

Truman today

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TruNews has formally changed its name to News Channel 36 KTRM-TV.

The program is often referred to as News 36 in short reference.

News 36 broadcasts a half hour program every Tuesday, starting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 11 on Truman Channel 36. The broadcast will re-air at 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

News 36 will be rebroadcast Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 3 p.m. on CableOne Channel 3, the Kirksville public information channel.

News 36 covers state, local and campus news.

Please send questions, tips or story ideas to News36@truman.edu.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Blue Key and Cardinal Key are sponsoring a blood drive.

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 and 13
Student Union Building
Second Floor

All blood types are needed, but O negative is desperately needed.

People can make appointments online at <http://www.givelife.org>.

Truman Receives Grant from Corporation for Public Broadcasting

KKTR, a National Public Radio affiliate licensed to Truman State University, has been awarded a \$78,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to initiate Hybrid Digital (HD) radio broadcasting. The grant will cover approximately 80 percent of the cost of converting the transmission plant to digital broadcasting.

"KKTR will join hundreds of public radio stations broadcasting in digital," said Elizabeth Clark, associate professor of communication and chair of the communication department. "Once the new transmitter is in place, listeners will have the chance to hear broadcasts in true compact disc clarity."

Mark Smith, assistant professor of communication, who prepared the KKTR grant under the supervision of former dean Heinz Woehlk and Clark, noted that a digital receiver is required to hear the HD broadcasts.

"KKTR will continue to be heard on existing radio receivers, however, digital broadcasts may only be heard on a special HD receiver," said Smith.

The HD system features multiple streams of broadcast programming. Before year's end, Kirksville listeners

will be able to access music and information on KKTR and KKTR2, which will be fed from KBIA, Columbia, Mo., an NPR affiliate in central Missouri. The main KKTR digital channel will duplicate the current analog programming received from KBIA; KKTR2 will offer separate program services for northeast Missouri listeners. KKTR listeners can access the KBIA Web site for HD radio facts and view digital radio models.

In addition to KKTR digital broadcasts, student media station, KTRM, 88.7 has been granted funding by the Truman State University Board of Governors to convert its transmission plant to HD broadcasts. Smith noted that KKTR and KTRM will be the first HD radio stations in northeast Missouri.

Finally, Truman has received permission from the Federal Communications Commission to expand the transmission power of KKTR and KTRM from the current 1,000 watts to 3,500 watts, per station, effective with the HD installation. The power increases will double the geographic range of both stations.

The Truman stations are expected to begin HD broadcasts this fall.

Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Accepting Nominations

The Office of the Provost is now accepting nominations for the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence. The Allens established the Fellowship in the year 2000 with a \$250,000 gift to the Truman State University Foundation.

The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships recognize outstanding faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the University and its students. Up to three faculty members are selected each year. The Fellowships are open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty who have completed at least four years of full-time service at Truman. Eligible faculty may be nominated for the Fellowship by Truman faculty colleagues or academic departments. Previous recipients are not eligible.

To date, the program has completed six years of a

scheduled eight-year program, with 18 faculty members recognized with awards. Due to favorable investment returns, the fellowships are expected to continue until at least 2010.

To nominate an eligible faculty member, send a letter of nomination to the Office of the Provost addressed to the Allen Fellowship Selection Committee. The letter of nomination should be no longer than one page and should address how you believe the faculty member fulfills the selection criteria. Please deliver a signed hardcopy of the letter to McClain Hall 203, send it through campus mail, or by fax to 785.7460. See Web site <http://www.truman.edu/pages/131.asp> for details, including the selection criteria and a list of prior recipients. Nominations are due to the Office of the Provost by Oct. 1.

Graduate School Week Sept. 17-20

Sept. 17 Kaplan Testing Information Table

10 a.m.-2 p.m. • VH Main Table

Sept. 18 "Writing the Personal Statement"

Royce Kallerud, associate professor of English
5-6:30 p.m. • VH 1010

Sept. 19 Graduate School Drop-in Hours

9-11 a.m. • Career Center

Personal Statement Workshop

Students need to see a professor in their major to be nominated. Donald Asher, nationally recognized author and speaker
2:30-5:30 p.m. • VH 1010
Bring personal laptop

Sept. 20 Graduate School Drop-in Hours

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"Bound for Graduate School?"

Strategies for Gaining Admission to Highly Competitive Graduate Programs
Donald Asher
6-7:30 p.m. • BH Little Theatre
E-mail Becky Hadley at rth936@truman.edu for more information.

The Career Center staff and career assistants welcome students back and hope they are having a great semester.

It is the time of year to start thinking about Career Expo which is coming up from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Student Union. Interviews for full-time positions and internships are Oct. 11 in the SUB. Stay tuned for more information about specific events during the next couple of weeks including a new program on Oct. 3 called "Career on the Quad" which helps students prepare for Expo. One of the first things to do is create or revise your resume. Right now a group of career assistants is available without appointment to help students with this important piece of the job search process.

Truman's Mathematical Biology Program Makes Waves in San Jose

A group of faculty and students involved in Truman's National Science Foundation (NSF) supported interdisciplinary training program in mathematical biology were in San Jose, Calif., from July 31-Aug. 4 to share the results of their work and to learn about the work of others.

A group of 16 Truman students and faculty members from mathematics, biology and computer science interacted with others from the life and mathematical sciences at a conference dedicated to work at the intersection of the two sciences. The conference was an annual gathering of the Society for Mathematical Biology which this year was held jointly with the Japanese Society for Mathematical Biology.

The faculty were Michael Adams, associate professor of mathematics; Jon Beck, associate professor of computer science; Dean DeCock, associate professor of mathematics; Michael Kelrick, professor of biology; and Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics. The biology students were James Franklin, a senior from Columbia, Mo.; Jacob Henderson, a senior from Holts Summit, Mo.; Elise Walck, a junior from St. Charles, Mo.; and Nathan Whelan, a senior from Eureka, Mo. The computer science students were Jonathan Vollmer, a junior from Belleville, Ill., and Josh Kangas, a senior from Kirksville. The mathematics students were Tracey Blasingame, a junior from Belvidere, Ill.; Bryan Hartwig, a junior from Lee's Summit, Mo.; Chris

Hassett, a junior from Manchester, Mo.; Josh Kelly, a senior from House Springs, Mo.; and alumnus Bill Leeds '06. All students presented their work in the poster presentation session. Adams gave a contributed talk titled "Graph Decompositions for Demographic Loop Analysis," and Kelrick gave a contributed talk titled "Unlikely 'gladefellows': facilitation of a rare annual herb (Missouri bladderpod, *Lesquerella filiformis*) by an invasive native tree (Eastern red cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*)."

Leeds represented Truman's program in a minisymposium dedicated to the work of schools that have received similar NSF funding. Through his invited talk, "Spatiotemporal analyses of the abundance of Missouri bladderpod (*Lesquerella filiformis*): conservation of a rare plant species on federal land," he conveyed to the audience the program's high expectations and high level of achievement as well as how seriously we take interdisciplinary work.

This material is the result of work supported by the National Science Foundation's Interdisciplinary Training for Undergraduates in Biology and Mathematics program under Grant No. 0436348, "Research-focused Learning Communities in Mathematical Biology." Information about Truman's Mathematical Biology program can be found online at <http://mathbio.truman.edu> and by contacting Miller at millerj@truman.edu.

Two Truman Students Tie for the Society for Mathematical Biology's Outstanding Poster Award

Two students in Truman's Mathematical Biology program tied for the Best Poster Presentation award at the annual meeting of the Society for Mathematical Biology.

Elise Walck, a junior biology major from St. Charles, Mo., and Tracey Blasingame, a junior mathematics major from Belvidere, Ill., will share the Society for Mathematical Biology's first Best Poster Presentation award for undergraduate research. Their posters tied for the award in competition with 22 other posters at the competition. Both posters communicated results obtained with teammates in Truman's "Research-focused Learning Communities in Mathematical Biology" program.

Walck's poster, titled "A Cellular Potts Model of *Caenorhabditis elegans* Embryonic Development in the Four-Cell Stage," communicated the work of Tim Walston, assistant professor of biology; Scott Thatcher, associate professor of mathematics; Clayton Davis, a senior mathematics and computer

science major from Chesterfield, Mo.; and herself. Blasingame's poster, titled "The W Statistic: A New Approach for Testing the Relative Abundance Structure of Communities in a Phylogenetic Context," communicated the work of Jon Gering, associate professor of biology; Dean DeCock, associate professor of mathematics; Bryan Hartwig, a junior mathematics major from Lee's Summit, Mo.; Nathan Whelan, a senior biology major from Eureka, Mo.; and herself.

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NOTABLES

Tom Capuano, professor of foreign language, presented a paper on a 16th-century Spanish text on pharmacy called "Compendio delos boticarios" at an international conference in Foggia, Italy, May 25-26. The conference, titled "La Scienza della Salute e l'Intercultura" was co-sponsored by the City of Ascoli Satriano, the Università degli Studi di Foggia, and the Italian Ministry of Health.

The course syllabus for the Senior Seminar class in sociology and anthropology, and the research paper assignment, which were jointly developed by Elaine McDuff, associate professor of sociology, and Amber Johnson, associate professor of anthropology, have been included by the American Sociological Association in the 2007 edition of their teaching resource, The Capstone Course in Sociology. Betty McLane-Iles, professor of French, in collaboration with Larry Iles, had their article "England Drama 1980-Present" included in the recently published The Columbia Encyclopedia of Modern Drama. More than 450 leading scholars contributed to this reference published by the Columbia University Press.

The men of Delta Chi at Truman received numerous awards from the Delta Chi Leadership College this past summer. Chapter awards include Outstanding Web site, Outstanding Scholarship, Outstanding Ritual and Ceremony Programming, Outstanding Recruitment, Outstanding Housing Corporation, Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Alumni Newsletter, and Outstanding Alumni Board of Trustees. Individual awards were given to those who exhibited excellent character in the positions. Mark Lowry received the "BB" award as Truman's Delta Chi chapter adviser. Joe Nedelec, instructor in justice systems, received the Faculty Adviser award. Blake Meyer, a senior nursing major from Jefferson City, Mo., received the Marge Lee Outstanding "C" award as Truman's Delta Chi secretary. Matt Wright, a junior from Jefferson City, Mo., received the Outstanding "E" award as Truman's alumni secretary. Finally, the chapter was awarded the prestigious President's Cup, given to the few select chapters exhibiting overall superior performance and programming.

TruFit Faculty/Staff Wellness Program Returns This Fall

It is time to sign up for the Fall 2007 TruFit Wellness program designed for faculty and staff members looking to make changes to their health.

TruFit Wellness is a 12-week education and exercise program focused on teaching group members the skills needed to empower lifetime health behavior changes.

TruFit members will meet 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

Activity options will include walking on Mondays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and/or group exercise class on Fridays from noon-1 p.m.

Meetings will begin Sept. 12 and continue through Dec. 7.

Any Truman faculty or staff member who is not currently engaging in regular physical activity is encouraged to join.

Contact Jennifer Hurst at 665.4464 or jhurst@truman.edu for more information.

Political Science Professor Recognized at the American Political Science Association Meetings

A life-size picture of John Ishiyama, professor of political science, was highlighted at the American Political Science Association (APSA) meetings Aug. 30-Sept. 2 in Chicago.

Ishiyama was highlighted with the image announcing "I am APSA," plus his



John Ishiyama

university affiliation and his role in the association's Teaching and Learning conference.

The life-size image was in the central portion of the exhibition hall, where book publishers had their booths, where publishers hosted receptions, and where the association provided free coffee for the conference attendees each morning.

There were four such life-size images, and Truman had the honor of having one of its political scientists included among those four.

Truman's United Way Campaign Update

After just its first week, Truman's United Way campaign reached slightly more than \$23,200. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed. People really are making a difference for these agencies. For example, by donating less than \$1 per week (or \$50 per year), you provide transportation to Columbia for two families' medical needs, groceries for a family of four for one week in the shelter, dues sponsorship for two 4-H club members, or training for five to six volunteers who assist area seniors with the Missouri Property Tax Credit (which last year alone returned more than \$95,000 to seniors in the Kirksville community).

This week's FAQ is a two-part question that campus United Way leaders sometimes hear.

Q: "How can I find out how much I gave last

year, and if I'm giving through payroll deduction, when does the new amount start getting deducted from my check?"

A: If you gave through payroll deduction last year, you can check your donation amount at any time on TruView. Under the Employee tab, check your pay stub for the amount listed under "Benefits and Deductions" as going to the United Way. Because the current campaign is actually for the 2008 year, the amount you pledge in the current campaign will not be deducted until your January 2008 paycheck. If you gave last year via check or cash, you can contact Brad Chambers in Admission at 785.4114, Teri Heckert at 785.7530, or Nancy Pennington at the United Way office at 665.1924 to find out the amount you contributed.

Mark your Calendars

Missouri Government Internship Program Informational Meeting

5:30 p.m. • Sept. 26
Student Union Building
Georgian Room A

Pizza will be provided at this meeting.

- Get paid - Receive a \$2,500 stipend
- Receive college credit
- Up to 15 credit hours
- Work with a legislator
- Spend a semester in Jefferson City

All majors and students with junior and senior status are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available online at http://career.truman.edu/student/internship/mgov_app.pdf.

Call 785.4016 for questions.

The Writing Center Fall 2007 Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday • 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday • Closed

Stop by the office in McClain Hall 303 to make an appointment or call 785.4484.

NOTES

IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak at 1:30 p.m. each Friday in the Student Union Building Room 320. This weekly series is an opportunity to share information about new and existing IT Service offerings. Please join them for snacks and conversation. Log on to <http://its.truman.edu/techbreak> for additional details.

The Student Recreation Center will continue celebrating its 10 year birthday by running a display of former staff photos, wacky facts about the center, and construction scrapbooks from Sept. 11-12 inside the Student Recreation Center. The Rec Center will be hosting a carnival from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 12. Games, prizes, cake and punch will be provided. The celebration will come to an end with a grand prize paper airplane toss in the main gym from 4:30-5 p.m.

Women's Club Soccer tryouts will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and from 4-5 p.m. Sept. 12 at the intramural field behind Centennial Hall. Contact Jessica at jjulking@gmail.com for more information.

High Street Dancer clinics and tryouts will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first three days and 9 a.m. the last day in the Pershing Building rooms 130, 120, 225, and then again in 130 on Sept. 11, 13, 14, and 15. The price for tryout will be \$3. Contact Melody Jennings at 785.7259@truman.edu for more information.

There will be an organizational meeting for a French play at 8 p.m. Sept. 11 in Baldwin Hall 284. Students who are interested in being part of this play should attend. Contact Patrick Robert at 785.4062@truman.edu for more information.

Weekly Lunch Series will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Writing Across the University Committee brings you: The Top 3 Challenges with a Writing-Enhanced Course-How Do You Deal? Contact The Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391@truman.edu or ct@truman.edu for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega will have open meetings for rush at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and at 8 p.m. Sept. 13 in Violette Hall 1010. Alpha Phi Omega is a coed service fraternity. Contact Christy Yoder at 314.974.7921 for more information.

An information session for those students who are interested in going to Cairo during winter break for two hours credit will take place from 5-6 p.m. Sept. 13 in Ophelia Parrish 2210. Those students who are unable to attend should contact Sara Orel at orel@truman.edu or 785.4419@truman.edu before that date for more information and applications for the trip.

Truman State University's chapter of American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet for the first chapter meeting of the school year at 5 p.m. Sept. 13. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Betty McLane-Iles at 785.4507@truman.edu for more information and location.

The first Global Issues Colloquium of the academic year will feature Robert Hitchcock, professor and chair of anthropology at Michigan State University. He will present "Death by Myth: Climate Change, Politics, and Coping Strategies Among the San of Southern Africa" at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in Magruder Hall

2001. Contact Linda Davenport at the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctd@truman.edu or 785.4391@truman.edu. **Sigma Chi Delta, local social sorority, Fall 2007 Recruitment** will begin with an informational night at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in Baldwin Hall 303. There will also be open recruitment nights at 7 p.m. Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Recruitment nights on Sept. 17 and 19 will be in Baldwin Hall 303 and the recruitment night on Sept. 18 will be in Baldwin Hall 251. Contact Rachel Meyer and/or Taelor Cash at 573.353.2105 for more information. **The Board of Governors will meet** at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 15 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Log on to <http://governors.truman.edu/> to view the agenda materials and for more information.

"Spicy" First Sunday Dinner is the kick off event for Hispanic Heritage Month. People will be able to experience authentic dishes reflecting the rich food traditions of Mexico, Spain and other Latin America cultures. This event will be free, but there are limited quantities of food: First come, first served. This First Sunday Dinner will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in Ryle Hall Main Lounge. Contact Laura Bates at lbates@truman.edu or 785.4142@truman.edu for more information.

Phi Sigma Pi will have a rush-informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Phi Sigma Pi is a coed national honor fraternity based on the ideals of scholarship, leadership and fellowship. Sophomores and first-semester juniors with at least a 3.0 GPA are eligible to rush. Events to follow the rest of the week. Contact Kelly Albright at 314.852.3856 for more information.

Student Affairs is looking for three students to assist with developing media presentations that will be used as part of the summer orientation program. The videos will consist of short vignettes depicting scenarios that will help new students and their parents think about some of the issues they might confront during the first year of college. Student Affairs is seeking a student with a strong background in creative writing to help with the script; a student with a theatre background to direct and coordinate the acting; and a student with filming and graphic skills to coordinate the media production process. These three students along with members of the Student Affairs staff will work as a team to ensure a professional and effective final product. Students may use the time spent in this activity for scholarship hours or will receive a small stipend for their work. If you are interested please send a letter to Lou Ann Gilchrist, Dean of Student Affairs, KB 112, 100 E. Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501 or at lge@truman.edu. The letter should address the following:

1. Indicate the student role for which you are applying.
2. Outline your qualifications for the project
3. List name and contact information for two references who can comment on the quality of your work in role for which you are applying.

To be considered for the position, you will need to have your application to Gilchrist by Sept. 21. If you have questions please feel free to contact Student Affairs at 785.4111@truman.edu. Student Affairs also has a Web site that students can go to at <http://saffairs.truman.edu/apply.asp>.

ON CAMPUS

11 TUESDAY

4 p.m.-Women's tennis vs. Quincy University (Ill.), Tennis Courts

12 WEDNESDAY

7 p.m.-Volleyball vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Arena

15 SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.-Board of Governors meeting, SUB Conference Room; see Notes



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Minnesota Ballet's Production of "The Nutcracker" Auditions

9:30 a.m. • Sept. 22
Pershing Building Small Gym
Both boys and girls ages 8-19 are encouraged to audition for the 56 roles to be cast by Minnesota Ballet's Artistic Director Robert Gardner.

Girls need to bring ballet shoes (and pointe shoes, if applicable) and wear tights and leotards. Please secure long hair in a bun. Boys should wear ballet shoes, a tight-fitting T-shirt and athletic pants.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to kbest@truman.edu or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style. *Truman Today* - Vol. 12 No. 3 - Sept. 11, 2007

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Tennis - Doubles	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 17	4:30 p.m. • Sept. 20	Sept. 24
Flag Football	Open/Org/Greek	Sept. 17	4:30 p.m. • Sept. 20	Sept. 24

Entry forms and information sheets may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (lobby area). Entry forms to be deposited into the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center. The entry deadline for each sport will be 11 p.m. on the date posted above. Online registration is available. Captains' Meetings for each sport will take place on the Thursday evening following the entry deadline (unless otherwise noted) at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Student Recreation Center. Official rules for each sport are available online at <http://recreation.truman.edu>.