment. Those interested in volunteering should contact the Student Council for Exceptional Children at 627.6035 or scec@truman.edu.

The 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on the Web at http://www.fafsa. ed.gov. Apply soon to be considered for all available federal and state funds. Contact the Financial Aid Office, MC 103, 785.4130, if you have questions.

# On Campus

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