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Symphony Performance and Dinner To Celebrate Kohlenberg Lyceum Series

While Baldwin Auditorium will be brimming with excitement as the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra opens this year's Lyceum Series on Sept. 16, a void will be felt by many in the audience. For the first time in more than 30 years, the season will commence without Dr. Gilbert Kohlenberg greeting the audience at the door.

Kohlenberg, who passed away last November, had been instrumental in the success of the series since he was appointed chair of the Lyceum Committee in 1960. He and his wife, Mary Jane, came to the University in the '50s to accept temporary positions; they planned to stay for six months. The six months grew into more than 40 years of service for Kohlenberg, professor emeritus of history and head emeritus of social science, and Mary Jane, assistant professor emerita of math and computer science.

Anyone familiar with the Lyceum Series knew that Kohlenberg was committed to the program. From his very first season, which included former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Vincent Price, to the 1996-97 season, Dr. Kohlenberg was dedicated to ensuring the success of the program.



Gilbert Kohlenberg

He gave his time and energy freely, never seeking credit for his efforts.

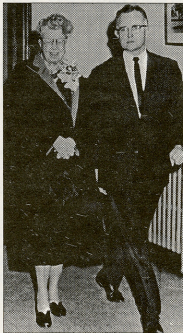
This past spring, the Board of Governors approved the renaming of the series in honor of Kohlenberg. The renaming of the series is being supported by a generous anonymous gift that will establish an endowed cultural fund series. Through the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series the University will continue to enjoy its longstanding reputation of providing outstanding cultural entertainment.

The renaming of the series ensures that Kohlenberg will forever be remembered by those who have enjoyed the Lyceum Series through the years and by the thousands of audience members who will be entertained by the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series for years to come.

Prior to the performance by the Saint Louis Symphony, a dinner to honor Dr. Kohlenberg and to celebrate the inauguration of the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will be held on Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Georgian Room. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased for \$10 in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202, until Sept. 10.

The Saint Louis Symphony will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. Free tickets for students, faculty and staff are available at the Student Activities Board Office, SUB. Financial assistance for this performance has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra will be featured in next week's *Truman Today*.



Scholarships Available For Fall

Civil Rights Lawyer to Teach Tolerance

Through private gifts made to the Truman State University Foundation, more than 200 scholarships are made available to Truman students annually. The following scholarships have not yet been awarded for the 1997-98 academic year. Students interested in these scholarships may apply at the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103. Deadline for applications is Sept. 8, 1997.

Larry W. and Linda K. Boleach Scholarship (\$500) Student must be an exercise science or health major with demonstrated leadership potential and demonstrated outstanding academic performance.

Noma Blanche Glahn Scholarship-Sophomore (\$1,200) and Junior (\$1,200/three to be awarded) This is a renewable scholarship contingent upon satisfactory progress. Priority is given to students from Macon, Knox, Shelby or Sullivan counties in Missouri.

Tony Mitchell Chemistry Scholarship (\$1,000) This is a renewable scholarship offered to an incoming chemistry freshman.

Editor's Note: Morris Dees was originally scheduled to visit campus last spring. His presentation will be held at 8 p.m. on Sept. 10 in Baldwin Auditorium. This article ran in the Feb. 17, 1997, *Truman Today*.



Morris Dees

Morris Dees is a hated man who defends victims of hate crimes. Controversy follows the civil rights lawyer, who has taken on groups from the Ku Klux Klan and the White Aryan Resistance to the Armed Services and militia movements – and won. In 1981, Dees, co-founder and chief trial counsel for the Southern Poverty Law Center, set legal precedent when he won a \$7 million judgment against the Klan for inciting violence. Recently, the SPLC launched a Teaching Tolerance project to develop and distribute educational materials to promote tolerance among students. Thanks to the Missouri Residential Colleges, Dees will bring this message to campus on Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium.

College students across the country have heard Dees' message. In the Kansas State University *Collegian*, he said, "Unfortunately, America is deeply divided in many ways. We are divided along class lines, economic lines, lines of sexual orientation and somewhat political lines. But in no area of our life do we have a deeper division than along racial lines."

The Missouri Residential Colleges have arranged Dees' visit to campus. Organizers are encouraging the campus and Kirksville communities to attend the Teaching Tolerance presentation, in which Dees will explore the dangers to our society represented by the rise of white supremacist groups and anti-government militias.

Mark Dalhouse, assistant professor in the Missouri Residential Colleges, believes Dees' presentation will reinforce the liberal arts mission of the University.

"This is part of an ongoing effort to encourage students to think critically. Truman students need to understand and be aware that the evils of racism and intolerance

are still very much at work in our society," Dalhouse said.

An Alabama native, Dees received his bachelor's and juris doctorate degrees from the University of Alabama. Dees' founding of the SPLC in 1971 resulted from a decade of concern about civil rights in the South. The non-profit law center specializes in lawsuits involving civil-rights violations and racially motivated crimes. In 1981, Dees organized an SPLC program called Klanwatch, to combat organized racist activity through private lawsuits and the dissemination of information. He currently heads the SPLC's Militia Task Force.

On a book tour of his latest work, *The Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat*, Dees warned of the dangers of America's growing militia movement. "The threat

from militia and patriot groups is much bigger than we think," Dees said. "But the government hasn't taken such groups seriously until lately, he complains, and still has a long way to go. His pleas to enforce state laws against paramilitary

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groups have been met, for the most part, with disinterest by state law-enforcement officials," wrote *The Seattle Times*.

Not everyone takes Dees' warnings lightly. Six months before the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Dees warned Attorney General Janet Reno about the growing danger of the militia movement. He continues to monitor the more than 400 militias that his group has identified.

In addition to *The Gathering Storm*, Dees has authored *A Season for Justice and Hate on Trial*. His cases were the subjects of an NBC-TV movie of the week, *Line of Fire*, and a Bill Moyers PBS-TV special. He has received the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the Roger Baldwin Award from the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association.

Opinion

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Editorial

Truman at the top

National accolades continue to roll in for Truman State University.

In the span of just eight days, two magazines issued survey results that put the northeast Missouri school among the elite of the national higher education scene.

Simply put, Truman State University ranks among the best colleges in the Midwest and, in some respects, the nation.

It came as no surprise last week when the Kirksville university was at the top of Money Magazine's list of best buys for a college education. The university made the magazine's top 10 for the fifth straight year.

Then on Friday, Truman was listed 12th best university in the Midwest in the U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of top schools. Truman was the only public institution on that list in the report.

Among six categories used by U.S. News, Truman tied for second in the Midwest for academic reputation and first in the Midwest for selectivity of students. The magazine ranked schools in six categories: academic reputation, retention and graduation of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Students at Truman State University consistently rank among the highest in their high school graduating classes. The incoming 1997 freshman class has an average ACT score of 27 and a high school grade point average of 3.67; more than 26 percent of the Missouri freshmen are Bright Flight scholars.

Truman was not Missouri's sole representative at the top for U.S. News. Washington University of St. Louis was listed among the top 25 universities nationally and Drury College of Springfield was ninth in the Midwest.

But again — Truman was the only public university in the state to be honored.

President Jack Magruder deserves commendation for continuing a tradition of fine leadership dating to Dr. Charles McClain, who took over the reigns of Northeast Missouri State University in the early 1970s. It was McClain's innovations and value-added concepts that put the school on track for its current status.

Magruder, his fine faculty and staff deserve the thanks of Missouri taxpayers, parents and students.

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Scholarship Renewal Proposals Due

Congratulations to the 1997-98 University Scholarship Renewal participants. If you have not yet turned in your scholarship renewal proposal form, do so as soon as possible. Return completed proposal forms to the drop box outside the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.

Please note the following:

IRS regulations require all scholarship hours to be completed during the semester in which the scholarship is earned.

There are no exceptions. All white time cards must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by the last working day of each month.

Cumulative scholarship hours worked for the semester will be posted directly outside the Financial Aid Office in Social Security Number order on the 20th of each month beginning in October. Please check this list for total semester hours. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you feel there are discrepancies.



**THE CHENG AND KWAK
PIANO DUO**
Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.
Baldwin Auditorium

Featuring works by Dvorák,
Debussy, Rachmaninoff and
Milhaud

Notes

The Writing Across the Curriculum

Program is hiring peer readers for the 1997 fall semester. Qualified candidates should possess excellent writing and interpersonal skills. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. For more information and/or application forms, visit The Writing Center, McClain Hall 303, or call 785.4484.

The Writing Center will be open for walk-in consultations beginning Sept. 2.

Writing consultants are available for conferences from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information about evening or early morning consultation hours, or about other Writing Center services, visit The Writing Center, McClain Hall 303, or call 785.4484, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Recreation swim hours at the Natatorium

are 7-8 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 7-9 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 1-4 p.m., Saturday (subject to availability).

Admission is free for all students, faculty and staff with valid IDs. Please bring ID when wishing to swim. One guest is permitted with faculty, staff or student. The Natatorium is closed for all University holidays and vacations. For more information, call 785.4470.

Fall swim lessons begin Sept. 6. Lessons are offered on Saturday mornings (10 total). Class choices include IPAP (6 mos to 5 years, parent in water with child) and three sections of levels 1-7. Classes are taught by American Red Cross Water Safety instructors and are limited to facilitate a close instructor-student ratio. For more information, call 785.4470.

The Division of Fine Arts will have a Faculty Art Exhibition from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 13 at the University Art Gallery. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, announces that applications for the Truman State University Essay Contest are available in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. **Laubach Literacy** training sessions will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Oct. 13, 20, and 27

at the Kirksville Area Technical Center. Interested individuals should contact Terri Jones at 665-2865 to sign up. Enrollment is limited; individuals must attend all three sessions to fulfill requirements.

LEXIS-NEXIS Available

Pickler Memorial Library has signed a contract providing campuswide access to UNIVerse, the new world-wide web online service from LEXIS-NEXIS. LEXIS-NEXIS is a premier source of news, business, legal and political information from around the world and contains abstracts, citations and full-text information from thousands of sources. By contract, access to this service is restricted to active students, faculty and staff of Truman State University. You may access UNIVerse by directing your web browser to (<http://www.lexis-nexis.com/universe>). Access is controlled by IP address.

UNIVerse is a new product and Truman is only one of three universities in the United States to sign a contract for this service at this time. Information in UNIVerse is substantially the same as that contained in LEXIS-NEXIS' traditional on-line service that has been available to graduate business schools and law schools for a number of years. Some information contained in the traditional service is still being transferred into UNIVerse and this process is expected to be completed by the end of the fall semester. Members of the University community who wish to have access to the traditional on-line service may do so by contacting Pickler's Reference Department at 785.4051. It is expected that LEXIS-NEXIS will mount a web site soon containing searching tips and lists of sources for UNIVerse. In the meantime, any questions regarding this service should also be directed to the Pickler Library Reference Department.

The library staff would like to thank the Parents' Council for its generous financial support for this project. Funds raised by the Council will pay for the first year's subscription to UNIVerse. Also, special thanks to the Student Senate and the University's Advancement Office for their work on behalf of this project.

On Campus

2 TUESDAY

Classes resume

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—**Blue Key and Cardinal Key fall blood drive sign-up** through Thursday at tables around campus. Blood drive held Sept. 9, 10, and 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room.

3:30-5 p.m.—**Truman Grant Opportunities information session** for faculty research/scholarship grant and curriculum development/instruction grant, SUB Governors' Room; also Sept. 3. Proposal deadline: Oct. 1.

5 FRIDAY

5:30 p.m.—**University Club Fall Kick-Off BBQ for faculty and staff and their families**, University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. This is a carry-in picnic, with meat, bread and drinks provided.

5:30 p.m.—**The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) open meeting**, Wooden Nickel restaurant. Refreshments will be provided. Officers will be elected and plans for the year will be discussed. No cost.

6 SATURDAY

4:30 p.m.—**Ekklesia presents youth-led revival, "Stones of Help or Hindrance,"** Church of Christ; also Sept. 7. For information, call 457.3160.

7 SUNDAY

Triathlon, Thousand Hills State Park

8 MONDAY

8 p.m.—**The Cheng and Kwak Piano Duo**, Baldwin Auditorium. Works by Dvorák, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Milhaud will be featured.