

# Truman today

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## The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents "A Christmas Carol"

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series continues on Nov. 29 with "A Christmas Carol." This holiday production performed by Nebraska Theatre Caravan will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

Nebraska Theatre Caravan (NTC Productions) adapted this production in 1979 and has toured annually ever since. The company makes this widely-performed classic original with a Victorian theme and the integration of traditional Christmas carols into the narrative. The songs themselves are traditional, but musical arrangements courtesy of John Bennett are contemporary.

Charles Dickens wrote his "ghostly little tale" in 1843, and "A Christmas Carol" has since become one of the most beloved holiday traditions of all time. This fable depicts Scrooge, whose values are focused exclusively on profit. The story explores the protagonist's conflicts with the struggling Cratchit family, whose tragic problems typified the working class during the Industrial Revolution in Victorian England. The touching climax is

based on Dickens' belief that the ills of a greedy world can be healed by brotherhood and unselfishness.



Nebraska Theatre Caravan's "A Christmas Carol"

"A Christmas Carol" features a spirited ensemble of 28 performers who bring Dickens' fable of redemption to life on a magical set, including a spinning bed, created by designer James Orthus. This show, adapted by Charles Jones of the Omaha Community Playhouse, is sure to spark the holiday spirit.

Free tickets will be available for students, faculty and staff on Nov. 15. Students may pick up their tickets at the Student Activities Board Office in the Student Union Building. Faculty and staff may acquire their tickets at the information desk in the Student Union Building.

General admission tickets for the event cost \$7 and are available at the Truman Cashiers Window in McClain Hall or downtown at Edna Campbells starting Nov. 15.

For additional information, visit [lyceum.truman.edu](http://lyceum.truman.edu) or contact 785.4016.

**SAB**

**FALL COMEDIAN:  
DONALD GLOVER**  
As seen on NBC's  
"Community"

7 p.m. • Dec. 3  
Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are free for students and \$5 for general admission. They may be picked up at the Student Activities Board Office located in the lower level of the Student Union Building. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722. Office hours are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Truman Student Athletes Bring in Top Academic Success Rate with 95 Percent

Truman's student-athletes recorded the highest academic success rate of any institution in the MIAA with 95 percent, according to the 2011 NCAA Graduation Rates report.

This is the highest graduation rate of all active Division II schools in the state of Missouri and well above the NCAA Division II average of 290 institutions of 72 percent.

The report represents data from first-time freshman, as well as transfers and non-scholarship athletes who entered Truman between 2001 and 2004. The NCAA developed the Academic Success Rate (ASR) to more accurately assess the academic rate of success of student-athletes. The ASR has been calculated for the past six years and for all NCAA championship sports.

Every sport at Truman had an ASR above 80

percent and all but two above 90 percent. Seven of the University's 10 women's programs had a 100 percent ASR. Men's basketball and football were top rates among all programs in the MIAA. Men's basketball had an 83 percent with the Division II average of 60 percent and football an 88 percent with the Division II average of 54 percent. Football's rate was fifth highest in Division II and first among public institutions.

The NCAA also released Federal Graduation Rates in the report, which does not include transfer students who leave the University. The report showed Truman's federal graduation rates for student-athletes at 78 percent. Once again, the student-athletes' rate was best in the MIAA and well above the NCAA Division II average of 55 percent.

## International Education Week

**Nov. 15**

*Heritage, History and Identity*  
7 p.m.

Student Union Building  
Alumni Room

*Dance Exchange*

8 p.m.  
Kirk Gym

**Nov. 16-17**

*"Dormez je le veux"*  
8 p.m.

Student Union Building  
Activities Room

**Nov. 17**

*Asia Fest*  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Student Union Building  
Georgian Room C

## TruLife in a Day

ResLife is sponsoring "TruLife in a Day" encouraging students to show their lives in a day through videos. Instructions are:

1. Film your day
2. Create an account on dropbox.com
3. Send your video to ResLife's dropbox account (truifeinday@gmail.com) no later than Nov. 18

ResLife will compile and edit all videos into a movie.

For more information, visit the Facebook event: TruLife in a Day, or contact Brendan O'Brien at bpo8571@truman.edu.

## Madrigal Dinner

The University Chamber Choir presents their annual Madrigal Dinner taking place Dec. 2-3 in the Student Union Building. The marketplace will open at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building HUB followed by an evening of music, entertainment and food beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$17 for students and \$17 for children. They can be purchased at madrigal.truman.edu.

## Pathways Demonstration Project to Support Limited Number of Pilot Projects

Truman is providing funding to support a limited number of pilot projects to examine learning outcomes and transformative experiences in the Higher Learning Commission's Pathways Demonstration Project.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be found at provost.truman.edu and outlines the process of obtaining funding for a pilot project. These proposals can focus upon one or more of the following outcomes: understanding and articulating well-reasoned arguments, demonstrating leadership or living emotionally and physically healthy lives.

Proposals are welcomed from faculty and staff

alike. Collaboration with students on project teams relating to any of the learning outcomes is also encouraged. Students (either individually or through an organization) interested in designing a project should discuss their idea with a staff or faculty member or their organization adviser. The staff or faculty member who will serve as the primary participant should submit the proposal.

There will be two submission deadlines: Nov. 30 and March 28.

Questions regarding the RFP, the creation of the proposal, pilot projects or the selection process should be directed to Karen Vittengl at ksmith@truman.edu.

## Truman Alumni and Staff Awarded 5 Under 40

Three Truman alumni and one Truman staff member were honored as Kirksville's "5 Under 40" at the Kirksville Young Professionals (KVYP) Banquet hosted Oct. 13.

Carolyn (Lumsden) Chrisman ('04) of the Kirksville Public Schools and Kirksville City Council; Heather (Mitchell) Condon ('03) of Century 21 Whitney Agency; Mike LaBeth of Heritage House Realty; Erin Shaw of Truman; and Ashley Young ('07) of American Trust Bank were chosen from 18 individuals nominated.



The recipients accept their "5 Under 40" awards. Pictured left to right: Ashley Young, Carolyn (Lumsden) Chrisman, Mike LaBeth, Heather (Mitchell) Condon and Erin Shaw.

The award, sponsored by KVYP and KTVO, honored local young professionals nominated for their professional and personal achievement, as well as their service to the community.

The banquet's keynote speaker, Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the provost and vice president of academic affairs, spoke of the unique professional opportunities available to young professionals in Kirksville. He attributed this, in part, to the opportunities provided by Truman and other high profile employers in the area.

## PSAC Uses STARS for Sustainability Progress

The President's Sustainability Action Committee (PSAC) is using Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) to measure sustainability performance on campus.

The system provides a framework for understanding sustainability within higher education. STARS allows the University to understand its efforts in measurements that are similar to those of other universities and allows for comparisons across these institutions. According to the STARS website, the program provides information about sustainability practices and efforts that can be used in higher education and creates incentives for improving sustainability on campus. The program provides long-term sustainability goals for institutions committed to

sustainability and entry points of recognition for institutions that are in the beginning stages.

The program is apart of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) aimed at empowering higher education to lead sustainability transformations. STARS framework has provided the committee the opportunity to evaluate Truman's sustainable efforts in four categories: education and research; operations; planning, administration and engagement; and innovation. Committee members have researched a variety of areas within each category and have or will enter the information found to the database.

STARS will help the Committee prepare for their annual report to be given to President Paino.

## Ryle Hall to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Residence Life and Ryle Hall Senate will host Ryle Ribbon Cutting from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 17 to celebrate the completion of the Ryle Hall renovation project.

The event will feature three speakers: John Gardner, director of Residence Life; Zac Burden, Missouri Hall director; and Kailey Tyler, Ryle Hall resident. Their presentations will illuminate

the history, design and lived experiences of the residence hall. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Guided tour will be offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The tours will highlight building additions and historic events in Ryle's history. Truman students, faculty and staff, as well as the Kirksville community, are encouraged to attend.

## Rice to Present at Global Issues Colloquium

The Global Issues Colloquium will feature Marc Rice, associate professor of music, to present "The Revolution will be YouTube: Global Protest, the New Media and Music" at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Rice's presentation will examine how music videos uploaded via the new media are being used to communicate, organize and give voice to the issues and protests occurring in Iran, Libya,

Egypt and elsewhere. Recent political uprisings, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, have been accompanied by the use of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The new media has allowed the global community to witness these protests, once shielded from the outside world.

For more information about the Global Issues Colloquium and the 2011-2012 schedule, visit [globalissues.truman.edu](http://globalissues.truman.edu).

## WGST Annual Conference Calls for Abstracts

The Women and Gender Studies Conference is calling for papers to submit and is set to take place Jan. 19-21.

The theme for the conference is "Feminisms & Intersections," taking an interdisciplinary look at the ways in which various, multiple "isms," including but not limited to racism, ageism, classism, ableism and heterosexism, intersect with feminism or feminist thought and theory.

The conference will have a keynote performance by Angelina Longueras of her

one-woman show, "PHOOLAN IS ALL OF US: In Memory of Phoolan Devi." The show honors Phoolan Devi, an Indian woman of a low caste who was a bandit, a member of Parliament and a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. She was assassinated outside her residence in New Delhi.

The deadline to submit an abstract is Dec. 5. They may be sent to [tswgstsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:tswgstsubmissions@gmail.com) with "WGST Conference Abstract" in the subject line. For more information, contact Alan Vaughn at [alv5563@truman.edu](mailto:alv5563@truman.edu).

## ROTC Students Earn Coveted Military Badge

Once again, Truman ROTC members displayed great skill and represented the University well at a regional contest.

Seven ROTC members participated in a weekend-long competition for the German Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badge at Western Illinois University, vying for the exclusive award alongside students from Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Truman's seven members in the competition each took home a medal. Six took home gold and one took silver.

Contestants were evaluated in several

categories, including a written test on first aid; 25-meter marksmanship with a 9mm handgun; a 200-meter swim; track and field events including sprints, high jump, long jump and shot put; and an 8-mile road march. The events were spread out over the weekend of Nov. 4-6.

The German Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badge is a prized foreign military badge originally authorized for all German troops, but may be awarded to allied soldiers. A German liaison officer presented the cadets with their badges.

## NOTABLES

Truman's contingent at the Missouri Folklore Society's meeting taking place Nov. 3-5 in St. Genevieve, Mo., included **folklore minors Jamie Bentley and Josh Bentley** and professors of **English Betsy Delmonico, Barb Price and Adam Davis**. Price presented "Dr. Sappington's Cemeteries: Separate and Unequal" and Davis

discussed the history and development of advance-fee scams and scambairer-leagues as folk practices. Next year's meeting will be hosted by Truman alumnae **Meredith Heist Rau and Annie Fuller** at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. Talks are underway to bring the convention to Truman in 2014.

## PURPLE FRIDAY T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Applications can be found at [csi.truman.edu](http://csi.truman.edu) and are due along with designs to Sarah Najj ([san4446@truman.edu](mailto:san4446@truman.edu)) or the Center for Student Involvement in the Student Union Building 2000 by 12 p.m. Nov. 29. Selected designs will be displayed Dec. 2 at Fireside Fridays. Campus votes will be available Dec. 2-9.

The winning design will be announced on Truman's website in January and will be the new Purple Friday design for the next semester. The winner of the design will receive a gift card.

Designs must include the following:

- Original artwork only
- Purple Friday logo
- One-sided print (front or back) and no more than three colors
- Must promote Truman spirit and use Truman or Truman State University when referring to the University
- Must follow University policies and copyright laws

## APPLY NOW TO BE A SUMMER ORIENTATION LEADER

Summer Orientation Leader applications are now available.

Orientation Leaders are responsible for welcoming and introducing all first-year students and their families to Truman. Applications and more information can be found at [ol.truman.edu](http://ol.truman.edu). Students may also contact Jacob Funke at [jfunke@truman.edu](mailto:jfunke@truman.edu).

## Truman Bookstore Faculty and Staff Appreciation Days

8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov. 21-22

The Bookstore invites all faculty and staff to stop by for refreshments and special deals on apparel and gifts.

## NOTES

Alumnus Joshua Baum ('08) and Jacqueline Collett, professor of music, will perform in an Alumni and Faculty Voice Recital at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 in Ophelia Parrish Recital Hall. Accompanying both will be Truman alumnus Daniel Kubus ('06). They will be performing music by Santoliquido, Turina, Strauss, Donizetti and Verdi. The event is free and open to all.

There will be a physics colloquium at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Magruder Hall 1000. Esteban D. Araya of the Department of Physics at Western Illinois University will present "Investigating the Earliest Phases of Massive Star Formation."

The Center for International Education (CIEA) is hosting a video contest for all students who are currently studying abroad or those who studied abroad last spring, summer or fall. Videos should be between one to three minutes and address what the student learned during their experience. The deadline to submit videos is Nov. 16. A prize will be given to the winner.

The Wind Symphony II Concert will take place at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Phi Sigma Pi will host "The Giving Tree" to help support local children during the holiday season. Ornaments, attached with children's wish lists, will be available for pick-up from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 16-17 in the Student Union Building. Presents will be collected from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in the Student Union Building.

The Center for International Study Abroad is hosting a photo contest for their office. Students may vote for their favorite photograph at [studyabroad.truman.edu](http://studyabroad.truman.edu) until Nov. 17 and the winner will be announced Nov. 18.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host a discussion of issues of interest to the University at 12 p.m. Nov. 17 in Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at [marc@truman.edu](mailto:marc@truman.edu) or call 785.6036 for more information.

Residence Life staff and Ryle Hall Senate will be hosting Ryle Ribbon Cutting from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 17. Students, faculty and staff, as well as the Kirksville community, are encouraged to attend. In addition to the ribbon-cutting event, a guided tour will be offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to exhibit the history and new additions to Ryle Hall.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association will perform "Beyond the Score-Whose World?" at 3 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Quincy Junior High School Morrison Theater. Admission is free for all Truman faculty, staff and students.

The Freshman Theatre Seminar class will present their Freshman show, "An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein" at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 in James G. Sevens Theatre.

There will be a Jazz Combo Concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Wind Symphony I will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The Independent Performance and Art Coalition presents "Parable," a drama about the Christian love story and the role of humanity, using contemporary music and faces as artistic canvases at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 7 in the Student Union Building Down Under. The drama is written, directed and performed by students and is free of admission.

### Pickler Memorial Library

*Architect to Discuss Trends in Library Designs*

The campus community is invited to a presentation by Sue Pruchnick, an architect in the St. Louis firm of Bond Wolfe Architects, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Pruchnick has a specialization in emerging trends in library redesign and will discuss the concept of a Learning Commons and its importance for the library and student learning as well as its overall impact on the campus.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Commerce's (DOC) Internship for Postsecondary Students Program, administered by Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, has slots remaining in Washington, D.C., for the spring semester. The internship provides students the opportunity for hands-on education and training related to their fields of interest and those of the DOC. Positions can be part-time or full-time and opportunities exist in various programs including business, sociology, statistics, communications, international affairs and other fields. Students must be U.S. citizens and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. A stipend is provided, along with housing and transportation allowances. Applications are due Dec. 1.

For more information, visit [see.orau.org/ProgramDescription.aspx?Program=10038](http://see.orau.org/ProgramDescription.aspx?Program=10038).



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### Thanksgiving Break Hours at the REC

Nov. 18- 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Nov. 19-20- Closed

Nov. 21-22-11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nov. 23-26- Closed

Nov. 27- 4-7 p.m.

### Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library Internship

The Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library is seeking two summer interns to work at the library in Independence, Mo.

- Eight-week, Full-Time Internship
- Juniors and Seniors are Eligible
- Five-Hour Tuition Scholarship
- Deadline to apply is Dec. 7

For more information, or an application, contact Jeff Gall at 785.7747 or [jgall@truman.edu](mailto:jgall@truman.edu).

### French Government Teaching Assistantship Program

Applications are now available for paid assistantships in France to help elementary and secondary teachers with English in French classrooms.

The program begins in late September and ends in early April or May. The contract may be extended. Assistants receive a monthly stipend and governmental health among other benefits.

Applicants must have intermediate to advanced skills in French and be between the ages of 20-30 by Oct. 1, 2012 at the beginning of the contract year. The application requires two letters of recommendation with one from a French instructor; a modest application fee and a formal medical report.

Applications are due Jan. 15. For additional information, contact [gswiert@truman.edu](mailto:gswiert@truman.edu).