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In This Issue...

Look for the new bi-weekly Student Senate publication, *The Student Senate Minute*.

Future issues will be published on Tuesdays and distributed campuswide.

Campus to Kick Off United Way Drive

The University will officially kick off its 1998 United Way drive Oct. 1 at a breakfast for group leaders. This year's United Way theme is "Building a Caring Community."

The \$43,000 campus drive is co-chaired by Maureen Slaughter, Human Resources supervisor, and David Nichols, professor of music. Senior Sara Braaf, chair of a 10-member student committee, will lead the \$6,000 student drive. The overall Adair County goal is \$240,000.

Updates on the drive as well as summaries of the 15 local agencies that are funded by the Adair County United Way will be included in future issues of the *Truman Today*.



President Jack Magruder meets with the University's 1998 United Way campus chairs. Pictured with Magruder are senior Sara Braaf, Maureen Slaughter, Human Resources supervisor, and David Nichols, professor of music. Braaf will chair the student drive, while Slaughter and Nichols will co-chair the University drive.

Alumnus Maurice Medland to be Featured at Campus Book Signing

The corporate world demands that executives make difficult decisions. For more than 30 years, Maurice Medland was part of that world. Six years ago, Medland chose to leave the boardroom and pursue a writing career. If the reviews of his first novel, *Point of Honor*, are on target, Medland made the right decision.

Point of Honor hit number 23 on Ingram's A-List of Top 50 Most Requested Titles last month.

"Maurice Medland writes like a seasoned veteran, plots like a pro, and knows how to keep his readers turning pages. I'm sure *Point of Honor* is just the first of a host of big books from this talented writer," said author Stephen Greenleaf.



Maurice Medland



Medland will visit his alma mater on Oct. 8. He will hold a book signing featuring *Point of Honor* from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Truman Bookstore in the SUB.

"In terms of writing a novel, it's amazing how all of your prior educational experiences are helpful," Medland said.

After graduating from Truman State University in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, he held positions at Fluro Corp., PacifiCare Health Systems and Travelers Health Network. He went on to receive an MBA from Pepperdine University.

A native of Centerville, Iowa, Medland and his wife reside in Yorba Linda, Calif., where he is at work on his next novel.

Family Day

Morning on the Mall, 9:30 to 10:20 a.m., Student Union Mall

Presidential Address, 10:30 a.m., Baldwin Auditorium

Tailgate Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Red Barn Park

Bulldog Football, 2 p.m., Stokes Stadium

Women's Soccer, 3 p.m., Soccer Field

The Passing Zone, 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets for the Tailgate Lunch are \$4. Tickets must be purchased in advance in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Students' lunches are free with presentation of their meal cards. **Football tickets** may also be purchased in advance by students in Pershing Building 201E.

The University Concert Band will perform in Baldwin Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. Admission is free.

The 24th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 4, at the Kirksville Court House Square, just four blocks north of campus.

Tickets for The Passing Zone are available for \$2 in the SAB Office, SUB. Student admission is free with a student ID.

October 4

Education Leaders Meet At Truman

Representatives of institutions from California to New York and points in between were on campus Sept. 24 and 25 to learn how Truman uses the results of its assessment program to foster improvement in its educational programs. These institutions are sponsoring a study on benchmarking best practices in "Measuring Institutional Performance Outcomes" which has been organized by the American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC) in Houston.

APQC is a nationally known nonprofit organization with the mission to foster improved productivity and quality in the private and public sectors. The center has a long history of working with business and industry and played a key role in the establishment of the Malcomb Baldrige National Quality Award. More recently APQC has established the Institute for Education Best Practices (IEBP) to help education organizations restructure administrative and academic practices.

The APQC defines benchmarking as identifying who is doing something better than you, learning how they do it, adapting it to your organization, and implementing and improving it. Truman is one of four higher education institutions and two businesses chosen for a site visit as part of the performance indicators study following an exhaustive analysis of data and completion of a special survey distributed to leading institutions that was developed by APQC, the sponsoring institutions, and Peter Ewell. Ewell is a senior associate at the National Center for Education Management Systems and a member of Truman's Board of Governors. He is serving as a special consultant to APQC for this project.

Participants in the site visit on behalf of



Education leaders from throughout the country met at Truman Sept. 24 to participate in a benchmarking study with the American Productivity & Quality Center. Pictured (l-r) are Bernie Goldstein, professor of biology at California State University-San Francisco and faculty representative to the California State University Board of Regents; Kathleen Bowen, APQC education specialist (Houston); Dennis Martin, director of institutional research at Winona State University (Minn.); Bob Newhouse, APQC senior benchmarking specialist (Houston); Marshelle Thobaben, vice chair of the California State University System Academic Senate; Cecilia Gray, associate vice president for academic affairs at California State University-Sacramento; Darin Doubrara, director of applications programming at Westark Community College (Ark.); Patricia Francis, professor of psychology and executive assistant to the president at State University of New York-Cortland; Derek Hodgson, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mississippi State University; and Vic Borden, director of institutional research at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Truman included President Jack Magruder, President Emeritus Charles J. McClain, Vice President Garry Gordon, Faculty Senate President Chand Young, Under-graduate Council Chair Vaughn Pultz, Professor Shirley Morahan, and Student Senate President Kirk McCarty. John R. Wittstruck, associate commissioner for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, also made a presentation to the visiting team of institutional representatives.

Little Shop of Horrors Begins Oct. 7

The Theatre Department will present *Little Shop of Horrors* as a part of its 1997-1998 season. Due to anticipated demand for this popular musical comedy, *Little Shop of Horrors* will run for eight performances; from Oct. 7 until Oct. 10, and then from Oct. 14 until Oct. 17. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Hall Little Theater. Admission is free for all performances. Reserve tickets are available.

Little Shop of Horrors was written by award-winning lyricist Howard Ashman as an updated musical adaptation of a 1960 low-budget horror film of the same name.

Originally performed Off-Broadway, the musical was made into a popular 1986 film starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, and Steve Martin. With its intelligent combination of humor, wit, romance, and classic rock 'n' roll, *Little Shop of Horrors* is guaranteed to deliver an entertaining evening. Due to mature themes in the show, it is not recommended for audiences under the age of 12.

For more information regarding performances, or to reserve tickets, contact the Little Theatre box office at 785.4515, Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m.

Notables

Keith Doubt, associate professor of sociology, published an invited review of *Deconstructing Psychopathology in Contemporary Psychology*, Vol. 42, No. 9, September 1997, p. 299.

Jeffrey Gall, assistant professor of history and social science education, is a recipient of a 1997 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award. A luncheon honoring all recipients will take place Oct. 6, 1997 in Osage Beach in conjunction with the Educational Technology: Making a Difference conference, to be held Oct. 5-7, 1997.

Rebecca Harrison, associate professor of classics, was invited to be a presenter at the National-Louis University and Illinois Classical Conference Fifth Annual Latin Pedagogy Workshop in Evanston, Ill., July 9-12, 1997. Her presentation was on "Reading Theory Application" for the session on "Classroom Applications of Pedagogy Workshop Pointers."

Eun-Joo Kwak, assistant professor of piano, was invited to perform with Sun-Wha Arts School Symphony Orchestra at the school's 20th anniversary concert in Korea. The performance was held on Aug. 24 in Seoul Arts Center Main Concert Hall. From Sept. 10 to Sept. 13, Kwak presented piano duo recitals with pianist Chiung-Ying Cheng at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., and at Highland Community College in Freeport, Ill. During the same period, she also gave a pre-concert lecture and a duo performance on the Elk Grove Music Association Concert Series in Elk Grove Village, Ill. A CD of her piano duo performances, *Cheng and Kwak Piano Duo*, has been released and is available.

Andrew Mullen, junior English and pre-education secondary major, was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha's International Ritual Team at the 26th Leadership Seminar held June 23-29 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Barry Poyner, associate professor of communication, and communication M.A.E. students Calile Himes, Gina LaFata, and Craig Maxwell conducted a workshop at the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri held in Springfield, Mo., on Sept. 19. The workshop, titled "Teaching the Great Ones," focused on whether "great speeches" or "great speakers" should be studied. Criteria for greatness were suggested, and the controversy over a canon of public address was acknowledged. Methods of teaching and

teaching resources were shared.

Ann Price and Jay Lins, senior sociology/anthropology majors, had their essays on Josip Reihl-Kir posted on a WEB site called Community of Bosnia Foundation in the section Testimonies to Heroes of Peace in the Balkans. The site miorstor is Michael Sells, author of "The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia." Their essays were submitted by Keith Doubt, associate professor of sociology, and written for SOAN 494, History of Social Thought, Spring 1997.

The Truman Chapter of Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) has been named SPJ Region 7 Chapter of the Year. The Chapter will receive the award at the National Convention Oct. 3-6 in Denver, where it will be in the running for National Chapter of the Year.

The Vienna Philosophy Club has published papers presented in October 1995 at the University of Vienna during the Symposium of International Women Philosophers. The collection of papers is titled "KRIEG/WAR, Eine philosophische Auseinandersetzung aus femisinstischer Sicht." Included in the collection is "A Study of War and Peace in the Writings of Simone Weil" presented by **Betty McLane-Iles, professor of French**.

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity chapter at Truman received the Grand High Alpha Award at the fraternity's 26th Leadership Seminar held June 23-29 in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Grand High Alpha Award is Lambda Chi Alpha's most prestigious chapter award and is presented to chapters that have displayed operational and fraternal excellence for a sustained period of time. Chapters that receive the award rank among the top three percent in chapter operations within Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Progressive and successful approaches must be undertaken in such areas as officer programming, organizational skills, leadership, strength and quality of membership, financial responsibility and numerous other aspects of chapter operations. This is the second time the chapter has received the award. The fraternity also received the Campus Involvement Award for involvement in areas such as student government, residential life, varsity sports, and Interfraternity Councils. The Bruce Hunter McIntosh Standards for Chapter Excellence Award was given to the fraternity for its pursuit of fraternal excellence.

USA TODAY Seeks Best, Brightest

USA TODAY is searching for nation's 60 best and brightest college students to be named to **USA TODAY's** 1998 All-American Academic team. They will be featured in a two-page color package in the newspaper.

Twenty members of the first team will receive \$2,500 cash prizes and will be guests at a special awards luncheon on Feb. 13.

Any full-time undergraduate of a four-year institution in the United States or its territories is eligible. U.S. citizenship is not required. A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credits in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current academic term.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship, but also in leadership roles on and off campus. Students will be judged on their original academic or intellectual product. The judges will be influenced by the student's ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his or her own words. They will rely solely on the student's ability to describe the effort in writing, supplemented by recommendations from the nominating professor and up to three other persons of the nominee's choice.

Nominations must be postmarked by Nov. 29. For more information, stop by the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202.

Notes

The Career Center announces the Career Expo will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 20 throughout the SUB. The theme is "World of Opportunity." Stop by the Career Center for resumé tips, interview help and company research help.

The Multicultural Affairs Office presents "Freedom Celebration," a concert tour by flutist Ronu Majumdar, accompanied by percussionist Abhijit Banerjee, at 8 p.m. Oct. 2 in Baldwin Auditorium. This event celebrates the 50th year of India's independence and commemorates Mahatma Gandhi, who achieved freedom for India. Applications for the Missouri Government Internship Program are available in McClain Hall 202. For information, contact David Clithero at 785.7432. A discussion and reflection in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Oct. 2 in SUB 5. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jerrold Hirsch at 785.4690. *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* award applications may be picked up in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. To qualify, students 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 1997-98 academic year. Applications are due Oct. 10 to the Student Affairs Office. For more information, call 785.4111.

An exhibition of paintings by Nick Bridge, winner of the 5th annual National Art Competition, will run from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and noon-4:30 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 18 in Ophelia Parrish.

Blue Key National Honor Fraternity is sponsoring the Homecoming Parade. Entry forms are available outside the CAOC; deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 29 to Blue Key, attention Jason Davey, CAOC. Information regarding times, etc., will be available at noon on Oct. 3. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. on Oct. 18. For information, call 785.4222 or 785.4401 or send an e-mail to jdavey@truman.edu.

Mediators Assisting Disputants (M.A.D.) is available for mediations, consultations and communication seminars for the Truman community. For more information, call M.A.D. at 785.7322; ask for Sara.

Sports Information is seeking communication interns for the 1998 spring and fall and 1999 spring semesters. The 35-hour-per-week paid position includes a maximum of four credit hours per semester. The deadline to apply for spring 1998 internships with the Communication Internship/Practicum Board is Oct. 15. For more information, contact Melissa Ware at 785.4127.

"Earthquakes" will be the topic of a physics colloquium presented by Eduardo Sánchez Velasco of the department of physics. Aspects of the phenomenon of earthquakes will be discussed, including their origin and location, physical characteristics and effects. Predicting earthquakes will also be discussed. The colloquium will be at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 1 in Science Hall 11. Refreshments will be served at 4:20 p.m.

A semester at sea informational table will be available at 10 a.m. on Oct. 3 in the SUB. The observatory will be open to the general public for an Observatory Open House from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, pending a clear sky. Admission is free. It will be open to Truman students, faculty, staff and their families from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 8, pending a clear sky. Newman Center will have a Family Day Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, with a chili supper to follow. Mass will be outdoor; chili supper costs \$3 for adults, \$2 for children younger than 12.

Catholic Newman Center will present "Is There Something Missing?" at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday nights at the Newman Center. This is a small group for couples. Catholic Newman Center will present "College Confirmation Group" from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays at the Newman Center. This is for those who have not been confirmed. For more information, call Pat Lehr at 665.2466.

The Multicultural Affairs Center is seeking manuscripts for *Revelation*, a journal that will serve as a forum to discuss race, class and gender. For information, call 785.4142.

"America's Judgements: What Lies Ahead" will be presented by John Trochmann, co-founder of Militia of Montana. Known as the grandfather of the militia movement, Trochmann will cover current threats to the autonomy of American citizens from 7 to 9 p.m., Oct 8 in Baldwin Auditorium.

On Campus

29 MONDAY
5 p.m.-Homecoming Parade entries due; see Notes.

1 WEDNESDAY
12:30-1:30 p.m.-Faculty Development Committee lunch series, SUB Spanish Room.
4:30 p.m.-"Earthquakes," Physics Colloquium, Science Hall 11, see Notes.
5 p.m.-Research/Scholarship Grant Applications due to divisions; due to VPAA Office by Oct. 15.
7 p.m.-Volleyball vs. Central Missouri.

2 THURSDAY
1-2:30 p.m.-Discussion and reflection in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, SUB 5.
3:30 p.m.-Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture, SUB Alumni Room.
4:45 p.m.-General Honors Program, informational reception, SUB Governors' Room.
8 p.m.-Freedom Celebration, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes.

3 FRIDAY
5 p.m.-Applications for Tel-Alumni students callers due, McClain Hall 100.
6:30 p.m.-SAB presents "My Best Friend's Wedding," Baldwin Auditorium; also at 9:30 p.m.

4 SATURDAY
Family Day; see schedule, p. 2.

5 SUNDAY
noon-Women's soccer vs. Southern Indiana.
2 p.m.-Wind Symphony concert, Baldwin Auditorium
2 p.m.-Junior varsity football game vs. Kemper Military Academy.