

# Truman today

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## TRUMAN'S FACEBOOK PAGE GETS NEW LOOK

In conjunction with Facebook's changes, Truman's main Facebook page has a new look.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University can stay connected any time of day through Truman's main Facebook page. A link to the site can be found on the Truman homepage. The page is updated regularly with Truman news, events, photos and important reminders. Truman departments and organizations are encouraged to make posts to update the University community on events taking place on campus. Prospective students and their families can visit the page for better insight on what life at Truman is really like.

The Facebook site also serves as a portal to Truman YouTube videos for an additional dimension of the University.

In addition to the main Facebook page, Truman friends can check out the popular Facebook pages for Truman Athletics, Truman Alumni and Friends and the Career Center. Links to all of the University's social media resources, including Truman's official Twitter feed and various department Facebook pages, can be found at [social.truman.edu](http://social.truman.edu).

The Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series presents:

### Michael Beschloss

8 p.m. • April 14 • Baldwin Auditorium

Presidential historian Michael Beschloss will present on his book "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989." Beschloss serves as NBC News Presidential historian and appears regularly on "Meet the Press," the "Today" program and "PBS NewsHour."

Free tickets may be picked up at the Student Union Building Information Desk, the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 202, Edna Campbells gift shop in downtown Kirksville or the Kirksville High School. For more information on how to obtain tickets, email [pr@truman.edu](mailto:pr@truman.edu) or call 785.4016.

## Stangler Earns National Scholarship

Connor Stangler, a junior English and history double major from Columbia, Mo., was recently awarded a national competitive scholarship of up to \$30,000 from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

This year, the Foundation received 587 applications from 272 colleges. Only about 65 scholarships are awarded annually.

Stangler, who will graduate from Truman in May 2013, tentatively plans to pursue a joint juris doctorate/master's in public affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison followed by a Ph.D. in politics and social policy at Princeton University. He credits Truman's broad curriculum and focus on personal education, as well as service-learning experiences, with helping him secure this scholarship.

"Had I gone to a larger university, or one that placed less of an emphasis on

civic commitment, I would not have had the same opportunities," Stangler said. "The faculty, staff and administrators devote so much of their time to developing leaders and broadening the intellectual capabilities and, especially, the bold imagination of their students. Truman is interested in more than producing efficient professionals; they are interested in producing honest citizens, ones that have the chance to effect change."

The Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., provides funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. The Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions and professional development. Scholars are invited to participate in a number of programs, including Truman Scholar Leadership Week, The Summer Institute and The Truman-Albright Fellows Program.

## Drum Expert to Showcase Talents

Master percussionist and five-time Grammy award-winning artist Glen Velez will present an evening concert at 8 p.m. April 3 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

He will also give a performance and history master class, open to all interested students and faculty, at 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Velez is the founding father of the modern frame drum movement and is regarded as a legendary figure among musicians and audiences worldwide. Although the frame drum is one of the most ancient types of musical instruments, Velez's new style has opened new possibilities for musicians around the globe.

Velez is the first percussionist to gain international recognition as a successful solo artist using frame drums. His plethora of sounds has inspired collaborations with a long and eclectic list. His signature sound can be heard on numerous films, television commercials, modern dance scores and hundreds of albums.

For more than 35 years, Velez has researched and cataloged frame drum history from the most ancient times to the present. He began to present highlights from the catalog in 2010.

Velez's appearance is sponsored by the Center for Multi-Cultural Affairs, School of Arts and Letters and the Truman Percussion Society. For more information, contact Michael Bump at 785.4052 or at [mbump@truman.edu](mailto:mbump@truman.edu).

## TITANIC-THEMED PARTY TO HONOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking, the Student Recreation Center will be the site of the Escape the Titanic Party.

The party is scheduled for April 14 and participants can begin boarding the Titanic, represented by the Rec, at 11 p.m. Activities will start at 11:40 p.m., when the Titanic hits the iceberg. Participants' goal will be to escape the ship by 2:20 a.m., the exact time the Titanic sank 100 years ago.

To escape the "Wreck" on a lifeboat, passengers must complete or pass different activities like badminton, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, Pictionary, shuffleboard, speed dating, karaoke and more. The number of tasks required for a lifeboat differs depending if a passenger is issued a first, second or third class ticket.

Of the 2,240 passengers on the actual Titanic voyage, only 705 survived. The number of Truman "Wreck" participants saved will be proportional to this historical figure. Even if a passenger completes all the tasks, a lifeboat is not assured.

The event is sponsored by Ekklesia Campus Ministry and co-hosted by Table Tennis Club, Alpha Theta Omega Christian Sorority, Toastmasters International and the National Communication Association Student Club.

Other clubs are welcome to join in the planning sessions at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Barnett Hall Atrium.

### ALPHA PHI OMEGA BLOOD DRIVE

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
April 3-4  
Student Union Building  
Georgian Rooms

## Hall of Fame to Induct Schneider and Ryle

Ed Schneider and Walter H. Ryle have been selected to be inducted into the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Hall of Fame in June.

Schneider was the 1964 national champion in cross country and long-time coach of the Bulldogs while Ryle served as faculty athletic representative and was the director of athletics at Truman.

Schneider ran cross country and track for Coach Ken Gardner and was a three-time cross country all-American and won the 1964 NCAA national championship. The 1964 team finished second in the NCAA college division that season. Schneider is just one of three individuals to still have won three straight MIAA cross country championships. He placed second in the mile run at the 1964 NCAA outdoor championships and still holds the Truman indoor record in the mile and outdoor record in the 1,500 meter run.

Schneider returned to Kirksville in 1974 to coach the cross country team and assist Gardner as track coach. He took over the entire men's program in 1982 and won four conference cross country titles in 1983, 1992, 1994 and 2001 to go along with three regional titles during his 31-year tenure as coach. He had either a team or an individual at the Division II National Cross Country Championships 15 times with back-to-back third place team finishes in 1994 and 1995.

He was a four-time MIAA Cross Country Coach of the Year and twice named MIAA Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Schneider is also a member of the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame, the Division II Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Missouri Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Ryle chaired Truman's athletic committee starting in 1973 and held various offices in the MIAA over the course of his 26 years in college athletics. He was president of the MIAA during the league's first expansion period as he served from 1988-1991 and was vice-president from 1985-88. He was a member of the long-range planning, chair of the eligibility and member of the infractions and finance committees during his tenure. Ryle served as chair of the search and screen committee that hired the MIAA's first full-time commissioner, Ken Jones.

A history professor on campus since 1955, Ryle became Truman's director of athletics in 1994 and oversaw the department until his retirement in 1999. One of his major accomplishments as athletic director was to bring an all-weather track to the Kirksville community at Stokes Stadium.

The MIAA Hall of Fame induction will take place June 7 as part of the league banquet in Kansas City, Mo.

## Phi Beta Lambda Acknowledged at Conference

The 53rd Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference took place March 23 in Osage Beach, Mo.

Members and the advisor from Truman participated at the conference, which featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and election of officers for the next year.

The Truman chapter received the award for 1st largest chapter in the state. The chapter received the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit and 2nd in the Local Chapter Annual

Business Report.

Twenty Truman students were recognized at the awards program and are eligible to represent



Members of Phi Beta Lambda, a business-focused organization, pose for a picture at the State Leadership Conference with advisor Cathy Poyner.

Truman at the National Leadership Conference taking place in June in San Antonio, Texas.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of post-secondary student members preparing for careers in business. There are more than 11,000 active members in the United States and Missouri has more than 400 members in 22 chapters.

### FAC ENROLLMENT

Funds Allotment Council is having open enrollment through the end of the semester. Applications can be found at [fac.truman.edu](http://fac.truman.edu) and outside the FAC Office in the Student Union Building 109 A.

# Speech and Debate Team Competes in Comprehensive Tournament

The Truman speech and debate team traveled to Kansas City the weekend of March 24-25 to compete against 68 other universities in the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament.

Senior Andrew Grojean, a communication major from Blue Springs, Mo., brought home five individual awards, including seventh place overall out of approximately 400 competitors.

Pi Kappa Delta is the speech and debate fraternal organization to which Truman belongs and includes teams from all over the nation.

Besides taking home the seventh place overall trophy, Grojean placed fourth in informative speaking out of 86 competitors and sixth in impromptu speaking out of 198 competitors. Grojean advanced to the quarterfinal round of duo interpretation with his partner, sophomore A.J. Taula, a communication and pre-education/secondary double major from Independence, Mo. Grojean also made it to quarterfinals in dramatic interpretation.

Sophomore Kristen Wright, an English major from Liberty, Mo., made the national final round of extemporaneous speaking, placing fifth out of 126 competitors.

Taula had a second duo with sophomore partner Arielle Long-Seabra, a double major in administration and accounting double major from Blue Springs, Mo., that made it to the quarterfinal round, while Long-Seabra also quarterfinalized her dramatic interpretation.

Freshmen Alex Eichstadt, an economics major from Blue Springs, Mo., and Kate Pillen,

a communication major from Rochelle, Ill., were given excellent awards—meaning they placed in the top 30 percent of the field in an event. Pillen earned excellent awards in both prose interpretation and poetry interpretation while Eichstadt earned his in extemporaneous speaking.

The team also had success in open Lincoln-Douglas debate. Wright made the semifinal round of debate while also taking home a sixth place speaker award. Sophomore Myra Milam, a communication disorders major from Elkland, Mo., advanced to the quarterfinal round and earned a fifth place speaker award. Sophomore Nick Gorman, an economics and mathematics double major from Kansas City, Mo., made it to the octofinal round and was the ninth-place speaker. Freshman Maddie Ebert, a political science major from Omaha, Neb., also advanced to the octofinal round.

"This was a tough tournament in itself, and a great warm up for the upcoming National Forensics Association National Championship Tournament in April," commented director of forensics Kristi Scholten.

This tournament brought the team's regular season to a close.

The National Championship Tournament will take place at Ohio University, April 19-23. The team has qualified 22 individual events entries and six debate entries for the tournament.

For more information about the team, visit [forensics.truman.edu](http://forensics.truman.edu).

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## IRON AND WINE

with opening act:  
The Busted String Band

9 p.m. • April 14  
Red Barn Park

Admission is free. The rain site will be Pershing Arena. Rain site tickets are available with a student I.D. and are also free.



### Marine Flights

Marine flights will be available at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. April 5. Students will get the chance to sit at the controls and fly the plane. Sign up in the Career Center.

### Going Global

Going Global information day will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 11 in the Student Union Building. It will offer information about studying and working abroad.

### Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day will take place April 13. To register, bring a resume to the Career Center. To learn more about Mock Interview Day and who will be attending, go to [career.truman.edu](http://career.truman.edu).

## NOTABLES

**Jerrold Hirsch**, professor of history, participated in a workshop "Writing Democracy 2012: Envisioning a Federal Writers' Project for the 21st Century" at the 2012 annual convention on College Composition and Communication in March in St. Louis, Mo., and presented a paper at another session entitled "Learning From the FWP."

The undergraduate research teams of **Diane Janick-Buckner**, professor of biology, and **Brent Buckner**, professor of biology, traveled to Portland, Ore., to attend the Maize Genetics Conference in mid-March. Sophomore **Lauren Choate** presented a poster entitled "Copy Number Variation (CNV) of Genes Involved in Carotenoid Biosynthesis in Maize." Senior **Anna Zahner** and recent Truman graduates **Prabhakar Bastola** and **Gaurab K.C.** collaborated on the presentation of two posters entitled "Characterization of a new Developmental Mutant of Maize: raggedseedling-378" and "Histological and Molecular Characterization of Maize Mutant rld\*5409." Junior **Kevin Bodker**

and recent Truman graduate **Eric Butler** were also co-authors on the posters. Also in attendance representing Truman was **Ashley Lough**, a 2006 graduate and postdoctoral research/teaching scholar at Truman. Truman alumni **Charles Dietrich**, **David Skibbe** and **Ryan Douglas** were also participants at the conference.

**Elaine McDuff**, associate professor of sociology, has published an article, "Collaborative Learning in an Undergraduate Theory Course: An Assessment of Goals and Outcomes," in the April edition of *Teaching Sociology*, an academic journal of the American Sociological Association, which focuses on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

**David Partenheimer**, professor of English, was recognized by Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority as March's professor of the month. Alpha Sigma Alpha's program "Professor Payday" acknowledges one of Truman's outstanding professors every month.

# International Education Day Brings Students to Missouri State Capitol



Eight study abroad students, eight international students, four interns and international student adviser Randee Rae Phelps pose for a photo on the Missouri State Capitol steps in Jefferson City Feb. 29 with Representative Zachary Wyatt and Representative Jeanie Riddle. The group celebrated International Education Day by touring the State Capitol, eating lunch with international students from other Missouri schools, visiting with state legislators and watching a Missouri State legislative session in action.

## NOTES

**The Faculty Lunch-n-Learn series continues** from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 4 in Pickler Memorial Library 103. The focus of this presentation is free supplemental digital learning resources.

**The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will conduct its monthly meeting** at 12 p.m. April 5 in the Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

**Spring Awakening will run** at 8 p.m. April 11-14 in the James G. Severns Theatre. Tickets are free and are now available at the Ophelia Parrish Box

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The Truman community is invited to share in a retirement reception in honor of:

**Ray Barrow**, professor of sociology, retiring after 30 years of service to Truman

**Jonathan Smith**, associate professor of geography, retiring after 18 years of service to Truman

2:30-4:30 p.m. • April 11  
Student Union Building  
Conference Room

Office. Patrons can reserve tickets in person or by calling 785.4515.

**The next Physics Colloquium**, "Photorefractive Polymers: Amalgamation of Organic Chemistry, Solid State Physics and Optics" will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 11 in Magruder Hall 1096.

**The Women's Resource Center is accepting applications** now through April 16 in the Women's Resource Center in the Student Union Building 1109 B. Applications may be submitted in paper and on TruPositions. They are accepting work-study, volunteer and scholarship workers.

### ONE DAY WITHOUT SHOES

Hosted in conjunction with the worldwide TOMS event April 10 by the National Communication Association Student Club.

The club will spread awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life by asking the Truman community to take off their own. Millions of children live without proper footwear, exposing them to injury and disease everyday.

For more information, contact btw5342@truman.edu or visit the Facebook Event TSU ONE DAY WITHOUT SHOES.



## Kirksville Children Practice with Bulldogs

Student Athlete Advisory Committee hosted the 2nd Annual Basics with Bulldogs Activity Day March 25. More than 60 children from the Kirksville community signed up to learn basic sports skills from Truman student-athletes. The children, ranging from grades 4-6, had the option of participating in two of the following sports: basketball, volleyball, wrestling, swimming, soccer, football and track and field.

### SPRING 2012

#### GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM

"Unworking Asia: The Demise of Hand Painted Political Graphics in the Digital Age"  
7 p.m. • April 5

Student Union Building Activities Room  
Aaron Fine, professor of art and gallery director

#### Communication Advice with Counselor Joe Hamilton

7:30 p.m. • April 3  
Student Union Building Activities Room  
Sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority

### BIG MAN ON CAMPUS MALE BEAUTY PAGEANT

7:30 p.m. • April 12 • Baldwin Theater  
Hosted by Delta Zeta Sorority

Thirteen men will compete for the title of "Mr. Merica" in the 15th Annual Big Man on Campus Competition: Red, White and B.M.O.C. The proceeds will go to Delta Zeta's national philanthropy as well as to the winner's charity of choice. Some of the proceeds will also be donated to Truman's Speech and Hearing Clinic. Tickets will be \$5 at the door and \$3 in advance April 6 and April 11 on the Mall or April 10 and April 12 in the Student Union Building.

### Pickler Memorial Library

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