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## Educator of the Year Committee Selects Six Finalists

Seventeen professors were nominated by their students to be the 2004 Educator of the Year. They were then asked to submit an essay, given a prompt, and a sample syllabus from which the committee selected the 12 semifinalists. At that point, the semifinalists' students were surveyed.

The finalists are: Jon Beck, assistant professor of computer science; Joseph Benevento, professor of English; John Ishiyama, professor of political science; Wendy Miner, assistant professor of education; Russell Nelson, associate professor of art; and Sally West, associate professor of history.

In the coming weeks, the committee will observe the finalists' classes and select the Educator of the Year. The winner will be announced at a banquet at 6 p.m., April 14, in the SUB Georgian Room. All of the nominees will be honored at this time.

The committee is comprised of representatives from the sponsoring organizations: Student Senate, Pershing Society, Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi.

## Students to Present Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement at Annual Conference

Truman will hold its 17th annual Student Research Conference April 6, and it will feature a broad spectrum of presentations from all degree-granting academic divisions. Scheduled classes will not formally meet during the day of the Conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and faculty to attend and fully participate.

The day will be a University-wide Celebration of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement, with 254 presentations delivered by 325 undergraduate and graduate student authors, supervised by 148 faculty mentors. Students will be presenting their scholarly work in a range of presentation types, including oral papers, posters, performing arts, studio arts, and technology displays.

The Conference will include a plenary address delivered by Truman's President, Barbara Dixon, and four informal, round-table discussion sessions during the lunch break. To further encourage dialogue among all members of the University community, several Conference-wide refreshment breaks and a reception are included in the program.

The full Conference program and all abstracts can be electronically browsed and extensively searched on the Conference Web site at <http://src.truman.edu>. Beginning this year, student authors will have the opportunity to upload relevant files to accompany their online abstracts. For example, students may choose to post the transcript of their oral paper, an important photograph, or a copy of their PowerPoint presentation.

## Division of Fine Arts Presents Visiting Guest Artist, Musical Comedy

Truman State University's Division of Fine Arts has two upcoming events.

Visiting Guest Artist Elizabeth Holowell, professor of violin at the Newcastle Conservatory of Music in Newcastle, Australia, will present a violin recital at 8 p.m., April 8, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. She will perform works by Mozart, Poulenc, Franck and others. She will be accompanied by Shannon McGinnis, assistant professor of music, on the piano; Janice Saffir, professor of music, on piano; and Sam McClure, associate professor of music, on the viola.

The recital is free and open to the public.

The Division of Fine Arts also presents the musical "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," written by Rupert Holmes and directed by Dana Smith. The production

will be at 8 p.m., April 13-17, in the Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre.

Set in London in 1892, this play-within-a-play focuses on members of a Victorian acting troupe, as they put on a hilarious rendition of Charles Dickens' unfinished novel.

One stormy night the title character disappears. Has he been murdered? This interactive musical comedy lets the audience determine the outcome of the show, as they vote to decide who killed Edwin Drood.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or placed on reserve at the Box Office in Ophelia Parrish. The OP Box Office is open from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information about this musical, call the OP Box Office at 785.4515.

## Center Recycles Materials to Reduce Waste

Wondering what to do with your empty aluminum cans and used paper? Recycle them.

Recycle bins are available to the University community in all buildings on campus. These bins help the Recycling Center with its goal to reduce solid waste quantities as much as possible. In addition, the Recycling Center has a drop-off pad which allows members of the community to drop off recyclables when the Recycling Center is closed.

The University began its recycling program in October 2001 and purchased a cardboard baler to use in its center. The University recycles 1,000 pounds of cardboard each day with the baler. Cardboard material bins are located outside of most buildings.

Truman's Recycling Center is located in Building No. 4 in the Dulaney/Baldwin Complex at the south end of campus.

For more information about recycling at Truman or to volunteer, contact Howard Worcester, recycle coordinator, at 785.7672.

### Student Recreation Center

#### Holiday Hours

6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

April 9

closed

April 10-11

4-11 p.m.

April 12

## Truman Students Win 18 SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards

Truman students won 18 Mark of Excellence 2003 awards in the Society of Professional Journalists Competition for Region VII. SPJ announced the winners March 27 in Overland Park, Kan. The region consists of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. First-place winners continue to the national Mark of Excellence competition, with those results announced in the fall.

First-place winners include: General TV news reporting, Dominick Scalise and Matt Marble; General news photography, Adrian Lorincz; Photo illustration, Dan Sem and Luke Trautwein; and Spot news photography, Dan Sem.

Second place winners include: General

news reporting, Sarah St. John; Sports photography, Brian Gaffney; General column writing (tie), Natalie Gerke and Kim Zamastil; and Editorial writing, Sarah St. John.

Third-place winners include: Best nondaily student newspaper, *Index*; Best student magazine published more than once a year, *Detours*; Editorial writing, Katie Volin; and TV Sports reporting, Andrew Ashbaugh and Caitlin O'Day.

Honorable mention winners include: General news photography, Luke Trautwein; Sports column writing, Brian Russell; Feature photography, Maureen Ferry; and Feature photography, Aaron Hawes.

## Debaters Triumphant at Truman's First Bulldog Free Invitational

Four Truman parliamentary debate teams and two Lincoln-Douglas debaters reached elimination rounds at the Bulldog Free Invitational Debate Tournament, March 27-28 on the Truman campus, capturing top-honors for overall performance across the two debate divisions offered. This will be an annual event.

Ian Samuel, junior computer science major from Pueblo, Colo., and Marie Tenny, junior psychology major from Villa Ridge, Mo., reached the final round in parliamentary debate where they lost a difficult round to season-long rivals from the University of South Carolina. Samuel won the Lincoln-Douglas debate division earlier in the day. Tenny met Samuel in the quarterfinals of the Lincoln-Douglas tournament and Samuel advanced with the high-

er preliminary round record.

The parliamentary debate team of Matthew Harms, junior economics major from Galesburg, Ill., and Justin Perkins, sophomore economics major from Jefferson City, Mo., reached the semifinal round of the tournament before being defeated by the same University of South Carolina team that eventually won. Tyson Helder, junior political science and communication double major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Holly Magdziarz, freshman English major from Springfield, Mo., reached quarterfinals. The team of Ryan Walsh, junior philosophy and religion and communication double major from Cassville, Mo., and Ben Holley, sophomore communication major from Neosho, Mo., reached the tournament's octafinal round.

## Student Media Leaders Selected for Upcoming Academic Year

The Truman Campus Media Board has selected the student media leaders for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The new leaders are: Jonathan Thacker, junior psychology major from Kirksville, KTRM executive director; Christina Collison, junior communication and political science double major from Newton, Kan., *Index* editor in chief; Emily Rackers, junior

communication major from Centertown, Mo., *Detours* editor in chief; Melissa Allen, junior mathematics major from Promise City, Iowa, *Echo* yearbook editor in chief; and Margaret "Peggy" Amor, junior communication major from Prairie Village, Kan., *Windfall* literary/arts magazine editor in chief. The position of executive producer of TruNews will be selected in the fall.

## Notables

**A. Kay Anderson, interim registrar, and Tricia K. Brown, assistant professor of counseling,** presented "Factors that Influence Clergy Members' Decisions to Report or Not Report Suspected Child Abuse" at the annual meeting of the American Counseling Association in Kansas City, Mo.

**Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science,** has been selected to be an editor for a new journal titled *Foreign Policy Analysis*. The journal will be an official publication of the International Studies Association.

**David McKamie, professor of music,** was recently a J. Donald Feagin Visiting Artist at the University of Tulsa. During his visit he presented a solo piano recital and con-

ducted a master class for high school and collegiate pianists from Tulsa, Okla., and Stillwater, Okla.

**John James Quinn, associate professor of political science,** presented a paper titled "The Effects of Majority State Ownership of Industry or Mining on Corruption: A Cross-regional Comparison" at a conference organized by the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) at St. Catherine's College, Oxford University.

**Antonio Scuderi, associate professor of Italian,** reviewed *Monsters in the Italian Literary Imagination* (Wayne State UP, 2001) for the *Modern Language Review*, the journal of Modern Humanities Research Association of Great Britain.

## Summer Student Workers Available Without Cost to Divisions/Offices

**H**ave a backlog of projects that need to be completed? Always behind and needing extra help in your office or lab? Limited by budget restraints? Interested in mentoring a college-bound high school student on a short-term basis?

Again this summer, Upward Bound (UB) expects to place approximately 30 students in paid internships on campus related to their career interests. This initiative is made available through Department of Education funds designated to enhance opportunities for career development and professional mentorship. The Career Internship Program (CIP) will benefit not only the college-bound project participants but also the divisions and offices by providing approximately 30 hours of free labor to them.

Student interns typically provide work for the career mentor/job supervisor from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on selected afternoons in June and July. Outside of those times, the intern will research a career related to the internship placement and receive 30 hours of classroom instruction (provided by UB) in which employability and job-related skills and attitudes will be discussed, practiced and evaluated.

Professors and campus offices/divisions interested in receiving more information about an intern should contact Upward Bound at 785.4244 or [ubub@truman.edu](mailto:ubub@truman.edu) by April 16. If all student interns are not needed on campus by April 16, then the free-gratis workers will be offered to the Kirksville community.

## Students Present Research at State Capitol

**T**wenty-four students presented posters about their research at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City recently.

Pictured front row, left to right: Rep. Bob Behnen, Rebecca Zak, Sarah Rutherford, Sarah Spies, Jane Harrison, Magen Hembree, Rose Buza, Eugene Walton and Catherine Zivnuska. Middle row, left to right: Eli Wiseman, Katie Ramsey, Sarah Smith, Suzanne Leslie, Chris Conatser, Ryan Stewart, Shawna Cooper and Brienne Wehner. Back row, left to right, Stephen Nellis, Jackie



Weiss, Jill Meyer, Ty Fagan, Leslie Blanchard, Arliss Gammill, Annie Campbell and Tiara Pettis.

## Scholarship Opportunities Available

**T**wo scholarship opportunities are currently available for students.

The Missouri Waste Control Coalition is offering its Environmental Scholarship for students who have an interest in or are focusing on classes in the environmental studies field. They will be awarding one \$500 scholarship. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 and must be attending or planning on attending school full-time. For more information, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation is accepting applications from disadvantaged women seeking to further their education for their Career Advancement Scholarship Program. Additional information regarding this scholarship may be obtained at <http://www.bpwusa.org> under "BPW Foundation."

The application deadline for both of these scholarships is April 15.

### Sodexo Annual Food Drive

April 5-8

Any nonperishable food items may be placed in the shopping carts located in each dining hall or in Mainstreet Market.

Students may also donate meals from their meal plans to purchase items that Sodexo has on display.

**MoDOT is sponsoring Work Zone Awareness Week from April 5-9.** The slogan is "The Difference is You, Drive Smart." The Serve Center, located in the SUB, will have orange ribbons available for vehicle antennas.

**The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with a presentation by Karen McClaskey on Library Services 'First Alert' for faculty** from 12:30-1:15 p.m., April 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

**"The 14th Annual National Art Competition"** is on display at the University Art Gallery until April 9. The show includes work from a wide range of artists and is diverse in interest and medium. Admission is free and the gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; and noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday.

**The Child Development Center is sponsoring a silent art auction April 10-24 at the Washington Street Java Company in celebration of "The Week of the Young Child."** Fine arts in a variety of medium will be displayed and bids accepted until the closing reception at 3:30 p.m., April 25, at the Washington Street Java Company.

Families, friends, stakeholders and participants are all welcome to attend the reception.

**Alpha Phi Omega, the Adair County Family YMCA and Kirksville Parks and Recreation are sponsoring the 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at 10 a.m., April 10, at the Truman Quadrangle. For more information, call 627.1480 or 627.1485.

**The deadline for the Dr. Jack Magruder Faculty Hall of Fame and the Vonnie Nichols Staff Hall of Fame nominations** has been extended to April 13. Forms are available in division offices or the Student Affairs Office and are due by 5 p.m., April 13, in the Omicron Delta Kappa mailbox in the CSI. Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to make nominations. For more information, contact Amy Wheeler at 665.4149.

**The Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society** invites all Truman students who have been accepted into study abroad programs for the Fall 2004 semester to apply for a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Completed applications are due April 15. For more information on the grant or to obtain an application, go to <http://www.phikappaphi.org>.

**There will be a retirement reception for Kathryn Blair**, professor of philosophy, from 4-6 p.m., April 15, in the SUB Alumni Room. At the reception, a special Book Fund for Pickler Memorial Library will be announced in her name. She has served the University for 35 years.

**SAB will be showing the movie "Gothika"** at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 16, and at 3 p.m., April 17, in VH 1000. All movies are free to stu-

dents with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722.

**Kappa Mu Epsilon is hosting an Integration Bee** at 1 p.m., April 18, in VH 1000. There is no registration fee and students of all majors are encouraged to attend. The event is only open to undergraduates. To register, e-mail Chris Bay at [charlie@truman.edu](mailto:charlie@truman.edu). For more information on prizes and subject matter, go to <http://kme.truman.edu>. **The Graduate English Organization (GEO), in conjunction with ECO, the Truman Sierra Club and others, is organizing a conference devoted to environmental studies.** The conference will focus on the theme "Local Action, Global Vision" April 22-24. Members of the Truman and Kirksville communities are invited to attend this interdisciplinary conference. E-mail Eric Tumminia at [tumminia@truman.edu](mailto:tumminia@truman.edu) for more information.

**Attention May 2004 graduates:** Graduation clearance packets were mailed to your local address March 29. If you have not received your packet, please contact the Registrar's Office at 785.4143 or at [registrar@truman.edu](mailto:registrar@truman.edu). This packet is a graduation requirement and must be completed by April 23.

**Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in December 2004** are due in the Registrar's Office no later than April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available on the Truman Web page at <http://registrar.truman.edu>.

**The Center for International Education Abroad (CIEA) is sponsoring a Study Abroad Fair** from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1:30-3:30 p.m., April 26, in the SUB Activities Room.

**Tom Thumb is looking for art submissions for the Tom Thumb Art Extravaganza, which will be held April 30-May 2.** Any medium, including musical, performance, installation or experimental, will be accepted. Submissions may be dropped off in the OP Atrium from 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday or in the OP Drawing Room at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Please include name and phone number with submissions.

**Interested in participating in the 11th Annual French Immersion Weekend?** Sign-up now to participate in the event Sept. 25-26 at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Mo. To participate, students must have completed or be currently enrolled in French 221 and must pay a \$40 enrollment fee. Participation in the event earns students one credit hour and a yellow card is required for participation. For more information, contact Ron Manning at 785.4018.

**Looking for a scholarship job for 2004-2005?** All scholarship and workstudy positions will be advertised through Truman's eRecruiting Web site, <http://truman.erecruiting.com>.

## 6 TUESDAY

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.-No classes  
**Student Research Conference;** see Page 1

## 7 WEDNESDAY

12:30-1:15 p.m.-Weekly  
**Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room;** see Notes  
2 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Central Methodist, Baseball Field**

## 8 THURSDAY

8 p.m.-**Visiting Guest Artist Violin Recital, OP Performance Hall;** see Page 1

## 9 FRIDAY

2 p.m.-**Softball vs. Pittsburg, Softball Field**

## 10 SATURDAY

10 a.m.-**The 25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Quadrangle;** see Notes  
1 p.m.-**Softball vs. Missouri Southern, Softball Field**

## Rethinking Retention Teleconference

noon - 2 p.m.

April 8

SUB Activities Room

*You're invited to bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.*

With demands for accountability increasing, retention remains the focal point of many campus discussions. This teleconference provides an opportunity to ignite a campus-wide conversation on this important topic. The broadcast will begin by exploring the importance of addressing this goal, facing our challenges, and reframing the discussion in an effort to find workable solutions. Participants will also be introduced to some institutional and instructional strategies that are helping colleges and universities get a handle on this central concern.

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