

# Truman today

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## Earth Week Events

### Environmental Studies Conference: Building a Sustainable Future

April 17 • MG 2100 (Planetarium)

The Division of Science will sponsor this event.

8:45-9:15 a.m. - **Light refreshments served**

9:15-10:20 a.m. - **Stewards of the Earth: Managing and Monitoring**

10:30-11:50 a.m. - **Reflections on Nature: Selected Readings**

Noon-1:20 p.m. - **Lunch Seminar** (lunch provided, vegetarian and vegan options)

1:30-2 p.m. - **Consumer Decisions**

2-3:20 p.m. - **Building and Development**

3:30-4:50 p.m. - **In Our Own Backyard: Sustainable Projects at Truman**

### Building Toward Sustainability: Using Green Building for a Better Tomorrow

Keynote Panel: Michael Goldschmidt, Ronn Phillips and Rachel Katz  
7-8:30 p.m. • April 17 • BH 176

A reception will follow. The Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, ECO and the Division of Language and Literature will sponsor this event.

**Bike CO-OP Workshop**  
2-6 p.m. • April 19  
Quadrangle

### Movie - "Who Killed the Electric Car?"

7 p.m. • April 19 • MG 1000

SAB is sponsoring this event.

For more information on these events and additional off-campus events, log on to <http://earth.truman.edu>.

## Truman Board of Governors Meets

The Truman State University Board of Governors met in Kirksville, April 14, at its regular April meeting. Among the action items it considered were the approval of proposed renovations to Blanton/Nason/Brewer (B-N-B), the refurbishment and replacement of the seating and flooring in Baldwin Hall Auditorium, and the renovation of a building for the Regional Professional Development Center.

The former project is part of the University's on-going, \$91 million effort to renovate on-campus student housing and the Student Union Building. The B-N-B project will commence this summer and will be concluded in time for the fall 2008 semester. The latter two projects are slated to be completed for the fall 2007 semester. The total value of these three renovation projects is estimated at \$7.97 million.

The Board also approved upgrading an existing exercise science pattern in athletic training to a freestanding Bachelor of Science athletic training degree program. A new undergraduate Bachelor of Arts program in Romance language was also approved by the Board, building on Truman's strong existing foreign language programs. Both programs will be operated with existing resources and will now be submitted to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education for final approval.

In other business, the Board of Governors

approved a modest increase in enrollment fees for the 2007-2008 academic year. Tuition and fees for full-time, in-state undergraduate students will be \$6,210, a 3.9 percent increase. Out-of-state fees for full-time undergraduate students will be \$10,820, a 4 percent increase.

"These modest fee increases are necessary to preserve the quality of the education we offer to our students," Truman President Barbara Dixon said. "The Board of Governors is committed to ensuring that Truman remains both affordable and the institution of choice for academically talented students seeking an outstanding education in the liberal arts tradition."

The additional funds will be used to meet mandatory cost increases such as utilities and increased minimum wages as well as qualitative improvements in instructional equipment and campus technology.

Based on a referendum vote by the student body, the Board also approved a \$50 per semester-designated fee to support athletic facilities and programs. The fee was supported by 54 percent of the voters and will be used to improve athletic facilities used by all students to help maintain Truman's varsity sports programs.

## Gardner Named Educator of the Year

Pamela Gardner, assistant professor of nursing, was announced as the 2007 Educator of the Year at the 18th annual banquet April 10.

Gardner began her career at Truman in 2000.

She received her B.S.N. from Fitchburg State College and her M.S.N. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her primary areas of expertise are child-family and maternal-neonatal nursing.

This year more than 120 students nominated a record-breaking 82 faculty



Pamela Gardner, assistant professor of nursing, (right) receives the Educator of the Year award from Becky Hadley honoree. (left) at the banquet April 10.

members for the Educator of the Year award. The eight-member student committee first narrowed the group down to 12 semi-finalists and then to six finalists. Finally, after reviewing the written responses by the nominated faculty members, getting input from the students in their classes and observing the faculty members in their classrooms, the committee selected this year's Educator of the Year.

Students from Student Senate, the Pershing Society and Phi Kappa Phi serve on the Educator of the Year committee.

Business and Accountancy  
Welcomes Executive in Residence  
and Guest Speaker

### Diana Dagget

Dagget, the American region  
director of corporate affairs with  
Intel Corporation, will give two  
lectures on campus April 17.

#### "Preparing to Compete"

3:30 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

#### "Influencing U.S. Policy in a Global Economy"

6 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

### Student Alumni Association Speakers Series

7 p.m. • April 17 • MG 1000

Joyce Gentry-Furrer ('79)  
and Jim Bergman, ('90), will be  
sharing their experiences in  
the workforce and discussing  
how Truman prepared them for  
their careers.

### Missouri Assistant Attorney General James Klahr to Speak

7 p.m. • April 19  
Baldwin Hall 218

He will speak about the Missouri  
Sunshine Law and discuss the ins  
and outs of open meetings and  
records law.

The Missouri Attorney General's  
Office and the Truman chapter  
of the Society of Professional  
Journalists will present this  
information.

### Observatory Open House

The Stargazer's Astronomy Club  
will open the observatory to the  
general public

8:30-10:30 p.m. • April 19  
University Farm

Shuttles will be provided to and  
from the observatory, leaving  
from the parking lot between  
Magruder and Violette Halls.

Visit <http://observatory.truman.edu>  
for directions. Contact  
Matthew Beaky at [beaky@truman.edu](mailto:beaky@truman.edu)  
or at 785.4594 for  
more information.

## Truman Celebrates Graduate Education Week

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt proclaimed April  
16-21 Graduate Education Week.

To publicize its graduate programs, Truman's  
graduate office will have an informational table  
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 and 18 in the  
Student Union Building. Graduate students and  
faculty will also be wearing identifying stickers  
throughout the week.

The University's graduate programs include  
accountancy, headed by Scott Fouch, professor  
of accounting; biology, headed by Scott Burt,

associate professor of biology; communication  
disorders, headed by Janet Gooch, associate  
professor and director of communication  
disorders; English, headed by Alanna Preussner,  
professor of English; education, headed by Sam  
Minner, dean of education; and music, headed by  
Warren Gooch, professor of music.

The purpose of Graduate Education Week is  
to foster a greater public understanding about the  
indispensable benefits that graduate and advanced  
study provide for Missouri.

## Lyceum Series Presents Truman Showcase

The Truman State University Concert Per-  
cussion Ensemble I and the Truman Wind  
Symphony will be spotlighted in the upcoming  
Kohlenberg Lyceum Series concert.

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. April  
21 in Baldwin Auditorium

The Concert Percussion Ensemble I is under  
the direction of Michael Bump, associate professor  
of percussion studies at Truman.

The concert will feature international re-  
nowned marimba virtuoso and composer, Michael  
Burritt. He is presently the director of percussion  
and chair of the instrumental area at Northwestern  
University in Evanston, Ill.

Besides performing with the ensemble, Burritt  
will also be conducting master classes as well as  
private lessons for percussion students.

Truman Wind Symphony is directed by Dan  
Peterson, director of bands.

The symphony will be performing three new  
musical selections including one composed by  
Frank Ticheli and one commissioned by Randy  
Smith, professor of saxophone. The final selection  
will be a three movement work dedicated to the  
memory of one of Truman's alumni, Raydell Brad-  
ley. This work was written for Bradley by one of his  
students who studied with him at Pacific Lutheran  
University.

Contact Michael Bump at 785.4052 or at  
[mbump@truman.edu](mailto:mbump@truman.edu) for more information about  
the performance and Burritt's residency.

Tickets for the performance are available. Tick-  
ets are free to all students, faculty and staff. Tickets  
for faculty and staff are available in the Center for  
Student Involvement, and students may pick their  
tickets up in the Student Activities Board office.

Contact the Public Relations Office at  
785.4016 for more information.

## Students Take Part in Act! Speak! Build! Week

Students will participate  
in a weeklong advocacy  
campaign during Habitat  
for Humanity's Act! Speak!  
Build! Week 2007 April  
16-22. This year's theme is  
"What a Difference a Home  
Makes."

The purpose of the week  
is to highlight the need to  
eliminate substandard hous-  
ing and to create affordable  
housing opportunities.

Truman's Habitat chapter will be on the  
Quadrangle April 17-19 passing out statistics on  
poverty and selling T-shirts.

The chapter will also be hosting Maria Pyra,  
a youth program consultant from Habitat for  
Humanity International. She will speak at 8 p.m.  
April 19 in Magruder Hall 1090. Pyra will be



Members of Truman's Habitat for Humanity chapter  
pose at the construction site of a home they are  
helping to build.

accompanied by Truman  
Habitat members who  
will be talking about their  
experiences volunteering in  
South Carolina during  
midterm break.

The Truman chapter  
of Habitat for Human-  
ity works with the local  
Kirksville chapter to build  
and refurbish housing for  
low income members of the  
community. The chapter

is primarily concerned with increasing awareness  
about the needs of the community, fund-raising,  
and providing free labor at the building projects.

Contact Jessica Lufkin at [jlufkin@truman.edu](mailto:jlufkin@truman.edu)  
or visit <http://habitat.truman.edu> for more  
information.

## NOTABLES

**Mehmet I. Goksu, assistant professor of physics**, recently published his article, "Edge Magnetoplasmons in a Partially Screened Two-Dimensional Electron Gas on a Helium Surface," in *Physical Review B* 75, 115323 (2007).

**Huping Ling, professor of history**, has organized and served as chair and discussant of two panels at the Association for Asian American Studies 2007 Conference held April 4-7 in New York City. The titles of these panel sessions were "Emerging Voices: The Experiences of the Underrepresented

Asian Americans" and "Negotiating Space: New Asian American Communities." She also presented the third panel "The Great Third Coast: How Teaching in the Midwest and South Challenges Asian American Studies."

**Jim Turner, associate professor of business administration**, attended the "Climate Change & Energy Policy Forum" April 4-5 at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. About 200 representatives from Missouri businesses, utilities and academia attended.

## Summer Wellness Program Scheduled

Jennifer Hurst, athletic training clinical education instructor, is hosting a wellness program beginning June 2007. The class is called "Move It, Lose It: Change for Life."

Hurst plans to promote healthier lifestyles through an education and exercise-based program focused on teaching group members the skills needed to empower lifetime health behavior change.

All area Kirksville residents are invited to participate. The program is designed for those who are currently inactive and would like to make

some changes.

There are 50 spots available for this class. Cost is \$50 for the entire nine-week session and includes the use of a pedometer during the time.

Meetings will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 5 through Aug. 9. Two class times are available, either noon-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Participants with 80 percent attendance will get to keep their pedometer at the end of the session.

Contact Hurst at 785.4464 or at [jhurst@truman.edu](mailto:jhurst@truman.edu) for more information or to sign up.

## Organizations Ask Students to Help Troops

Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Cardinal Key are hosting a weeklong campaign recognizing U.S. troops deployed overseas, April 15-21.

The campaign is titled "Rockin' For Our Troops." The two organizations will be collecting care package donations, monetary donations and letters from Truman students and the Kirksville community.

Throughout the week there will be bins and tables set up across campus for donations.

The campaign culminates at the Matt Wertz concert hosted by the Student Activities Board at 8 p.m. April 20 on the Quadrangle. In conjunction with the concert, students and community members will be able to drop off donations at this event as well as record video messages for soldiers.

SAB's Final Blowout from 2-6 p.m. April 21 on the Quadrangle will be the last opportunity to make donations.

Contact Dustin Carmack at 660.216.8390 or at [djc225@truman.edu](mailto:djc225@truman.edu) for more information.

## Pickler Memorial Library Chosen for Pilot Project

Pickler Memorial Library has been chosen to participate in a pilot project designed to provide online access to technical and scientific reports from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), the federal government's central source for the sale of scientific, technical, engineering, and related business information by or for the U.S. government.

This project will give the Truman community free access to more than 240,000 reports published between 1964 and 2000.

Major areas of content include physics,

environmental pollution and control, nuclear science and technology, medicine and biology, energy, chemistry, materials science, natural resources and earth sciences, computers and information theory, and behavior and society. Pickler Memorial Library is a member of the Federal Depository Program which is partnering with NTIS to provide these documents. Currently this database may be accessed only in the library.

A librarian at the reference desk will be able to log people in.

## Celebrate National Library Week

Audible Laudables on the Quad(able): A Truman Community Reader's Gala

Join Pickler Memorial Library in Celebrating National Library Week (April 15-21) by reading an excerpt aloud from your favorite written work. Participants will read in 10-minute intervals during a six hour period.

### 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • April 18 Quadrangle

Stop by the Quadrangle in front of the Library to read and listen. There will be refreshments too.

Contact Janice Weddle at 785.4542 or [jweddle@truman.edu](mailto:jweddle@truman.edu) for more information or to reserve your time.

Visit the Library during National Library Week and register to be eligible to win one of the following prizes:

"1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die" (book)  
"An Incomplete Education" (book)  
"Dreamgirls: the Soundtrack" (CD)  
"Hannibal Rising" (audio book)  
"Little Miss Sunshine" (DVD)

## SAB presents

**Matt Wertz with**

**The Alternate Routes**

8 p.m. • April 20

Quadrangle

Rain site: Pershing Arena

Admission is free and snacks will be provided.

**Final Blowout**

*The Big End-of-the-Year Event!*

2-6 p.m. • April 21

Quadrangle

Rain site: Pershing Arena

Students are invited to enjoy the free festivities, including food, T-shirts, inflatables, game booths, music, \$1,500 in prizes and more.

Contact Erica Foster at <http://sab.truman.edu> or at 785.4722 for more information.

Faculty wishing to apply for sabbaticals during the academic year 2008-2009 should submit a letter of interest to their current dean by May 4. Details are available at <http://vpaa.truman.edu/sabbaticals/index.stm>. The sabbatical applications themselves are due Sept. 7.

Join the Pickler Memorial Library staff in celebrating the 400th anniversary of our country by visiting the display in the gallery. Settled in 1607, Jamestown is our nation's birthplace, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. A short-term modified supplemental retirement plan has been approved for qualifying retirements between July 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2009. The application window for the plan ends May 15. Applications will be submitted to the June 2007 Board for approval. Please review the two options provided in the plan before submitting your application. Log on to <http://hr.truman.edu/benefits/msrp/> for more information and the application form.

The Student Recreation Center will be hosting a Summer Sports Camp for children ages 7-9 July 9-13 and ages 9-11 July 23-27. The camp will give children the opportunity to have fun, learn and participate in activities that will keep them physically fit. Cost of the camp is \$75 per child and \$50 for each additional immediate family member. The deadline for enrollment is May 31. Visit <http://recreation.truman.edu> or contact Scott Wagner at 785.7739 for more information.

The Society for Sino-American Studies is hosting Cranes on the Quadrangle from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 17-19 on the Quadrangle in front of Pickler Memorial Library. There will be a bake sale fund-raiser for Operation Smile, a world-wide nonprofit organization that repairs facial deformities of children of low socio-economic status. Stop by the table decorated with cranes to donate to a worthy cause and get a sweet. Contact Helen Pham at 785.5780 or [hkp587@truman.edu](mailto:hkp587@truman.edu) for more information.

Delta Sigma Theta is sponsoring the Sue Shear Dress Suit Drive from noon-3 p.m. April 17-20 in the Student Union Building. Delta Sigma Theta, the Society of the Prim Roses and the Women's Resource Center will be collecting old and new business apparel. All donations will be taken to the local Salvation Army. Contact Danielle Leveston at [dml801@truman.edu](mailto:dml801@truman.edu) for more information.

The annual Spring Canned Food Drive is here. Delta Sigma Theta will have a table set up from noon-3 p.m. April 17-20 in the Student Union Building. Donated canned food and other nonperishable items. All donations will be given to the local Salvation Army. Contact Krystal Fox at [klf737@truman.edu](mailto:klf737@truman.edu) for more information.

The Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum invites faculty, staff and students to attend the remaining Open Forum titled "Beyond JN's: Interdisciplinarity in the New Curriculum." The session will be from 3-4:30 p.m. April 17 in Magruder Hall 1096.

The 33rd Annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the Student Union Building Lounge. Approximately 149 current and retired members of the University will be honored for their commitment to the University. Tickets are available in the Human Resources office in McClain Hall 106 for \$10 each.

The Muslim Students Association presents "Islam After 9/11: The Moderate Majority Speaks" from 6-7 p.m. April 17 in the West Campus Suites Multipurpose Room. There will be a panel discussion including a film clip and a question and answer session to follow. Everyone is welcome. Contact

Andrea Cluck at [ace600@truman.edu](mailto:ace600@truman.edu) for more information. The Weekly Lunch Series will continue from 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 18 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. It will feature reports from 2006-2007 Diversity Fellows, Civic Engagement Fellows and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Fellows.

Colleges Against Cancer presents Glow Stick it to Cancer, a two-mile run in the dark, from 9-11 p.m. April 18 at Stokes Stadium. Cost is \$4 or \$15 with a T-shirt. Registration begins at 9 p.m. at the gate, where participants can get their T-shirt and/or glow stick. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Contact Sam Dutrow at [sdd209@truman.edu](mailto:sdd209@truman.edu) for more information.

Students Together Educating Peers hosts the True Man of Strength Awards at 6:30 p.m. April 18 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. The five nominated finalists will read their essays and the winner will be announced. The event is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Contact Joe Hamilton at [hamilton@truman.edu](mailto:hamilton@truman.edu) or at 785.4014 for more information.

There will be a Homecoming Organization Chair Meeting from 10-10:45 p.m. April 18 in Violette Hall 1000. Representatives from all organizations are invited to discuss the theme, events and points schedule for those organizations interested in competing. Contact Brandi Bell at [bdb123@truman.edu](mailto:bdb123@truman.edu) for more information.

I Got the Job! Delta Sigma Theta is sponsoring an interview workshop from 6-7 p.m. April 19 in the Career Center. Learn how to have a successful interview in applying for a new job or professional and graduate schools. Contact Danielle Leveston at [dml801@truman.edu](mailto:dml801@truman.edu) for more information. There will be a Better World Books recruitment meeting from 8:30-10 p.m. April 19 in Baldwin Hall 249. Better World Books is an organization that has a book drive at the end of each semester for those in impoverished areas of the world, such as Africa. The organization is actively looking for volunteers to help collect and ship books. Contact Katie Palazzolo at [kaf529@truman.edu](mailto:kaf529@truman.edu) or at 314.882.7392 for more information.

Showgirls dance team tryouts are here. Clinics will be from 7-9 p.m. April 19 and 20 in Pershing Arena. At the clinic, participants will learn the dance and fight song to be performed at the tryout. Tryouts begin at 9 a.m. April 21 in Pershing Arena. Everyone is encouraged to attend the clinic and tryout. Contact Rachel Haberstroh at [trumahshowgirls@gmail.com](mailto:trumahshowgirls@gmail.com) for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega is hosting, St. Baldrick's, a fund-raiser for childhood cancer research, at 1 p.m. April 21 in the Centennial Hall Main Lounge. Members of the Truman community will share their heads to support kids with cancer and enjoy barbecue, dancing and prizes. Contact Christy Yoder at [cey148@truman.edu](mailto:cey148@truman.edu) for more information.

Psychology capstones will be presented from 1-4 p.m. April 23 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. People may stop by the Student Union Building to see psychology majors' poster presentations. Contact Karen Smith at [kasmith@truman.edu](mailto:kasmith@truman.edu) or at 785.6035 for more information.

University Counseling Services (UCS) is sponsoring a Cancer Support Group for students struggling with cancer and those who have friends or family members with cancer. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. April 23 in Pershing Building 234. Contact UCS at 785.4014 or visit <http://ucs.truman.edu> for more information.

## 17 TUESDAY

9 a.m.-5 p.m.-Environmental Studies Conference, MG 2100; see Page 1

1 p.m.-Baseball vs. Lincoln (Mo.), Baseball Field  
3:30 p.m.-Diana Daggett lecture, VH 1000; see Page 2

4 p.m.-Men's tennis vs. Northwest Missouri, Tennis Courts

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6 p.m.-Diana Daggett lecture, VH 1000; see Page 2

6:30 p.m.-Service Recognition Banquet, SUB Lounge; see Notes  
7-8:30 p.m.-Environmental Studies Conference Keynote Address, BH 176; see Page 1

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3 p.m.-Women's tennis vs. Missouri Western, Tennis Courts

4 p.m.-Men's tennis vs. Central College (Iowa), Tennis Courts

9-11 p.m.-Glow Stick it to Cancer, Stokes Stadium; see Notes

## 19 THURSDAY

7 p.m.-Assistant attorney general to speak, BH 218; see Page 2

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## 20 FRIDAY

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## 21 SATURDAY

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## 22 SUNDAY

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## 23 MONDAY

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6:30 p.m.-Cancer Support Group, PB 234; see Notes