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MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS TO HOST SESSION AT TRUMAN

For the third year in a row, the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, will convene court on the Truman campus.

A three-judge panel consisting of Judge James M. Smart, Judge Joseph M. Ellis and Judge James E. Welsh will hear oral arguments in five cases at 9 a.m. Feb. 18 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

The cases are appeals from previously held trials in area circuit courts. The judges will hear attorneys argue whether the trials had errors, which should cause them to be retired, or whether the trial court's judgment should be reversed. The judges will read written arguments before the court session, and may interrupt the attorneys' arguments with questions.

The three judges will take a break between cases and remain after the court session to discuss the court system and generally explain proceedings.

This will be the fourth court of appeals session at Truman and the 16th time the Court has convened in Kirksville. It convenes regularly in Kansas City.

The Court's jurisdiction is appeals from trial courts in 45 counties, which includes all of northwest Missouri and most of central Missouri.

Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration Continues with the Gala Concert

Truman's extended celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's birth continues with the Gala Lincoln Bicentennial Concert Feb. 25.

The Gala Lincoln Bicentennial Concert is the centerpiece of the multi-year, ongoing celebration and will take place at 8 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The concert will feature the Truman Wind

Symphony conducted by Dan Peterson along with several guest performances highlighting a full evening of music.

There will be a reception following the concert in the foyer complete with refreshments and music provided by the President's String Quartet. The concert is free and tickets are not required to attend.

Bulldog Basketball Participates in "Pink Zone" Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness

For the second straight season, the Truman Athletics Department will participate in the nationwide Women's Basketball Coaches Association "Pink Zone" campaign, Feb. 13-22, to help raise awareness for breast cancer research.

The Bulldogs have designated the Feb. 14 home game against Nebraska-Omaha as its platform for an effort to assist in the cause across campus and in the Kirksville community. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m. in Pershing Arena.

Special events this year include free admission for fans wearing pink, as well as commemorative pink t-shirts, which can be purchased at the door for \$10 with proceeds benefiting the Adair County Relay for Life.

Survivors will be honored at halftime, Relay for Life luminaries will be on sale and there will be a silent auction during the game for a pink basketball signed by the Truman women's basketball team.

In 2008, more than 1,200 teams and organizations participated in the WBCA's campaign nationwide, reaching more than 830,000 fans and raising more than \$930,000 for breast cancer awareness and research.

Survivors to be honored should contact the Athletics Office at 785.4236 or e-mail Tyler Madsen at madsen@truman.edu. Anyone wishing to learn more can also reach Madsen by phone at 785.7778.

Register for Summer Classes in London

The Missouri-London Summer Program is offering ECON 308, Economics of the European Union, in London, England June 9-July 3.

Students will learn about the European Union, the history, the institutions, the economy and the Euro, as well as its impact on the world economy.

The class includes regular lectures, guest speakers and field trips. Other classes are also offered in the program.

Interested students can contact Mustafa Sawani, professor of economics, at msawani@truman.edu or call 785.4659 for more information.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

All students are encouraged to file the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. It is important to apply before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. Contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103, at 785.4130, if you have any questions.

PDI: INTERNSHIPS, WHY, WHERE & HOW?

12 p.m. Feb. 11
Career Center

Students wanting an internship, as well as faculty and staff looking to start an internship program can attend.

Register for this event online at <http://pdi.truman.edu/register/classlist.asp>.

The Student Activities Board presents An Evening with "The Onion"

7 p.m. Feb. 18

Baldwin Hall Auditorium

Featuring two Onion staff writers, this event is free to students and \$5 for general admission. Pick up tickets in the SAB Office in the Student Union Building.

For more information go to <http://www.theonion.com>.

FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION

Beta Alpha Psi provides FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to students and the community.

8 a.m.-3p.m.
Feb. 21 and 28,
March 28
April 4

Violette Hall 1424.

All volunteers are IRS certified and all returns are reviewed for accuracy.

For more information visit <http://bap.truman.edu> or call 785.4268.

Researchers Seek Participants that Experience Back or Neck Pain for Summer Research Study

Acute 'Crick in the Neck' Pain
Upper Back (Thoracic) Pain
Low back pain

Faculty, staff and students are eligible. Participants must be 18-50 years old and meet certain inclusion criteria in each study.

For more information about compensation and the studies' criteria contact Michael Bird at mbird@truman.edu.

Two Music Groups to Perform Feb. 10-11

The Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall will be the site of a variety of musical venues Feb. 10-11. Performances by The Mostly Live Composers Society and The Axiom Percussion Ensemble will bring a different beat to Truman's campus.

The Spring Composers Showcase recital will feature The Mostly Live Composers Society at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10. The 45-minute recital will feature original musical compositions by eight Truman undergraduate and graduate composers. Music will include a variety of vocal and instrumental pieces, and the recital will conclude with a special improvised stage piece.

The recital is free and open to the public. Prepare to be amazed, amused and maybe even a little confused. The Mostly Live Composers Society, a student chapter of the Society of Composers Inc., brings together Truman student musicians and faculty who are interested in

creating new concert music for different venues.

The Axiom Percussion Ensemble will follow with a lecture-performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 11. The New York City-based trio features three of the percussive arts' finest up-and-coming talents performing original, provocative and intriguing programs on a unique combination of standard, world and new percussion instruments. Artists Michael Eagle, Richard Grimes and Truman alumnus Andrew Beall have joined forces in creating a unique perspective on percussion composition, presentation and performance.

Their lecture-performance will feature discussions on Zimbabwean Mibira, Scottish Side Drumming, the Cimbalom and the West African Shekere. Guest performances include Michael Bump, associate professor of music, and Truman percussion graduate students. Admission is free. For additional information, please contact Bump at mbump@truman.edu or 785.4052.

University Conduct Board Taking Applications

The University Conduct Board is currently accepting student applications. The Board of faculty, staff and students hears cases of alleged misconduct to determine whether a student or student organization's behavior violates the Student Conduct Code.

Qualifications for student members include: maintaining good academic and conduct standing; a commitment to serving on the Board for two years with the term ending Dec. 31, 2010; completion of five hours of training

in the Spring 2009 semester; participation in approximately one-third of the conduct hearings; and commitment to being actively involved.

Interested students can download the application form online at <http://conduct.truman.edu> and return it to David Hoffman, assistant dean of Student Affairs, by 5 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Student Union Building 3100.

Please direct any questions to Stephanie Vandas at smv127@truman.edu or Matt Walterbach at mattwalterbach@truman.edu.

Camp Ramapo Summer Job Opportunity

A unique, educational summer job opportunity has surfaced from the Truman Financial Aid Office for students interested in working at Camp Ramapo, one of the few residential summer camps servicing children with emotional, behavioral and learning problems.

Ramapo offers an on-site college course through the National Program on Non-collegiate Sponsored Instruction. Students will learn to apply theory and practice to solve problems in a therapeutic milieu, to live and work with children who are troubled and to acquire skills

and knowledge unobtainable in a classroom experience.

The camp is located on 250-acre grounds in the Hudson Valley region of New York state. Camp workers must commit to working June 21-Aug. 21. Positions available include general counselors, waterfront counselors, challenge counselors, specialty counselors, educational counselors and health center positions.

For more information about Camp Ramapo, or to apply for a position, log on to <http://www.ramapoforchildren.org>.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship Deadline Extended to Feb. 16

The Udall Foundation plans to award 80 scholarships and 50 honorable mentions on the basis of merit to sophomore and junior level college students.

The foundation seeks future Native American and Alaska Native leaders in public and community health care, tribal government and public policy affecting Native American communities.

For more information go to <http://www.udall.gov/> or contact Maria C. Di Stefano at mdistefa@truman.edu.

NOTABLES

W. Michael Ashcraft, associate professor of philosophy and religion, published an article in "Speaking of Students: A Quarterly Newsletter for AAR Graduate Students," entitled "Friendly Advice from the Other Side for First-Time Academic Job Hunters."

Sana Camara, associate professor of French, was offered a contract by the Editorial Board of the Indiana University Press for his edition of "The Epic of Kelefaa Saane" in the African oral epic series directed by Thomas Hale and John W. Johnson.

Dereck Daschke, chair and associate professor of philosophy and religion, will have his article "Millennial Studies for the New Millennium," published this month in "Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions." He has also signed a contract with Brill to publish a manuscript based on his Ph.D. dissertation titled "City of Ruins: Mourning the Destruction of Jerusalem through Jewish Apocalypse."

A musical work composed by Girolamo Deraco, visiting international graduate student in music composition, has been selected for performance

in Italy. Deraco's short comic opera "Poster-Gas" will be performed at the Academia Montegratale as part of the internationally-recognized Festival Col Legno. The opera will be performed under the direction of noted Maestro Gustav Kuhn. "Poster-Gas" is one of a projected trilogy of short operas Deraco plans to complete in the near future.

H. David Wohlers, professor of chemistry, traveled to Crystal City, Va., Feb. 9, as an invited speaker to a National Science Foundation/National Institutes of Health diversity workshop. The workshop, "Excellence Empowered by a Diverse Academic Workforce: Chemists, Chemical Engineers and Material Scientists with Disabilities" included the topic of visual impairment and blindness. Wohlers, who completes 25 years of instruction at Truman this spring, gave a speech entitled "Empowering a Blind Chemistry Professor in the Academic Workforce." About 60 department heads and deans of major research universities were in attendance to listen to Wohlers' perspective on the challenges and opportunities pertaining to blindness and visual disabilities.

Hoeschele Presents in Faculty Forum

The Truman Faculty Forum will begin the semester with a lecture by Wolfgang Hoeschele, associate professor of geography, titled "Cittàslow: Campanilismo or Lebensqualität? Translations and Betrayals in a Quest for the Ideal City," at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 in Magruder Hall 1000.

This talk presents insights into the successes and failures of several Cittàslow member cities in Italy, Germany and England, which Hoeschele visited as part of a sabbatical in 2007.

The Truman Faculty Forum was created in 2003 to give faculty the opportunity to present their research and creative work to the Truman community and to enhance the importance of scholarship and creativity in the culture of the institution.

In the spirit of the liberal arts, the Forum provides one more way of exposing all members of the Truman community to various fields of investigation.

FACT Accepting Applications for 2009

The First Year Activities Coordinating Team (FACT) is looking for student coordinators for Truman Week 2009.

Coordinators are responsible for programming the FACT-sponsored events during the evenings of Truman Week, assisting in the move-in process and serving as mentors for the incoming freshmen

throughout the week.

Applications are now available in the Center for Student Involvement and are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 19. For more information visit the CSI or e-mail program advisor Rachelle Williams at rwilliams@truman.edu or coordinator Courtney Perrachione at cjp133@truman.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Foundation scholarship applications for Truman students in 2009-2010 are now available. Current students must apply online. Applications are due by midnight on March 1. To learn more, go to <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/>.

The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City is offering scholarship

opportunities to female college juniors, seniors or graduate students, who are residents of the greater Kansas City area. The Kansas City area is defined as Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Greek sorority membership is required to apply for this program. Application deadline is Feb. 13. Applications are available online at <http://www.kcpanhel.com>.

International Writing Center Week Feb. 9-13

Celebrate international writing with the Writing Center.

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
McClain Hall 303.

Students can nominate their favorite English professor and enjoy baked goods and candy.

Cardinal Key/Blue Key Blood Drive

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11-12

Student Union Building Georgian Rooms

Register for an appointment online at <http://www.givelife.org>.

Students Invited to Forums on Budget Cuts Within Student Affairs

7:30 p.m. Feb. 17
SUB Alumni Room

Topics include: Counseling Services, Student Health Center, Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs.

7:30 p.m. Feb. 18
SUB Conference Room

Topics include: Greek Life, Center for Student Involvement and Career Center.

7:30 p.m. Feb. 19

Georgian Rooms A and B
Topics include: Residence Life, Student Union and Recreation Center.

Career Expo Feb. 25

FIRST-YEAR students can begin networking with employers and gaining insights into a career field.

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS should apply for interviews and spend the day networking with all employers.

FACULTY & STAFF should visit with employers about our programs and students.

Not sure how to prepare for Expo? Stop by Expo 411.

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Feb. 23

Violette Hall Commons

NOTES

The Center for Student Involvement will present Event Planning 101, at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Student Union Building CSI Complex. The workshop will go step-by-step through planning an effective event. There will be free food, door prizes and an event planning resource packet.

The Weekly Lunch Series, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, will continue the four-part examination of "The Role of the Classroom in College Student Persistence," at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11, March 4 and March 18.

The Physics Colloquium continues at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in Magruder Hall 1096. Clifford M. Will, from Washington University in St. Louis, will present "Black Holes, Waves of Gravity and other Warped Ideas of Dr. Einstein."

Funds Allotment Council membership applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Center for Student Involvement Office. Applications are available outside the FAC office in the Student Union Building.

Omicron Delta Kappa Circle will host an information night at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Union Building. Students interested in joining this national leadership honor society may attend. Requirements include 60 hours of credit by the beginning of the 2008 fall semester (end of 2008 spring semester). Students must also be in the top 35 percent of their class with a minimum GPA of 3.55 for juniors and 3.58 for seniors.

The Nursing Department will conduct free HIV testing from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Student Union Building Down Under.

Residence Life will sponsor "Eight Weeks to a Fitter You," an informational meeting, at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge.

The Global Issues Colloquium presents Julie Flowerday, assistant professor of anthropology, who will present "Writing Colonial History under Postcolonial Conditions: The Unfinished Study"

at 7 p.m. Feb 12 in Magruder Hall 2001.

The Roteract Club will sponsor an informational meeting at 8 p.m. Feb.12. in Baldwin Hall 249.

The Association of Black Collegians and Kappa Alpha Psi will sponsor "A Night of Heart and Soul," at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Student Union Building Hub.

The Brewer, Nason and Blanton Hall Senate will host "Super Milk Shake Brawl" at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 on the BNB first floor south lounge. Large chocolate, vanilla and strawberry milk shakes will be on sale for \$4. They will also be taking Crush soda orders for \$1 for delivery on Valentine's Day.

The Truman Chamber Choir will host the fourth annual Madrigal Dinner at 6 p.m. Feb. 13-14 in the Student Union Building Room 3200. For more information about this evening of food and music, or to purchase tickets go online to <http://music.truman.edu/madrigal>.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association presents "Lincoln's Ideals," the 54th Young Artists Concert in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth at 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at the QJHS Morrison Theater in Quincy, Ill. This event is free to all Truman faculty, staff and students with an ID.

The Student Involvement Complex in the Student Union Building will present Budget 101 at 7 p.m. Feb. 17. It will provide an opportunity to learn successful organizational money management, business office policies and important legal information. There will be free food door prizes and an organizational budget resource packet.

Amnesty International will sponsor "The History and Future of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict," with Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion, at 8 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Student Union Building 3000.

Cold Turkey Tobacco Cessation Classes

Free for any student, staff or faculty members.

8-9 p.m.

Feb.12, 26
March 5, 19

Pershing Building 301

Free patches, gum, quit classes and physician consultations.

Just show up or e-mail ccox@truman.edu if you can not attend scheduled classes.

Interested in joining the Romance Language Wing?

The **Coin Français** and the **Casa Hispánica**, located in Missouri Hall, are accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

For more information, or an application, contact Timothy Farley, tfarley@truman.edu, for the French wing, and Carol Marshall, carolmar@truman.edu, for the Spanish wing.

Deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 15.

Special Offer on 2008 Homecoming Apparel

Short Sleeve Tees: \$4

Long Sleeve Tees: \$8

Sweatshirts: \$12

Hooded Sweatshirts: \$16

Some 2007 apparel is available at further reduced prices.

Stop by the Office of Advancement in McClain Hall 100 to buy or e-mail

Stacy Tucker-Potter at stuckerpotter@truman.edu for more information.

CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available at <http://calendar.truman.edu>, as well as on the Truman home page and TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off-campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.

Applications Being Accepted For Molecular Ecology Research For 2009

Students can apply for this 10-week program online at <http://molecularecology.truman.edu>.

Students will be conducting research in Kirksville and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a \$3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board.

For questions contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

Leadership Recognition Program Nominations

Due by 5 p.m. March 18

Nominate exceptional student leaders, advisors, organizations and events on campus.

Nomination forms are available at <http://csi.truman.edu>.



"A More Perfect Union: The Struggle for Civil Rights for All"

2:30 p.m.

Feb. 16

Pickler Memorial Library
Gallery 104

Students, faculty and staff members will be reading historic civil rights speeches by Lyndon B. Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Staceyann Chin, Susan B. Anthony and Maya Angelou.

For more information contact Erin Case at ecase@truman.edu.