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TRUMAN TO HOST 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

Judy Baker

vs.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Blaine Luetkemeyer

7 p.m. Oct. 28

Baldwin Auditorium

Seating from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Bob Priddy from Missouri Net will serve as moderator for the debate.

KTVO will be taping the debate and airing it at 1 p.m. Nov. 1.

For more information please contact Jay Self at 785.6044.

Deadline to Submit Abstracts for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research is Oct. 31

Students must submit abstracts online at <http://ncur.truman.edu> by midnight Oct. 31 in order to be considered for the 2009 NCUR.

Only abstracts submitted through this portal by midnight will be considered for inclusion in Truman's delegation to NCUR, funded by the Provost's office.

Any questions should be directed to the Next STEP Office at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library Offers Internship for Summer 2009

All Truman juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library 2009 summer internship in Independence, Mo. This eight-week program offers between five and ten credit hours to students and involves a 40-hour work week.

The position is unpaid, however the internship offers a five-hour in-state tuition scholarship, which has been made possible by a generous endowment set up by the family of Fred and Ethel Schwengel.

The Truman Presidential Museum and Library is seeking interns who have strong written and verbal communication skills, organizational skills, basic computer skills, the ability to work independently on multiple tasks and are dependable self-starters.

The Schwengel family also requires that selected interns "immerse themselves in the study of President Truman." At the conclusion of the internship, the intern will prepare a paper on his or her experiences at the Museum and Library and on a specific study of the Truman presidency.

After being selected by a University committee and the Truman Library staff, the intern can work in a variety of areas at the Museum and Library including, but not limited to: archives, public relations, marketing, educational programming, museum development or visitor services. Assignment will be based on the intern's abilities and interests and the Library's needs.

For an application, contact Jeff Gall at 785.7747 or jgall@truman.edu. All applications are due Nov. 28.

Pre-Law Club Presents FBI Criminal Profiler

The Pre-Law Club will host speaker Peter Smerick, an FBI Criminal Profiler, at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Georgian Rooms A-C in the Student Union Building.

The program, "Inside the Mind of Criminal Profilers," will take students behind the scenes regarding the actual role played by criminal profilers compared to Hollywood's portrayal of this career.

Techniques employed by criminal profilers will be discussed and the audience will have an opportunity to analyze several crimes from a behavioral perspective and "walk in the shoes" of a criminal profiler.

Prior to the presentation, Smerick will lead a workshop, "Criminal Profiling Techniques for Prosecutors and Criminal Defense Attorneys," from 3-5 p.m. in the same location. The workshop will familiarize students with a technique utilized by criminal profilers to determine if there is possible deception in statements provided by victims, suspects and witnesses, by analyzing

the actual words spoken or written by these individuals. Participants will be offered the opportunity to utilize these techniques while analyzing written statements prepared by alleged rape victims.

Smerick worked for the FBI for 30 years, holding various positions including, special agent, instructor at the FBI Academy, criminal profiler and violent crime analyst. His expert knowledge in the areas of homicide, rape, child molestation, kidnapping and extortion allowed him to testify before both houses of Congress regarding his profile of David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidians during the group's 1993 stand-off with the FBI in Waco, Texas.

Smerick currently serves as the president and CEO of The Academy Group, the largest privately owned forensic behavioral science firm in the world. He has also provided expert commentary for television, radio and print media regarding violent crime analysis, and he served as the CNN commentator for the movie "Hannibal."

Public Relations Internship Opportunity

The Public Relations Office is now accepting resumes for the full-time spring 2009 internship.

Interns can receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience. Interns usually take six hours of class in addition to taking six hours of internship credit.

To apply, send a resume, two writing samples and contact information for two on campus references to the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 by 5 p.m. Oct. 30.

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

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS GRADUATE STUDENT RECRUITMENT DAY

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nov. 1
Barnett Hall 1400

For all prospective students interested in pursuing a master's degree in Communication Disorders at Truman.

Obtain information on the CMDS Graduate Program, a career in CMDS, employment opportunities and funding for graduate school.

Sponsored by the Communication Disorders Department.

RSVP to Larcy Anson at lja3161@truman.edu.

Poll Workers Needed for Nov. 4 Election

The Adair County Clerk's Office is looking for volunteers to assist at the polls for the Nov. 4 election.

Poll workers will receive a stipend for working 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and attending a training session.

To sign up, contact the Clerk's Office at mhudson-adairco@sbcglobal.net.

Math Professors Present Research on Calming Anxiety to Enhance Learning

Scott Alberts, a Truman associate professor of mathematics, along with Steven Voss, the chair and professor of mathematics and science at Moberly Area Community College, will present a paper on their collaborative research, "CALM: Calming Anxiety to Learn Mathematics," during the Faculty Forum at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in Magruder Hall 2001.

"Comparing students at Truman State University and Moberly Area Community College, we find that students at both schools have significant anxieties, but these anxieties vary widely by group and ability level," Alberts said in describing their research. "Students at both

schools understand the importance of learning mathematical ideas, but many face real anxiety in and out of the classroom."

The interdisciplinary research of Alberts and Voss has been examining whether ideas from Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) can be adapted to the mathematics classroom, and whether mathematics teachers can be trained to use these techniques to help their students. CBT involves recognizing destructive and debilitating beliefs then learning to refute them and replace them with constructive beliefs. Their research has been funded by the National Science Foundation as part of Truman's larger STEP Grant.

Nominations Being Accepted for the USA TODAY All-USA College Academic First Team

USA TODAY is now accepting nominations for the 2009 USA TODAY All-USA College Academic Team.

The 20th annual program honors full-time undergraduates at four-year colleges, who not only excel academically, but also extend their reach beyond the classroom to benefit society.

The top 20 students are designated members of USA TODAY's All-USA College Academic First Team. They will be featured in USA TODAY in March and will receive trophies and cash awards of \$2,500.

Awards are open to full-time undergraduates of

at least junior standing at four-year institutions in the United States or its territories. Students must be nominated by their schools and be willing to be featured in USA TODAY.

Schools may nominate as many students as they consider appropriate candidates for this award. To nominate, visit <https://www.all-usanomination.com/>.

Criteria include grades, academic rigor, leadership, activities and most important, the student's essay describing his or her most outstanding intellectual endeavor as a college undergraduate.



Former U.S. Representative Richard Gephardt poses with Truman faculty, staff and students during the Fourth Annual Statewide Conference on Civic Engagement and Service Learning, sponsored by Missouri Campus Compact and hosted at Washington University in St. Louis on Oct. 17-18. Members from Truman's 24-person delegation gave two 25-minute and two 50-minute presentations during the event. The trip was sponsored by The Center for Teaching and Learning and the Interdisciplinary Studies Office. Presenters included: Marc Becker, Jason McDonald, Roberta Donahue, Saraniya Sriguganesan, Julie Lochbaum, Eugenia Siegel, Michael Kelrick, Cassie Phillips and Brett Wiley.

NOTABLES

Warren Gooch, professor of music, will be one of two composers featured in the 2008-2009 "Symposium 34 for New Band Music." His work, "Cellgames 2.0," was selected from a national pool of 62 scores for a recording session and open

rehearsals. The events will take place Feb. 13-14 at the College of William and Mary, under the auspices of the Virginia chapter of the Collegiate Band Directors National Association. Gooch will conduct the Virginia State Intercollegiate Band.

Truman Media Network to Provide In-Depth Coverage of Election Day 2008

The Truman Media Network (TMN), consisting of representatives from KTRM 88.7 The Edge radio, News 36 KTRM-TV and the Index newspaper, will be providing in-depth coverage on Election Day 2008 from around the state of Missouri.

Teams will be traveling to St. Louis, Columbia and Jefferson City to capture the spirit and atmosphere as the towns prepare to celebrate this historic event. The teams will provide audio, video, print, blog and photo updates to the TMN main web site throughout the evening.

A reporting team in Kirksville will cover events both on campus and in the surrounding areas,

including the happenings at the Democratic and Republican Headquarters, as well as the Adair County Clerk's Office. The Kirksville home team will be broadcasting live on KTRM 88.7 throughout the evening.

Heather Turner, KTRM News Director, will host an election night special including a debate between the College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians, guest appearances by political analysts, Jay Self, assistant professor of communication and Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication, as well as frequent poll updates on the national, statewide, regional and local scale.

Students Encouraged to Apply For Mathematical Biology Undergraduate Research Program

Truman's Mathematical Biology program is currently seeking talented, team-oriented undergraduates who are eager for an interdisciplinary experience to participate in Truman's Research-focused Learning Communities (RLC) in Mathematical Biology Program.

This program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for undergraduates with an interest in exploring or working in an area of growing scientific and economic importance.

Participants will be part of an interdisciplinary quartet of two undergraduates and two faculty co-mentors (one each from biology and mathematics). Each team will design and carry out a cutting-edge research project. Undergraduate participants will receive a generous research stipend, room and board for the summer program and funds to travel to a national professional

conference to present their results. The research experience will also satisfy requirements for Truman's interdisciplinary minor in mathematical biology.

Because the project topics available to interdisciplinary teams of undergraduates span a broad 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 or abstract mathematics or biology.

For more information about the project topics available, visit <http://mathbio.truman.edu/research/>. Applications are due Nov. 14. Questions about projects should be addressed to a faculty mentor. Questions about the mathematical biology program should be directed to Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics, at millerj@truman.edu.

UNITED WAY

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

After the ninth week of Truman's United Way campaign, the faculty, staff and students have contributed more than \$49,000 which means Truman has met 88 percent of its goal.

For questions regarding the University's campaign, or to get a replacement pledge form, contact Co-Chairs Brad Chambers from the Office of Advancement at bchamber@truman.edu, or Debra Kerby, professor of accounting, at dkerby@truman.edu.

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS OCT. 29

All absentee ballots must be submitted by mail to the individual's home County Clerk's Office by the close of polls on election night.

Notary service available in the following offices in McClain Hall:
Business Office 105
Advancement Office 101
Graduate Office 203

LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Gettysburg
STATE DINNER

6-7:15 p.m. Nov. 19
Georgian Room A
Student Union Building

A very limited number of tickets are available.

Dinner reservations must be made through Truman's Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 through Nov. 7.

Cost for students is \$5 or one meal block. Cost for faculty, staff or community members is \$15.

Following the dinner:

"An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln"

8 p.m. in Ryle Hall Main Lounge
The play is free and open to all.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Basketball Pentathlon	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 3	NA	Nov. 10
Texas Hold'em	Open	Nov. 3	NA	Nov. 10
3 on 3	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 17
Pickle Ball	Open/Org/Greek	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 17
Captin's Wrap Up	Open/Org/Greek	NA	Dec. 4	NA

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467.

NOTES

Push America is sponsoring a textbook raffle for next semester in conjunction with a 24-hour Bike-A-Thon starting at 8 a.m. Oct. 27 and ending at 5 p.m. Oct. 31 on the Quad. All proceeds will benefit Push America.

Upward Bound will host two employment informational meetings for the summer of 2009 at 12 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Student Union Building 3203 and at 4 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Student Union Building 3204. Staff will be available for an informal Q&A session.

The Center for Teaching and Learning presents the return of the Weekly Lunch series with a two-part series on "Faces of Truman," beginning with Gina Morin, associate vice president for enrollment management, at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 29. Todd Phillips, director of the Student Success Center will speak at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 5. These speakers will discuss how their positions interact with and affect faculty work.

The Theatre Department presents the Fall Lab Show Student Production, "Bug," by Tracy Letts at 8 p.m. Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in the Black Box Theatre of Ophelia Parrish. The show is directed by Clint Worthington. "Bug" is not suitable for children due to explicit drug use and violence.

The Department of Communication will host a panel of professors to discuss the issues of the 2008 election at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Violette Hall 1010 as part of Political Communication 2008: Provocative Thinking About Critical Issues.

The Career Center will host its sixth annual haunted house, "Gotham City," from 7-11 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Career Center. The Career Center will transform into Batman's city featuring characters from Batman movies and comics. The event is free and includes free candy and a costume contest with the possibility to win up to \$50 in prizes. For more information, please call 785.4353 or e-mail Maggie Fairchild at mcf354@truman.edu.

Author Timothy Good will be visiting history and criminal justice systems classes to discuss his two books, "We Saw Lincoln Shot" and "The Lincoln Douglas Debates," Nov. 5. He will also be signing copies of his books from 12-1 p.m. in the Truman Bookstore. Later that evening, he will host a fireside chat at 8 p.m. in the first floor lounge of the south side of Blanton Nason Brewer to further discuss and answer questions about his Lincoln studies.

The Stargazers Astronomy Club will host an Observatory Open House from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the University Observatory.

The Department of Classical and Modern Languages and the Department of Music will present a German Lieder Recital at 6 p.m. Nov.

6 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. This informal gathering will feature food and German poetry and song.

The members of Hillel will host a Shabbat Dinner from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Activities Room of the Student Union Building. Tickets are available to the public for \$6 each. The dinner will celebrate Shabbat while featuring homemade food.

Phi Sigma Pi, a coed honor fraternity, will host Parents' Night Out, a free baby-sitting service for parents who want a night out, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Pershing Building. This event is open to all Truman and Kirksville community members. Games, coloring, movies and fun activities will be provided for the children. Please RSVP for this event by completing the form at <http://psp-beta.truman.edu> or e-mail Tamara Arrendondo at tla29@truman.edu.

The Philosophy and Religion Department presents the 19th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Spanish Room of the Student Union Building. The conference will feature papers on philosophical or religious studies from undergraduates all over the country. Keynote speaker Gregory Pence, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, will also present "How to Build a Better Human."

The students of an environment health class, HLTH 362, will host National Recycling Day from 10:20 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 13 on the Mall. Demonstrations will provide information on the importance of recycling and how it impacts Truman's community. There will also be free recycling bins.

The Next STEP Office is offering a summer research program in Molecular Ecology for the summer of 2009. Students are invited to apply for this 10-week program online at <http://molecularecology.truman.edu>. Students will be conducting research at two study sites, Kirksville, Mo., and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a \$3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board. For questions about the program or application process, contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is seeking college sophomores to apply for the 2009 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and must be interested in becoming a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State. Deadline for the fellowship is Feb. 6, 2009. For more information go to <http://www.woodrow.org/>.

CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available on the Truman home page and through TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.

LIL PUP CLUB

Sponsored by the Women's Basketball Team

For daughters, granddaughters and nieces grades 3-8 of Truman employees.

Membership includes:

- Introduction at a game
- Sit on the bench with players
- Receive official complimentary club t-shirt

Fill out applications by Nov. 3. Please contact Roth at 785.7362 or troth@truman.edu for more information.

TRUMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 1

Scholarship applications for the spring 2009 semester are now available at <http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/>.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Happy Halloween from the Library. Hope it's a freaky Friday. Here are some movies you might want to check out. There are plenty more where these came from—in the Media Library.

Amityville Horror
Blair Witch Project
Bram Stoker's Dracula
Bride of Frankenstein
Cry of the Banshee
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Fall of the House of Usher
Frankenstein
Invasion of the Body Snatchers
Little Shop of Horrors
Scream
The Shining
Silence of the Lambs
Texas Chain Saw Massacre
Zombie