

# TRUMAN

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## Division of Fine Arts presents

### “Virtually Somebody” Theatre Department

8 p.m. ♦ Nov. 16-20  
OP Courtyard Theatre

The production costs \$2 to attend. Contact Dana Smith at 785.4515 for more information.

### Concert of Choral Music University Chorus

3 p.m. ♦ Nov. 21  
Baldwin Auditorium

The concert will feature selections from G. F. Handel's “Messiah,” as well as compositions by Aaron Copeland, David Childs, Beverly Patton, James Mulholland, George Shearing and Bob Chilcott. The concert is free and open to the public. Contact Conductor Mark Jennings at mdj@truman.edu for more information.

## Truman Alumnus to Discuss Life After Contracting Meningitis

Jeffrey Damerall, a Truman alumnus who contracted meningitis while he was a student at Truman, will return to campus to share his story of the illness, the recovery process, overcoming obstacles and the importance of college students getting the vaccine. Damerall will be speaking at 7 p.m., Nov. 29, in Baldwin Auditorium. The presentation is titled “The Truth About Meningitis: My personal story of grief, growth and transformation.”

Damerall also will speak to pre-law students at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 29, in Violette Hall 1000. The presentation is called “What Not to Consider in Deciding Whether to go to Law School: Dispelling some myths that may scare you away from success.”

While Damerall was at Truman, he was a member of Phi Lambda Chi, majored in

Spanish, lived in the Casa Hispanica wing his senior year and was the student adviser of the Casa Hispanica wing his final semester at Truman.

He went on to law school after graduation, receiving his Doctor of Juris Prudence degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. During law school, he was a successful competitor in mock trial and moot court, winning the award for Outstanding Performance in Media Law his second year. He also interned at the St. Louis Public Defender's office last summer. Damerall is currently working as a clerk for a general practice law firm in St. Louis and plans to take the Bar Exam this February.

Additionally, he was married last June. He met his wife on a study abroad trip to Spain during the summer of 1999.

## Photographer to Speak About War in Iraq

Lorna Tychostup, senior editor of *Chronogram* magazine and a freelance journalist and photographer, is coming to speak at 8 p.m., Nov. 18, in Violette Hall 1000.

The event is titled “Looking into the Eyes of the Enemy: The War in Iraq” and it is free to attend. Topics will be based on current events. Tychostup is a non-partisan speaker and her presentation will provide vivid insight on the war in Iraq. It will include photographs and stories that depict the lives of the Iraqi people.

In her words, “My primary goal is to communicate to the audience the day-to-day realities and complexities of life on the ground in Iraq.”

Tychostup has visited Iraq three times and collectively spent more than 12 weeks there. Her work has appeared in *Yes!*, *War Times*, *Covert Action Quarterly* and *Z Magazine*. She also has been interviewed on NBC's “Nightly News with Tom Brokaw” and Fox's “Hannity and Colmes”.

For more information about Tychostup and her work, visit her Web site at <http://www.lornatychostup.com>.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Residential College Program and Residence Life. Contact Michael Houlahan, Grim Hall and apartments director, at 785.5343 with any questions.

### AUTHOR

**JOSEPH P. SCHWIETERMAN**  
WILL SPEAK ON  
TRANSPORTATION  
ISSUES AFFECTING OUR  
COMMUNITY

3 P.M. AND 7 P.M.  
NOV. 18

### SUB GOVERNORS ROOM

His book, “When the Railroad Leaves Town: American Communities in the Age of Rail Line Abandonment,” was published by the Truman State University Press in September 2004.

For additional information about Schwieterman's visit, contact Nancy Rediger at 785.7199.

**The Truman Today will not be published next week due to the holiday.**  
**Submissions for the Nov. 30 issue are due by Nov. 19.**  
Call 785.4243 or e-mail [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu) for more information.

### **Friendly Foes: France & the U.S.**

A panel discussion about past, present and future Franco-American relations

**8 p.m.  
Nov. 18  
Violette Hall 1010**

Panelists include John Ishiyama, John Quinn, Torbjorn Wandel, Betty McLane-Iles and Matthew Killmeier.

Event sponsored by *Le Coin français* at Grim Hall.

Contact Timothy Farley at [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu) for more information.

### **Student Union Building celebrates Winter Around the World with Holiday Window Painting**

Looking for a way to celebrate the end of the year?

Why not paint a window?

The Student Union is looking for student organizations, academic departments and administrative offices to help celebrate the diverse end-of-year celebrations.

The participants will paint a window in the Take Five Game Room on the lower level of the SUB. Painting supplies will be provided.

Painting can begin immediately by visiting the SUB main office across from Mainstreet Market. This event will culminate with a reception on Dec. 9.

Please contact the office at 785.4186 with any questions.

## Faculty to Discuss the Production of "Greyhounds" at Faculty Forum

The second Truman Faculty Forum event presenting research and creative work by Truman faculty members will be at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theater. The event is open to the University and Kirksville communities.

In "Greyhounds: Playing is Process," Becky Becker, assistant professor of theatre; Daryl Fazio, assistant professor of art; and Joan Mather, associate professor of theatre; will discuss their production of the play

"Greyhounds." Fazio, who has an undergraduate degree in theatre as well as a Master of Fine Arts degree, wrote the play in which Mather directed Becker and Fazio. In addition to discussing the writing, production and performance of the play, Fazio and Becker will perform a scene.

A reception with refreshments will follow the Forum. The reception will be in the Ophelia Parrish Atrium outside the Courtyard Theatre.

## Political Reporter to Speak About Campaign

Jo Mannies, a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* political reporter, will talk about "Covering Election '04: The issues and the people" at 7 p.m., Nov. 30, in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Her visit is sponsored by Truman's Society of Professional Journalists chapter and the Division of Language and Literature.

"We're thrilled to have Mannies come to our campus," said junior Sam Murphey, president of SPJ. "Her many years as a political



reporter at Missouri's largest newspaper will not only give us a thorough picture of state and national politics, but also an insider's view into the inner-workings of a major metropolitan newsroom."

Mannies has covered local, state and regional politics at the *Post* since 1976. Her reporting responsibilities this fall included covering the presidential contest in Missouri; the 3rd Congressional District contest; state-wide advertising coverage; voting trends, rights, procedures; and campaign finance.

For more information, contact Karon Speckman at [speckman@truman.edu](mailto:speckman@truman.edu).

## New Mathematical Biology Program Taking Applications

Truman's Mathematical Biology Initiative is currently seeking talented, team-oriented and accomplished undergraduates to participate in the new NSF-funded, Research-focused Learning Communities in Mathematical Biology (RLC) Program. Participants will conduct interdisciplinary research at the intersection of the mathematical and biological sciences. This program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for undergraduates with an interest in exploring or working in an area of growing scientific importance.

Participants will be part of an interdisciplinary team of two undergraduates and two faculty co-mentors (one from biology and mathematics/statistics/computer science). The undergraduate teams will create and carry out cutting-edge research on a project in one of six areas, and participants will receive a generous research stipend, room and board

and funds to travel to a national professional conference to present their results.

Because the project topics available to interdisciplinary teams of undergraduates span the range of biological scales and organization, and because the mathematics involved span an equally broad range, this program has something to offer any student interested in applied mathematics, computer science or biology. Furthermore, participation in and results obtained in this interdisciplinary research program will be a great addition to a student's résumé.

For more information about the project topics available, go to <http://mathbio.truman.edu> and look for the news item titled "Taking Applications!" Questions about the program should be directed to Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics, at [millerj@truman.edu](mailto:millerj@truman.edu).

# Notables

**Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion**, had a chapter titled "Peter in Profile: From Bethsaida to Rome" published in the third volume of "Bethsaida," edited by Rami Arav and Richard A. Freund.

**Carl Baldwin, director of mail services**, attended the Central Missouri Postal Customer Conference on Oct. 14-15, and earned several certificates. These certificates include "Mail Center Professional Certificate" and "Mail Center Safety & Security Certificate."

**Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history**, presented a paper titled "'Sweet Singer of the Swamplands Here to Do a Few Tunes Between Homicides': Lead Belly, John Lomax and American Racial Narratives" at the Ninth Annual Music Masters' "Lead Belly, Shine a Light on Me," sponsored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and Case Western University on Nov. 5, 2004, in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Andrew Mun, associate professor of finance**, had his paper accepted for publication in the *Global Finance Journal*, an academic journal in the field. The paper is titled "Contagion and Impulse Response of International Stock Markets." He had another paper titled "Exchange Rate Changes and

Stock Market Volatility" published in the *Proceedings of International Business and Economics Research Conference* (October 2004), pp. 1-15.

**Rusty Nelson, associate professor of art**, and **Wynne Wilbur, assistant professor of art**, will have work showing from Nov. 18-Dec. 15, in the Mabee Gallery at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. The opening for the show will be from 7-8:30 p.m., Nov. 18. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Antonio Scuderi, associate professor of Italian**, had his article "Metatheatric Techniques and Inter-Character Dynamics in *The Two-Headed Anamoly* by Dario Fo" accepted for publication in *New Theatre Quarterly* (Cambridge UP).

**M.A.E.-French candidates Brandi Moeller from Independence, Mo., and Amanda McGinley from St. Peters, Mo.**, co-presented with **Timothy Farley, professor of French and M.A.E. specialty director for foreign languages**, at the recent Foreign Language Association of Missouri Annual Conference at the Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. More than 50 Missouri teachers attended their presentation titled "The Magic of Narratives: Teaching Through Storybooks."

## Truman Speech and Debate Students Receive Accolades at Two Competitions

In two separate outings the weekend of Oct. 29-31, members of the Truman Forensic Union received accolades in speech and debate competition at the Colorado College (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Longview Community College (Lee's Summit, Mo.). The events brought added challenges, however, as the Colorado College contingent briefly became refugees in a Limon, Colo., church when a blizzard closed significant portions of I-70 on the return trip. All participants from both trips returned to Kirksville safely.

Five Truman parliamentary debate teams challenged a field of 67 two-person teams representing 33 colleges and universities from as far east as Indiana and Kentucky and as far west as California. The team of Matthew Harms, senior economics major from Galesburg, Ill., and Ryan Walsh, senior philosophy and religion and communication double major from Cassville, Mo., reached the quarterfinal round of the tournament after successively defeating representatives of the United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs) and the University of Montana (Missoula) before losing the quarterfinal to representatives of the University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, Wash.). The team of Tyson Helder, senior communication and political science double major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Sam Hodge, freshman political science and communication double major from Blue Springs, Mo., reached the double-octafinal round

where they met a team from Lewis and Clark College (Portland, Ore.). Helder was ranked sixth best speaker overall in a field of 134 competitors.

In individual events competition, Elizabeth Hobbs, junior biology major from Newton, Kan., was the tournament champion in rhetorical criticism, while her teammate, Keith Schnakenberg, sophomore political science and communication double major from Buffalo, Mo., took fourth in the event. Hobbs was also fourth in persuasive speaking and a semifinalist in extemporaneous speaking.

Meanwhile, Truman students were in Lee's Summit, Mo. During the Longview College portion of the Central States Swing, Aaron Hammonds, freshman communication and philosophy and religion double major from Des Moines, Iowa, was the tournament champion in extemporaneous speaking, while teammate Heather Timmerman, freshman communication major from Hillsboro, Mo., captured second place in poetry interpretation and fifth place in dramatic interpretation. During the Northwest Missouri State University portion of the tournament, Todd Turner, freshman communication major from Chesterfield, Mo., and Erin Palmer, freshman political science and justice systems double major from Kansas City, Mo., took fifth in duo interpretation. Timmerman reprised her appearance in dramatic interpretation, this time with a third place finish.

## Thanksgiving Information

### Student Recreation Center Hours

6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. – Nov. 22  
6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. – Nov. 23  
Closed – Nov. 24-27  
4-7 p.m. – Nov. 28

### Pickler Memorial Library Hours

7:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. – Nov. 23  
Closed – Nov. 24-27  
Regular hours – Nov. 28

### The Department of Public Safety will provide a shuttle to the LaPlata Train Station

9 a.m.  
Nov. 23 and Nov. 24  
Public Safety Building

Call Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 to reserve a space on the shuttle for Thanksgiving Break.

Students must pay \$5 in advance to DPS with reservation for a specific date.

A return shuttle will leave LaPlata on Nov. 28.

## Attention Student Organizations and Truman Departments

### Did You Know?

Student organizations need to have their posters stamped by the Center for Student Involvement before posting on campus. Departments/Divisions need to have the department's name that is sponsoring the event on the posters.

For University posting policies, go to [http://studentinvolvement.truman.edu/handbook/posting\\_policy.html](http://studentinvolvement.truman.edu/handbook/posting_policy.html) or contact the CSI in the lower level of the SUB at 785.4222.

**The 2004 Homecoming committee** included Jamie Martin, Katie Allen, Manuj Bhandari, Catherine Hupp, Dawn Runge, Eric Schafermeyer and Sarah Stroesser. Martin was the committee chair. Eric Yurkovich was named Homecoming king. Sara Kate Anderson was named Homecoming queen. The royalty court included Brenton Freeman, Molly Gervich, Katie Pederson, Brian Schmidt, Abby Souders, Blake Stevens, Kim Thiesfeld and Nathan Underhill. The overall Homecoming small organization winner was Missouri Hall. The overall Homecoming large organization winner was Alpha Gamma Delta.

**Phi Kappa Epsilon is now selling Bulldog wristbands.** They come in either purple or white, cost \$1.00 and are imprinted in white writing with "Truman Bulldogs." Show school spirit and help the health and exercise science department to raise money to buy new computer equipment. To place a group or individual order, e-mail [abbysouderstruman.edu](mailto:abbysouderstruman.edu).

**Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive** from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 16-18, in the SUB Activities Room. Contact Catherine Jakse at 215.872.9219 for more information.

**The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. will have an informational meeting** at 5 p.m., Nov. 16, VH 1412. NABA, an organization proposing a charter at Truman, is for minority and international students in the fields of business, finance and accounting. Food will be provided at the informational meetings. Prizes, including free NABA membership, will be given away. For more information, visit <http://www.nabainc.org>.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning will have its Weekly Lunch Series for faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs** at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Spanish Room. This week's topic is "What am I Thankful for?" Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

**The annual Phi Kappa Phi fall gathering, designed to honor fall graduates** as well as sophomores who have maintained a 4.0 GPA through their freshman year, will be from 4:30-6 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Spanish Room. Truman alumna and Phi Kappa Phi member Lisa Kays will be the guest speaker.

**The Society of Dance Arts is having a dance recital called "Dance Fusion 2004: Bodies in Motion"** at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, in Baldwin Auditorium. The event is free but donations are accepted. Guests include the High Street Dancers, University Swingers, Showgirls, Ceilidh Club and the Unique Ensemble Praise Dance Team. Contact Beth Austin at 785.5659 for more information.

**The Philosophy and Religion Club presents "Women in World Religions: A panel discussion"** with Hena Ahmad, Ding-hwa Hsieh and Sylvia Macauley. The event will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 18, in Centennial Hall Main Lounge.

**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 [kbest@truman.edu](mailto:kbest@truman.edu) 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.

**The SERVE Center will be hiring new student workers for the spring semester.** If interested, please stop by the SERVE Center, located on the main level of the SUB, to pick up an application. Applications are due Nov. 19 at the CSI. The SERVE Center coordinates volunteer opportunities between the Kirksville community and Truman students. For more information, contact Jennifer Edwardson at 785.7222.

**The Student Activities Board will be showing the movie "Collateral"** at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Nov. 19, and 3:30 p.m., Nov. 20. Both showings will be in VH 1000. A Truman student ID is required to enter up until five minutes before showtime. At that time, if seats are still available, those without student ID will be seated. No food or drink is allowed. Contact the SAB Office for more information at 785.4722.

**Phi Kappa Phi announces Study/Internship Abroad grants worth \$1,000 for Phi Kappa Phi members and non-members in all fields of study.** Eligible students must have between 56 and 90 semester hours as of Jan. 15, 2005, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. The study abroad experience must take place between May 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. Applications are due Jan. 15, 2005. Details and applications may be picked up in the Center for International Education, or from Wynne Wilbur, OP 1229 or 785.4435.

**The Women's and Gender Studies Committee announces a call for papers "Renewing the Movement" for Truman's 10th annual conference in honor of Women's History Month, March 3-5, 2005.** The committee invites abstracts from all members of the Truman and Kirksville communities, including Truman graduates. The deadline for abstracts is Jan. 26, 2005. For more information, contact Linda Seidel at [lseidel@truman.edu](mailto:lseidel@truman.edu).

**Phi Kappa Phi announces Graduate Fellowships worth \$2,000-\$5,000 for graduate study.** Truman PKP active members who plan to be a full-time graduate student next year should submit applications to the local chapter office by Feb. 1, 2005. Details and applications may be picked up in the Center for International Education, or from Wynne Wilbur, OP 1229 or 785.4435.

**Teach English in France.** In the coming spring, the French government will hire up to 1,700 American speakers of English between the ages of 20 and 30 to serve in paid internships of 12 hours per week as English assistants and teachers' aides in their elementary and secondary schools. Learn more about the program on the Web site at <http://www.ciep.fr/en/assistantetr/pays/usa.htm> and <http://frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/index.html>. Students do not have to be a French major or senior to apply, but their language skills need to be good enough to function in the country. Contact [gsiewert@truman.edu](mailto:gsiewert@truman.edu) for more information.

Applications must arrive in Chicago before Feb. 15, 2005.

## 16 TUESDAY

11 a.m.-4 p.m.-**APO blood drive, SUB Activities Room**; see Notes

## 17 WEDNESDAY

12:30-1:30 p.m.-**Weekly Lunch Series for faculty, GTRAs and teaching staff, SUB Spanish Room**; see Notes

4:30-6 p.m.-**Phi Kappa Phi fall gathering, SUB Spanish Room**; see Notes

## 18 THURSDAY

3 p.m. and 7 p.m.-**Author to speak about transportation in the community, SUB Governors Room**; see Page 1

7 p.m.-**Dance Fusion 2004, Baldwin Auditorium**; see Notes

7 p.m.-**"Women in World Religions" panel discussion, Centennial Hall Main Lounge**; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**Volleyball vs. Albany State (Ga.) in NCAA Regional South Central game, Pershing Arena**

7:30 p.m.-**Truman Faculty Forum, OP Black Box Theatre**; see Page 2  
8 p.m.-**Lorna Tychostup to discuss war in Iraq, VH 1000**; see Page 1

## 19 FRIDAY

**SERVE Center applications due, CSI**; see Notes

6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.-**SAB to show "Collateral," VH 1000**; see Notes

7 p.m.-**Dance Fusion 2004, Baldwin Auditorium**; see Notes

## 20 SATURDAY

3:30 p.m.-**SAB to show "Collateral," VH 1000**; see Notes

## 23 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.-**Women's basketball vs. Iowa Wesleyan, Pershing Arena**

## 24 WEDNESDAY

**Thanksgiving break**  
**No classes, offices closed**

### Native American Heritage Month

#### "Native American Culture"

presented by Stan Holder  
*Department of Education,  
Indian Affairs*

4:30 p.m. ♦ Nov. 18  
McClain Hall 211

#### Slide show presentation on historical photographs of Plains Indians

presented by Mike Davis  
*professor of anthropology*  
1:30 p.m. ♦ Nov. 22  
Violette Hall 1010

Light snacks will be provided at both events.