

# Truman *today*

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## “Batboy: The Musical”

8 p.m. • April 10-14  
Severns Theatre

Admission is free. The two-hour show is appropriate for children over the age of 12. There is some violent and adult material.

Contact the Box Office at 785.4515 or stop by from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## 2007 Leadership Recognition Program

The program will recognize students who have made outstanding contributions to the Truman community.

7 p.m. • April 11  
Student Union Building Lounge

Candy Young, professor of political science, will be the guest speaker. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 for more information.

## Physics Colloquium

4:30 p.m. • April 11  
Magruder Hall 1098

Ramki Kalyanaraman of the Washington University physics department will be speaking on the topic of “Self-Organized Patterns from Fast (Nanosecond) Metal Dewetting.”

## Communication Week Returns to Campus

Lambda Pi Eta, a national communication honor fraternity, is hosting the first Communication Week at Truman in more than 10 years April 10-13.

Lambda Pi Eta and other communication organizations are sponsoring events all week long.

It will kick off with a presentation by Dick Weiss, writing coach of WeissWrite and former metro editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Weiss will speak on the topic of “Lock and Load: How to Prepare Yourself for the Media Wars Ahead” at 7 p.m. April 10 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

A Communication Internship Forum will take place at 6 p.m. April 11 in Violette Hall 1010. Leslie Hahner, assistant professor of communication and internship coordinator, along with Diane Johnson, assistant professor of communication and Truman in Washington liaison, will lead the discussion on how to get an internship and earn credit in addition to discussing specific communication internship opportunities available to students in Washington, D.C., and other locations.

The Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest finalists will compete for prizes at 7:30 p.m. April

11 in Violette Hall 1010. This contest was open to freshmen enrolled in public speaking classes.

Barry Poyner's class will present orations of “Night at the Museum” at 7 p.m. April 12 in the Violette Hall commons. Poyner is a professor of communication.

The culmination of the week will be a presentation given by J. Michael Sproule, National Communication Association president, at 8 p.m. April 12 in Violette Hall 1000. A scholar of 20th century propaganda, Sproule will present “Putting Our Opinions to the DNA Test: Whose Are They Really?”

The week will conclude with a Communication Activities Fair from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 13 on the Student Union Building Mall. Several communication organizations will be on hand to answer questions about getting involved. They include Lambda Pi Eta, the Society of Professional Journalists, the Advertising and Public Relations Organization, *Detours*, the *Index* and more.

Both communication students and those interested in the major are encouraged to attend these events to gain applicable information about classes, internships and how to become involved.

## Davis Recognized for Commitment to Truman

Christina Davis, registered nurse at the Student Health Center, was named the Points of Excellence Award winner for January 2007.

Davis was honored for cheerfully going above and beyond her job responsibilities and for her deep commitment to the education of future health care providers.

The Points of Excellence Award was established by Truman's Human Resource department to recognize outstanding University staff and reinforce the importance of praise, thanks and recognition of a job well done.

Nominations forms are available at <http://hr.truman.edu/excellence>.



University President Barbara Dixon (right) presents Christina Davis (left) with the Points of Excellence Award for January 2007 for her contributions to the Truman community.

### Dating Romance

A real-world look at Romance language origins and early texts

A talk by Thomas D. Cravens, professor of Romance linguistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

3 p.m. • April 12  
SUB Alumni Room

*Cravens will discuss the development of Latin into Romance, in an effort to come to an understanding of how Romance languages came to be and what so-called early texts represent.*

Cravens will also teach a class exploring why the Romance languages can be considered forms of "modern Latin." This class will focus on phonological erosion and grammaticalization.

1:30 p.m. • April 13  
SUB Activities Room

### Global Issues Colloquium

"How Ethnic Conflict Expands: Rwanda and Zaire"

7-9 p.m. • April 12  
Magruder Hall 1000

John Quinn will be speaking on this topic.

Contact Julie Lochbaum at the Center for Teaching and Learning at [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391 for more information.

### NEMO Phi Beta Kappa Association

Annual Spring Lecture  
Presents



Jack Magruder, president emeritus and professor emeritus of chemistry.

3 p.m. • April 15  
SUB Alumni Room

Magruder will speak on the topic of "History, Science, Politics: Hope for the Future."

## Sigma Xi Distinguished Scholar to Speak

Kirkville Sigma Xi is having an Initiation and Awards Ceremony in conjunction with a buffet dinner April 12 in the Student Union Building Lounge.

Refreshments will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served promptly at 6 p.m. New members and the Researcher of the Year award winner will be recognized near the end of the meal.

This year's distinguished scholar, Vito Quaranta, professor of cancer biology and the co-director for the Center for Matrix Biology at Vanderbilt University, will give a lecture at

7:30 p.m. following the banquet. The title of his presentation is "Biology Becomes an Exact Science."

Dinner costs \$12 and any number of guests are welcome to attend, provided their meal is paid for. Inductees eat for free.

Sigma Xi is a scientific research society. The Kirkville chapter is a joint venture of Truman State University and the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Contact Laura Fielden at [lfielden@truman.edu](mailto:lfielden@truman.edu) or at 785.4624 for more information.

## Alumni Return, Discuss Career Experiences

The Student Alumni Association welcomes two alumni to Truman's campus at 7 p.m. April 17 in Magruder Hall 1000.

Joyce Gentry-Furrer ('79), R.N., M.S.N., is a registered nursing instructor at Columbia College, and Jim Bergman, ('90), director of human resources, and Jim Bergman, ('90), director of human resources at the Northeast Regional Healthcare System in Kirkville, will be meeting with

current students for an evening of conversation.

The two alumni will be sharing their experiences in the workforce and discussing how Truman prepared them for their careers.

Refreshments will be served and the winners of the Student Alumni Association scholarships will be announced.

Contact Daniel Poindexter at 785.5599 or at [djp728@truman.edu](mailto:djp728@truman.edu) for more information.

## SIFE Team Wins Regional Competition

The Truman State University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team returned to Kirkville as winners of the SIFE USA Regional competition in Rogers, Ark., March 30.

After presenting a report of their yearlong community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, the Truman SIFE team was named SIFE USA Regional Champions in the overall competition.

The team will now advance to the national

level of SIFE competition at the SIFE USA National Exposition May 6-8 in Dallas.

During this academic year, the Truman SIFE team organized 17 projects in the Kirkville and surrounding communities, fulfilling all five of SIFE's teaching principles and impacting more than 202,000 people.

Contact Jeni Long, Truman's SIFE president, at [jl707@truman.edu](mailto:jl707@truman.edu) or visit the Web site at <http://sife.truman.edu> for more information.

## Lambda Alpha Epsilon Members Win Awards

Members of Truman's Chi chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, a criminal justice academic fraternity, attended the American Criminal Justice Association's 2007 National Conference in Wilmington, Del., from March 18-24.

The chapter won several individual and team awards. Truman won the first place upper division Crime Scene Investigations award with the team of Lauren Block, a senior justice systems major from Florissant, Mo.; Beatrice Kelrick, a senior justice systems major from Kirkville; and Lindsay Lambert, a senior biology major from Maryland Heights, Mo. Also winning second place was a Chi team of Maria Kaylen, a senior justice systems

major from Columbia, Mo.; Gabby Stocke, a senior justice systems major from St. Louis; and Nick Zotos, a sophomore justice systems major from Chesterfield, Mo.

Chi chapter adviser Joe Nedelec won the third place professional division Corrections award. Kaylen won the third place upper division Juvenile Justice award. Chapter president Zotos won the first place lower division Police Management and Organization award as well as second place in the student paper competition.

Meetings currently take place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Everyone who has an interest in the field is welcome to attend.

## NOTABLES

**Mike Ashcraft, associate professor of religion,** and **Dereck Daschke, associate professor of philosophy and religion,** were invited to speak about their edited volume, "New Religious Movements: A Documentary Reader," at two universities in the last month. They addressed the Claremont University Consortium in Claremont, Calif., March 22 and they addressed Quincy University in Quincy, Ill., April 3 delivering a joint lecture titled "Laboratories of the Sacred: What We Can Learn from New Religious Movements."

**Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history,** recently published "Selling the Praying Towns: Massachusetts and Nipmuc Land Transactions, 1680-1730," in *Northeast Anthropology*, vol. 70 pp. 11-15.

**Marc Rice, associate professor of music,** recently served as a session chair at the Southeast/Caribbean chapter meeting of the Society of Ethnomusicology in Athens, Ga.

**Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English,** will

have his essay "Gitting Me a Garfish" anthologized in a best-of collection to be published by *The Yale Anglers' Journal*.

**David Wohlers, professor of chemistry,** organized and presided over a half-day symposium, "Teaching Chemistry to the Visually Impaired," under the auspices of the Division of Chemical Education at the 233rd meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago, March 25-29. Wohlers then traveled to the 55th annual meeting of the National Science Teachers Association meeting held in St. Louis, March 30-April 1. He assisted professor Andrew Greenberg from the University of Wisconsin-Madison at his workshop, "Seeing Color Through Sound." Wohlers also spoke about two devices, the Submersible Audio Light Sensor (SALS) and the Color Analysis Laboratory Sensor (CALs), and the speech accessible software Vernier Software and probes in a talk titled "Independent Laboratory Access for the Blind."

## Athletic Training Day Takes Students to Capitol



Recently athletic training students and staff visited Jefferson City, Mo., to meet with legislators during Athletic Training Day at the Capitol.

Participants in Athletic Training Day include (front row, left to right) Josh Miley, Cassie DeBlauw, Rachele Thomas, Ashley Giles, Heather McNelly, Nicole Summers, Jenelle Korneman and Adam Cline; (second row, left to right) Nichole Friederich, Ashley Mettlach, Meghan Reid, Emily Maxwell and Michelle Boyd; (back row) Josh Church.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship assistance is available to those pursuing careers in the \$29 billion specialty equipment market industry through the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA). Career path opportunities include accounting, administration, advertising/PR, design/graphics, engineering, information technology, manufacturing, photo/journalism, race car driver and crew, sales/marketing, technicians and transportation. For further information visit the SEMA Web site at <http://www.sema.org/scholarships>. The deadline for applications is April 27.

**Phi Kappa Phi recently announced the creation of the Emerging Scholar Awards.** These awards will recognize outstanding sophomores who attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter, such as Truman. Phi Kappa Phi will grant 60 awards in the amount of \$250 each. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 and have earned between 30 and 60 academic credit hours (excluding all AP and transfer credits). Applications are available at <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/emergingscholar.html>. They are due June 30.

### Public Relations Internship Opportunity Available

The Truman State University Public Relations office is now accepting résumés for the fall 2007 internship position. Interested students should stop by the Public Relations office, McClain Hall 101, call 785.4016 or e-mail Katie Best at [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu), as soon as possible.

## Earth Week Events

### Stream Clean

3-5 p.m. • April 15  
Red Barn Park

The SERVE Center and the Missouri Department of Conservation will sponsor this event.

### Radioactive Politics: Debating Yucca Mountain

8 p.m. • April 16 • MG 1098

The debate team will sponsor this event.

### Environmental Studies Conference: Building a Sustainable Future

9 a.m.-5 p.m. • April 17  
MG 2100 (Planetarium)

The Division of Science will sponsor this event.

### Building Toward Sustainability: Using Green Building for a Better Tomorrow

Keynote Panel: Michael Goldschmidt,  
Ronn Phillips and Rachel Katz  
7-8:30 p.m. • April 17 • BH 176

A reception will follow. The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, ECO and the Division of Language and Literature will sponsor this event.

### Movie - "Who Killed the Electric Car?"

7 p.m. • April 19 • MG 1000

SAB is sponsoring this event.

## Celebrate National Library Week

Audible Laudables on the Quad(able): A Truman Community Reader's Gala

Join Pickler Memorial Library in Celebrating National Library Week (April 15-21) by reading an excerpt aloud from your favorite written work. Participants will read in 10-minute intervals during a six hour period. So, stop by from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18 on the Quadrangle in front of the Library to read and listen. There will be refreshments too.

Contact Janice Weddle at 785.4542 or [jweddle@truman.edu](mailto:jweddle@truman.edu) for more information or to reserve your time.

Visit the Library during National Library Week and register to be eligible to win one of the following prizes:

"1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die" (book)

"An Incomplete Education" (book)

"Dreamgirls: the Soundtrack" (CD)

"Hannibal Rising" (audio book)

"Little Miss Sunshine" (DVD)



# NOTES

**Join the Pickler Memorial Library staff in celebrating the 400th anniversary of our country** by visiting the display in the gallery. Settled in 1607, Jamestown is our nation's birthplace, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.

**A short-term modified supplemental retirement plan has been approved** for qualifying retirements between July 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2009. The application window for the plan ends May 15. Applications will be submitted to the June 2007 Board for approval. Please review the two options provided in the plan before submitting your application. Log on to <http://hr.truman.edu/benefits/msrp/> for more information and the application form.

**The Student Recreation Center will be hosting a Summer Sports Camp** for children ages 7-9 July 9-13 and ages 9-11 July 23-27. The camp will give children the opportunity to have fun, learn and participate in activities that will keep them physically fit. Cost of the camp is \$75 per child and \$50 for each additional immediate family member. The deadline for enrollment is May 31. Visit <http://recreation.truman.edu> or contact Scott Wagner at 785.7739 for more information.

**The women of Alpha Sigma Gamma invite you to Ducky Days** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 10-12 on the Quadrangle. It's an opportunity to play games and donate summer clothes, toys and toiletries to the Bribri people in Costa Rica. Contact Julia Redford at [jmr336@truman.edu](mailto:jmr336@truman.edu) for more information.

**Get more out of your cardio workout.** There will be a seminar on making your cardio workout time more effective from 5:30-6 p.m. April 11 in the Student Recreation Center Conference Room. Contact Andrea Rhodus at [adr602@truman.edu](mailto:adr602@truman.edu) for more information.

**There will be a special Weekly Lunch Series session** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 11 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Box lunches will be provided. The topic will be "Student Profiles & Trends in Higher Education." Bob Wheeler, strategic and academic consulting for SunGard Higher Education Managed Services, will facilitate this session. People must R.S.V.P. to [ctl@truman.edu](mailto:ctl@truman.edu) or 785.4391 to receive the boxed lunch. There will not be a Weekly Lunch deal at Mainstreet Market during this session.

**The Spring Workshop Series continues** with a presentation on "Careers in STEM: Ph.D. and M.D.Ph.D. Careers" from 5:30-7 p.m. April 12 in Magruder Hall 1090. Alan Garvey and Pam Ryan will be discussing the opportunities available after obtaining a Ph.D. in math

and computer science. Other panelists will also be on hand.

**The College Republicans at Truman will be hosting the College Republicans State Convention** from 5-10 p.m. April 13 and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. April 14. Contact Brandon Foster at [republicans@truman.edu](mailto:republicans@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Board of Governors will meet** at 12:45 p.m. April 14 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

**Phi Kappa Phi members are invited to the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony** at 1:30 p.m. April 15 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Attend and welcome new members and newly elected officers. Contact Ding-hwa Hsieh at 785.4655 for more information.

**There will be a seminar on planning and maintaining a healthy lifestyle** from 5-5:30 p.m. April 16 in the Student Recreation Center Conference Room. Contact Andrea Rhodus at [adr602@truman.edu](mailto:adr602@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Business and Accountancy Division is hosting Executive in Residence and guest speaker Diana Dagget.** She will give two lectures. Her first speech, "Preparing to Compete," will be at 3:30 p.m. April 17 in Violette Hall 1000. The second is titled "Influencing U.S. Policy in a Global Economy" and will be given at 6 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000.

**The 33rd Annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place** at 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Approximately 149 current and retired members of the University will be honored for their commitment to the University. Tickets are available in the Human Resources office in McClain Hall 106 for \$10 each.

**Colleges Against Cancer presents Glow Stick it to Cancer,** a two-mile run in the dark, from 9-11 p.m. April 18 at Stokes Stadium. Cost is \$4 or \$15 with a T-shirt. Registration begins at 9 p.m. at the gate, where participants can get their T-shirt and/or glow stick. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Contact Sam Dutrow at [sdd209@truman.edu](mailto:sdd209@truman.edu) for more information.

**Showgirls dance team tryouts are here.** Clinics will be from 7-9 p.m. April 19 and 20 in Pershing Arena. At the clinic, participants will learn the dance and fight song to be performed at the tryout. Tryouts begin at 9 a.m. April 21 in Pershing Arena. Everyone is encouraged to attend the clinic and tryout. Contact Rachel Haberstoh at [trumanshowgirls@gmail.com](mailto:trumanshowgirls@gmail.com) for more information.

# ON CAMPUS

## 10 TUESDAY

1 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Central Missouri**, Baseball Field  
8 p.m.-"Batboy," **Severns Theatre**; see Page 1

## 11 WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m.-**Physics Colloquium**, MG 1098; see Page 1  
7 p.m.-**Leadership Recognition Program**, SUB Lounge; see Page 1  
8 p.m.-"Batboy," **Severns Theatre**; see Page 1

## 12 THURSDAY

5:30-7 p.m.-**Spring Workshop Series**, MG 1090; see Notes  
7-9 p.m.-**Global Issues Colloquium**, MG 1000; see Page 2  
8 p.m.-"Batboy," **Severns Theatre**; see Page 1

## 13 FRIDAY

5-10 p.m.-**College Republicans Convention**; see Notes  
8 p.m.-"Batboy," **Severns Theatre**; see Page 1

## 14 SATURDAY

8 a.m.-10 p.m.-**College Republicans Convention**; see Notes  
12:45 p.m.-**Board of Governors meeting**, SUB Conference Room; see Notes  
8 p.m.-"Batboy," **Severns Theatre**; see Page 1

## 15 MONDAY

1:30 p.m.-**Phi Kappa Phi Initiation**, SUB Activities Room; see Notes  
3 p.m.-**Phi Beta Kappa Lecture**, SUB Alumni Room; see Page 2

## Volunteers Needed

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is looking for people to help with Special Olympics.

**10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 14 Stokes Stadium**

Volunteers work as buddies or in the Olympic Village. Pre-registration is encouraged.

## Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Cranium	Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 15
Ultimate Frisbee	Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 14
T-shirt Design	Open	April 10		
Swim Meet	AST/Open	April 10	4:30 p.m. • April 10	April 16
Bench Press	AST/Open	April 16	4:30 p.m. • April 19	April 23

Entry forms may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (IM bulletin board) and are available online. Online registration is now available. Entry forms must have name, banner ID number and signature of each participant. Entry forms are to be deposited in the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center by 11 p.m. of the posted due date. Official rules for each sport go to <http://recreation.truman.edu>.