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## James G. Sevrens Theatre Dedication

5 p.m. • April 8  
Ophelia Parrish

This is a ceremony to name the main performing facility in Ophelia Parrish in honor of retired Truman State University faculty member James G. Sevrens.

Sevrens began his career at Truman in 1959 and served as professor of dramatics, director of the College Players (later known as the University Players) and chairperson of the theatre department for 32 years. He directed and produced two to three plays a year with University students. While at Truman, Sevrens received a Fulbright Award to study in the People's Republic of China.

He retired from the University in 1991 and was granted the title of professor emeritus of dramatics. He and his wife, Patricia (Harris '66) reside in Chicago.

## The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presents Rhonda Vincent and The Rage 7:30 p.m. • April 4 Baldwin Auditorium

A limited number of tickets are available for students, faculty and staff. Seating is general admission. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with their University ID. Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office, in the SUB Governors Room. Faculty and staff may pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB.

Call the Public Relations Office at 785.406 for more information.

## Professors Receive Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship

President Barbara Dixon, Vice President for Academic Affairs Garry Gordon, and Vice President for University Advancement Mark Gambaiana presented three faculty with the \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship March 27. Jon Beck, associate professor of computer science; Huping Ling, professor of history; and Jeffrey Romine, professor of accounting; each received a 2006 Fellowship.

The presentation of the Fellowship was



Jon Beck (left photo), Jeffrey Romine (center photo) and Huping Ling (right photo) receive the 2006 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship from Truman State University President Barbara Dixon on March 27.

done in front of each faculty member's class, surprising the faculty member and their students.

Alumni Walker and Doris Allen established the Fellowship five years ago with one of the largest outright gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation. The \$10,000 Walker and

Doris Allen Fellowship recognize outstanding faculty members who have greatly contributed to the success of the University and its students.

## Gov. Matt Blunt Establishes Graduate Education Week

Gov. Matt Blunt established Graduate Education Week, to take place April 2-9, in a proclamation signed on March 17.

Blunt's proclamation highlights the importance of graduate education and the impact it has in our state, including teachers with advanced degrees, skilled researchers, the ability to attract new businesses and the overall economic impact of a graduate education.

Current master's programs at Truman include accountancy, biology, communication disorders, education (MAE), English and music. Each of these programs at Truman is highly selective in its admission standards, and provides a high quality graduate educational experience.

Several Truman alumni who continued with their postgraduates studies at Truman have received statewide recognition.

Andy Gensler, a 1999 MAE graduate, won the National Educator award from the Milken Family Foundation. This award was referenced in the proclamation.

Jesse Bohlmeier, a communication disorders graduate student, was named the 2006 Outstand-

ing Graduate Student in Missouri by the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Stephanie Bertel, a 2004 Master of Arts graduate, received the award in 2005.

Alaina Denney, an English graduate student, has been awarded the 2006 Robert J. Greef award presented by the Missouri Association of Teachers of English. The award is presented annually to a student completing an English education program in recognition of strengths in academic performance, leadership and character.

Michael Van Beber, a music graduate student, was one of three composers selected from an international call for scores by the Virginia chapter of the College Band Directors National Association.

Margaret (Peggy) Zahner, a 2002 MA and MAE graduate, has been named "Teacher of the Year" in the St. Louis Parkway School District. The accountancy program has been ranked among the top five schools in the nation for successful completion of the CPA exam in the first sitting for the past few years. In one notable year, Truman graduates earned the top three scores on the May 2002 Missouri CPA exam.

### Truman Ranks as Fourth Best Public Value in "America's Best Value Colleges"

Truman is the nation's No. 4 best value in the public sector according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school on its "Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges" ranking list and profiles the school in the 2007 edition of its book, "America's Best Value Colleges" (Random House / Princeton Review). A list of the schools profiled in the book can be found at Web site <http://www.PrincetonReview.com>.

### Help Fight Hunger

#### Generous Helps Hunger Relief Initiative

#### Now-May 12

Sodexo is assisting in raising additional funds by purchasing specified manufacturer food and supply products. One hundred percent of the additional funding earned will be distributed to the Sodexo Foundation to support hunger programs.

Every day, Sodexo will **Show Case** a particular item that will use these featured products from a participating manufacturer. Using more of these products will increase the amount of money donated to hunger relief in North America.

Sodexo will also be sponsoring a

#### Local Canned Food Drive

Donate meals or dining dollars or bring in nonperishable food items April 3-6.

Sign up at the Cashier Station or bring food items to one of the dining halls, Mainstreet Market, or the CSite.

All dining dollars, meals and food donated during this time will go to the Kirksville Local Food Bank.

### Seeking Nominations

#### for the 2005-2006

#### William O'Donnell Lee

#### Advising Award

Do you know or have a great faculty academic adviser? Would you like to honor him or her? If so, nominate an outstanding full time, faculty academic adviser for the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award.

To nominate a faculty member, complete the online nomination form at <http://rcp.truman.edu/lee/Leenomination.htm>.

Faculty receiving the Lee Advising Award will be recognized at August Commencement.

**Nominations are due by 8 a.m., April 24.**

For more information, contact Marty Eisenberg at [martye@truman.edu](mailto:martye@truman.edu).

## Debaters Reach "Sweet 16" at Nationals, Rank 8th Nationally for Season

Truman's eight-year streak of national elimination-round competition in debate was maintained by 12 members of the Truman Forensic Union at the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) National Championships held March 24-27 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

Two hundred and sixty-three teams, from 91 colleges and universities, began the competition, which culminated in a national title awarded to the University of Puget Sound. The field included representatives from a majority of states, the People's Republic of China and Slovakia.

Truman's team of Meghana Kunkala, a senior biology major from Chino, Calif., and Dylan Rothermel, a sophomore economics major from Homewood, Ill., reached the octafinal, or "Sweet 16," round of the tournament before losing to a team from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore.,

the defending National Champions. The team out-lasted representatives of several regional and national powers, including the University of Missouri-Columbia, Drury University, the University of Wyoming, the United States Air Force Academy and Creighton University.

Additionally, the team of Christopher Girouard, a sophomore political science and Spanish double major from Chesterfield, Mo., and Jason Mo, a sophomore chemistry major from Chesterfield, Mo., reached the triple-octafinals, which is the second in a series of seven elimination rounds arrayed in a single-elimination bracket. Roughly the top third of the national tournament field survives to the single-elimination phase.

In season-long sweepstakes, Truman placed eighth nationally.

For most Truman competitors, this marks the conclusion of the competitive season.

## Academic Competition Organization Hosts First Northeast Missouri Academic Challenge

The Northeast Missouri Academic Challenge, held on March 25, was Truman's Academic Competition Organization (ACO)'s first high school quiz bowl tournament. It was targeted toward schools from northeast Missouri as part of ACO's effort to promote academic competition in the area. The tournament's goal is to provide teams with a final opportunity to hone their skills just before district tournaments begin in Missouri.

The teams were divided into two pools based on school size. In the larger-school Purple Division, Kirksville won the championship. In the smaller-school White Division, Scotland County came away with top honors. Other schools competing in the tournament included Schuyler R-1, Hannibal, Fort Zumwalt West, Elsberry, Brookfield, Westran, Knox County, Canton, North Shelby, Marion County and La Plata.

The event was hosted by the Academic Competition Organization, with Truman students and faculty serving as readers, scorekeepers and timekeepers.

The Academic Competition Organization would like to thank the following members of the Truman community for assisting in making the first Northeast Missouri Aca-

demic Challenge a success:

Kathryn Brammall, associate professor of history and managing editor of the "18th Century Journal;" James Guffey, professor of mathematics; Randy Hagerty, professor of political science; John Allen, a senior biology major from Chesterfield, Mo.; Jordan Bergsten, a junior psychology major from Independence, Mo.; Jon Deering, a sophomore history and pre-secondary education double major from Montgomery City, Mo.; Kendal Geno, a freshman biology major from Brookfield, Mo.; Tim Gerhart, a junior history and pre-secondary education double major from Belleville, Ill.; Robert Kelchen, a senior business administration and economics double major from Hiram, Ga.; Emily Kiddoo, a sophomore political science major from Memphis, Mo.; Becca Hoelting, a junior psychology major from Webster Groves, Mo.; Stacey Hollerauer, a senior communication major from Williamsville, Ill.; Brian Jansen, a sophomore history major from Quincy, Ill.; Becca Maddox, a junior from Macon, Mo.; Sarah Maddox, a senior English and pre-secondary education major from Macon, Mo.; and Will Tollerton, a senior history major from Laclede, Mo.

## NOTABLES

**Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science**, presented two single-authored papers titled "Progress as Promised? What Donors Promise and What Aid Can(not) Deliver" and "Gender, Foreign Policy, and Development Cooperation" and one co-authored (with **John Ishiyama, professor of political science**) paper titled "How International Studies Major Programs Market Themselves: A Survey of 60 Primarily Undergraduate Institutions in the Midwest" at the annual meeting of the International

Studies Association (ISA) held March 22-25, in San Diego, Calif. She was appointed to a three-year term commencing in March 2006 as a member of the Workshop Grants Committee of the International Studies Association.

**Huping Ling, professor of history**, was featured in an article titled "Ping Piao Meiguu: A Prominent Historian Huping Ling," by Nenger Jin. The article appeared in *The World Journal*, the largest Chinese language daily newspaper in North America, on Jan. 15.

## Phi Beta Lambda Receives Awards at Conference

A group of future businessmen and women traveled to Jefferson City, Mo., for the 47th Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference March 24-25.

Members of Truman's Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity chapter received numerous awards for their work in different areas of business such as economics and information management.

This year's conference, themed "Unlock Your Potential," featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and the election of officers for next year.

Students elected Daniel Leatherman, a freshman pre-accounting major from Chillicothe, Mo., to the position of state reporter, and Alicia Stewart, a freshman pre-secondary education major from Clinton, Mo., was appointed the state parliamentarian for the 2006-2007 academic year by receiving the highest score on the Parliamentary Procedures exam.

Truman received the Gold Seal Chapter

Award of Merit at the conference. Kyle Gifford, a senior computer science major from Columbia, Mo., received the distinction of first place in "Who's Who in PBL." The chapter was recognized for their March of Dimes project and received first place in the largest local chapter membership.

Individual students earning first place awards included Leatherman; Andrea Cluck, a sophomore English major from Bernie, Mo.; Gifford; Amy Rowden, a junior economics and pre-business administration double major from Dixon, Mo.; Heidi Blackburn, a senior business administration major from Columbus, Neb.; Erin Lueker, a sophomore history major from Buffalo, Mo.; Katie Bross, a senior accounting major from Palmyra, Mo.; the team of Stewart, Stella Costello, a freshman pre-accounting major from Grayslake, Ill.; Lisa Hoffman, a freshman pre-business administration major from Jefferson City, Mo.; and Molly Smith, a freshman pre-business administration major from Newton, Iowa.

## Financial Aid Award Notices to be Sent Electronically

All currently enrolled Truman students who have filed the 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should watch their e-mail for important Financial Aid messages to be arriving soon.

This year, students will receive their 2006-2007 Financial Aid Award Notices via their Truman e-mail accounts. Scholarship renewal information will also be communicated this way.

Students will be referred to the Truman Financial Aid Office's Web site at <http://financialaid.truman.edu/forms.stm> for any required forms.

Since paper award letters and forms will no longer be sent to students' home addresses, students should share this information as needed by forwarding e-mail to parents and printing award information from their TruView accounts.

### Global Issues Colloquium

#### "The U.S. Army's Transformational Imperative"

presented by Lt. Col. Steve Kenevny,  
dean of military science

7-9 p.m. • April 6  
Violette Hall 1000

### Faculty Recital

by Janice Saffir, professor of music

8 p.m. • April 10

#### Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

The recital will include works by Scriabin, Mozart and Chopin, as well as works by Warren Goosh, professor of music at Truman; Mike VanBebber, a graduate student in music at Truman; and Mark Kuss, assistant professor of music at Southern Connecticut State University.

The recital is free and open to the public.

Human Resources, in cooperation with UniCare Life & Health Insurance Company and the Benefits Advisory Committee, will be sponsoring the first

### Faculty and Staff Health and Wellness Fair

April 14

#### Student Union Building

The following seminars will be offered:

#### Improving Fitness

9:30-10:30 a.m. • Conference Room

#### Interpreting Wellness Screening Results

10:30-11 a.m. • Conference Room

#### Senior Living

11 a.m.-noon • Alumni Room

#### Healthy Cooking

1:30-2:30 p.m. • Alumni Room

#### Weight Management

2:30-3:30 p.m. • Alumni Room

Please R.S.V.P. to attend any or all of the sessions online at <http://hr.truman.edu/register/>. Spots are limited.

In addition, several organizations from Kirksville and the surrounding area will be present as partners to provide information about the services they offer. Those scheduled to attend include: Eldertalk, Air Evac Lifeline, Putnam County Hospital, Integrative Wellness Institute, Tiffany In-home Services, and the Northeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging. These partners will be presenting from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Activities Room.

For more information, contact Human Resources at 785.7480, 785.4031 or [hrstaff@truman.edu](mailto:hrstaff@truman.edu).

## NOTES

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m., April 5, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

"Should You Really be a Lawyer?" discussion will take place from 4:30-5:15 p.m., April 5 and April 12, in VH 1146. Martin Jayne and Paul Parker, Truman pre-law advisers, will discuss legal education and legal careers with all interested students. Contact Parker at 785.4505 for more information.

Andrew Melynk will speak about "Is Physicalism Refuted by Human Mentality?" during the Physics Colloquium from 5:30-6:30 p.m., April 5, in MG 1096. This is free and open to the public. Contact Toner Edis at 4583 for more information.

International hall host positions are now available for the 2006-2007 school year. To be eligible for this position, applicants must live on campus and have a vehicle. If interested, contact Kara Burns, international hall host coordinator, at 665.0468 or Karalynn@truman.edu by April 7.

Alan Journet, professor of biology at Southeast Missouri State University, will speak at 11:30 a.m., April 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. His presentation will be titled "Crouching Cassowary, Hidden Cheetah" and will be about his trips to Australia and to Kruger Park in Africa. Contact Jim Turner at 785.4348 for more information.

The Child Development Center and the Division of Education present "A Report on Public Preschool Initiatives Nationwide" by Kathy Thornburg, past president of NAEYC and national leader in early childhood education policy, at noon, April 7, in the SUB Activities Room.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m., April 7, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will be showing "Memoirs of a Geisha" at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 7, in VH 1000. No tickets are needed. Call 785.4722 for details.

The Society of Dance Arts (TSODA) presents "Dance Fusion 2006: Body Language" at 7 p.m., April 7 and April 8, in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Goers performers will include the University Swingers, Baptist Student Union Praise and Worship Dance Team, Showgirls, High Street Dancers, Unique Ensemble Praise Dancers, Ceilidh Dancers and International Club. Contact Ashley Morris at 573.619.5154 for more information.

The Special Olympics Northeast Area Track and Field Games will take place from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 8, at Stokes Stadium. Admission is free. Volunteers to be buddies to athletes from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and other aspects of the games with less of a time commitment are needed as well. Contact Julie Wynn, student director of the Student Council for Exceptional Children, at 627.6035 or scec@truman.edu to get more information or to volunteer.

The Rotaract Club will present the fourth film of its International Film Series, "Bride and Prejudice,"

from 6:30-9:30 p.m., April 8, in VH 1000. Contact Brynn Weimer at 665.3452 for more information.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly. The reception will begin at 7 p.m., April 10, in the SUB Georgian Room. The awards ceremony will follow at 7:30 p.m. The formal presentation of the awards is specially planned to honor and recognize our outstanding students who have dedicated time, talent and energy to academic advancement and community service.

College Republicans will sponsor "American Power: The Bush Administration's War on Terror," a presentation by Rich Lowry, nationally syndicated columnist and editor of *National Review* magazine, at 7 p.m., April 11, in Baldwin Auditorium. For more information, contact Will Tollerton at 785.7116 or wjt073@truman.edu.

All art submissions for the first ever ARTSEnvironmental Gallery Show, sponsored by the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) and the Kirksville Arts Association, are due by April 12. The show will take place April 19-May 4. For more information, contact Cassie Phillips at cassiephillips@care2.com.

The English Graduate Organization will present its third annual conference with this year's theme focusing on the creative art of writing from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., April 12 and April 13, location to be determined. Presentations can include anything from fictional and non-fictional narratives to writing about artistic creations such as fiber projects and music. Contact Tom Usseted at tuseted@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman State University Music Department will present a jazz combo concert at 7 p.m., April 12, in the OP Performance Hall. Contact Tim AuBuchon at 785.4412 for more information.

Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity is sponsoring a presentation by Rick Shenkman titled "American Myths Revealed" at 7 p.m., April 12, in Baldwin Auditorium. Contact Emmie Combes at eac900@truman.edu for more information.

The Annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m., April 27, in the SUB Georgian Room. Tickets are available in the Human Resources Office in MC 106 for \$10 each.

This year the Kirksville Heart Walk (approximately 2.5 miles) will be in honor of former Truman State University football coach and Truman alumnus, John Ware. Anyone can participate in this event on April 29. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. If you have an interest in participating or being part of a team, contact Jack Schrader at schrader@truman.edu or 785.4171.

Faculty, staff and students who know an international student who deserves to be recognized for his or her hard work and enthusiasm can nominate that person to become the next International Student of the Month. Applications are available at <http://iso.truman.edu> under the Current Students tab. Applications may be submitted at any time. Contact Kara Burns at 665.0468 for more information.

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