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Faculty and staff
are cordially invited
to attend a

Christmas Open House

at the
University Residence
706 S. Halliburton
Dec. 14
2-5 p.m.

The following schedule
is suggested:

2 p.m. I, K, M, Z
2:30 p.m. D, F, L, N
3 p.m. G, O, S, U, V
3:30 p.m. B, E, Q, R
4 p.m. C, H, W, Y
4:30 p.m. A, J, P, T, X

Digital Portfolios Allow Students to Expand Liberal Arts Experience

Each year the University asks graduating students to submit portfolios of their cumulative work at Truman State University. During the summer, 60 faculty members spend about three weeks reading and evaluating the portfolios students turn in. The project offers students incentive to look back at their college work while, at the same time, provides faculty an opportunity to evaluate how well the University serves students' needs. Faculty repeatedly report that participation in portfolio reading inspires them to reassess the structure of their courses.

Although portfolios only recently became required in all disciplines, some changes have already been implemented. This semester Dennis Leavens, associate professor of English, is requiring his senior seminar students to make digital portfolios. Leavens' students use both in- and out-of-class time to put their portfolios on CD. They can include images, pictures, music and even video with the text in their

portfolios. Digital portfolios allow 15 to 20 students' submissions to fit onto one CD; storage requirements of 1,500 regular portfolios each year are enormous. The portfolios also allow students to make hot buttons and connect documents in ways that make them easier to read and appreciate.

Students benefit from digital portfolios, as well. They gain computer knowledge and exposure to technology they might otherwise have missed. Students also receive an individual copy of the digital portfolio for their records, which gives them a chance to show their creativity, offering a truly liberal arts experience. Because students can present their CDs to graduate schools and potential employers, digital portfolios provide students an extra incentive to create exceptional portfolios. Digital portfolios allow Truman students to remain technologically updated, and Leavens estimates in 10 years Truman will see a lot more of this kind of work.

Students Head to Missouri Capitol

Truman students will intern at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City next semester as part of the University's Missouri Government Internship Program.

Pictured are, front row (l-r): Karen Callanan, Maria Carrasco, Susan Henderson, Erin Williams, Amy Steacy, Haley Smith, Kelly Anthony, Julia Kitsmiller. Back row (l-r): Darryl Record, Jennifer Church, Kelly Waterman, Adam Vaught, Michael Bokermann, Brian Hey, Peter Lyskowski, Joy Wenger, Kenneth Hussey, President Magruder. Not pictured,



Melanie Knies.

For more information regarding the Missouri Government Internship Program, contact David Clithero, McClain Hall 202, 785.7432.

Art, History Study Open to Students

Students can earn six hours of credit by studying Renaissance and Reformation art and history in Italy and Germany next summer. The Art of History runs from July 12 to Aug. 5, 1999, and includes extended stays in Rome, Florence and Munich.

The latest cost estimate is less than \$3,500, which includes all transportation, food, admissions and lodging. This estimate does not include tuition. Informational meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m., Dec. 1, and 5:30 p.m., Dec. 7, in Baldwin Hall 318.

For more information and an itinerary, contact Julia DeLancey, assistant professor of art, at 785.4430, or Steven Reschly, assistant professor of history, at 785.4648.

Rec Center Finals Schedule

Dec. 9-11
11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Dec. 12
10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dec. 13
11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Dec. 14-15
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 16-18
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 19-20
Closed

Series Presents *The Christmas Box*

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will present two performances of a new holiday musical classic, Dec. 12. *The Christmas Box* tells the tender story of a family during Christmastime, their move to an elderly woman's home in Salt Lake City and the mysterious wooden box in her attic. *The Christmas Box* will be performed at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium.

Based on the story by Richard Paul Evans, this sensitive, heartfelt production is faithful to Evans' book. *The Christmas Box* is the first of three books centered on a family—Richard, Keri and little Jenna—who together demonstrate the importance of family relationships. Near the holiday season, the family answers a want ad from a wealthy widow who needs help cooking and cleaning. Although apprehensive about moving into another person's home, they are very anxious to move out of their cramped apartment and into the widow's mansion in an affluent section of Salt Lake City.

Upon moving, Richard opens a formal wear business and begins to neglect Keri and Jenna. Meanwhile, Richard is troubled by dreams of an angel and strange music emanating from a wooden box in the attic. Drawn to the box, he discovers letters inside that were written long ago by a mother to her daughter. Over time, Richard discovers the significance of the

letters and the widow's tragedy. In the end he recognizes the true meaning of Christmas and acknowledges the true value of his family, especially the value of Jenna's childhood.

The production is "a must-see for every parent," according to nationally acclaimed child development specialist Glen Driscoll.

Evans wrote *The Christmas Box* as an expression of love for his (then) two daughters. More than 5 million copies of the book have been printed, and more than 50 million viewers have watched his television special.

Evans has been featured on "The Today Show," and in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Good Housekeeping*, *USA Today* and *Family Circle*.

Evans says, "The material achievements of *The Christmas Box* will never convey its true success, the lives it has changed, the families brought closer together, the mothers and fathers who suddenly understand the pricelessness of their children's fleeting childhood."

Free tickets for students, faculty and staff are available at the Student Activities Board Office, Student Union lower level. Financial support for this Series has been provided by Northeast Regional Health System and the Truman Bookstore, an operation of Barnes & Noble College Stores, Inc.



European Study Offered Next Summer

A study of the European Union, as well as historical and cultural aspects of the countries visited, is offered during the 1999 interim. An International Studies/Travel program is scheduled from May 5 to May 22, 1999, for six credit hours. Visits will be made to Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Prague in the Czech Republic and the region of Budapest, Hungary. Study will begin Feb. 1 to prepare for the experience.

The credit hours may count toward humanities credits in the liberal arts and sciences core or be substituted in another area if agreed upon by the student and

his/her advisor.

The experience is appropriate for all majors, and financial aid is available for qualified students. The experience will combine study and field trips related to the European Union, as well as historical and cultural aspects.

Two informational meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m., Dec. 2, and 5 p.m., Dec. 3. Both meetings are in the SUB Spanish Room. For information contact Mary Giovannini, professor of business administration, in Violette Hall 2448, 785.4365, or the Center for International Education, Kirk Building 120, 785.4076.

Rangers Win Brigade Championship

Truman's Ranger Challenge team earned top honors at the Annual Brigade Championship Nov. 5-8 at Fort Leonard Wood. The University's 10 Rangers competed in several events, putting to work several weeks of physical training. The team recently presented its first-place trophy to President Jack Magruder.

Pictured are LTC Tim Sassenrath, head of Military Science; Joe Bruhl, junior history major from Roseville, Minn.; team captain Mike Maloney, senior history major from Maryland Heights, Mo.; President Magruder; Gabe Fisher, senior agriculture/exercise science double major from Kearney, Mo.; Abby Niebling, freshman undeclared major from St. Louis; Amanda Current, freshman undeclared major from O'Fallon, Mo.; coach Capt. Doug Reinsch; and team captain Brian Fruland, senior psychology major from



Manchester, Mo.

Not pictured are Mike Tucker Jr., senior biology/pre-med major from Abilene, Texas; Sean DeCoursey, junior justice systems major from Kansas City, Mo.; Jeff Hill, junior computer science major from Brookfield, Mo.; Will Frazier, junior pre-physical therapy/exercise science major from Eldon, Mo.; and Sean Fowler, sophomore pre-physical therapy/exercise science major from St. Charles, Mo.

Senior Oral Exam Open to Public

Every philosophy and religion senior will publicly defend a senior thesis in the presence of an external examiner Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 4. The public is invited to attend this oral exam.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

Examiner Henry Ruf, professor emeritus of philosophy, University of West Virginia

9:30-10:20 a.m.—Dan Maranan, "The Ultimate Truth of Predication: Presuppositionalism, Classical Apologetics, and the Theology of the Cross," McClain Hall 303

1-1:50 p.m.—Charles Hunsaker, "Sheltered Knowledge: Jung's East/West Distinction," Ryle private dining room

2-2:50 p.m.—Benjamin McClure, "Mind that Gap: Bridging the Distance Between Mental Being and Mental Experience," Ryle private dining room

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

All exams are in Ryle private dining room
Examiner John Kultgen, professor of philosophy, University of Missouri-Columbia

2-2:50 p.m.—Hank Rischar, "The Cessation of the Will: An Examination of the Value of Schopenhauer's Aesthetics of Music Inside and Outside of his System"

3-3:50 p.m.—Devin Staley, [Capital Punishment: Kant, Mill, Beccaria, Sorrell]

4-4:50 p.m.—Greg DeLassus, "An Ethical Analysis of Monsanto's Terminator Gene"

5-5:50 p.m.—Brian Esselman, [Heidegger on Technology]

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

All exams are in Ophelia Parrish 217A
Examiner Joel Brereton, associate professor of religion, University of Missouri-Columbia

9:30-10:20 a.m.—Stacey Lindgren, "Palestinian Women and the Struggle for Equality: An Examination of the Role of Women in the Fight for National Liberation"

10:30-11:20 a.m.—Jason Van Brocklin, "Camp Hale: The Use of Native American Cultures in a Liberal Protestant Response to Anti-Modernist Anxiety"

1-1:50 p.m.—Kevin Martin, "Community and Power: Purpose in Pentecostal and Catholic Exorcism Traditions"

2-2:50 p.m.—June Dandridge, "Enemies of the State: How Israel Justifies Subjugating the Palestinians"

Foundation Scholarships Available

Every year the Truman State University Foundation provides financial support to outstanding Truman students. Last year, the Foundation awarded more than \$190,000 in scholarships to more than 260 students, and an even greater amount will be awarded this year. These scholarships are made available through alumni and friends who designate their gifts to scholarships, making it possible for the Foundation to assist Truman students in achieving their educational goals. Scholarship awards, ranging from \$125 to \$1,500 each, are based on a large variety of criteria, including major, scholarship, class status and involvement.

Scholarship Programs, listing Truman State University Foundation scholarships available for the 1999-2000 academic year, may be picked up from the Financial Aid Office after Dec. 1. Students who wish to apply for scholarships must turn in their completed applications (and letters of recommendations, if necessary) to the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103, no later than 5 p.m., Jan. 18, 1999. Late applications will not be considered.

Questions may be directed to Audra Jackson in the Alumni/Development Office at 785.4028.

Notes

Students who plan to graduate with General Honors in Arts and Sciences in either December 1998 or May 1999 should contact Nancy Weber in the Registrar's Office at 785.4143, or Patricia Burton, director of the General Honors Program, at 785.4636. The committee needs an accurate medal count as soon as possible.

The National Social Sorority Interest Group is looking for Kappa Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Delta Pi and Pi Beta Phi alumni to help with or advise in colonizing a chapter at Truman State University. Those interested should contact Jenn Payne at 665.8295.

Detours magazine, a Truman publication that showcases history, folklore and travel in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, is seeking ad representatives immediately. Anyone interested should contact Hannah Lucas at 627.1945.

Order of Omega members are raking faculty members' lawns, in exchange for donations, throughout the rest of the fall semester. Anyone interested should call Melanie at 785.4827.

Requests to reserve Pershing Building facilities are now being taken on the World Wide Web at www2.truman.edu/pershing-reserve, rather than by phone. Requests can also be made by filling out the hard-copy Reservation Request Form, which is available in Pershing Building 212 and 201E.

"Undergraduate Research Experiences," Physics Colloquium, will be 5:30 p.m., Dec. 1, in Science Hall 124. The Colloquium will be presented by Gannet Hallar, Kevin Koch and Darnell Powers from Truman's physics department.

Dee Lesseig will speak about how college students can cope with stress and depression 8 p.m., Dec. 1, in Ryle Hall main lounge. The presentation is being sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

"Getting Started: Icebreakers for Classes," Faculty Development Lunch Series presentation, will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 2, in the SUB Spanish Room. Speaking will be Tally Alexander, associate professor of philosophy, and Judi Misale, associate professor of psychology.

"A Hands-On Workshop" introducing HyperStudio will be presented from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 2, in Pickler Library 203. Carol Race, Instructional Technology Center, will explain the multimedia authoring tool

that allows users to easily and effectively communicate and deliver ideas on diskette, CD-ROM or over the Internet.

The Chamber Choir will perform its fall concert at 7 p.m., Dec. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. High. The group will perform works by Byrd, Distler, Sweelinck, Vaughan Williams and a collection of folk songs and spirituals.

Franklin Street Singers, Truman's show choir, will perform their fall concert at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 4, in Baldwin Auditorium. The singers will perform pop/rock, jazz, musical theatre, gospel and hospital music.

Cantoria will host its 32nd annual Pancake Day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 5, at the First Christian Church, 100 N. High. There will be pancakes, sausages and seasonal songs. Cost is \$3.

Ryle South Residential College will have its Ryle Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 5, in Ryle Hall main lounge. Area crafters and campus organizations will be selling their goods. Proceeds from registration and donations will benefit Victim Support Services.

The Film Club will show "In a Year of 13 Moons" at 8 p.m., Dec. 5, in the SUB Activities Room. The movie is funded by Funds Allotment Council.

The Society of Professional Journalists will host Project Watchdog Open Forum, a reverse press conference, at 2 p.m., Dec. 6, in the SUB Activities Room. Local media professionals, John Garlock, KTVO anchor; Marlene Speas, Radio Park news director; and Amanda Jones, Kirksville Daily Express reporter, will speak.

"Get Back to Where You Once Belonged: College Profs Reflect on High School Teaching," Faculty Development Lunch Series, will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 9, in the SUB Spanish Room. Donna Bailey, instructor of mathematics, Jeff Gall, assistant professor of history and social science, and Alanna Preussner, associate professor of English, will speak.

The SUB Down Under will host two Finals Week Coffeehouses from 7 to 10 p.m., Dec. 9 and 13. Coffee and music will be provided. **Applications are being accepted for the Public Relations internship for the spring 1999 semester.** For more information, contact the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202, 785.4016.

On Campus

1 TUESDAY
5:30 p.m.—**Physics Colloquium**, Science Hall 124; see Notes

6 p.m.—**Art of History informational meeting**, Baldwin Hall 318; also 5:30 p.m., Dec. 7; see p. 2

7 p.m.—**Women's basketball** vs. Morningside (Iowa) College

8 p.m.—**Coping with stress/depression workshop**, Ryle Hall main lounge; see Notes

2 WEDNESDAY
12:30-1:30 p.m.—**"Getting Started: Icebreakers for Classes,"** SUB Spanish Room; see Notes

1:30-3:30 p.m.—**"A Hands-On Workshop,"** Pickler Library 203; see Notes

6 p.m.—**Europe in Transition informational meeting**, SUB Spanish Room; also 5 p.m., Dec. 3; see p. 2

7 p.m.—**Men's basketball** vs. Rockhurst (Mo.) College

3 THURSDAY
8 a.m.—**Band/Wind Symphony Concert**, Baldwin Auditorium

4 FRIDAY
7 p.m.—**Chamber Choir fall concert**, First Presbyterian Church; see Notes

8 p.m.—**Franklin Street fall concert**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

5 SATURDAY
7 a.m.—**Pancake Day**, First Christian Church; see Notes

9 a.m.—**Ryle Christmas Market**, Ryle Hall main lounge; see Notes

2 p.m.—**Men's basketball** vs. Central Christian (Mo.) College

4 p.m.—**Women's basketball** vs. Tuskegee (Ala.) University

8 p.m.—**"In a Year of 13 Moons,"** SUB Activities Room; see Notes

6 SUNDAY
2 p.m.—**Project Watchdog Open Forum**, SUB Activities Room; see Notes

3 p.m.—**Cantoria December Concert**, First Christian Church

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