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Devil's Tongue Flower Blooms in Greenhouse

After eight years on campus, a unique flower in the University Greenhouse has bloomed for the first time.

The Devil's Tongue flower began blooming about two weeks ago and is believed to be at the peak of its bloom with an estimated size of two feet in height and six inches in diameter. It shares the same genus as the [Corpse Flower currently blooming at the U.S. Botanic Garden](#) in Washington, D.C.

This plant is one of two Devil's Tongue flowers located in the University Greenhouse, but is the first one to bloom. Tony Wilmes, a biology lab technician, said these particular flowers take a long time to mature, and only bloom about once every 10 years.

The Devil's Tongue is available for public viewing, but visitors should be prepared for an atypical flower experience. Whereas most flowers release a sweet smell to attract bees and other insects for the purpose of pollination, the Devil's Tongue uses flies to pollinate, and therefore smells similar to a dead animal. That particular quality is one of the main reasons the University has the Devil's Tongue flower.

"Its a good specimen to demonstrate a different sort of pollinating method," Wilmes said.

In fact, while a small section of the Greenhouse is allocated for research, a majority of the facility is used for teaching purposes.

Aside from the pungent Devil's Tongue, the Greenhouse is home to more traditional flowers. Currently there are several orchids in bloom. It also contains some banana trees and several pitcher plants, which are carnivorous plants that trap and digest insects.

The University Greenhouse is typically available for public viewing between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the week. Visits can also be arranged through the Biology Department Office located in Magruder Hall 2004, or by calling 660.785.4597.

TSunami Places Seventh at National Championships

TSunami, Truman's women's ultimate Frisbee team, finished in seventh place at the Division III National Championships in Milwaukee, Wis., May 18-19.

More than 700 men's and women's teams competed to attend the tournament, with only 32 qualifying. This is the second year in a row TSunami has qualified for the national tournament.

After earning a No. 8 seed in the 16-team women's tournament, TSunami went on to finish tied for seventh place overall. On two occasions, the team went on four-point runs, one of which earned a come from behind win and a spot in the championship bracket.

Additionally, the team received the spirit award, which is voted on by each team captain after the game and totaled for the entire tournament. For the first time ever, a team was given a perfect five, which means each opponent gave the Truman team the highest possible score based on sportsmanship and positive athletic competition.



Members of TSunami at the national championship tournament. Pictured, front row, left to right: Callie Federer, Jen May, Jessica Derry, Carli Jackson, Maddy Niehaus, Emma Randolph and Juli Dworak. Back row, left to right: Melissa Huegerich (coach), Emilie Willingham, Jessica Zilch, Meredith Howard, Brooke Giddens, Hannah Vasilis, Sam Daugherty, Carli Smith, Lynn Koch and Erica Sumner.

SAB Applications Available Aug. 22

Student Activities Board fall membership applications will be available starting Aug. 22 in the SAB Office, located in the lower level of the Student Union Building, and online at sab.truman.edu.

Driven and creative students who are passionate about what happens at Truman are encouraged to apply. Applications can be turned into the Center for Student Involvement, located in the HUB, until 5 p.m. Sept. 10. Those selected for interviews must be available Sept. 13 and Sept. 14.

Any questions can be forwarded to John Riti, SAB president, at jjr1468@truman.edu, or stop by the SAB Office weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Recent Graduate to be Featured on Extreme Makeover Weight Loss Edition

Chantell Johnson, who graduated this past May from Truman, will be featured on the ABC's [Extreme Makeover Weight Loss Edition](#) from 7-9 p.m. July 30.

The two-hour program will feature Johnson, whose dream was to return to Truman and complete her degree. The ABC team visited the Truman campus several times as they followed her yearlong journey and were on campus to witness her receiving her diploma.

Veeve Holtz, a former Truman staff member, who now owns FKS Training, served as Johnson's local personal trainer during her yearlong struggle. FKS is coordinating a watch party for all to celebrate Johnson's reveal at 6 p.m. July 30 at Colton's Steakhouse. For planning purposes, RSVPs are needed by end of the day July 29 and can be made by emailing fkfitness@gmail.com or calling 660.851.4578.

Announcements

Move-In Volunteers Needed

Student Affairs is looking for faculty and staff to volunteer to help students move in on Move-In Day, Aug. 17. Volunteers will help unload cars and carry items to rooms. To sign up, contact the Student Affairs Office at 660.785.4111 or email bkral@truman.edu.

Volunteers Needed for Picnic on the Mall

Twenty volunteers are needed to assist with the new student welcome picnic on the Mall from 5-6:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Faculty and staff members willing to volunteer should email Jacey Wood at jacey@truman.edu by Aug. 9. For more information about the picnic contact, Wood at 660.785.5404.

Book Drive

In an effort to assist the Oregon County Public Library in Myrtle, Mo., modernize its assortment of books, faculty and staff members have started a book drive on campus. Collection boxes are available in Magruder and Violette halls. For more information, contact Chad Montgomery at chadmont@truman.edu or Stachia Vorhees at svorhees@truman.edu.

Spirit Shirts

A limited number of small spirit shirts are available for \$5 in the Public Relations Office at 202 McClain Hall.

Student Parking Decal/Vehicle Registration for Fall 2013

Students may register for 2013-14 parking decals via their TruView home page. Go to the lower right hand channel labeled "Update and View My Personal Information." Verify your local address and update your telephone numbers and permanent address. Select "Register My Vehicle" and complete the required fields, specifically your vehicle description and license plate number.

Freshman parking permits will be included in the Residence Hall check-in packet if the registration form is completed prior to Aug. 2. Late registrations, commuter parking permits and upperclassmen parking permits will be processed and distributed from the Parking Services Office, General Services Building 100, located in the Department of Public Safety at the corner of Franklin and Patterson streets. If you have questions or problems getting your parking pass, the Parking Services Office will be open Move-In day, Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be expanded Parking Services Office hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 19-22.

For more specifics about the parking rules and regulations, visit the Department of Public Safety website at police.truman.edu and click on [Parking Services](#).

Follow Truman Online

Links to the main Truman Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts can be found directly on the University [home page](#). A collection of other Truman departments and organizations can be found at social.truman.edu.



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All-University Fall Opening Assembly

9 a.m.
Aug. 14
Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

Faculty & Staff Ready-or-Not Appreciation Luncheon

Noon
Aug. 15
Student Union Building Georgian Room

Strategic Planning & Assessment Workshop

10 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Aug. 14
Student Union Building Activities Room
School meetings in afternoon

8 a.m.-noon
Aug. 15
Student Union Building Activities Room
Department meetings in afternoon

More information will be sent out closer to the time of the events.

Activities Fair

1-5 p.m.
Aug. 28
Student Union Building.

The Activities Fair, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement, is a way to gather organizations on campus to distribute their information to perspective members and inspire campus involvement of individuals within these organizations in order to provide a well-rounded Truman experience.

St. Louis Alumni Chapter Annual Golf Tournament

1:30-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8
Wolf Hollow Golf Course

All alumni, friends, students and family members are invited to the Annual St. Louis Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament Sept. 8 at Wolf Hollow Golf course in Labadie, Mo. There will a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. This tournament is a four-person scramble format. Register as a team or individually. There will be lots of prizes and games throughout the day and all proceeds go to the St. Louis Alumni Chapter Scholarship fund. In 2012, the Chapter awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to new Truman students. Cost is \$80 per person, \$320 for a team of four, and includes green fees, lunch, dinner and beverages. If you are not a golfer but wish to join the group for dinner, the cost is \$20 per person. The Chapter is now accepting attendance prizes, sponsorships and golf registrations. Deadline to register is Aug. 25. For more information call 660.785.4133.

Scholarship Opportunities

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants will be awarding up to \$1,000 each year to a scholarship winner. To apply, students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of their website at abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm.

AES Engineers is committed to continuing its support of higher education by providing scholarships to deserving students. To be eligible the student needs to answer one of the essay questions that they will find online at aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted. Deadline for entry is Oct. 4.

The Streamline Refinance Scholarship for Finance and Economics is now available. Details can be found at streamlinerefinance.net/finance-economics-scholarship.html.

U.S. Bank will award 40 scholarships of \$1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank No Fee Education Loan Program are eligible to apply. Further details regarding this scholarship opportunity can be found at usbank.com/scholarship.

A-Z Printing has announced a scholarship opportunity for students in the amount of \$1,000. More information about this "Impact a Life" college scholarship may be found at raffleticket.com/raffle-tickets-scholarship.html. Deadline to apply is Dec. 31.

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The next issue of the Truman Today will be available online Aug. 22.

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Stephen Hadwiger, professor of nursing, presented "Working with Clients from Diverse Backgrounds" July 10 at the Adams County Health Department in Quincy, Ill.

The Truman Track & Field teams were recognized by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as an All-Academic team while seniors **Karen Grauel, Rachel McCarroll** and **Dimonique McGruder**, along with junior **Matthew Schaefer**, were honored with individual All-Academic honors. The women had a team grade-point average of 3.42 and were one of 92 Division II teams to earn the All-Academic status. The men posted a 3.24 GPA and were one of 24 men's teams to earn All-Academic.

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The Board of Governors will meet at 1 p.m. Aug. 3 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

The final summer orientation session will take place Aug. 16.

New Student Move-In Day is Aug. 17.

Classes begin Aug. 22.

InterFraternity Council (IFC) Info Night will take place from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23 in Violette Hall 1000. Sponsored by Greek Life.

The Greek Interest BBQ will take place from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 25 on the Mall. Students will have a chance to meet and ask questions to members of Greek Life. Free food and refreshments will be served.

Truman officially became a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) July 1. TrumanBulldogs.com, will feature a sport-by-sport breakdown, running twice per week throughout the summer to help fans become familiar with the new league and its 15 other institutions.

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Truman Today is a publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Submit news items to tmiles@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. The form may also be accessed online at trumantoday.truman.edu/pdf/submissionform.pdf. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.**

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