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## Taste the Culture: The 45th Annual International Dinner

This year's International Dinner will be celebrated on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in the SUB Georgian Room. Enjoy a dinner prepared and served by Truman's international students.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available for \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students at the International Student Office, Kirk Building 120.

The dinner is sponsored by the International Club and the Funds Allotment Council.

## Lyceum Series Welcomes Holiday Season With "The Nutcracker"

Ballet Theatre Pennsylvania will present two performances of the Christmas classic "The Nutcracker" on Nov. 23 in Baldwin Auditorium as part of the University's Lyceum Series. Performances will be at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

For more than one hundred years, this classic ballet has been enticing audiences with elaborate costumes, spectacular dance and seasonal music. The music, created by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, combined with the magical story of E.T.A. Hoffmann creates the splendor of this traditional ballet.

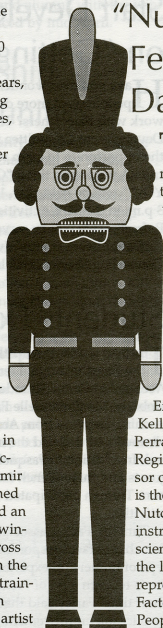
The story spotlights a young girl, Clara, at a Christmas party where she receives a toy soldier nutcracker. Later that night, she falls asleep next to the Christmas tree and dreams of the toy soldier coming to life. The ballet then follows Clara's dream and her encounters with the nutcracker.

Ballet Theatre Pennsylvania brings holiday magic to the stage in this charming and colorful production. Under the direction of Vladimir Shumeikin, the company has gained national prominence and attracted an international ensemble of award winning dancers from Russia and across the United States. Originally from the Ukraine, Shumeikin received his training at the Kiev Ballet Academy. In 1976, he was awarded the title of artist of the Tartar Republic, and his full

length ballet "1001 Nights" was named Best Original Ballet in 1984.

## "Nutcracker" to Feature Local Dancers

The Ballet Theatre Pennsylvania performances at Truman will feature several local children who will dance with the professional troupe. Local dancers include Melanie Collier, Caroline Early, Stacie Ellis, Veronica Chaplin, Lindsey Crabb, Brooke Larsen, Lexia Williams, Leah Baiotto, Annie Brown, Sara Schwend, Carlee Pipes, Angela Schenewerk, Amy Tannenbaum, Marla Miller, Erica Rentschler, Jackie Rusie, Kelly Trosen, Gentry Martin, Sara Perrachione and Jennifer Schwend. Regina Lindhorst, assistant professor of health and exercise science, is the Lyceum coordinator for "The Nutcracker." Melody Jennings, instructor of health and exercise science, is the ballet instructor for the local dancers. The students represent Julia Peterson's Dance Factory and Marcia Taylor's People In Motion.



## Food Fast Raises More Than \$3,000

The United Way Food Fast was held on Oct. 30. The fast offers students who eat on campus a chance to make a contribution to the United Way.

Students who live in the residence halls are able to sign up to "fast" for the evening meal and not eat in the dining halls. For every student who participated, Sodexho then donated \$1.50 to the United Way. Students were also able to donate to the United Way if they still wished to eat in the dining halls on the evening of the fast.

This year, 2,138 students participated in the United Way Food Fast. Sodexho donated \$3,207 to the United Way on behalf of the 1996 food fast.

Residential Living will provide pizza parties for the houses that had the most participation in the food fast. The large house winner was Ellison House in Centennial Hall (Bill Dorner, student advisor); the small house winner was a section of Wilder House in Kyle Hall (Sally Lucas, student advisor).

The student drive has raised \$4,680. The overall campus drive has exceeded its \$42,000 goal. To date, \$44,184 has been raised by the Truman campus.

Contributions are still being accepted. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may contact Maureen Slaughter in McClain Hall 106 at 785-7298.

## Call for Papers: Women and Politics

Faculty, students, staff and members of the Kirksville community are invited to submit papers or abstracts to Linda Seidel by Jan. 31, 1997. Proposals may address, but need not be limited to the following topics.

*How did American (or British or ...) suffragists win the vote? Can contemporary feminists learn anything from the strategies used by their foremothers?*

*What difference has it made to American women to obtain the franchise in 1920? Since many American black women did not have the vote until much later, this analysis might consider race as well as gender.*

*Is there a "gender gap" in voting patterns? If so, how do we account for it?*

*Do we expect women politicians to take on "women's issues"?*

*Are there women's issues? If so, what are they?*

*How might the current welfare reform bill (or any other political measure) affect women?*

*Is there a particularly interesting woman politician past or present we should know more about?*

*How do women engage in political decision-making in other cultures? What are their spheres of influence and/or power?*

*What are some of the ways in which literature, theater, painting, music or other areas may engage in sexual politics (however defined)?*

## Staff Development Workshop to Focus on "Getting to Know YOU"

Have you ever wondered why some people seem more difficult for you to work with than others? The Staff Development Committee is offering you the opportunity to learn why that may be true. A workshop titled "Getting to Know YOU," will be held Nov. 15 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room. Refreshments will be served.

David Ream from University Counseling Services will lead staff mem-

bers through the steps to find out what their personality types are and how they can relate to others who have similar or different personality types. The Staff Development Committee invites all staff to join them as they explore the traits of the various personality types and learn how to more effectively work with others.

Staff members interested in attending the workshop should RSVP to Human Resources at 785-4031 by Nov. 12.

## Students Experience French Immersion

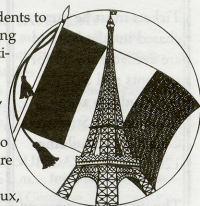
Truman students recently participated in the Fourth Annual French Immersion Weekend at Camp Thunderbird, near Moberly, Mo. Emanuelle Fasquel, a French teaching assistant from Arras, France, planned and directed the immersion weekend. In addition to Fasquel, four French guests and three French faculty members from Truman participated in the weekend's activities.

Timothy Farley, associate professor of French and faculty sponsor, said that this type of immersion experience enables students to learn a lot of French in a very short time. Farley said that students make a noticeable improvement in their speaking ability over the course of the weekend.

"It is this kind of special event that

encourages students to continue studying French and motivates them to want to study French abroad," Farley said.

Students who participated were Adam Adams, Annette Bordeaux, Carol Burkhardt, Amanda Crowell, Sarah Dunn, Adrienne Gerke, Katherine Hardy, Joshua Johnston, Misa Komatsu, Christina Landers, Anne Leicht, Natalie Marshall, Jennifer McKellips, Kathleen Northcutt, Warren Reed, Jennifer Tadsen, Janeen Traen, Victoria Werner and Angela Wright.



# Traditions Committee Announces Alma Mater Lyrics Competition

With the University's new name, the Traditions Committee is asking for assistance in writing new lyrics for the Alma Mater.

As the July 1, 1996, University name change approached, a committee was established to make recommendations regarding the continuance and establishment of traditions.

The Traditions Committee did in fact make numerous recommendations, one of which was that new lyrics be written for the Alma Mater. The existing music will remain as a link to the past, while updated, more relevant text will be an essential bridge from the present to the future.

A premiere performance of new lyrics is projected for the May 1997 commencement ceremony. The entire University communi-

ty, including students, faculty and alumni, is eligible to enter the Alma Mater Lyric Competition.

Recorded and print versions of the music along with the existing lyrics and competition entry guidelines are available to through the Alumni and Development Office, McClain Hall 100, at 785-4133, and on reserve in the Pickler Memorial Media Library.

A panel of judges will select a winner who will be publicly recognized at the premiere commencement performance.

The competition will begin Nov. 15 with entries due by Jan 15. Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges made up of faculty, students and alumni, with the winner being announced by mid April.

## Notables

**Phillip Wilson, assistant professor of science history**, was invited to be the United States representative at the International Taniguchi Symposium on the Comparative History of Medicine: East and West. Wilson will address the September 1997 conference in Mishima and Kyoto, Japan, on a topic related to the symposium theme, "Medicine and the Expressive Body."

**Chris Lantz, assistant professor of exercise science**, recently had a paper titled "Psychosocial Development of College Student Athletes and Nonathlete Students: A Comparison" published in the *Missouri Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance*.

**J. Paul Hunt, professor of communication disorders**, was recently elected to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Missouri Audiology Association.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**The National Security Education Program Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad can be applied to study in countries outside Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.** Scholarship award will be based on financial need and will cover one academic term or a full academic year. Contact the Center for International Education Abroad Office, Kirk Building 120, for more information. Deadline for applications is Jan. 15.

**The National Society of Public Accountants if offering scholarships** to full-time students enrolled in a degree program at an accredited two- or four-year college or university who are majoring in accounting with at least a "B" or better grade point average. Applicants are accepted no later than March 10, 1997. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.

## Chamber Music Recital Set for Nov. 13

The Division of Fine Arts is hosting a Chamber Music Recital at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free.

Ara Gregorian, violin, Ani Gregorian, violin, Jorge Richter, viola, and Lawrence Stomberg, cello, will perform music by Haydn, Dvorak and Beethoven.

Ara Gregorian made his New York debut in 1996 in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as a result of winning the 1995 Artists International Competition. He is currently working on his master's at Julliard School in New York.

Ani Gregorian was first prize winner at the 1993 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition as first violinist in the LaStrada String Quartet. She is currently a student at Julliard School in New York.

Richter, originally from Brazil, is currently a doctoral candidate at Michigan State University. He has performed extensively as a chamber musician in Brazil and the United States.

Stomberg is an assistant professor of cello and bass at Truman State University. As a committed performer of chamber and contemporary music, he has been involved with many chamber music and world premiere concerts at New York's Miller Theater and Merkin and Pförtzheimer Halls.

## Science Hall Observatory Open House

Nov. 14 7 - 8 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff and their families

Nov. 15 7 - 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited, including the Kirksville community

# Notes

**"Digest, Defecate and Die? Explore Bible Answers to Life's Meaning" will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in SUB 5.** Who am I? What am I doing here? and Where am I going? are all questions the program will be discussing. It is free and open to the public. **Nikolai Zlobin, professor of politics and history at Moscow State University and visiting professor at Webster University, will present a lecture titled "The Breakdown of Law and Order in Russia."** The presentation will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in Ryle Hall main lounge.

**Woman of Distinction applications are available in all division offices.** Faculty, staff, students and other community members may be nominated for the award.

Applications are due in the Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112 by Nov. 11.

**A free showing of "Chantilly Lace," will be Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in Ryle Hall main lounge.**

A discussion will follow. The program is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

**Alpha Phi Omega and Alpha Sigma Gamma will host a blood drive Nov. 12-14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room.**

**"How to Write Effective Personal Statements" will be presented by Dennis Leavens, associate professor of English, on Nov. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Career Center.**

**The Women's Resource Center is hosting a forum for minority, physically disabled and women students to voice their concerns about their learning environment in the Science Division.** The forum is open to everyone and will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Ryle Hall conference room. For more information, contact Janine Nicholds at 785-7224 or 627-1492.

**"How technology can change the way we think about content" is the topic of conversation from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the SUB Spanish Room.** This is part of the Wednesday Lunch Series on Teaching Approaches sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee.

**Questions about study abroad?** Students who have studied abroad and exchange students will be present to share their experiences. Alcidean Clarahan will discuss Truman's programs and their accessibility at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Blanton Hall main lounge.

**Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a canned food drive outside of Jack's Cash Saver**

**from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 14-18.** Canned food items go to benefit the Red Cross.

**An Observatory Open House will be Nov. 14-15 from 7 to 8 p.m.** On Nov. 14, the Science Hall Observatory will be open to the students, faculty, staff and their families. On Nov. 15, the observatory will be open to the general public. Admission is free.

**A graduate piano recital will be at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 in Baldwin Auditorium.** Admission is free.

**The Role of Women in Amish Society will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in Ryle Hall main lounge.** The presentation by Marlow Ediger is free and open to the public.

**Career Break on Student Affairs featuring careers in admissions, residential life and other student-tailored areas will be 3:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in the SUB Governors' Room.** The presentation is sponsored by the University Career Center.

**A Children's Theatre presentation of "Winnie the Pooh" will be featured at 9 and 11 a.m. Nov. 21 in Baldwin Auditorium.** All seats are \$2 at the door.

**Ryle Christmas Market will be Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Ryle Hall main lounge.** Proceeds go to benefit Victim Support Services. Admission is free.

**The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is accepting applications for 1997 scholars.** Sophomores will be given priority, but all students are encouraged to apply. For more information or an application, stop by the Adair Building or call Tracey Lantz or Bertha Thomas at 785-5393. **Homecoming 1996 insulated travel mugs are available for \$5 in the Alumni and Development Office, McClain Hall 100.** A limited number of Homecoming 1996 T-shirts are also available for \$7.

**The Women's Studies Committee is inviting faculty, staff, students and members of the Kirksville community to submit papers or abstracts for a conference on women and politics.** All submissions are to be turned in to Linda Seidel by Jan. 31, 1997. For more information, call 785-4491. See story, p. 2. **Residence halls and colleges will close for the fall semester Dec. 13 at noon.** All residents will be required to leave at this time. If anyone living in the Kirksville community would be willing to provide space for a resident in case of a last minute emergency, they should contact the Residential Living Office, 785-4227, Kirk Building 112.

# ON CAMPUS

**12 TUESDAY**  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Blood drive,** SUB Activities Room, through Nov. 14; see Notes.

3:30 p.m. - **"How to Write Effective Personal Statements"** presented by Dennis Leavens, University Career Center  
6 p.m. - **College Bowl Tournament,** through Nov. 13, SUB Governors' and Conference rooms  
7:30 p.m. - **SAB Campus Coffeehouse,** SUB Down Under  
8 p.m. - **Medea** opens and runs through Nov. 16, Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Admission is free.

**13 WEDNESDAY**  
noon - **"Women in the Media,"** KTVO anchor Marlene Speas will discuss her experience as a woman in the media, SUB Governors' Room.  
8 p.m. - **Chamber Music Recital,** Baldwin Hall Little Theatre; see story, p. 3.

**15 FRIDAY**  
1:30-3 p.m. - **"Getting to Know YOU"** workshop, SUB Activities Room  
4-6 p.m. - **University Club's open house** for faculty

**16 SATURDAY**  
1 p.m. - **Football game** vs. Southern Baptist University, Stokes Stadium  
5 p.m. - **Women's Basketball** vs. St. Louis Exhibition Team, Pershing Arena

**17 SUNDAY**  
6 p.m. - **International Dinner,** SUB Georgian Room; see p. 1.

**18 MONDAY**  
**Last Day to drop second-half block courses**

*Truman Today* is published weekly on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Truman Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in *Truman Today* are open to the public.