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## PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

**"Vector Calculus for Lattice Models with an Application to Polaron Dynamics"**

*presented by*

**Brian Moritz**  
*University of North Dakota-Morris*

**4:35-5:25 p.m.**  
**March 3**  
**Barnett Hall 251/252**

*For more information, go to the Physics Colloquium Web page at <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia.html>.*

## Global Issues Colloquium

**"Radioactive Racism"**

*presented by*

**Martha Bartter,**  
*professor of English*

**7-9 p.m.**  
**March 4**  
**Violette Hall 1000**

The Global Issues Colloquium is a year-long series.

*For more information, contact Hena Ahmad at 785.6017 or at [ahmad@truman.edu](mailto:ahmad@truman.edu).*

## Undergraduate Summer Tuition Discount Offered

The University has initiated an experimental tuition discount program for 2004 summer undergraduate classes on campus. This program reduces per credit hour by 15 percent.

The program is beneficial for students wanting to attend summer school, especially those students wanting to seek a double major, minors or simply wanting to accel-

ate their progress.

Details on the new fee schedule will be available in the Summer Schedule of Classes, which will be available March 10. Students will also be notified of this change by e-mail. This discount applies only to on-campus undergraduate courses, and excludes interim courses, graduate courses and study abroad programs.

## Alpha Sigma Gamma Sponsors Program to Save Lives

Events for Safebrake, a highway safety awareness campaign sponsored by Eta Sigma Gamma, are taking place on campus this week. The goal of Safebrake is to promote safe driving, particularly during midterm break.

An information table is set up in the Student Union Building and will be in place now through 3 p.m. March 5. There will be a flower memorial on the Quadrangle to remember all people lost on American highways.

The Flame to the Second Century will be lit in honor of lives lost in automobile accidents from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. March 2. Adjacent to the flame will be a memorial sign with the names of those Truman students who have died on local highways. More individualized posters will be hanging all week throughout campus.

Penny Bailey, a motivational speaker who lost her ability to walk in a car acci-

dent, will speak at 7 p.m., March 2, in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. She will be discussing her personal experiences and advocating safe driving.

"Safebrake is a safe driving campaign that allows our Truman students who have died on the highways to not have lost their lives in vain," Liz Carpenter, senior health science major from Cameron Mo., said. Carpenter is Eta Sigma Gamma vice president and head of Safebrake. "Their memories can help save more students' lives. In the five years that Safebrake has been active on Truman campus a decrease in student deaths due to automobile accidents has been witnessed."

Since 1995, Truman has lost a total of 11 students to automobile-related crashes, averaging two per year. In 2003, not a single student's life was lost on the road. Eta Sigma Gamma encourages the Truman community to stop by the Student Union Building to participate in Safebrake.

**Midterm grades for all 100-200 level courses will be available via Banner Web for students beginning at 5 p.m. March 5**

## Midterm Break Hours

### Pickler Memorial Library

March 5

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

March 6-7

Closed

March 8-12

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

March 13

Closed

March 14

Resume regular hours

### Student Recreation Center

(Specific areas may be closed without advance notice for cleaning or repair projects)

March 5

6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

March 6-7

Closed

March 8-12

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 13

Closed

March 14

4-7 p.m.

The *Truman Today* will not be published next week due to midterm break.

Please note entries for the March 16 issue should be turned in by March 5.

Call 785.4243 or e-mail [ksvoboda@truman.edu](mailto:ksvoboda@truman.edu) for more information.

## Truman Wins College Bowl Tournament

The Truman Academic Competition Organization won the Regional College Bowl Incorporated tournament Feb. 21 at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. Truman defeated 11 different teams from the Midwest.

Team members are Brian Baker, junior history major from Hannibal, Mo.; Greg Brown, senior history major from Waterloo, Neb.; Chris Halsey, freshman chemistry major from Liberty, Mo.; Jonathan Livengood, senior philosophy/religion and mathematics

double major from Waterloo, Ill.; and Matt Magruder, junior history major from Kirksville. Mark Hatala, associate professor of psychology and the team's coach, along with Chris Wang, senior biology major from St. Louis and president of the organization, accompanied the team to the tournament.

By winning the regional championship, the team has qualified to play in the College Bowl National Championship Tournament April 23-25 at Auburn University-Montgomery.

## Truman Forensic Union Captures Four State Championships

Representatives of the Truman Forensic Union captured four top honors at the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Championship Feb. 20-21 at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Tyson Helder, junior political science major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Holly Magdziarz, freshman English major from Springfield, Mo., won the Missouri State Championship in Parliamentary Debate Feb. 21, bringing the honor to Truman for the third consecutive year.

Ian Samuel, junior computer science major from Pueblo, Colo., continued his winning streak of state honors with three state championships in extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking and after dinner speaking.

Three additional parliamentary debate teams reached elimination rounds of the tournament. Samuel and his partner, Marie Tenny, junior psychology major from St.

Louis, as well as Matthew Harms, junior economics major from Galesburg, Ill., and Justin Perkins, sophomore economics major from Columbia, Mo., reached the tournament's quarterfinal round. Ryan Walsh, junior philosophy and communication double major from Cassville, Mo., and Benjamin Holley, sophomore communication major from Neosho, Mo., reached the semifinals.

Elizabeth Hobbs, sophomore science major from Newton, Kan., placed second in the rhetorical criticism category and fourth in the state in extemporaneous speaking. Walsh was sixth in after dinner speaking, while Julie Anderson, junior biology major from DeKalb, Ill., was sixth in poetry interpretation and fifth in informative speaking. Meghana Kunkala, sophomore pre-med major from Hattiesburg, Miss., was fifth in original oratory competition. Hobbs placed sixth in this category.

## Truman State University Bookstore Makes Gift to Kohlenberg Lyceum Series

The Truman State University Bookstore is a platinum level corporate sponsor of the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. The Truman State University Bookstore was recognized for its commitment to the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series at the performance of "A Streetcar Named Desire" March 1.

Pictured left to right are Truman State University President Barbara Dixon and Truman State University Bookstore Manager Terry Woodring.



## Notables

**Beta Theta Pi, a social fraternity on campus**, is featured in this quarter's issue of *Beta Theta Pi Magazine*. The chapter was recognized for many of its recent achievements, including: winning the John Reilly Knox Chapter Excellence Award, maintaining the highest fraternity GPA for 10 of the

last 12 semesters and winning three of the last four Intramural Championships.

**Aaron Fine, assistant professor of art**, will have an art collection titled "Water and Wax" on display March 5-April 9 at the Quincy Art Center.

## Sigma Xi Brings Distinguished Lecturer

**Heather McKillop, William G. Haag** professor of archaeology at Louisiana State University, will give a presentation at noon, March 16, in the Gutensohn Clinic Room 357 at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her lecture is titled "Environmental Factors in the Classic Maya Collapse." She will also lecture on "Salt: White Gold of the Ancient Maya" at 7 p.m., March 16, in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

McKillop is chair of the Louisiana Archaeological Survey and Antiquities Commission for the State of Louisiana, she hosts LSU Maya Archaeology Night and she has served on committees for Sigma Xi.

McKillop's visit is sponsored by Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Truman State University and KCOM.

For more information, contact Cynthia Cooper at 785.4082 or Amber Johnson at 785.4322.

## Ishiyama to Speak at First Faculty Forum

**Members of the Truman faculty** have created a new program which gives faculty the opportunity to present their research to the Truman and Kirksville communities. The Truman Faculty Forum is designed to enhance the importance of scholarship in the culture of our institution.

In the spirit of the liberal arts, the forum provides one more way of exposing all members of the Truman community to various fields of investigation. Some of the formats faculty may choose to use are public lectures, classroom-style symposia, per-

formances and gallery exhibitions. The faculty hope that by opening the presentations up to the public, the forum will be yet another way that Truman serves the Kirksville community at large.

John Ishiyama, professor of political science, will deliver the first presentation at 7 p.m., March 18, in the Student Union Building Activities Room. The title of his lecture is "Building Democracy in the World? The Future of the Third Wave." A reception will follow.

## Advising Award Nominations Being Accepted

**Nominations are now being accepted** for faculty academic advisers for the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award. Dr. Jeanne Stephens Lee Blackmar established the award in honor of her late husband, who was president of the University's Board during the 1970s.

Two academic advisers are selected annually for the award, which includes a \$1,000 development fund to be used for travel to advising conferences or institutes, research materials and other relevant items. Only full-time faculty advisers are eligible for consideration.

The Lee Advising Award pays tribute to excellent advisers and demonstrates how

important academic advising is at Truman. The 2002-2003 recipients were Janet Gooch, associate professor of communication disorders, and Peter Kelly, assistant professor of education.

Anyone wishing to nominate an academic adviser should fill out the brief nomination form, which is available in division offices, in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office or by calling Kathy Powell, 785.4105. The form can also be accessed online at <http://vpaa.truman.edu>. Nominations are due March 31. Nominees will be asked to submit additional materials by April 30. Winners will be honored at the Summer Commencement Ceremony in August.

## Turner Featured as Technology Champion

**Jim Turner, associate professor of accounting**, is this week's featured Technology Champion.

"Incremental progress in technology is a good fit for our residential campus," Turner said.

Turner looks for ways to enhance the classroom experience with technology. His Gateway laptop is always nearby in the classroom, office or home.

He uses Blackboard and Truman's electronic databases to supply supplemental readings for his classes. One class held a video conference with a U.S. Forest Service manager in New Mexico. Some student work is entered through Blackboard's Discussion Board for access by peers. His students have provided review comments on papers by their classroom peers, and this year it will be done through TurnItIn.com. In recent semesters, small groups in his classes have presented readings on Web pages and in PowerPoint files in a variety of formats.

Turner has begun exploring a use of photographs and music in digital video format, with an eye toward helping students construct short items for use in classes and student organizations.

Turner can be reached at 785.4348.

The Writing Center is looking for writing consultants for the fall 2004 semester.

Stop by MC 303 or call 785.4484 for more information.

## Notes

The Truman community is now invited to take a Student Senate sponsored technology survey at <http://survey.truman.edu/takesurvey.asp?surveyID=52>. Students who complete the survey are eligible to win one of five I Spazio gift certificates. The winners will be chosen at random. Student Senate is sponsoring a Campuswide Technology Open Forum at 7 p.m., March 2, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. This forum is to allow faculty, staff and students to discuss the current technology situation on campus. This event is free and food will be provided. Contact Ebube Nwazota at 349.9131 for more information. The Weekly Lunch Series will meet for a special open lab from 12:30-1:15 p.m., March 3, in the Banner Training Room, MC 215. Faculty may practice entering midterm grades on the Banner system. The Center for Teaching and Learning asks faculty to double-check their Banner log-in prior to attending the lab. A limited number of boxed lunches will be available in MC 215 for attendees, so there will be no sign-in sheets at the Sodexo check-out counters. The lab will remain open until 5 p.m. March 3. Additional MC 215 lab hours will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 4 and from 8 a.m.-noon March 5. For more information, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

SAB is offering Bingo from 7-8:30 p.m., March 3, in the SUB Down Under. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722.

The University Concert Band will perform at 8 p.m., March 3, in the OP Performance Hall. Call Dan Peterson at 785.4436 for more information. Lambda Chi Alpha, SERVE Center and Days Inn are sponsoring "Bowl Against Meth" from 6-10 p.m., March 4, at Leisure World. The tournament will help raise money for "The Coalition Against Methamphetamines." Cost to enter is \$12 per person. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in August 2004 are due by March 5 in the Registrar's Office.

Applications for December 2004 graduation are due by April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available at <http://registrar.truman.edu>. The Leadership Extravaganza will be held from 5:30-9 p.m., March 19, in the SUB. The conference will include sessions on leadership development including many group dynamics, programming, leadership skills and much more. Register by March 15 at <http://saffairs.truman.edu>. Call 785.4111 for more details.

The Graduate English Organization (GEO), in conjunction with ECO, the Truman Sierra Club and others, is organizing a conference devoted to environmental studies. The conference will focus

on the theme "Local Action, Global Vision" April 22-24. Members of the Truman and Kirksville communities are invited to present their work and/or attend this interdisciplinary conference. Presenters are still needed. E-mail Eric Tumminia at [tumminia@truman.edu](mailto:tumminia@truman.edu) for more information or to submit an abstract/presentation plan. The abstract submission deadline is March 15.

Applications for the fall 2004 FAC and ICA funding period are now available in the Funds Allotment Council Office or the Center for Student Involvement. Applications are due at 5 p.m., March 17, in the CSI. For more information, call the FAC Office at 785.7674.

SAB will be showing the movie "Mystic River" at 6:30 and 9 p.m., March 19, and 4:30 p.m., March 20, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. Contact SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting, finance and information systems organization, will be conducting Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sessions from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 20 and March 27, in Violette Hall. For more information, contact Ayanna Bradley at 627.3869 or Lori Turner at 785.4369.

Truman will host two track and field meets this spring. The Truman Open, March 27, and the MIAA Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships, May 2-3. Anyone interested in helping with these meets should contact John Cochrane at 785.4341 or at [cochrane@truman.edu](mailto:cochrane@truman.edu).

Interested in studying in Italy in May? There are a few spots left on the three-credit study abroad program 76-30 to Rome, Florence and Venice. More information is available at <http://www2.truman.edu/~cwoodcox/goitaly.html> or by contacting Julia DeLancey at [delancey@truman.edu](mailto:delancey@truman.edu) or Cole Woodcox at [cwoodcox@truman.edu](mailto:cwoodcox@truman.edu).

"The 14th Annual National Art Competition" is on display at the University Art Gallery now through April 9. The show includes work from a wide range of artists and is diverse in interest and media. Admission is free and the gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; and noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday. The Truman Football Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament will be held at 1 p.m., April 16, at the Kirksville Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Truman State University Football Program and the Kirksville Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund. Please register by March 29. This will be an annual event. For more information, contact Denise Smith at 785.4133.

University event information can also be found on the University's cable channel 36. If you would like to submit a University event for this channel, please e-mail [heidi@truman.edu](mailto:heidi@truman.edu).

## On Campus

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### 3 WEDNESDAY

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