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2003 McNAIR  
PROGRAM RESEARCH  
PRESENTATIONS AND  
LUNCHEON

SEPT. 17

SESSION I PRESENTATIONS  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Violette Hall 1000

LUNCHEON

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Student Union Building  
Georgian Room

SESSION II PRESENTATIONS  
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Violette Hall 1000

McNair Scholars  
who will present include  
Jenna Buckner  
Shureka Cannon  
Courtney Carter  
Akela Cooper  
Adrienne Johnson  
Tara Johnson  
Gerrad Jones  
Paya Rhodes  
Julie Rubly  
Ben Stewart  
Ryan Stewart  
John Woodward  
Rebecca Zak

Everyone is invited to  
attend.

There is no cost.

R.S.V.P. is required.

Contact Sarah Hass  
at 785.5393  
for more information.

## Truman Chemistry Department Ranks in Top 25 Nationally for Preparedness

Truman State University is ranked 13th in the nation for the preparation of American Chemical Society-certified Bachelor of Science graduates in chemistry for the 2000-2001 academic year.

This achievement was announced in the Aug. 25 edition of the weekly chemistry newsmagazine, "Chemical and Engineering News."

The "Top 25" section reveals that the Truman Chemistry department ranks above institutions such as Pennsylvania State University, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, Harvard University, and Texas A&M University.

"The chemistry faculty takes great pride that all of its B.S. graduates since 1986-1987 have received American Chemical Society certified degrees." Roger Festa, professor of chemistry, said. "This notation on a resume

is a powerful credential for admission to graduate study in chemistry or to professional school, and for obtaining a position in the American chemical process industry."

The accreditation is renewed every five years following an internal self-study and an external review of our program.

The "Top 25" was figured using statistics based on the number of graduating American Chemical Society-certified chemists. Biochemistry majors are not included under this heading.

This is not the first time Truman has been ranked among the "Top 25" undergraduate chemistry programs nationally. This is, however, the highest showing on the list since Truman's chemistry program was accredited by the American Chemical Society (ACS), beginning with the 1986-1987 academic year.

## Truman Ranks Fourth in Nation in CPA Exam

In a recently released report by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Truman's Master of Accountancy students ranked fourth in the nation and first in Missouri for passing all four parts of the May 2002 Certified Public Accountant exam on the first attempt.

Seventy percent of the Truman students passed all four parts on the first attempt, compared to the national average of 31 percent. Truman's Master of Accountancy students also ranked third in the nation in auditing, sixth in the nation in accounting and reporting-other areas, eighth in the nation in financial accounting & reporting-business enterprises, and 16th in the nation in business law and professional responsibilities. Truman's ranking placed the University between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Georgia.

Truman State University Master of Accountancy students earned the gold, silver and bronze medals for the three highest scores in the State of Missouri on the May 2002 Uniform CPA Examination, and they claimed six of the top 10 scores in the state.

"We have a long tradition of being number one on the CPA exam in the State of Missouri," James Bailey, head of the division of business and accountancy, said. "When our students consistently outperform students from schools such as Washington University, St. Louis University and the University of Missouri-Columbia, employers pay attention."

Truman is one of only 163 business schools in the world accredited in both business and accounting by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the premier accrediting agency for business schools.

## Who's Who Applications Now Available for Students

Students may pick up applications for the 2003-2004 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. Faculty and staff also are invited to nominate students for this prestigious award. Nominations are due by Sept. 26 in the Student Affairs Office. To qualify, a student should be active in campus and community activities, have a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and be a senior eligible for graduation in December, May or August of the 2003-2004 academic year. Completed student applications need to be returned to the Student Affairs Office by Oct. 17.

For more information, visit <http://saffairs.truman.edu>, stop by Kirk Building 112, or call 785.4111.

## Food Fest 2003

10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Sept. 20  
Kirksville Square

This event is held in cooperation with the Kirksville Farmers' Market and is sponsored by Truman State University Agricultural Sciences Department, University of Missouri Outreach & Extension, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce and Collins Rentals.

Contact Michael Seipel at 785.4316 for more information.

## Legislative Internship Program Offers Unique Opportunity to Work in State Government

The Missouri Government Internship Program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with a public official, legislator or state agency during the spring 2004 semester. The internship, which is open to all majors, provides an inside look at state government.

Interns are assigned to public officials or offices based upon compatibility and interests. Care is taken to consider each student's major, political orientation, career goals and other preferences. The goal is to enhance the probability that each placement becomes a successful learning experience.

The interns live in Jefferson City during the

spring semester and receive a stipend of \$2,200. Interns may earn up to 15 hours of credit.

All juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 102 or online at [http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mogov\\_app.pdf](http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mogov_app.pdf). Please turn completed applications in to McClain Hall 102 by Oct. 17. A screening committee will review the applications and interviews will be conducted at the end of October for the spring 2004 legislative internships.

Interested students can contact Candy Young at 785.4650 or Heidi Templeton at 785.4016 for more information.

## T. S. Eliot Prizewinner to Read

Truman State University Press will host a poetry reading for Christopher Bakken, 2001 winner of the T. S. Eliot Prize. Bakken will be reading new poetry and selections from his award-winning book, "After Greece," at 7 p.m., Sept. 24, in the Student Union Building Governors Room.

Bakken's poetry collection draws on his two-year stay in Greece. He now teaches at Allegheny College in Meadville, Penn.

Bakken will also have an open discussion on "Career and Craft" at 10 a.m., Sept. 25, in Jazzman's Café located in the Student Union Building Down Under.

Truman State University Press is the sponsor for the T. S. Eliot Prize, an annual award for the best unpublished book-length collection of poetry in English, now in its eighth year.

## Campus United Way Fund Drive Seeks Group Leaders

The campus fund drive for the Adair County United Way is calling for approximately 100 group leaders to conduct another successful drive this year.

The responsibility entails contacting approximately 10 neighboring colleagues, informing them about United Way, and extending the opportunity to contribute.

The campaign kicks off Oct. 1 and continues through November.

If interested in being part of the campus fund drive team, contact drive co-chairs, Kay Anderson at 785.4143 or e-mail [aka@truman.edu](mailto:aka@truman.edu) or Dale Blesz at 785.4398 or e-mail [dblesz@truman.edu](mailto:dblesz@truman.edu) by Sept. 24.

### SAB to present two drive-in movies Sept. 19 in Red Barn Park

8 p.m.-"Bruce Almighty"

9:45 p.m.-"Matrix Reloaded"

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Stop by the SAB office located on the SUB lower level or call 785.4722 for more information.

## Notables

**Cardinal Key** recently presented a check to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for \$1,051.47 for money they raised during the past year. Cardinal Key will continue to raise money this year and educate people on campus and in the local community about Juvenile Diabetes.

**Warren Gooch, professor of music**, had a composition accepted for publication by Dorn Publications, Inc. "Rhapsody" for saxophone and piano was written for Randall Smith, professor of music, who premiered

the work at the 2003 World Saxophone Congress in Minneapolis this summer.

**Krista Kastler, sophomore political science major from Kearney, Mo.**, has been selected for All-American Second Team honors for her excellence in women's collegiate rugby.

**Sharon A. McGahan, assistant professor of nursing**, attended the Nurse Educator Conference, sponsored by the Truman Army ROTC Nurse Corp., from July 20-25 at Fort Lewis in Seattle.

## Upcoming Presentations to Focus on Archaeology at Truman

Students and faculty will present opportunities for learning and involvement in archaeology at Truman.

Students and faculty who traveled to the Second Annual Archeology Symposium last year will present their research results and travel tales from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 23, in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, the Truman Anthropology Club will host an Archaeology Open

House from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 27, in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Those interested can share knowledge about local archaeology or learn tips to identify common artifacts. Display space can be arranged for individual collections.

Contact Amber Johnson, assistant professor of anthropology, at 785.4322 or e-mail her at [ajohnson@truman.edu](mailto:ajohnson@truman.edu) for more information about these events.

## Student Health Center to Provide Flu Vaccinations During the Week

In an effort to accommodate the various schedules of faculty, staff and students, the Student Health Center will be offering flu vaccinations for two hours every weekday Oct. 13-24. Watch for posters announcing the schedules. Scheduled times for flu vaccines will vary each day.

All influenza vaccinations are on a first-

come, first-served basis. The vaccines will be provided free of charge to faculty, staff and spouses covered by University insurance. It is provided to students for \$10.

For more information, please contact Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center, at 785.4562, or stop by the Health Center, located in McKinney Center.

## Judges Needed for Forensics Tournament

The Truman State University Forensics Union will be hosting its invitational forensics tournament Sept. 26-28.

The Forensics Union needs judges, preferably individuals with a Bachelor of Arts degree or higher. Judges may not be undergraduate students. Judges may volunteer their services or be hired for \$10 per

round.

Interested candidates can fill out an application at <http://forensics.truman.edu/JudgingVolunteerForm2003.pdf>.

Contact Kevin Minch, assistant professor of communication and director of forensics, at [kminch@truman.edu](mailto:kminch@truman.edu) or 785.5677 for more information.

## The Career Center Presents

### Fall Expo 2003

### Job Opportunities, Internships and More

1 p.m.

Oct. 21

Student Union Building

For assistance in preparing for the Expo, stop by the Career Center, located in the McKinney Center, or call 785.4353.

### What Should You Do Now to Prepare?

Pre-register to attend the Expo at <http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo/home.asp>.

Write a resume, have it critiqued by the Career Center - no appointment needed - and upload it on eRecruiting. You must upload your resume by Oct. 12 to participate in on-campus interviews.

### Plan your professional look.

Schedule a mock interview at the Career Center.

Check out the Expo employers and posted job/internship listings online at <http://career.truman.edu>. Employers are registering daily to attend.

Participate in "Mapping Out Your Future" events on Oct. 20 for tips on making the most of the career fair, interviewing strategies, internships opportunities, and a chance to mock interview with an employer.

## Notes

**Society of the Prim Roses is holding their Recruitment** every night at 6:30 p.m. through Sept. 19. Contact April Newman at 665.7389 for more information.

**Student Senate fall elections** voting begins at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 17 online at <http://www.trumanvote.com>. Voting ends Sept. 18. Visit the Student Senate Web site at <http://senate.truman.edu> or go to the Senate Office, located on the lower level of the SUB, for more information.

**The Center for Teaching & Learning** will continue its 2003 Weekly Lunch Series for faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs at 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sept. 17, in the SUB Spanish Room. This week's topic is "What Makes a Good Writing Assignment?" Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

**The Financial Management Association** will sponsor a representative from Sprint who speak about "What to Expect the First Year on the Job," at 7 p.m., Sept. 17, in VH 1010. An informational meeting will follow, and pizza will be provided. There is no cost and everyone is welcome to attend. Call Richard Goering at 785.4868 for more information.

**The Mu Sigma chapter of Phi Kappa Theta** will be collecting donations for the Kirksville Police Department from noon-4 p.m., Sept. 20-21, outside of Wal-Mart.

**The Truman Bulls Rugby Team** will take on the St. Louis Hornets at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Rugby Field at LaHarpe and Florence, near the Truman tennis courts. Contact Kenton Moorhead at 627.2507 for more information.

**Truman State University Hillel** will present a Mel Brooks double feature beginning at 7 p.m., Sept. 20, in VH 1000.

"Blazing Saddles" will be the first feature followed by "Robin Hood Men in Tights" at 9 p.m. Contact Ken Susman by e-mail at [tsuhillel@hotmail.com](mailto:tsuhillel@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Mostly Live Composer's Society** will sponsor a Student Composition Recital from 3:30-4:20 p.m., Sept. 23, in the OP Performance Hall. For more information, please contact Jenny Hinkle at [jmh490@truman.edu](mailto:jmh490@truman.edu).

**Dr. Drew Pinsky of MTV's "Loveline"** will visit campus at 7 p.m., Sept. 25, in

Baldwin Auditorium. SAB is selling tickets at their office, located on the lower level of the SUB. Tickets are free to students and general admission tickets are \$5. For more information, call the SAB office at 785.4722.

**The University Observatory will have an Open House** from 8-10:30 p.m., Sept. 25, weather permitting, at its new location at the University Farm. Call the Science Division office at 785.4597 or visit the Observatory Web site at <http://observatory.truman.edu> for more information.

**Students interested in study abroad programs in Scotland** can speak with international liaison manager Michelle Stewart on Sept. 29. Stewart will meet with interested students from 1:30-4 p.m. in the Conference room, Kirk Building 116. Contact the Center for International Education Abroad Office at 785.4076 for more information.

**Dr. Alexander Shurbanov, a native of Bulgaria, will present the cultural event "Reception/Performance of Shakespeare in Eastern Europe/Bulgaria"** at 6 p.m., Sept. 29, in BH 251. Contact the Center for International Education Abroad Office at 785.4076 for more information.

**The Division of Business and Accountancy** now offers a minor in business administration. The deadline for application for the spring semester is Sept. 30. For more information, go to VH 2400 or call 785.4346.

**The Speech and Hearing Clinic** is offering free hearing evaluations from 1:30-3:20 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments are necessary. To schedule an appointment, please call Connie at 785.7414 from 8 a.m.-noon.

**Bulldog Football Season tickets are now on sale.** Discounts are available for Truman faculty and staff. Visit the Truman Bulldogs Web site at <http://gobulldogs.truman.edu> and click on the tickets link or call 785.4167.

**The Writing Center, located in McClain 303, announces its hours for the fall 2003 semester.** Students may stop by to sign up for a conference time. The Writing Center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Writing Center is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

## On Campus

### 16 TUESDAY

**Men's Golf Truman Open, Kirksville Country Club**

### 17 WEDNESDAY

9:30-11:30 a.m.-Session I, 2003 McNair Program Research Presentations and Luncheon, VH 1000, see Page 1  
12:30 p.m.-"What Makes a Good Writing Assignment?" Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes  
1:30-3:30 p.m.-Session II, 2003 McNair Program Research Presentations and Luncheon, VH 1000, see Page 1  
7 p.m.-Volleyball vs. Central Missouri, Pershing Arena

### 19 FRIDAY

4 p.m.-Women's tennis singles tournament, Truman tennis courts  
8 p.m.-SAB Presents Drive-in Movies, "Bruce Almighty," Red Barn Park, see Page 2  
9:45 p.m.-SAB Presents Drive-in Movies, "Matrix Reloaded," Red Barn Park, see Page 2

### 20 SATURDAY

Fall Premiere Visit Day  
8 a.m.-Women's tennis singles tournament, Truman tennis courts  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.-Food Fest 2003, Kirksville Square, see Page 2  
1 p.m.-Women's soccer vs. Northwest Missouri, Truman soccer park  
1:30 p.m.-Football vs. Pittsburg State (Kan.), Stokes Stadium  
1:30 p.m.-Rugby vs. St. Louis, Rugby Field; see Notes

### 21 SUNDAY

noon-Women's soccer vs. Missouri-Rolla, Truman soccer park  
2 p.m.-Men's soccer vs. William Penn (Iowa), Truman soccer park  
2 p.m.-Men's and Women's Tennis "Town and Gown" Mixed Doubles Invitational, Truman tennis courts

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