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2007 Leadership Recognition Program

The Center for Student Involvement is asking students to nominate the outstanding leader, organization or adviser in their life.

Application packets are currently available in the Center for Student Involvement, located in the lower level of the SUB.

Due 5 p.m. • March 2

The Leadership Recognition Program will take place at 7 p.m. April 11 in the SUB Lounge.

Contact the CSI at 785.4222 or csi@truman.edu for more information.

Student Ambassador Applications Available

The Office of Admissions is looking for applicants who are responsible, energetic and sincere in their desire to relate all aspects of University life to prospective students and their families.

Due 5 p.m.
Feb. 15

The Student Ambassadors are a group of approximately 150 students whose goal is to promote Truman State University to prospective students and their families.

Applications are available in the Office of Admissions, McClain Hall 205. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 19-23.

Contact Jill Graves at jgraves@truman.edu for more information.

Lyceum Series Presents Celtic Rock Band from Kansas City

The 2006-2007 season of Truman's Kohlenberg Lyceum Series continues with The Elders at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in Baldwin Auditorium.

The Elders are a Celtic/rock band from Kansas City, Mo., which was formed in 1998. The band has brought their musical mix of amped-up roots rock, powerful vocals, and blazing instrumentals to festivals, pubs and theaters across the United States and Ireland.

The Elders are fronted by Irishman, Ian Byrne from County Wicklow, and backed by a group of Kansas City musicians. Band members include guitarist Steve Phillips, bassist Norm Dahlor, violinist Brent Hoad, drummer Tommy Sutherland, and keyboardist Joe Miquelon. All are well-known veteran musicians having played in numerous recording and touring bands prior to forming The Elders.



The Elders

The Elders released their fourth studio album, "Racing the Tide," in 2006.

The band tours as headline performers across the country at Irish Festivals.

The group will wind up their fourth tour of Ireland in March 2007.

Tickets for the performance are

free to all students, faculty and staff, and are available beginning Feb. 13. Tickets for faculty and staff are available in the Center for Student Involvement, and students may pick their tickets up in the Student Activities Board office. The University requests that all patrons be seated five minutes prior to the performance. The University reserves the right to fill all seats, reserved and general admission, five minutes before the time of performance stated on the ticket.

Call 785.4016 for more information.

Annual Festival will Feature Former Faculty

Pianists Andrea Adamcova and Pavel Wlosok are headlining the 24th Annual Truman Piano Festival.

Their recital begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Both performers are former members of the Truman music faculty and now teach in North Carolina.

Adamcova and Wlosok will also judge the competitions held Feb. 17 in conjunction with the Piano Festival.

The Feb. 17 activities begin at 9 a.m. in both the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall and Baldwin Auditorium.

Adamcova will conclude the festival with a master class at 3 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

All of the events are free and open to the public.

Contact David McKamie, professor of music, at 785.4405 or dmckamie@truman.edu for more information.

Health Awareness Week

Health Awareness Fair

Noon-5 p.m. • Feb. 15
Student Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room

The Fair will offer free blood pressure screenings, BMI calculations, HIV screening (from 1-6 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room) and other free prizes. Additional health information and support groups will also be on hand. E-mail nursing@truman.edu for more information.

Speaker Devon Harris

Jamaican bobsledder and motivational speaker

7-8 p.m. • Feb. 15
Baldwin Auditorium

This free event is sponsored by the Nursing Student Association in conjunction with the Health Awareness Fair. Visit <http://www.devonharrislive.com> for more information on the speaker.

Writing Consultant Applications Available

Apply to be a writing consultant for fall 2007. Pick up an application from the Writing Center in McClain Hall 303.

Call the Writing Center at 785.4484 for more information.

Black History Month Events

"The Language We Cry In"

6 p.m. • Feb. 22
Baldwin Hall 251

This film follows a woman who traces her roots back to a village in Africa. Sylvia Macauley will lead a discussion after the film.

Sights and Sounds of Africa

4 p.m. • Feb. 25 • SUB Lounge

Celebrate African culture through food, dance, fashion and more. This event is sponsored by the African Student Association, the Residential College Program and Multicultural Affairs.

Contact Laura Bates of the Multicultural Affairs Center at lbates@truman.edu or 785.4142 for more information.

Gordon to Give Henry Smits Lecture

Robert Gordon will speak at the annual Henry Smits Lecture at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in Magruder Hall 2001. He will focus on the topic of "What Emotions Really are Really."

This presentation is sponsored by the University's Division of Social Science.

As a research professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Gordon specializes in

philosophy of mind and cognitive science.

His simulation theory of the mind has received extensive attention internationally in several areas including philosophy, psychology, neuroscience and robotics.

He has numerous publications to his credit including "The Structure of Emotions," (Cambridge University Press, 1987).

Student Alumni Association Offers Valentine's Day Surprise

The Truman Student Alumni Association (SAA) is offering parents, students, faculty and staff a chance to surprise someone on campus with a "Valentine Surprise Bag."

The lucky recipient will be surprised with a bag full of sugary sweets and complete with a personalized note from the sender.

The bags, which cost \$15, can be ordered by visiting the Truman Online Store, at <http://store.truman.edu/valentine>, by 5 p.m. Feb. 13. The bags can either be ordered straight from the Web site or from a printable order form that is also

available on the Web site. The order forms are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 13 to McClain Hall 100.

Those interested can also call the Office of Advancement at 1.800.452.6678 by 5 p.m. Feb. 13 to place an order.

Due to class schedules, students, faculty and staff will be able to pick up their bags at an on-campus location Feb. 14 and 15.

Contact saa@truman.edu or Greg Xander, alumni relations assistant, at gregx@truman.edu or 785.4167 for more information.

Acclaimed Jazz Musician to Dazzle Truman

Renowned jazz trombonist and composer Joey Sellers is set to perform during Phi Mu Alpha's 39th Annual Jazz Festival.

Sellers will perform with the Truman State University Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 in Baldwin Auditorium.

He currently teaches at Saddleback College in California and has been awarded the Gil Evans Fellowship in Jazz Composition, the Sammy Nestico Award and the Julius Hemphill

Composition Award, making him the only person to ever receive all three.

With Sellers as their guest artist, Phi Mu Alpha has been able to attract great adjudicators for their festival competition from places like Minneapolis, Chicago and Iowa City.

Tickets to the Feb. 24 performance can be purchased at the door or in advance. Contact Josh Waymire a 515.490.6778 for tickets or for additional information.

Students Make Taxes Easy

Accounting students will be putting their practical skills to work.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will soon be under way at Truman.

Accounting students will offer free tax preparation to students who need it and those with low to moderate incomes.

There will be four different sessions of the VITA program. They are scheduled from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Violette Hall Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 17 and March 24. Signs will direct clients to the location.

Both the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse must attend as returns will be e-filed generating a quicker refund.

Taxpayers should also be sure to bring proof

of identity; copies of all W-2, 1098, 1099 forms and any other tax forms received in the mail; social security cards for all individuals listed on the tax return, and banking information if a direct deposit is desired.

All participating accounting students have received special training and at least one accounting faculty member will be present to review tax returns and answer any questions.

Clients will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program does reserve the right to reject complex returns.

Contact Alan Davis at 785.5560 with technical questions and Patricia Garrett at 785.6019 for logistical questions.

NOTABLES

Wendy S. Harmon, assistant professor of business administration, wrote an article set to appear in the February 2007 issue of the journal *Current Directions in Psychological Science*. The article is titled "The Psychology of Voluntary Employee Turnover."

The Truman forensic students brought home multiple honors from two concurrent tournaments the weekend of Feb. 2-4. At "Border Wars," a joint tournament hosted by Kansas Wesleyan University and Drury University at the Kansas Wesleyan Campus in Salina, Kan., **Stephanie Howes, a freshman political science major from St. Louis**, and **Courtney Wallace, a junior nursing major from Philadelphia**, took second place in junior division parliamentary debate. **Cherish Varley, a freshman theatre major from St. Louis**, took first in poetry interpretation and also took first place in duo interpretation with **Jamie Menown, a sophomore nursing major from Kansas City**,

Mo. Menown also took fourth place in dramatic interpretation. Finally, **Mike Ito, a freshman political science major from Kansas City, Mo.**, took fourth in extemporaneous speaking. The group that ventured to Pt. Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif., participated in the Sunset Cliffs Classic. It's the largest invitational debate tournament in the United States prior to the National Championships. Two of Truman's parliamentary debate teams, made up of teammates **Trevor Alexander, a senior economics and English double major from Gladstone, Mo.**, and **Stefani Wittenauer, a senior communication and political science double major from Belleville, Ill.**, and teammates **Dylan Rothermel, a junior economics major from Homewood, Ill.**, and **Mark Buchheit, a freshman history major from Carthage, Mo.**, made the elimination rounds, counting them in the top 32 teams of the 105 in attendance.

Business Organizations Sponsor Business Week

Professional speaker Mark Mikelat will kick off Business Week, speaking from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Student Union Building Lounge. The topic of the speech will be "Aspirations," explaining how to be happy in both your personal and professional lives.

Macy's Midwest will be on campus from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Student Union Building Activities Room presenting "Dress for Success."

There will be a discussion on what is considered business professional and business casual dress and when each is appropriate.

Business Week events will continue with an Ethics Panel from 3:30-5 p.m. Feb. 22 in Violette Hall 1000. This panel be bringing members of the community to speak on ethics in their careers.

Contact Derrick Young at derrick@truman.edu or 660.988.2113 for more information.

Points of Excellence Program Receives Makeover

Members of the Staff Development and Recognition Committee, Staff Council, have initiated a new monthly awards program called the Points of Excellence. This program replaced the Hats Off program last year.

This award was created to acknowledge the extra step and extraordinary efforts of the University staff.

Colleagues can nominate staff members who have excelled in service to students, innovation, community service, customer service, Truman

values or work performance. Past winners include Deanna Rood, Kelly Freeland, Sarah Hass and Diane Moore.

To nominate someone fill out the form located at <http://hr.truman.edu/excellence> and turn it in to Human Resources.

Contact Deb Engen at dengen@truman.edu or 785.4667 or Curt Devan, director of human resources, at devanc@truman.edu or 785.7298 for more information.

Career Expo

1-5 p.m.

Feb. 21

Student Union Building

One week left, plan ahead.

Students can pre-register by visiting the Career Center's Web site, <http://career.truman.edu>, and clicking on the Career Expo link. It is recommended that students register ahead of time to avoid standing in line the day of Expo. Here, students will also find a helpful list of companies who have signed up thus far. Additional employers are registering to attend daily.

Feb. 14 is the last day to apply online for jobs and internships with employers who will be conducting on-campus interviews on Feb. 22.

Feb. 20 the Career Center is offering "How to Work a Career Fair" from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Career Center Classroom. Katie Warchol from Edward Jones will give helpful suggestions about job search expectations.

There will also be employer mock interviews all day, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Students can sign up now but need to bring their résumés with them to the Career Center when they sign up.

Feb. 21 there will be a Career Expo Reception at 5 p.m. at the Career Center. Mingle with employers, faculty and staff and enjoy a free meal.

Feb. 22 the Career Center will sponsor "Map Out Your Future."

The Career Center reminds students to research the companies they are interested in meeting with. As always, the career assistants are available, without appointment, to assist students with their résumé and cover letter questions.

Stop by the Career Center or call 785.4353 if for more information.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Volleyball	AST/Open	Feb. 19	Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 26
Scrapbooking	Open	Feb. 23		March 17

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>.

NOTES

Upward Bound has several summer job openings

including instructional, residential, media and other positions. Application packets with résumés, transcripts and references are due Feb. 16 in Kirk Building 220. Go to <http://ub.truman.edu> or call 785.4244 for more information.

Applications for the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life's 21st Century Leadership Academy are now available at <http://registrar.truman.edu/other/shear.html> and are due Feb. 23. The Academy is a weeklong, residential college program that encourages students to consider careers in public policy, and provides leadership skills training. Applicants must be currently enrolled, degree-seeking students who have expressed interest in women's public policy leadership, and will be returning to Truman for the fall 2007 semester. Contact A. Kay Anderson, registrar, at 785.4143 or aka@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Bookstore is having a sale on Jones & Mitchell hooded sweatshirts until Feb. 17. The sweatshirts, normally priced at \$49.98, will be selling for \$34.99. The Bookstore is located on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Cap, gown and graduation announcements for May 2007 graduates can now be ordered through the Truman Bookstore until March 5. Log on to <http://truman.bkstore.com> for more information.

Need help with your math, chemistry or biology classes?

The Multicultural Affairs Center is offering free tutoring for the remainder of the semester. Math tutoring will be available from 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday at the MAC. Those interested in chemistry or biology tutoring should contact Melvin Omodon at melvin@truman.edu.

Lambda Chi Alpha would like to congratulate the nine new associate members of the spring class on their induction into the fraternity.

International Writing Centers Week will take place Feb. 12-16. The Writing Center will be celebrating with food, valentines and other activities. Students can check it out and nominate their favorite writing professor for an award. Contact Rebecca Maddox at rkm634@truman.edu or 660.676.2349 for more information.

Hurricane Katrina: Is it really over? Guest speaker Ali Shakur will talk about his experience with facing the aftermath of the hurricane from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. He will speak about the current state of New Orleans and what can be done to help. Shakur is part of a New Orleans based organization called Common Grounds, whose mission it is to rebuild New Orleans. For more information on the organization visit <http://www.commongroundrelief.org>. Contact Danielle Leveston at dml801@truman.edu for more information.

Colleges Against Cancer is offering to send Valentine's Day messages to on-campus recipients. Students can visit their table from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 13 in McClain Hall. Cost is \$1, \$2 if candy is added. The proceeds go to the Colleges Against Cancer Relay for Life Team. Contact Emily Hudson at erh945@truman.edu or 785.4741 for more information.

The Student Activities Board presents the USA Break Dancers from 7-8 p.m. Feb. 13 in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free with student ID. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. General admission will be admitted five minutes before the show, provided there are still available seats. Contact Samantha Sweet at srs638@truman.edu or 785.4722 for

more information.

The Mark Twain Local Section of the American Chemical Society will have its 366th meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in Magruder Hall 1000. David Weimer from the University of Iowa will be presenting a talk on "Herbal Products: They're Natural but are They Safe?" or "A Search for Insecticides." Contact David Wohlers at wohlers@truman.edu for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series continues from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room with a follow-up of the University Conference Baldwin Lecture.

There will be a Physics Colloquium at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in Magruder Hall 1098. Sarah E. Smith, a Truman physics alumna, will present "Cell Polarity Protein Dynamics Revealed by Raster Image Correlation Spectroscopy." This is an intermediate level presentation.

Truman's leadership honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa, will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 in Magruder Hall 1096. Applications are also available online at <http://odk.truman.edu>.

The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring a Global Issues Colloquium from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 15 in Magruder Hall 1000. Kenneth Harrow, professor in comparative literatures and film at Michigan State University, presents "Globalization Comes to Dakar." Returning from a Fulbright appointment in Dakar, Harrow will discuss his experiences with street children, illegal immigrants and higher education in crisis resulting from forces of globalization. Contact Julie Lochbaum at ctl@truman.edu or 785.4391 for more information.

The SERVE Center is opening BIG Event volunteer registration at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 16. The BIG Event will take place March 24. Groups, teams or individuals can register online at serve@truman.edu. Call the SERVE Center at 785.7222 for more information.

Ever had a traditional Jewish meal? Hillel is having a Shabbat Dinner from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16 in West Campus Suites 100. Cost is \$5. Contact Anna Horowitz at hillel@truman.edu to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

The Board of Governors will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

Phi Kappa Phi is having a group lunch for Truman's staff, faculty and student Phi Kappa Phi members at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Those who wish to attend should R.S.V.P. to Wynne Wilbur at wwilbur@truman.edu or at 785.4435 by Feb. 12. Phi Kappa Phi members are also welcome to drop by the meeting as their schedule allows.

Faculty and staff are invited to an Assessment Colloquium from noon-1 p.m. Feb. 20 in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact Julie Lochbaum at ctl@truman.edu or 785.4391 for more information.

Interested in Student Senate's Storm the Capitol event? There will be an informational meeting from 7-8 p.m. Feb. 21 in Violette Hall 1010. The meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 7 but was canceled. Contact Michelle Landers at mrl950@truman.edu or 636.697.7169 for more information.

The kick off event for team-captains who are participating in the third annual Kirksville Heartwalk will be at 5 p.m. March 15 in the Student Recreation Center. Help with online registration and team packets will be given out. Go to <http://heartwalk.kintera.org> for more information.

ON CAMPUS

13 TUESDAY

International Writing Centers Week continues, Writing Center; see Notes
7-8 p.m.-**USA Break Dancers, Baldwin Auditorium;** see Notes

14 WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.-**Women's basketball vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Arena**
7:30 p.m.-**Men's basketball vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Arena**

15 THURSDAY

7-9 p.m.-**Global Issues Colloquium, MG 1000;** see Notes

16 FRIDAY

6-8 p.m.-**Shabbat Dinner, WCS 100;** see Notes

17 SATURDAY

8 a.m.-3 p.m.-**VITA Program, Violette Hall;** see Page 2
10 a.m.-**Board of Governors meeting, SUB Conference Room;** see Notes

19 MONDAY

11:30 a.m.-**Phi Kappa Phi group lunch, SUB Alumni Room;** see Notes
7-8:30 p.m.-**Professional speaker Mark Mikelat, SUB Lounge;** see Page 3

Live News 36 Broadcast

5:30 p.m. • Feb. 13
Truman Ch. 36

This broadcast will be replayed Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Feb. 15 on CableOne Ch. 3.

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