

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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## The Center for Teaching and Learning Upcoming Activities

**Intro to Blackboard 7.3**  
10:30 a.m.-noon • May 6  
Pickler Memorial Library 103

## Effective Practices for Developing Online Courses

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • May 7  
Magruder Hall 2001

This session will be presented by Suzanne Kissel, senior instructional analyst-SunGard Higher Education, on transforming face-to-face courses for the online environment.

## Assignments and Assessments in Blackboard 7.3

1-2:30 p.m. • May 8  
Pickler Memorial Library 103

**“Publish, Don’t Perish”**  
DVD workshop on scholarly writing is available for checkout all summer.

## Service-Learning Informational Lunch for Instructors

noon-1:15 p.m. • May 16  
Location to be announced  
After your grades are turned in, come have lunch and learn about infusing service-learning into your course in time to apply for a Missouri Campus Compact micro-grant.

## Sabbatical Proposal Workshop

2-4 p.m. • May 16  
Pickler Memorial Library 205

Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) for more information.

## Guffey Named Educator of the Year

James Guffey, professor of mathematics, was announced as the 2008 Educator of the Year at the 19th annual banquet April 28.

Guffey began his career at Truman in 1988. He received his Bachelor of Science from Centre College of Kentucky and his Master of Science and doctorate from Missouri University of Science and Technology, formerly University of Missouri-Rolla.

This year students nominated 91 faculty



James Guffey, professor of mathematics, (right) receives the Educator of the Year award from Kimberly Burgess (left) at the banquet April 28.

members for the Educator of the Year award. Professors who accepted the nomination had to submit written responses to the Educator of the Year Committee. The eight-member student committee first narrowed the group of 34 professors down to 12 semi-finalists and then to six finalists.

Students from Student Government, the Pershing Society and Phi Kappa Phi serve on the Educator of the Year Committee.

## Grandson of Harry S. Truman to Address Truman Graduates

Clifton Truman Daniel will address May graduates as the commencement speaker during the graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. May 10 at Stokes Stadium.

Daniel is the oldest grandson of former President Harry S. Truman and son of the late E. Clifton Daniel Jr., former managing editor of the *New York Times*, and best-selling mystery



Clifton Truman Daniel

writer the late Margaret Truman.

He is currently director of public relations for Harry S. Truman College, one of the seven city Colleges of Chicago. Prior to that, he worked as a feature writer and editor for the *Morning Star and Sunday Star-News*, a *New York Times* paper in Wilmington, N.C.

Daniel is the honorary chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute in Independence, Mo. He is a frequent speaker and fund-raiser and the author of the 1995 book, “Growing Up With My Grandfather: Memories of Harry S. Truman.”

## The Truman Alumni Association, Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter and the Office of Advancement invite spring and summer graduates to the 2008 Senior Picnic

11 a.m.-2 p.m. • May 7 • Student Union Building Mall • Rain site: Student Union Building Georgian Room  
There will be free food and a free alumni gift including an alumni T-shirt and alumni information. Students may also register to win door prizes like watches, duffle bags, sweatshirts and long sleeve T-shirts.

Students unable to attend should stop by the Office of Advancement, McClain Hall 100 and pick up a free alumni gift bag anytime between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information contact Stacy Tucker-Potter, [stuckerpotter@truman.edu](mailto:stuckerpotter@truman.edu) or Christina Rector, [al09@truman.edu](mailto:al09@truman.edu).

The Administrative Effectiveness Committee (Truman Shuffle) has been meeting during the spring semester to discuss administrative processes.

The committee would appreciate receiving input from the University community. If you have comments regarding any administrative processes that should be streamlined or improved please submit them to [bclark@truman.edu](mailto:bclark@truman.edu).

### May Hours

#### Pickler Memorial Library

May 6-8 • 7 a.m.-2 a.m.  
 May 9 • 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 May 10 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 May 11 • Closed  
 May 12-16 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 May 17-18 • Closed  
 May 19-23 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 May 24-26 • Closed  
 May 27-29 • 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 May 30 • 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 May 31 • 1-5 p.m.  
 June 1 • 4-8 p.m.

#### Student Recreation Center

May 6-7 • 9 a.m.-11 p.m.  
 May 8-9 • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 May 10-11 • Closed  
 May 12-16 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 May 17-18 • Closed  
 May 19-23 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 May 24-26 • Closed  
 May 27-30 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 May 31-June 1 • Closed

#### Student Union Reservation Office to be Closed During Move

The Student Union Reservation Office will be moving to its newly renovated office complex on the first floor during the week of May 12-15.

The reservation office will be closed May 12 to allow telephone and computer lines to be moved.

## 2008 Truman Faculty Summer Research Fellowships Announced

Seventeen faculty members have been awarded a Research Fellowship for Summer 2008. The purpose of the Summer Research Fellowship is to encourage and support research, scholarship, performance, and other creative endeavors of the faculty that will ultimately result in the public dissemination of the peer reviewed work.

The faculty members selected for this honor are: Matthew Beaky, associate professor of physics; Marc Becker, associate professor of history; Joe Benevento, professor of English; Tom Capuano, professor of foreign languages (Spanish); Paula Cochran, professor of communication disorders; Masahiro Hara, associate professor of Japanese; Teri Heckert, professor of psychology; Wolfgang Hoeschele, associate professor of geography; Jennifer Hurst, assistant professor of exercise science; Greg Jones, professor of music; Huping Ling, professor of history; Barbara Price, associate professor of English education; Peter Ramberg, associate professor of history of science (chemistry); Tom Stewart, assistant professor of linguistics; Wynne Wilbur, associate professor of art; Yukari Yano, assistant professor of music; and Janice Young, assistant professor of health science.

A total of 13 \$4,000 fellowships and four \$2,000 fellowships were awarded.



(left to right) University President Barbara Dixon, Masahiro Hara, Peter Ramberg, Matthew Beaky, Tom Stewart, Wynne Wilbur, Tom Capuano and Huping Ling



(left to right) University President Barbara Dixon, Janice Young, Barbara Price, Joe Benevento, Wolfgang Hoeschele, Greg Jones, Yukari Yano and Jennifer Hurst

Marc Becker, Paula Cochran and Teri Heckert are not pictured.

## Students Recognized by Fulbright Program

Hannah Kay, a senior Russian major from Springfield, Ill., has been offered a Fulbright Grant to Russia for the 2008-2009 academic year. Final award is contingent upon medical clearance and other documentation requirements.

Established in 1946 under Congressional legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and

people of other countries."

Two other Fulbright applicants, Doug Eudy, a senior majoring in biology and art history from Floristell, Mo., and Greg Wiser, an alumnus with degrees in German and philosophy and religion, are awaiting final decisions at the host country level. They were recommended by the United States National Screening Committee and, if awarded, the grants will take them to Armenia and Germany, respectively.

## Truman Bookstore Presents Check to Bike Co-op

The Truman Bookstore recently presented a check to Bike Co-op members. The proceeds were raised through the Truman Bookstore's efforts to invite everyone to "Go Green." All "Go Green" earth friendly books are 15 percent off and a portion of every book sold benefits the Bike Co-op. The sale will end May 10.

Contact Steve Pennington at 785.4211 for more information.

Steve Pennington, manager of the Truman Bookstore (second from left), presents a check to Matt Couch (left), Cassie Phillips (third from left) and Philip Gilmore (right) to benefit the Bike Co-op.





## NOTABLES

**Molly Herbert, instructor of classics**, was accepted to Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies summer seminar, "Homeric Nostoi." The seminar will take place in June.

**Joey Buterbaugh, a senior accounting major from Springfield, Mo.; Ryan Hudnall, an accountancy and business administration graduate student from Olathe, Kan.; Chris Mattix, an accountancy graduate student from Overland Park, Kan.; and John Sturgeon, a senior economics and accounting double major from Omaha, Neb.;** won the Missouri Society

of CPAs' Central Region LEAP Challenge. The LEAP Challenge quizzes students on areas from the four sections of the CPA exam, in addition to general knowledge pertinent to their discipline. The winning team will compete in the state LEAP challenge in late May.

**Nick Mann, a senior biology and music double major**, presented a paper, "Utilization of PDAs by Community Health Workers for Field Collection of Malaria Statistics in Rural Haiti," at the Unite For Sight Global Health Conference April 13 at Yale.

## Student Honored with Goldwater Scholarship

**Chris Dove**, a senior biology and philosophy and religion double major from Chesterfield, Mo., was among the recipients of the 2008 Goldwater Scholarships. Austin Abrams, a junior computer science major from Champaign, Ill., received an honorable mention.

The Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation awarded 321 scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year to sophomore and junior undergraduates from the United States.

Goldwater Scholars are selected on the

basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Goldwater Scholars have very impressive academic qualifications that have garnered the attention of prestigious post-graduate fellowship programs.

The Foundation awards one- and two-year scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

## First Book Donates New Books to Local Head Start Programs

**F**irst Book-Truman State University provided 1,572 brand new books to children enrolled in local Head Start programs April 15. The children and their families attended a literacy fair sponsored by the organization and the Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency. Each child received a bundle of eight or nine books, all provided at no cost to the families or centers.

First Book-Truman State University works to promote and facilitate the distribution of new books to children of literacy programs in the Kirksville area. The organization, which includes Truman students and faculty, is part of First Book's national network of volunteer-led Advisory Boards who provide new books to children in need in communities across the country.

First Book is a nonprofit organization with a single mission: to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. In neighborhoods across the country, First Book Advisory Boards unite leaders from all sectors of the community to provide books to children in literacy programs, shelters for battered children, housing project initiatives,



*NMCAA Head Start director Rebecca Rollins (right) accepts the First Book donation check from Caitlin DuHadway (left), First Book-Truman State University Advisory Board chair.*

soup kitchens, after-school programs and other community-based efforts reaching children living at or below the poverty line. Since its inception in 1992, First Book has distributed more than 50 million new books to children in need in hundreds of communities nationwide.

For more information about First Book, or to make a donation to help children in need, visit <http://www.firstbook.org>.

## Now Hiring

### Public Relations Office

Truman's Public Relations Office is now accepting applicants for a full-time summer only position. Applicants should have a working knowledge of Associated Press style usage, strong background in writing and editing and good communication skills. In addition to working with the *Truman Today*, this position will assist with answering the phone and interacting with visitors, and providing secretarial support when needed. Interested students should bring a cover letter that addresses the skills needed, a résumé, three writing samples and three references to the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101.

### Student Health Center

The Student Health Center has openings for clerical assistants. For more information, contact Christina Davis at [cdavis@truman.edu](mailto:cdavis@truman.edu).

### Truman Day at the NEMO Fair

Truman needs volunteers to work July 14 at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts are as follows:

6-9 a.m.  
8:45 a.m.-Noon  
11:45-3 p.m.  
2:45-6 p.m.  
5:45-9 p.m.  
8:45-11 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a free one day pass to the fair.

Please call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 to sign up or stop by McClain Hall 101 if you are interested in volunteering.

## NOTES

**True Men will perform their final concert of the semester** at 7:30 p.m. May 6 in Baldwin Auditorium.

**Applications are still being accepted for summer and fall 2008 study abroad programs.** Submission deadlines for summer 2008 range from mid-April to early May; deadlines for the fall range from mid-April to early June. Applications and more information about specific programs can be picked up in the Study Abroad Office, Kirk Building 114.

**This year's annual boiler shutdown for maintenance and inspection is scheduled for May 12-22.** The campus will be without steam for building heat and hot water throughout the shutdown period. West Campus Suites, the Student Recreation Center, Barnett Hall and Campbell Apartments will not be affected.

**The Saturday drop off for recycling will be stopped during the summer** at Truman's Recycling Center. No

Saturday drop off will take place from May 17-Aug. 16.

**The next issue of the *Truman Today* will be published June 3.** The *Truman Today* is published biweekly during the summer. Submissions for the next issue are due by May 30 to [truman.kbest@gmail.com](mailto:truman.kbest@gmail.com).

**Sodexo invites members of the Truman community to attend barbecues** on the Mall this summer. The dates are June 13, June 26, July 11 and July 25.

**The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) is now accepting registration for the 2008 Activities Fair,** to take place from noon-4 p.m. Sept. 4 on the Quadrangle. All campus departments and student organizations in good standing with the CSI are eligible to register. Registration forms are available in the Center for Student Involvement or at <http://studentinvolvement.truman.edu>. The first 100 organizations to sign up will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

## Students Compile Local Transit Information

Spring is here and it's time for people to break out their bike, moped, walking shoes, or Kirk Tran pass - Truman students know that Kirksville is on the move.

A group of three students participating in the Introduction to Environmental Studies course of the Truman State University Interdisciplinary Studies Department is working with the Kirksville community to compile and distribute a list of low-impact/low-cost modes of transportation.

Beth Kroes, Alexandria Smith and Thomas Hughes have spent the spring semester working with the Chamber of Commerce, the Kirksville Tourism Office and the Truman student groups Student Government, the Bike Co-op, and Blue Key to compile the local transportation information and to generate a list of distribution possibilities. As the end of the semester approaches, the team has handed out flyers during Earth Week, has created a brochure for the Kirksville community, and has prepared to distribute the information in both the Kirksville and University communities.

The students are conducting this project to fulfill the service-learning component of their course, which was offered as an alternative to writing a lengthy research paper. Students in the class split off into groups at the beginning of the semester and chose a local environmentally-related problem or issue to address through a service-learning project. During the 16 week semester, each student group identified an issue, developed

a project idea and submitted a proposal to address the issue, and then actually implemented the project. The students who opted to participate in a service-learning project were also expected to record minutes of their group meetings, generate memorandums to update their instructors on the progress of their project, and turn in responses to reflection prompts. The primary goal of the course is to introduce the students to controversial, environmental issues and broaden their perspectives regarding the ways such issues can be addressed.

The service-learning project provides students the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience in leading a project from its conception to its completion. By independently generating a project, the students cultivate the tools they will need for future project development in either their professional or service endeavors.

Copies of the informational flyer produced by the students are expected to be distributed at local businesses and organizations such as: The Mission, Scrubby Duds, Helping Hands, Homestead, Outreach Mission, Leisure World Lanes, the Hair Academy, Planned Parenthood, Check Casher, Check Into Cash, Sparks Cleaners, Vic Cleaners, Salvation Army, Tots 2 Teens, Washington St. Java, the United States Post Office, the Adair County Public Library, Devlin Place, and the Food Depot.

Contact the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Office to receive a copy of the brochure or visit the Web page <http://earth.truman.edu/ENVS200.htm>.

## Truman Recognized by the American Heart Association

In April, Truman State University was recognized as a Gold Level recipient of the American Heart Association's Start! Fit-Friendly Companies recognition program.

The Start! Fit-Friendly Companies Program is a catalyst for positive change in American business. Companies throughout the nation can be part of the Start! movement by demonstrating progressive leadership by making the

health and wellness of their employees a priority.

For more information on Start!, or other American Heart Association activities, or what you can do to incorporate more physical activity into your regular work schedule, stop by the Student Recreation Center or check out <http://recreation.truman.edu> for more information.

*Truman Today* is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to [truman.kbest@gmail.com](mailto:truman.kbest@gmail.com) or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.**

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## ON CAMPUS

**6 TUESDAY**  
Final examinations continue

**7 WEDNESDAY**  
Reading Day

**8 THURSDAY**  
Final examinations continue

**9 FRIDAY**  
Final examinations end

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

**26 MONDAY**  
Memorial Day (no classes, offices closed)

**27 TUESDAY**  
7:30 a.m.-First five-week graduate classes begin

**2 MONDAY**  
7:30 a.m.-Eight-week undergraduate summer classes begin



### Library Food Drive

Pickler Memorial Library recently held a food drive for the Central Missouri Food Bank.

The library waived \$1 in fines for every one food item donated. The Library collected 1,563 items of food and waived \$1,275.22 in Library fines.

Thanks to everyone for helping make this food drive a success.

### Pickler Memorial Library's Third Annual Book Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Pickler Memorial Library's Third Annual Book Sale. The sale will be Sept. 23-25. All books, CDs, DVDs, tapes, videos, records, sheet music, puzzles, games, art prints and other items are welcome. Donations may be dropped off at Pickler Memorial Library.

Proceeds from the book sale will be used for library materials and programs.

For more information, call 785.4038 or log on to <http://library.truman.edu/booksale.htm>.



# Truman Faculty, Staff Honored at Service Recognition Banquet

Members of the Truman faculty and staff who are celebrating their retirement, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th and 45th anniversary of service

to Truman were honored. They were recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet at 6:30 p.m. April 29 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.



In the photo at left are the **2007-2008 retirees** honored at the recognition banquet (seated left to right) Lois Dover, Luann Regagnon, Susanne Neely, Martha Bartter and Nancy Bissey; (standing left to right) Scott Ellis, Seymour Patterson, Glen Giboney, Robert Kelsey and Karen McClaskey. Not pictured are Judy Alexander, Robert Ashmore, Elizabeth Bradley, Jan Fishback, Carroll Hills, Judy Lundberg, Rose Marie Smith, Karon Speckman, Millie Strong, Mary Lou Woehlke and Heinz Woehlke.



In the photo above are the **45-year-anniversary honorees** (left to right) Sam Lesseig and Marilyn Gibbons.



The **35-year-anniversary honorees** are pictured above (left to right) Joanne Jackson, James Przybylski, David Rector and Connie Ikerd.



In the photo above are the **30-year-anniversary honorees** (left to right) Malia Mondy, Marsha Redmon, Mark Appold, Dan Peterson and Judy Mullins.



In the photo above are the **25-year-anniversary honorees** (left to right) Vera Piper, Traci Hill, David McKamie, Steven Seward, Donna Bailey and Wanda Cagle. Not pictured are Roger Festa, Ray Jagger and Laurie Turner.





In the photo at left are the **20-year-anniversary honorees** (seated left to right) Peggy Clark, Elaine Scudder, Barbara Clark, Janice Grow and Patricia Burton; (first row standing left to right) Arnold Preussner, Cindy Woods, James Guffey, Carol Lockhart and Rhoda Kennard; (second row standing left to right) Kenneth Carter, Ronald Rybkowski, Roger Johnson, Clifton Kreps, Steven J. Smith and Warren Gooch. Not pictured are Dawood Afzal, Chett Breed, Ruthie Dare-Halma, Kevin Easley, Martin Erickson, Scott Fouch, Brian Hudnall, Linda Moore, Jean Moots, David Murphy, Paul Parker and Ronnie Partin.



In the photo at left are the **15-year-anniversary honorees** (seated left to right) Joyce Schmitz, Bertha Thomas, Shawna Berry and Betty Floyd; (standing left to right) Cinda Mitchell, Thomas Trimborn, Lloyd Pflueger, Joe Hamilton, Carolyn Wriedt and Jane Story. Not pictured are Natalie Alexander, Jon Beck, Jay Belanger, Michael Cannon, Andrea Davis, Elaine Doak, Stephen Hadwiger, Marty Jacques, Bill Kuntz, Susan LaGrassa, Doug Ludolph and Kimberly Sayre.



In the photo above are the **10-year-anniversary honorees** (seated left to right) Nancy Rediger, Karl Schneider, Liz Jorn, Sam McClure and Elizabeth Clark; (first row standing left to right) Vicky Wehner, Ding-hwa Hsieh, Kim Murphy, Hena Ahmad and Tim Mills; (second row standing left to right) Royce Kallerud, Donald Bindner, Torbjorn Wandel, Eric Jewell and Dean Baker. Not pictured are Mike Burkett, Mike Cameron, John Cash, Bruce Coggins, Michael Goggin, Christine Harker, Wolfgang Hoeschele, David Lusk, Carol Marshall, Jason Miller, Jeanne Mitchell, Russell Nelson, Raymond Phipps, Blake Pigg, Daniel Robbins, Deanna Rood, Michael Seipel, Bridget Thomas, Laura Thrasher, Anthony Vazzana and Dana Vazzana.



In the photo above are the **5-year-anniversary honorees** (seated left to right) Julie Lochbaum, Barbara Dixon, Dawn Howd and Bethany Conover; (standing left to right) Mary Jane Kiefer, Donna Tharp, Mark Jennings, Robert Meyer, Thomas Johnson, Gina Anthes and Diane Boskovich. Not pictured are Richard Blackstad, Manuela Camacho, Laurie Hall, James Kelly, Polly Matteson, Louis McKim, Charles Porter, Jeanette Regan, Larry P. Rogers and Cathy Williams.