

# TRUMAN

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## Physics Colloquium

"Quantum Hall Liquid Crystals"

**Carlos Wexler**

*University of Missouri-  
Columbia*

10:35-11:25 a.m.  
Nov. 8  
BT 251-252

Snacks will be provided  
10 minutes before the talk.

*For more information about  
the colloquium series and  
upcoming talks,  
please visit the  
Physics Colloquium Web page  
at [http://physics.truman.edu/  
colloquia.html](http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia.html).*

## New Music Festival Concerts

**Performances by  
University Symphony  
Orchestra, Cantoria, and  
ensembles drawn from the  
Truman State University  
Wind Symphony**  
7:30-9 p.m.  
Nov. 7  
Baldwin Auditorium

**Performance by Truman  
State University faculty  
and student musicians**  
1:30-3 p.m.  
Nov. 8  
Ophelia Parrish Music  
Performance Hall

## Sodexho and Students Team Up for United Way

Every year Sodexho, Truman's food service provider, sponsors the United Way Food Fast as a way to give every student in the residential colleges an opportunity to participate in the Truman State University United Way Fund Drive. Sodexho gave \$1.65

for each student who signed up to not eat in the residence halls for the evening meal on Oct. 15. The total for this year's project was \$3,286.30 due to the efforts of Amanda Thwing, Ryle Hall director, and Mark Lowry, Centennial Hall director, who coordinated the event.

In addition, Sodexho kicks off the campus drive each fall with a cooperate donation of \$1,000, and Dennis Markeson, Sodexho director at Truman, encourages employee participation by offering a casual



*Dennis Markeson, Sodexho director, presents a check to student United Way co-chairs Becky Rose and Philip Miner for donations from the Food Fast Project. Pictured with them are Mark Lowry, Amanda Thwing and Doug Daubert.*

dress day for each employee who donates \$5. Campus campaign co-chair Donna Bailey salutes Sodexho for "choosing to care" the United Way.

The Truman campaign is now at 95 percent and growing with generous participation by the entire campus. The campaign

is expected to reach 100 percent by next week when the last pledge forms are turned in and student organizations make their planned donations. Upcoming events for United Way include the men's and women's "3 on 3" basketball tournament at the Student Recreation Center sponsored by the Interfraternity Council Nov. 9-10. Teams will contribute \$40 to participate with all proceeds going to United Way. Contact Joe Manning at 665.1459 or sign up in the SUB or Student Recreation Center to participate.

## Chavez to Serve as Artist-in-Residence Nov. 4-9

The Division of Fine Arts will host Steven Chavez, Mexican marimba artist, Nov. 4-9 as the artist-in-residence through the assistance of the Artists and Scholars Program.

Chavez is an internationally renowned performer and composer of Mexican marimba music, as well as a scholar on the evolution of the marimba. He is a native of Chiapas and currently teaches at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

During the week he will provide a unique opportunity for the University community to see and hear the marimbas of Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, and West Africa. He will be guest lecturing in several

classes. Chavez will be presenting an open master class on the evolution of the marimba and will discuss his collection of primitive marimbas at 7 p.m., Nov. 6, in Ophelia Parrish 2340. His residency will culminate in a performance with the Truman Percussion Ensemble titled "Marimbas of the World" at 8 p.m., Nov. 9, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Chavez has performed with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the Santa Fe Pro Musica.

Contact Michael Bump, assistant professor of music, at 785.4052 for more information.

## Student Opinions Sought

### SAB Spring Comedian

SAB invites students to choose one of eight possible comedians for the spring semester at <http://sab.truman.edu/survey>

### Student Conduct Code

Student Affairs invites students to provide them with feedback concerning the Student Conduct Code at [http://jaffairs.truman.edu/conduct\\_feedback.asp](http://jaffairs.truman.edu/conduct_feedback.asp)

### Writing at Truman

Want to express your opinion about student writing at Truman? John Perrachione, associate professor of business administration, and Judi Misale, associate professor of psychology, are seeking students' views about their experience with writing at Truman, about student writing in general, and about students' views on assessment.

Students may express their views anonymously by taking a short survey on the Web. Only undergraduates, 18 and older, are asked to participate.

To participate go to <http://business.truman.edu/studentwritingsurvey.htm> by 5 p.m. Nov. 8.

## Forensics Wins Rare Six-Way Tie for Tournament Championship in Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Six Truman State University debaters from Truman's Forensic Union achieved the unusual distinction of a six-way tie for the tournament championship Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the James "Al" Johnson Invitational Forensics Tournament at the Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 25-27. Tyler Rynsell, senior communication major from Parkville, Mo.; Ian Samuel, sophomore computer science major from Pueblo, Colo.; Matthew Harms, sophomore economics major from Galesburg, Ill.; Tyson Helder, sophomore communication major and political science double major from Sioux Falls, S.D.; Marie Tenny, sophomore psychology major from Villa Ridge, Mo.; and Ryan Walsh, sophomore philosophy/religion major from Cassville, Mo.; all shared the honor of co-tournament champions. Unsell and Harms defeated their quarterfinal opponents from Rice University and Lewis and Clark University and left the competition to only Truman competitors.

"We're still trying to decide who gets to keep the first place award," said Kevin Minch, assistant professor of communication and director of forensics. "This kind of development happens from time to time, and we've been the beneficiaries of it, but usually not at this magnitude. It reaffirms

the depth of the quality of students in our program."

Samuel brought Truman two additional tournament championships by winning competitions in impromptu speaking and rhetorical criticism. He also took second in extemporaneous speaking. Justin Perkins, freshman economics major from Holts Summit, Mo., was third in extemporaneous speaking and Kristopher Kueker, junior accounting and business administration major from Perryville, Mo., and Elizabeth Hobbs, freshman physics major from Newton, Mo., were finalists in informative speaking.

Truman advanced three teams to elimination rounds in a field of 75, one of the largest and toughest invitational tournament fields of the season in parliamentary debate. The teams of Christopher Bell, sophomore communication and English double major from Lee's Summit, Mo., and Unsell, Walsh and Helder, and Samuel and Tenny all advanced to the double-octafinal level of the tournament.

Members of the Truman Forensic Union next travel the weekend of Nov. 8-10, dividing forces to attend tournaments at Bradley University and Central Michigan University.

## Panel Discussion to be Held about Islam

The Society of Professional Journalists and the Division of Language and Literature are hosting a panel discussion, *Islam in the News: Myths and Realities*, at 6 p.m., Nov. 11, in the Baldwin Hall 156.

A panel will discuss how Islam has been covered in the past year, from the Sept. 11 attacks to the war on terrorism. The panel also will discuss what stereotypes have been made about Muslims and how the media has or has not contributed to this. It will talk about how media coverage on Muslims and Muslim issues can be improved.

SPJ has invited Assad Busool, professor

and chairman of the department of Arabic Studies at the American Islamic College in Chicago. He was born in Reina, Nazareth, Palestine, and he will shed light on how society's views of Islam have changed since Sept. 11.

The panel will also include Mark Appold, lecturer in Greek and Hebrew, of the University. He led Truman students on the Mideast Archeological Dig and Study Tour until 2001, when it became too dangerous to go to the Middle East.

Contact Susan Fuhrman at 627.5341 for more information.



Look for information in the next edition of the *Truman Today* about Missouri Recycling Day events to be held Nov. 15.

## Notables

**Lois Dover, purchasing agent**, was awarded the 2002 Linda D. Windsor Distinguished Service Award. Dover is the 11th recipient of the Missouri Association of Public Purchasing Distinguished Service Award and the second recipient to receive the Linda D. Windsor Distinguished Service Award.

**Daniel Mandell, assistant professor of history**, presented a paper on "Indians in Southern New England and the American Revolution," at the Third Mashantucket Pequot History Conference, Connecticut, in September. He also served as chair and commentator for the session on "A Changing World: Impacts on Native Life-Christianity."

**Elaine McDuff, assistant professor of sociology**, and Charles W. Mueller, professor at the University of Iowa, co-authored the article "Good Jobs and Bad Jobs: Differences in the Clergy Employment Relationship." The article will be published in the spring by the *Review of Religious Research*.

**Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French**, attended and participated Oct. 9-12 in the colloquium in Québec City, "Le Parlementarisme au XXIe Siècle," a worldwide gathering of francophone, anglophone and Spanish-speaking ministers, parliamentarians, union and community activists, and academic specialists of Québec/Canada government and history. The colloquium was conducted in French in the Québec Provincial Parliament Building, with simultaneous translation into Spanish and English. McLane-Iles was among respondents to presentations made for the Plenary Session "Peut-on et doit-on faire échec aux...tenants d'une seule cause, la leur?" in which she addressed the issue of congressional/parliamentary accounta-

bility in the context of war.

**Jane Chein-Hsing Sung, professor of economics**, had her article "The Impact of Governance Obstacles and State Capture of Transition Countries on Foreign Direct Investment," published in *The Journal of Business in Developing Nations*, Vol. 6. Sung co-authored the article with Jennifer P.N. Foo, associate professor of finance at Stetson University.

**Thomas Trimborn, professor of music**, has his article "Missouri's Man in the Wings" appearing in the current issues of both the *Missouri Educators Magazine* and the *European Music Educators Magazine*. The article discusses the contribution Missouri's Robert Russell Bennett made during the course of his 40 year career to create what has become the Broadway sound, by orchestrating more than 300 of the greatest shows of all time. Along with his arrangements and original orchestral, concert band, and choral works, he gave to the world a remarkable musical legacy.

**Two Truman music students received awards in the Missouri Music Teachers Association Student Composition Competition.** **Alfredo Santa Ana, senior music composition major from Mexico**, received first place for his original composition "Caminando," for piano quintet.

**Adam Hardin, junior music composition major from Louisville, Ky.**, received second place for his original composition "Summer Night," for chorus. Santa Ana's composition now advances to district/regional competition. Last year, Santa Ana received national second prize in the Music Teachers National Association composition competition. Both students study with Warren Gooch, professor of music.

## Raptor Program to Visit Truman, Local Schools

The Raptor Awareness Education Program (RAEP) featuring birds of prey including a falcon, hawks, owls and a vulture will be arriving at Truman for a presentation titled "Birds of Prey and Their Prey" at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 12, in Ryle Hall Main Lounge. In addition to the RAEP birds, the Missouri Department of Conservation will bring a bald eagle for the program.

The program will be presented to stu-

dents at the Primary School and Ray Miller Elementary School in Kirksville earlier in the day. The presentation at the schools will teach children through hands-on, tactile experience how and why a bird differs from other animals and what makes a raptor unique among birds.

The presentation at Ryle Hall is open to the public. For more information, contact Amanda Thwing, Ryle Hall director, at 785.5707.

## Scholarship Opportunity Announced

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation has announced a scholarship essay contest is available for 2002-2003. U.S. citizens or residents who will be enrolled in an accredited U. S. institution of post-secondary education for the fall term of 2003 are eligible to apply for awards of \$300 to \$1000.

For an entry form with essay rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mensa Education and Research Foundation, 8218 Marty, Overland Park, KS, 66204 postmarked by Dec. 21, 2002 or visit <http://merf.us.mensa.org/scholarships/zipfinder.php>.

### Presentation by Jason Schwent

1997 Truman  
biology graduate

2:30 p.m.  
Nov. 6

Magruder Hall 011

Schwent's presentation will be about preparing for and attending law school, as well as practicing law, from the perspective of someone who pursued an undergraduate degree in science.

The presentation is open to all faculty, staff and students.

For more information, contact Diane Janick-Buckner at [djb@truman.edu](mailto:djb@truman.edu).

## Notes

**SAB will host Bingo Night** at 8 p.m., Nov. 5, in the SUB Down Under. Admission is free and there are lots of prizes to be won.

**The Faculty Development Weekly Lunch Series** will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the SUB Spanish Room. The topic will be "President's Committee on the Environment." Contact Faculty Development at 785.4391 for more information.

**The next Speaker's Forum** will be at 9 p.m., Nov. 7, in the SUB Activities Room. The topic will be "Resolved that the U.S. Federal Government Should Establish a Uniform School Voucher System." All COMM 170 students as well as the general public are welcome to attend.

**SAB will host Jeo-Party** at 8 p.m., Nov. 13, in the SUB Down Under. Refreshments will be served and contestants can win a \$25 Hastings Gift Certificate.

**Habitat for Humanity will host "Who's Line is it Anyway?"** at 7 p.m., Nov. 15, in the SUB Activities Room. The cost is \$1 for a raffle ticket. Come see Truman organizations compete to see who's funniest and raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Contact Kevin Brown at 785.5841 for more information.

**Bacchus and Gamma, Human Resources, Phi Epsilon Kappa and Ekklesia will sponsor the "Great American Smokeout"** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 21, in the SUB, and outside each dining hall. Information tables will be filled with leaflets, brochures, candy and sub coupons to those who wish to participate in the event. Contact Kristin Walstrom at 785.7516 for more information.

**The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is offering grant opportunities for students planning to study abroad or do internships during 2003.** These grants, valued at \$1,000 each, are awarded by the national headquarters of Phi Kappa Phi annually and are open to qualified members and non-members in all fields of study. Contact Janice Grow at 785.4390 for more information.

**The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is offering members two unique opportunities.** The first opportunity is a graduate fellowship for the support of first-year graduate or professional study, valued at up to \$8,000. One applicant per chapter will qualify as a finalist for national competition. The other opportunity is Promotion of Excellence Grants for the support of members and chapters wishing to develop programs/activities

that advance the goal of excellence in higher education. Up to \$100,000 is awarded every three years. Contact Janice Grow at 785.4390 for more information.

**USA Today is searching for the best undergraduate students in the nation to be honored on the All-USA College Academic Team.** Faculty are invited to nominate students for this award. Nominations must be post-marked by Nov. 30. Contact the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 or go to <http://allstars.usatoday.com> or e-mail [allstars@usatoday.com](mailto:allstars@usatoday.com) for more information.

**The Adair County Public Library** is looking for student organizations to volunteer for the "After School Connections" program. The program is held from 3:30-4:30 p.m., every Tuesday, from November through April with the exception of December. The organizations will participate in the program for one month. The program targets grades third through fifth. Please call Diane Burger, children's librarian, at 665.6038 for more information about this service project opportunity.

**The Division of Language and Literature is offering two new foreign language courses for the spring semester.** "Career Exploration for Classical and Modern Language Students" which is a one credit hour course that will enable students to plan internships, entry-level jobs and graduate programs for which language skills are valued. Contact Timothy Farley at [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu) for more information. The other course, "Pre-MAE Seminar in FL Education," explains both the MAE program and State of Missouri teaching/certification requirements. Contact Eric Jewell at [ejewell@truman.edu](mailto:ejewell@truman.edu) for more information.

**Attention December 2002 Graduates:** Graduation clearance packets were mailed Oct. 22. If you have not yet received your packet, please contact the Registrar's office at 785.4143 or [registrar@truman.edu](mailto:registrar@truman.edu). This packet is a graduation requirement and must be completed by Friday, Nov. 22.

**Attention May 2003 and August 2003 Graduates:** If you have already applied for graduation, and if you registered for Spring 2003 courses other than those that you originally listed on your graduation application, it is imperative that you update your graduation application by contacting the Registrar's Office. Your application will then be reevaluated to ensure that you are still on track to complete all of your degree requirements.

## On Campus

### 5 TUESDAY

8 p.m.-**SAB Bingo Night, SUB Down Under**; see Notes

### 6 WEDNESDAY

2:30 p.m.-**Law Careers Presentation, Magruder Hall 011**; see Page 3  
4:30 p.m.-**American Film Classics Series will show "Vertigo," OP 2210**; see Master Calendar

### 7 THURSDAY

7:30 p.m.-**Large Ensemble Concert, Baldwin Auditorium**; see Master Calendar  
9 p.m.-**Speaker's Forum, SUB Activities Room**; see Notes

### 8 FRIDAY

10:35-11:25 a.m.-**Physics Colloquium, BT 251-252**; see Page 1  
8 p.m.-**Percussion Ensemble, OP Performance Hall**; see Page 1

### 9 SATURDAY

3 p.m.-**Men and women's swimming vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, Nebraska-Omaha and South Dakota Men's and Women's "3 on 3" Basketball Tournament, Student Recreation Center**; see Page 1

### 10 SUNDAY

2 p.m.-**Men's soccer vs. Christian Brothers Men's and Women's "3 on 3" Basketball Tournament, Student Recreation Center**; see Page 1

### 11 MONDAY

6 p.m.-**Panel discussion "Islam in the News: Myths and Realities," BH 156**; see Page 2