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The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series
presents:

"Bus Stop"

by the Montana Repertory
Theatre

7:30 p.m. • March 3
Baldwin Auditorium
Free admission

Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office in the Student Union Building. Faculty and staff may acquire tickets at the Information Desk in the Student Union Building. General Admission tickets are \$7 and are available downtown at Edna Campbells or at the Truman Cashier Window in McClain Hall. Unclaimed tickets will be available at the door.

SPRING BREAK HOURS AT THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

March 4: 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
March 5-6: closed
March 7-11: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 12: closed
March 13: 4-7 p.m.

Faculty and Staff Campaign Seeks to Raise \$150,000 for Bright Minds Bright Futures

The 2011 Faculty and Staff Campaign kicked off Feb. 28 under the direction of co-chairs Royce Kallerud, professor of English, and Melody Chambers, director of admissions. The goals for this year's campaign are \$150,000 in gift support and a faculty and staff participation rate of 62 percent.

As the successful completion of Truman's first-ever comprehensive campaign, Bright Minds Bright Futures, draws near, the outstanding support of faculty and staff is being celebrated. To date, Truman faculty and staff have committed \$1.3 million of the \$27.7 million received for this campaign. Any gift to the Faculty and Staff Campaign before June 30 will count towards the Bright Minds Bright Futures goal of \$30 million.

Last year, 60 percent of Truman faculty and staff supported Bright Minds Bright Futures

through the annual Faculty and Staff Campaign, which raised more than \$142,000. Faculty and staff may designate their gifts to any of the Truman State University Foundation's 575 accounts or may direct their gift to the Truman

Fund for Excellence, the area of greatest need. Many employees find payroll deduction to be an easy and affordable means of showing support for students and the University's mission. Employees are encouraged to "go green" and make an online gift at <http://isupport.truman.edu> and to

explore the various options available.

Several prize packages are being offered to encourage faculty and staff support. Two reserved parking spots (one for faculty and one for staff), St. Louis Cardinals tickets and a Truman apparel package will be awarded after April 22.

For more information about the campaign, go to <http://isupport.truman.edu>.

"I support Truman's Faculty and Staff Campaign because it is essential that we work together to preserve and advance the high quality, personalized Truman Experience."

—Melody Chambers, Faculty and Staff Campaign co-chair

New System to Simplify Website Management for Organizations

Truman's Information Technology Services (ITS) is rolling out a new system to make it easier for student organizations to maintain their websites.

Because of constant membership turnover and frequently a lack of members with web programming skills, organizations often run into technical issues with keeping

their Truman-provided webspace fresh and up-to-date year after year. In response, ITS has been testing a central content management system (CMS) called Wordpress.

Wordpress provides an easy-to-use, point-and-click interface for managing sites and users. Organizations can download free templates, set-up menus or pages and posts with no special

software or programming skills needed. There are also thousands of free plug-ins to easily add other features, such as photo galleries and calendars. In addition, organizations can manage their own access permissions.

Best of all, because it is accessed through a web browser, Wordpress will work from any computer, on campus or at

home, with no special software or operating system required. Truman's Wordpress is centrally managed, so groups will never have to worry about updating the software.

A number of organizations are already using Wordpress with great success.

Any interested groups can contact Todd Kuhns at todd@truman.edu.

The Big Event

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 19

Truman students will provide services to community residents by raking leaves, washing windows, painting and more.

The Big Event gives Truman students the opportunity to show appreciation for the support the Kirksville community has offered them.

Registration for volunteers and hosts:

Through March 4

<http://serve.truman.edu/bigevent>
or through the
SERVE Center at 785.7222.

SPRING BREAK HOURS: STUDENT UNION BUILDING

March 4: Close 5 p.m.
March 5-6: Closed
Mar 7-11: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
March 12: Closed
March 13: Open 5 p.m.-12 a.m.

Mainstreet Market:

March 7-11: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jazzmans:
Mon-Fri: Closed

Truman Speech and Debate Team Wins Back-to-Back State Championships

Truman's speech and debate team defended its title as Overall Team State Champions, winning the title for the second year in a row.

The 2011 Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Championship took place Feb. 18-19 at Evangel University.

The debaters won four state champion titles, as well as numerous other awards, to earn the team second place in debate sweepstakes.

Senior Sarah Backhaus and freshman Myra Milam shared the state champion title in Lincoln-Douglas debate at the end of the final round. Backhaus also won the state champion speaking award in both Lincoln-Douglas and Parliamentary debate. Milam took the fourth place speaking award as well as the novice state champion speaking award in Lincoln-Douglas.

"Winning the state championship as a freshman is more than I ever could have hoped for," Milam said. "I go to every tournament just hoping to learn more and to try to improve my skills [in debate], but making it to the final round with Sarah was truly an honor."

Senior Dylan Clark took home a second place speaking award in Parliamentary debate. Clark and Backhaus advanced to quarterfinals in Lincoln-Douglas and also advanced to the quarterfinals of Parliamentary debate along with Milam and sophomore Jessica Petrie.

The individual events competitors won 16 awards—including two state champion titles—to earn the team third place in individual events sweepstakes. Petrie won the state championship in both extemporaneous speaking and informative speaking. She also took fourth place in oratory and sixth place in impromptu speaking.

Junior Andrew Grojean won second place in impromptu speaking and sixth place in oratory. Freshman A.J. Taula brought home second place in poetry interpretation, as well as third place in dramatic interpretation and the top novice award in both categories.

The freshman team of Taula and Arielle Long-Seabra took fourth place and the top novice award in dramatic duo. Long-Seabra also took fifth in prose interpretation, while freshman Sara Perkins took sixth place in extemporaneous speaking.

"We are by no means the largest team—there are other programs in the state that have more debaters and speech competitors," Kristi Scholten, director of forensics, said. "However, we proved this weekend that we have the most concentrated talent as well as a large number of promising first-year competitors."

The team is now preparing for the National Championship Tournament in April.

For questions about the team, contact Scholten at kscholten@truman.edu.

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes Accepting Applications

The U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission is now accepting applications for the 2011 U.K. Summer Institutes.

Participants in these programs will get the opportunity to experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded United Kingdom university; explore the culture, heritage and history of the United Kingdom; and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research and communication skills.

Three summer programs are available for U.S. students in 2011: Fulbright Commission Newcastle University Summer Institute; the Fulbright Commission Roehampton University London Summer Institute; and the Fulbright Commission Wales Summer Institute.

The Summer Institute will cover the majority of participant costs. This includes round-trip airfare, tuition and fees at the University, accommodation and social program, subsistence and visa processing.

To qualify, applicants need to be a U.S. citizen and possess a U.S. passport; be at least 18 years old; have a high level of academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (confirmed by academic marks, awards and references); have completed no more than two years of university study; be mature, responsible, independent and open-minded; be willing and able to fully participate in an academically intensive program that includes attending all sessions, completing all assignments, contributing to classroom discussions and

supporting student ambassador style work as required; have had little or no study or travel experience in the United Kingdom or elsewhere outside of the United States; be able to participate in the program in its entirety, and; expect to return to the United States and continue their undergraduate education. The program is open to students in all courses of study.

For more information and application forms, visit <http://fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes>. The application deadline is April 15.

For specific questions, contact Laura McCaffrey, special programs coordinator at the U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission, at laura@fulbright.co.uk or 44.0.20.7498.4017.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011 LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Nominate students, organizations and advisers online at <http://csi.truman.edu> or pick up packets in the Center for Student Involvement Office in the Student Union Building. Nominations are due by 8 p.m. March 9.

Truman Listed on “Best Value Colleges for 2011”

Truman is one of the nation's 50 “Best Value” public colleges and universities according to The Princeton Review, which teamed with USA Today to present its list, “The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges for 2011.” Truman is the only Missouri public university listed.

The list features 100 schools in all—50 public and 50 private colleges and universities—and was released Feb. 22.

The Princeton Review chose the schools on its “Best Value Colleges for 2011” list based on criteria covering academics, cost of attendance and financial aid. The methodology examined more

than 30 factors using data from the company's surveys of administrators and students at 650 colleges with strong academic programs. Most of the data came from surveys conducted from Fall 2009 through Fall 2010; all cost and financial aid data came from Fall 2010 surveys.

USA Today's site features a database that allows users to view in-depth details about the schools, including Truman, by clicking on an interactive map to explore criteria including cost of attendance and financial aid data, enrollment size, location and an analysis of why each school was chosen as a “Best Value” college.

NOTABLES

Jane Monson, digital projects librarian, had her article, “What to Expect When You're Digitizing” published in the Jan./Feb. 2011 issue of *Computers in Libraries*.

Todd Phillips, director of the Student Success Center, presented a pre-conference institute for the National Association for Developmental Education at their national convention in

Washington, D.C., Feb. 23-26. Phillips' workshop focused on political advocacy for learning assistance and developmental education.

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, was a panelist at the session on “The Challenge of Teaching Evolution in the Islamic World” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting Feb. 18.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Truman State University Foundation

Scholarship applications are now available. More than \$275,000 will be awarded to current Truman students for the 2011-2012 academic year. Applications are available online and are due by midnight March 10. To learn more, go to <http://truman.edu> and click on Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships or visit <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s>.

The Missouri Insurance Education Foundation

will award scholarships to students attending Missouri colleges or universities in a program that could lead to positions in the insurance industry in Missouri. The \$2,500 C. Lawrence Leggett Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior Missouri resident majoring in insurance or a related area of study in a Missouri college or university. In addition to the Leggett Scholarship, the foundation has established an additional scholarship available in the amount of \$2,000. Application forms are available online at <http://mief.org> and are due by March 31.

Alpha Delta Kappa, Sigma Chapter of Burlington, Iowa, is offering one

\$1,000 scholarship to Des Moines County undergraduates who will be majoring in education. The applicant must show qualities of leadership, demonstrate success in academics and be involved in extra curricular and/or community activities. While financial need will be considered, it will not necessarily be the primary qualification. For further information, stop by Truman's Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103. Applications are due by April 3.

The Jack J. Isgur Foundation is accepting applications from students enrolled in the field of education in the humanities, such as literature, fine arts, music, art, poetry and dance. The Foundation awards scholarships to students studying at colleges and universities who indicate an interest in teaching courses in the above-described areas in school districts located in the state of Missouri, preferably rural school districts. The scholarship is available to those at the junior and senior levels, as well as graduate students. For further information or a scholarship application, stop by the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103 or call 785.4130. Deadline for submission is May 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

The Truman Public Relations Office is accepting résumés for the Fall 2011 internship position. Interns can receive course credit and a stipend.

Communication majors are encouraged to apply with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of AP style, experience in desktop publishing and familiarity with InDesign or similar software.

To apply, send two writing samples, a résumé and two on-campus references to the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101.

For more information, contact Heidi Templeton at heidi@truman.edu.

Truman Bookstore

Book Signing/Reading/Discussion

Authors:
Huping Ling
Jerrold Hirsch
2 p.m.
March 16

Student Union Building
Down Under

Both authors will discuss their recent publications and answer questions about the writing experience.

Books for Spring 2011

Books for this semester, will only be available until mid-term break.

Summer and Fall 2011 Book Orders

Due by April 1
Place orders online at <http://truman.bkstore.com>, via e-mail at bkstrumanst@bncollege.com or by phone at 785.4211.

NOTES

The Physics Colloquium continues at 4:30 p.m. March 2 in Magruder Hall 1096 with "Gamma-Ray Bursts: Cosmic nano-physics at work" by Mikhail Medvedev from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Kansas.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m. March 4 at the University Club House, located at 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra and the Jane Hartman Trio will perform "Century of Classics" at 7:30 p.m. March 5 at the Quincy Jr. High School Morrison Theater in Quincy, Ill. Admission is free for faculty, staff and students with a Truman ID.

The Sue Shear Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for the 2011 event. The academy will take place at the University of Missouri-St. Louis from May 22-27. The event focuses on producing strong female leaders with a passion for public policy. More information and

the application can be found at <http://registrar.truman.edu/other/shear.asp>. Application packets are due to Julie Lochbaum's office, Violette Hall 2352, by March 18. Contact Amanda Williams at alw2824@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Institute is now accepting applications to earn the Managerial Foundations Certificate during an eight-week course in April and May. This certificate prepares participants to deal with increased global competitiveness while they manage resources and people more effectively. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact the Truman Institute at 785.5384, visit the Truman Institute website at <http://institute.truman.edu> or e-mail the Institute at jmorton@truman.edu. Submit applications for the April special session no later than March 28.

Missouri Hall Senate will host an Art Gala from 4:30-7 p.m. April 14 in the Missouri Hall Chariton Room. The Senate will purchase three pieces for \$100 each. Entries must be 2-D and easily hangable. More information and the submission form can be found at <http://missouri.truman.edu>.

Midterm Break Shuttle to Amtrak in La Plata

Bus will leave at 9 a.m. March 5 from the Department of Public Safety.

Shuttle costs \$10 and money is due no later than March 3.

To make reservations, contact Joyce Mullins at joycecook@truman.edu or 785.4177.

Return: Bus will pick up students at approximately 8 p.m. March 13 in La Plata at the Amtrak station and return to the Department of Public Safety Building.

SPRING STAFF SOCIAL

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
March 8
Student Union Building
Georgian Room

Staff Council is sponsoring this event to create an opportunity for staff across campus locations to meet and socialize.

FAC FUNDING APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications are available at the Funds Allotment Council office on the lower level of the Student Union Building or can be found at <http://fac.truman.edu>.

Applications to apply for funding for Fall 2011 are due March 14.

Staff Council Team for the Big Event

March 19
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If you are interested in giving back and partnering with Truman students to make a difference in our community, contact Katie Vanderhoof at kvander@truman.edu to join the team. The registration deadline is March 4. All staff are invited to join – you do not need to be a member of Staff Council to be on the team.

Academic Peer Mentor Positions Available

Academic peer mentors support the professional and faculty advising staff to first and second year accounting and business administration students.

Applicants must be junior or senior level accounting or business administration majors.

Applications are available in the Business Academic Advising Center, Violette Hall 2413, and are due March 21.

Scholarships for Study Aboard in Asia

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) provide scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. Applications are now available for Fall 2011 and academic year 2011-12 with a program start date between August and November.

The online application is available at <http://iie.org/en/programs/freeman-asia>. Deadline to apply is April 1.



Audio Books Available

Planning a trip? Consider checking out an audio book from Pickler Memorial Library. Choose from 600 titles.

Faculty, staff and students may check out audio books for 30 days and renew them online. To view the selection of audio books, visit <http://lance.missouri.edu/search~S6/audiobooks>.

2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply at <http://fafsa.ed.gov> before April 1 to be considered for all available funding.

The government allows filing with estimates if corrections are made when available.

Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 or 785.4130 with questions.

Telecounselors for 2011-2012

The Office of Admissions is now accepting applications for telecounselor positions.

Scholarship, institutional, volunteer and work-study positions are being offered.

Applications are available in the Office of Admissions in the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center, by e-mailing karah@truman.edu or on the Telecounseling website, <http://admissions.truman.edu/telecounseling/index.asp>.

For additional questions, contact Kara Jo Humphrey at the above e-mail or call 785.4114.

Applications Due:

5 p.m.
April 1
Office of Admissions