

# Truman today

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## Last Chance For Tickets

*Rhapsody in Red*  
HEART GALA  
6 p.m. Nov. 8

Sponsored by the  
American Heart  
Association

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For more information  
please contact Amy Currier  
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All proceeds benefit the  
American Heart Association  
and all gifts are tax deductible.  
Credit cards will be accepted  
at the Rhapsody in Red Heart  
Gala.

## An Evening With Stephen Lynch

7 p.m. Nov. 8  
Baldwin Auditorium

The Student Activities Board  
presents a comedic show  
featuring Stephen Lynch,  
who has appeared on  
Comedy Central Presents  
and played the star role in  
the Broadway Musical, "The  
Wedding Singer."

## Truman Recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine has listed Truman as 20th on its exclusive survey list of 100 best values in public colleges that "combine outstanding economic value with top-notch education."

The top 100 schools were selected from a pool of more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities and Truman is the only university in Missouri and the eight contiguous states listed in the top 40.

In the December 2008 issue, Truman is also ranked as the fifth best educational value for out-of-state students.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance based its rankings

on several measures of academic quality, such as ACT or SAT test scores, admission rates, freshman retention rates, student-faculty ratios and four- and six-year graduation rates.

They also ranked each school based on cost and financial aid factors.

In addition to doing their own reporting, Kiplinger's used data provided by more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities to Peterson's/ Nelnet.

To view the entire list, go to <http://www.kiplinger.com/money/collegevalues>.

The December issue will appear on newsstands Nov. 11.

## Lyceum Series Continues with Canadian Brass

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series returns Nov. 11 with a performance by award-winning musicians, Canadian Brass.

After forming in Toronto in 1970, the "fabulous five" have spent much of their time on tour, and have performed with many major symphony orchestras in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Their sheer joy in playing the music they love is instantly transmitted to the audience, and often results in a fun-filled atmosphere that is sometimes rather atypical in classical music circles.

Canadian Brass has an eclectic repertoire ranging from Bach to the Beatles.

Millions of television viewers have seen Canadian Brass on such programs as the Tonight Show, Today and Entertainment Tonight. They have appeared as guest artists on Evening at Pops with John Williams and the Boston Pops, as well

as numerous PBS specials.

Their many CDs can be found under their own record label, Opening Day Entertainment Group.

Lyceum tickets are free for all Truman students, faculty and staff. Starting Nov. 4, students may pick up their tickets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Activities Board office in the Student Union Building.

Faculty and staff may pick up their tickets from 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the information

desk in the Student Union Building. General admission tickets will be on sale at Edna Campbell's and the Truman Business Office, McClain Hall 105, for the costs of \$7 for adults and \$4 for those 18 and under.

For more information go online to <http://lyceum.truman.edu>.



Canadian Brass

## REQUESTS FOR SPRING 2009 RESERVATIONS

The Student Union reservation office will accept reservations for next semester from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Student Union Building Suite 2000. All requests must be submitted in writing on a reservation form. Visit <http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery> to print out a form.

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
INSTITUTE  
PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The goal of the PDI, created by the Career Center and sponsored by Student Affairs, is to prepare students professionally and personally, for a smooth transition to life after college.

**12-1 p.m. Nov. 11**

*Who wants your life? Preventing identity theft*  
Tom Johnson, director of Public Safety

**1-2 p.m. Nov. 11**

*What you should know that you don't know*  
Jim Berrey, Truman Alumna

**12-1 p.m. Nov. 13**

*The fine print - What you need to know about buying/leasing your new abode*  
Heather Mitchell, Truman Alumna and realtor

**6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 13**

*Suicide and those left behind - Understanding the far reaching impact of someone else's choice to end their life*  
Tricia Brown, Ph.D., LPC, NCC

**6-7 p.m. Dec. 3**

*Domestic violence and it's effects on victims and those around them*  
Kim Baron, director of Victims Support Services

*All sessions take place in the Career Center. Sessions are open to everyone on campus. To register go to <http://pdi.truman.edu>.*

**NOMINATE  
STUDENTS FOR USA  
TODAY ALL-USA  
COLLEGE ACADEMIC  
FIRST TEAM**

The USA TODAY is now accepting nominations from school officials for the 2009 USA TODAY All-USA College Academic Team.

Students must be full-time juniors or seniors.

Top 20 students will be featured in USA TODAY in March and will receive a cash award of \$2,500.

To nominate, visit <https://www.all-usanomination.com>.

## Truman Forensics Students Capture Three Championships at Creighton Tournament

A team of 20 members from the Truman Forensic Union captured three separate top honors along with several other awards at the Nebraska Double-Up tournaments hosted at Creighton University Oct. 24-26.

The team topped their list of awards with the tournament championship in debate sweepstakes and a second place finish in overall (combined debate and individual events) sweepstakes for the weekend.

In parliamentary debate, Truman secured two additional championships when junior Mark Buchheit and senior Chris Girouard took the tournament championship in the open division. Buchheit was also ranked top speaker in the tournament.

In other open division parliamentary debate competition, the team of sophomore Dylan Clark and freshman Ben Reid reached semifinals and the team of sophomores Sarah Backhaus and Christian Johns reached octafinals. In the junior division, junior Susan Presley and sophomore Mehdi Zaidi reached the quarterfinal round.

Backhaus was ranked eighth speaker in the open division, while Girouard was ranked 10th.

In individual speaking competition, freshman Darius Taylor took home sixth place in poetry interpretation in the Saturday portion of the tournament, and fifth place in the Sunday portion. Freshman Erin Williamson took sixth in informative speaking and freshman Elizabeth Hatting took fourth in persuasive speaking. In the Lincoln-Douglas debate, Reid reached the quarterfinals, while Johns was ranked fourth speaker and Backhaus was ranked fifth speaker.

Taylor and Williamson's placements qualify them to compete in their respective events at the National Forensic Association championships in April. They join Hatting, Reid and two additional teammates who have already earned previously announced qualifications.

The Truman Forensic Union is a co-curricular program open to any interested students, regardless of major or prior experience. For more information contact the Director of Forensics at 785.5677 or [kminch@truman.edu](mailto:kminch@truman.edu).

## Tom Carnahan to Speak During Global Entrepreneurship Week Nov. 17

Tom Carnahan, son of late Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan and former U.S. Sen. Jean Carnahan, will give the keynote address for Global Entrepreneurship Week at 12:30 Nov. 17 in Violette Hall 1000.

Global Entrepreneurship Week, which runs from Nov. 17-23, is sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation to promote entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial spirit. It is co-sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center.

Other events during the week include "Pitch It!" from 12-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Georgian Room, where students can receive feedback about their ideas. There will also be an Innovation Expo on Nov. 20 in the Georgian Room.

Formerly a real estate developer and lawyer, Tom Carnahan is now the founder and president of Wind Capital Group L.L.C., the first wind energy developer in Missouri. While wind energy was growing rapidly around the country, no one was developing projects in Missouri.

"I used to tell people about this, and they'd roll their eyes and look at me like I was crazy," Carnahan said. "It doesn't seem so crazy to

anybody anymore."

Today, Carnahan has 79 turbines spinning over farmland in northwestern Missouri. Wind Capital is currently undertaking four major projects, representing nearly \$300 million in development, Carnahan said. The projects will generate 162 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to power 100,000 homes. The staff at Wind Capital has grown as quickly as the turbines, with 18 employees in 2007, as compared to two employees in 2006. As a member of the American Wind Energy Association's Legislative and Policy Committee, Carnahan also keeps an eye on the energy policy debate in Washington, D.C.

"The important thing for people to understand is renewable energy like wind has to compete with other forms of energy that are also subsidized, like coal and gas," he said. "They all get different kinds of subsidies from government."

Despite Wind Capital's early success, some people still question whether wind power is more than the latest fad.

"I think that couldn't be further from the truth," Carnahan said. "We're powering real homes and creating real electrons every single day for sale in a competitive market."

## NOTABLES

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, presented talks on "Islam and Science" at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Madison Public Library Oct. 23-24. The departments of Physics and History of Science co-sponsored the visit.

Michael Goggin, associate professor of physics, gave a presentation entitled "Quantum Computing Without Entanglement" at Frontiers in Optics 2008, the 92nd annual meeting of the Optical Society of America Oct. 19-23 in Rochester, N.Y. His presentation was based on work done at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, while he was on sabbatical earlier this year.

Masahiro Hara, associate professor of Japanese, presented the paper "Evidence for L2 syntactic gap processing from processing of Japanese scrambling" at the 31st Second Language Research Forum held at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Oct. 17.

Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history; Barbara Smith-Mandell, acquisitions editor for Truman State University Press; and Jerrold

Hirsch, professor of history, presented "Without a Minyan: Adjusting to Jewish Life in a Small Midwestern Town" to the 21st Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium on Jewish Life and Culture, in Omaha, Neb.

Elaine McDuff, associate professor of sociology, has published an article, "Organizational Context and the Sexual Harassment of Clergy," in the Fall 2008 issue of the journal "Sociology of Religion."

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French, was interviewed by KTVO on Oct. 25 in Fairfield, Iowa. McLane-Iles was signing copies of her book "Dieppe Crossing." The historical novel is a fictional memoir set during the Spanish Civil War through the years of the French Resistance.

Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics and director of the Mathematical Biology and STEP programs at Truman, has been appointed to a three-year term to the Mathematical Association of America's Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics subcommittee on Research by Undergraduates. The MAA is the largest professional society that focuses on mathematics accessible at the undergraduate level.

## Philosophy and Religion Hosts Conference

The Philosophy and Religion Department will host 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.

There will also be a luncheon address featuring keynote speaker and this year's Henry W. Smits Lecturer, Gregory Pence, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who will present "How to Build a Better Human." The lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m.

For more information please contact Mike Bova Conti at [mjb439@truman.edu](mailto:mjb439@truman.edu) or Mike Ashcraft at 785.7531 or [washcraft@truman.edu](mailto:washcraft@truman.edu).



Caroline Donahue, daughter of Roberta Donahue, assistant professor of health and exercise science, is pictured with Amy Little, a communication disorders graduate student and 2008 recipient of the Truman Rite Care Early Literacy Fellowship. Caroline donated 40 books to the Truman Rite Care Early Literacy Library.

## Lincoln Author to Visit Truman

Author Timothy Good will be visiting history and criminal justice systems classes to discuss his two books, "We Saw Lincoln Shot: One Hundred Eye Witness Accounts" and "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Making of a President" Nov. 5.

Good will also be signing

copies of his books from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Union Building at 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.

## 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 about the program contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or [step@truman.edu](mailto:step@truman.edu).

## Phi Sigma Pi Offers Free Baby-sitting Service

Parents' Night Out  
5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 7  
Pershing Building 231, 232, 234

Open to all Truman and Kirksville community members. Kids of all ages are welcome. Activities include games, coloring, crafts and movies.

Please RSVP by visiting <http://psp-beta.truman.edu> or e-mail [tlta269@truman.edu](mailto:tlta269@truman.edu).

## GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT FIELD TRIPS THROUGH STUDENT AFFAIRS

Truman faculty and staff may submit proposals for student field trips that serve one of the following purposes:

- Part of an academic course
- Facilitate the goals of a student organization
- Pursue other special interests

Grants of up to \$6,000 will provide financial support for transportation costs and may help cover the cost of activities.

A limited number of grants are available. Proposals must be submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs Office in the Student Union Building 3100 or by e-mail at [lccg@truman.edu](mailto:lccg@truman.edu) by Nov. 15.

## NOTES

Alpha Phi Omega and Alpha Sigma Gamma will host a Salvation Army food and clothing drive from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 3-6 on the second floor of the Student Union Building. **Weekly Lunch Series on Nov. 5 will feature Todd Phillips, director of the Student Success Center,** and will take place from 12:30-1:30 pm, in the Student Union Building Spanish Room.

The Physics Colloquium series will present, "Power laws in biology: Insight into the structure-function relationship of the human lung," with Michael Mayo of the University of Missouri at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in Magruder Hall 1000. For more information visit <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/>.

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. Scott Alberts, a Truman associate professor of mathematics, along with Jane Roads, the chair and professor of mathematics and science at Moberly Area Community College, and therapist Steven Voss, associate professor of psychology at MACC, 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 1001.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presents "Reflections of a Woman" with motivational speaker Tolu Tolu at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theater. Tolu, author of the book, "Why and How Women Are Exploited By Men Worldwide," will discuss the common sense solutions for the issues women face in the 21st century. Copies of the book are available in the Truman Bookstore.

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

The American Association of University Professors will meet at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the University Club, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at [mrc@truman.edu](mailto:mrc@truman.edu) or call 785.603 for more information.

The Mathematical Association of America is hosting the fourth annual Math and Computer Sciences Texas Hold'em Tournament from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 7 in the second floor commons of Violette Hall. There will be prizes for the top three players and door prizes. A \$5 donation is suggested for Relay for Life.

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 for \$6.

Ryle Hall Senate is hosting the Mr. and Mrs. Ryle Pageant at 3 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Ryle Hall main lounge. The event is part of the Ryle Cup Challenge and participants can earn points for their house. Sign-up sheets are located on each floor of Ryle Hall.

"American Treasures" will take place at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at the First Union Congregational Church in Quincy, Ill. In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Phyllis Robertson, Truman lecturer in music, will lead the Quincy Symphony Chorus in an evening of traditional music from the Civil War Era. Faculty, staff and students receive free admission.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will host the 2008 Playboy Scholarship Pageant at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Student Union Building Down Under.

The Department of English and Linguistics presents Joe Benevento, professor of English, who will read from his new book of short stories, "Some of My Best Friends and Other Fictions," at 8 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Student Union Building Down Under.

Students interested in learning more about a new Study Abroad program in Capetown, South Africa from May 14 to June 5, 2009 should plan to attend one of the following information sessions in the Student Union Building 3202: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Contact Elaine McDuff at [emcduff@truman.edu](mailto:emcduff@truman.edu) for more information.

The students of the 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 show the importance of recycling and how it impacts Truman's community. There will also be free recycling bins. The Student Activities Board has tickets for the free One Republic concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in Pershing Arena.

The SERVE Center will host the annual Big Week of Giving from Nov. 16-21. There will be a canned food drive throughout the week and several events. Student Senate will host the hunger banquet Nov. 16. The annual Hungerfest concert is at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 in Baldwin Auditorium. The Student Peace Alliance will host a peer mediation workshop from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Georgian Room C of the Student Union Building. Please RSVP to [lan658@truman.edu](mailto:lan658@truman.edu) by Nov. 17.

Notes From the Underground is looking for people interested in improving writing via workshop format. Sign up through TruView or attend the meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Writing Center. Contact James Ginn for more information at [d2080@truman.edu](mailto:d2080@truman.edu).

## 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.

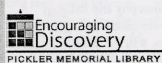
### International Student Affairs Office Now Hiring for Spring 2009

The ISAO is hiring hall hosts for scholarship, work study or institutional jobs next semester. Hall hosts are dorm assistants to incoming and current international students.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Live in West Campus Suites or Centennial, Ryle or Missouri Hall
- Own a car
- Minimum GPA of 3.25
- Enjoy being around diverse students
- Understand and exhibit cultural sensitivity

Please contact Liz Enberg at [ea626@truman.edu](mailto:ea626@truman.edu) for more information or stop by Kirk Building 120 for an application.



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