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Truman/U.S. Bank ATM & Debit Card

Truman is partnering with U.S. Bank to create a Truman ID Card that can be used as a U.S. Bank ATM/debit card. Students who have a U.S. Bank checking account can choose to activate their Truman ID Card to serve as their ATM/debit card. This new functionality requires that the University replace all Truman ID Cards in January 2007.

Students wishing to have a new picture taken for their new Truman ID Card may do so by going to the ID Office in Kirk Building 112 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. New Truman ID Cards will be issued to students after Jan. 1, 2007.

More information on new faculty and staff ID Cards will be available in December.

Faculty and Staff Open Sessions

The Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Reorganization is in the final stages of preparing four new restructuring models. Three open sessions will be held with the committee in order to discuss the proposed models.

2:30-4 p.m. • Oct. 20
4:30-6 p.m. • Nov. 1
1:30-3 p.m. • Nov. 2
Violette Hall 1000

Supporting materials for the meetings will be sent out by e-mail to faculty and staff on or before Oct. 25. If you do not receive a copy of the materials they will be available in the President's Office, VPAA Office, and Academic Division Offices.

Distinguished Composer, Truman Musicians to Perform at 2006 New Music Festival

The Truman State University Division of Fine Arts, along with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota and The Mostly Live Composers, are sponsoring the 2006 Truman State University New Music Festival, Oct. 26-27.

The festival will feature guest composer Derek Keller, winner of the international 2006 Truman State University Composition Competition. Keller will speak to music classes, work with student composers during a master class and rehearse with Truman musicians.

Two concerts will be featured during the festival. The concerts will include performances of music by Keller, Truman faculty and student composers and by Ronald Shroyer, a music professor at Central Methodist University.

The first concert is slated to take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Truman's top choir, Cantoria, under the direction of Mark Jennings, will premiere Keller's "Flight and Revelation" for choir and rock/jazz combo. This piece was co-commissioned by Truman's chapters of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and

Sigma Alpha Iota. In addition to Cantoria, the Truman Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Clarinet Choir and other Truman musicians will perform at this concert.

The second concert will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The program will feature a performance by Keller of his work "Attitudes...Self-Reflection" for electric guitar and computer. Chamber music by Truman composers will be performed.

Keller will discuss his music at both concerts. Each concert is free and open to the public. Contact Warren Gooch, professor of music, at wgooch@truman.edu or by phone at 785.4429. Further information on Derek Keller can be found on his Web site at <http://www.derekkeller.com>.

The 2006 Truman New Music Festival is part of the Creative Connections program of Meet the Composer, Inc., and the Mid-America Arts Alliance, which is made possible with the generous support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Kirksville/Kansas City Flights to Begin Nov. 5

Students, faculty and staff looking to get away for a weekend, or just travel back to Kansas City, Mo., or connect to another flight now have a convenient option at their disposal: airline travel. Beginning Nov. 5, Mesa Air Group will offer one-way flights from the Kirksville Regional Airport to the Kansas City International Airport.

As a special introductory offer, all tickets purchased before Oct. 29 for flights to Kansas City out of Kirksville will cost only \$49 for a one-way ticket. Travel on these specially-priced flights must be completed by Dec. 31. Seats are limited and restrictions apply. After Oct. 29, one-way tickets will cost \$69. All flights are non-stop.

Tickets may be purchased through US Airways by visiting their Web site at <http://www.usairways.com>, or by phone at 1.800.428.4322 or through a local travel

Kirksville/Kansas City Flight Schedule

Kirksville Departures

Monday-Saturday	Depart: 8:55 a.m.	Arrive: 9:35 a.m.
Sunday-Friday	Depart: 5:35 p.m.	Arrive: 6:10 p.m.

Kansas City Departures

Monday-Saturday	Depart: 8 a.m.	Arrive: 8:40 a.m.
Sunday-Friday	Depart: 4:45 p.m.	Arrive: 5:25 p.m.

professional.

Contact the Kirksville Regional Airport at 665.5020 for more information.

November Election Candidate Forum

Meet the Candidates

5:30-6:30 p.m. • Oct. 24

Adair County Candidate Introductions

6:30-7 p.m. • Oct. 24

Candidates Forum

7-8:30 p.m. • Oct. 24

All events take place at the El Kadri Shrine Club on U.S. Highway 63/Baltimore St.

The events are sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Career Expo 2006

1-5 p.m. • Oct. 25

Student Union Building

Students should start planning now for the Fall Career Expo by following these steps from the University Career Center:

1. Pre-register at <http://career.truman.edu>.
2. Put together your resume, and have it critiqued by a trained Career Assistant in the Career Center (no appointment necessary).
3. Plan your professional look.
4. Schedule a mock interview at the Career Center.
5. Look at the Career Expo Web site at <http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo> for full-time employment and internship listings. New companies are added daily.
6. Take advantage of "Map Out Your Future Events."

Contact the Career Center at 785.4353 for more information about the Career Expo, or any of the preparatory events.

Career Expo Preparation Events

Employer Mock Interviews

Eli Lilly • Steak 'n Shake
Macy's Midwest • Target
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Oct. 24
Career Center

Students must register for employer mock interviews in the Career Center and turn in their resume when they sign up for an interview.

"How to Work a Career Fair"

Sponsored by Edward Jones
Presented by Katie Warchoł
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Oct. 24
Career Center Classroom

"How to Ace the Interview"

With Larry Frey of Eli Lilly
5:30-7 p.m. • Oct. 24
Career Center Classroom

If you have questions about Career Expo, please stop by the Career Center, McKinney Building, 785.4353.

Open Forum for Technical Director Candidate

Faculty, staff and students are invited to an open forum to meet Kurt D. Stripling, candidate for the position of Technical Director in ITS, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the SUB Conference Room.

Mathematical Biology Program Searching for Participants

Truman's Mathematical Biology program is soliciting additional cross-disciplinary teams of faculty from mathematics and biology to carry out high-quality research at the intersection of the life and mathematical sciences. Work by these teams will occur over at least one academic year, starting in January 2007, and will be supported by funds from the National Science Foundation.

Each team will consist of a faculty member from biology and a faculty member from mathematics. Student members for the teams will be identified at a later date through a competitive application process, but each team must have one mathematics major and one biology major. A team will also have a research project which will require expertise from the team members in both the mathematical and life sciences to bring the project to fruition. The project will be of scientific or mathematical interest at the professional level, while still being lay enough that talented undergraduate students with a semester of specialized preparation will be making a meaningful contribution to the project. Example projects can be found at the Truman State University Mathematical Biology program Web site at <http://mathbio.truman.edu/research>.

The goals of this grant-funded program are to prepare undergraduate students in mathematics and biology with the skills it takes to work at the intersection of the life and mathematical sciences. The success of the program is

measured by the number of undergraduates who go on to graduate school, the number of papers submitted for publication, the number of presentations given by students at regional and national professional conferences and the number of new external grant funding requests generated as a result of the collaborative work.

Faculty participants in the program will receive a \$3,500 stipend for mentoring students during the 10-week Summer Undergraduate Research Experience program, a travel allowance for bringing students to a professional conference and generous supply budget. Students involved in the program will receive a \$3,200 stipend, room and board for the summer program, a travel allowance and an hourly stipend for doing research during the academic year.

To apply for the program, a team should submit a brief description of a proposed research project that includes appropriate citations (a minimum of four) to the scientific and mathematical literature. The proposal should make the interdisciplinary nature of the project clear. The team should also submit a short list of skills the faculty mentors would expect their undergraduate student collaborators to possess. The skills can be major specific.

Faculty interested in participating in the program should contact Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics, at 785.7430. Project descriptions must be sent to Miller by Nov. 3.

Eta Sigma Gamma Members Present at National Conference, Receive Awards

Truman's Gamma Rho chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma national professional Health Science honorary was recognized recently, with the chapter as a whole receiving a national award, and several of its members receiving prominent awards and conducting presentations, at the Eta Sigma Gamma National Meeting at the American School Health Association National Conference in St. Louis, Oct. 13.

Truman's chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma received the Chapter Excellence Award, while two Truman students received awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the field of health science.

Emily Forsyth was the recipient of the Gamman of the Year national recognition and scholarship award. Wesley Chew was also an award winner at the meeting, receiving the 2006 American School Health Association Student Research Grant for his proposal "Developmental Assets Profile of Youth in a Juvenile Justice Facility."

Truman was soundly represented with several presenters at the conference. Bryan Campbell, Peter Guirguis, Carrie DeCarli, Tara Osseck, Ben Reine and Joe Stauber presented "A Culturally Competent HIV/AIDS Education Program for African-American College Students." Leslie Moss, Chaeli Dougherty, Rebecca Verhaeghe, Liz Schulte and Brittany Schultenhennich presented "Smokebusters: An Interactive Approach to Smoking Prevention and Policy Change." Emily Krogmann, Nicole Stevens and Tara Osseck presented "Creating an Educational CD-ROM for Statewide Long-term Care Ombudsmen Recruitment." Wes Chew,

Alisha Hahn, Leslie Moss, Brittany Schultenhennich and Liz Schulte presented "A Health Education Approach to Rehabilitating Juvenile Center Youth." Rebecca Verhaeghe, Nancy Reid, Joe Stauber, Ben Reine and Alisha Hahn presented "Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program: Programming in the Senior Housing Setting." Emily Forsyth, Alisha Hahn, Nancy Reid, Liz Schulte and Rebecca Verhaeghe presented "Bridging the Gap Between Knowing and Doing in the Hispanic Community: A Culturally Competent HIV/AIDS Program." Peter Guirguis, Emily Krogmann, Carrie DeCarli, Tara Osseck and Emily Forsyth presented "North Central Missouri Regional Health Needs Assessment." Chaeli Dougherty, Leslie Moss and Tara Osseck presented "Self-Care: An Assessment of College Student Awareness." Laura Kresl, Bryan Campbell, Chaeli Dougherty, Peter Guirguis, Carrie DeCarli and Wes Chew presented "A Tobacco Education and Cessation Program Following the Key Elements of Successful Alternative Schools: A Pilot Program." Brittany Schultenhennich, Wes Chew, Nicole Stevens and Jessica Morgan presented "Community Development For a 40 Developmental Assets-Building Initiative in a Rural Community." Liz Schulte, Brittany Schultenhennich, Bryan Campbell, Emily Krogmann, Nancy Reid, Rebecca Verhaeghe and Emily Forsyth presented "Interdisciplinary Clinical Education." Carrie DeCarli, Emily Krogmann, Joe Stauber and Ben Reine presented "Show-Me Health: Anti-Tobacco Advocacy."

NOTABLES

Raghav Chhetri, a senior physics and math double major, gave a presentation titled "Measurement Analysis and Theoretical Basis of Power Distribution in Diffraction Gratings as a Function of Incident Angle" at the Symposium on Undergraduate Research at Laser Science XXII, co-located with Frontiers in Optics 2006, the 90th annual meeting of the Optical Society of America, Oct. 9-12 in Rochester, N.Y. The symposium is the annual meeting of the division of Laser Science of the American Physical Society. Chhetri's presentation was sponsored by

Michael Goggin, associate professor of physics, who presented his poster titled "Improved 405-nm Diode-Pumped Downconversion Entanglement Source" at Frontiers in Optics 2006. Chhetri's work was the result of a Truman Summer Research Experience stipend. Goggin's work was supported by the MURI Center for Photonic Quantum Information Systems (ARO/DTO program DAAD19-03-1-0199) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) is offering a scholarship to students pursuing a career in the specialty equipment industry. Career path opportunities include: accounting, administration, advertising/public relations, design/graphics, engineering, information

technology, manufacturing, photography and journalism, race car driver/crew, sales/marketing, technicians and transportation. Visit the SEMA Web site at <http://www.sema.org/scholarships> for more information.

Forensics Union Members Have Big Success at University of Central Missouri Competition

Truman's newest Forensics competitors made their debut performances in individual events at the Missouri Mule Forensics Tournament, hosted by the University of Central Missouri. The event was divided into two separate contests, public speaking and oral presentation, Oct. 7 and 8, respectively.

In public speaking competition, Truman competitors captured five awards. Cara Hurst, a senior English major from Ballwin, Mo., earned second-place honors in persuasive speaking, third in dramatic interpretation and shared fourth-place in duo interpretation with Mike Ito, a freshman political science major from Kansas City, Mo. Matt Macari, a freshman computer science major from

Peoria, Ill., placed fifth in informative speaking, while Bonnie Frisch, a freshman English major from St. Louis, earned sixth-place honors in persuasive speaking.

In oral interpretation competition, Truman students expanded their success with six additional honors. Hurst scored a third-place finish in dramatic interpretation, fourth-place in persuasive speaking and a fifth-place award in program oral interpretation. Hurst and Ito reprised their appearance in duo interpretation finals, this time finishing in second-place. Macari took sixth in informative speaking, while Cherish Varley, a freshman theatre major from St. Louis, placed fifth in poetry interpretation.

Glamour Magazine Looks to Identify Top-10 College Women

Glamour magazine is inviting Truman female students with junior status to apply for its 2007 Top-10 College Women Competition. This competition will recognize the exceptional achievements and academic excellence of female college juniors from across the United States.

Winners will receive \$2,000, coverage in the October 2007 issue of *Glamour* magazine and the opportunity to meet with female professionals in their field. This

experience usually takes place during a trip to New York City, where the winners will also meet one another.

To apply, female students must be of junior status. Eligible students may receive an application by contacting *Glamour* magazine by e-mail at tcw@glamour.com, by fax at 212.286.6922 or by visiting the *Glamour* magazine Web site at <http://www.glamour.com>. Applications must be received by Feb. 12, 2007.

United Way Campaign Wraps Up at Truman

This is the last official week of the Truman United Way drive, with an official end date of Oct. 25. Truman State University is the largest single contributor to the Adair County United Way drive, and our goal of \$56,000 is a significant percentage of the city's goal of \$270,000.

The United Way of Adair County has been helping our neighbors, coworkers, and families since 1955. The 13 agencies support basic and emergency needs, foster independence, nurture our children and youth, and promote health and healing. Thank you to those who have already

made their contribution. If you have not yet sent in your pledge form or donation, please do so today.

The Food Fast campaign takes place this week for the students. It gives students with meal plans an opportunity to donate as many extra meals as they desire and the cash value will go to support the United Way. Students can sign up in the Student Union Building at the registers or if they live on campus, they can sign up through their student adviser.

Truman's United Way fund-raising efforts have raised \$40,667.25 to this point, which is 72.6 percent of Truman's goal.

Flu Shots Available for Students, Faculty and Staff

Students may walk-in to the Student Health Center from 8-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 24-27. No appointment is necessary for students to receive the shot. The cost is \$15 and may be charged to the student's account.

Flu shots also will be available to benefits-eligible faculty and staff and their covered spouses at the Student Health Center. There is no cost to benefits-eligible faculty and staff members or their covered spouses wishing to receive a shot; faculty, staff and spouses who are not covered by the health insurance plan will be charged \$15. Call the Student Health Center at 785.4182 for more information. Dates and times for flu vaccinations have been established on an appointment basis. Sign up for a spot by visiting <http://hr.truman.edu/register/>.

The Real Patch Adams Comes to Truman

8-9:30 p.m. • Nov. 1
Baldwin Auditorium

The real Patch Adams, whose life story and work inspired the popular movie "Patch Adams," is coming to Truman to speak on the subject of health and humor.

Tickets to the presentation are free to students, and \$5 for general admission.

Contact Mindy Manes at mindym@truman.edu or at 785.4722 for more information.

Modified Supplemental Retirement Plan Information

Employees considering retirement who are eligible for MOSERS "80 and Out" rule and who are at least 50 years old with a sum of age and years of service credit equaling 80 or more, or who have 15 years of full-time service at the University and are at least 57 years of age at the time of retirement, are reminded that the window to apply for Truman's Modified Supplemental Retirement Plan has begun and will remain open until Dec. 15.

Additional information is available online at <http://hr.truman.edu/benefits/msrpl>.

The Business Office cashier window, located in McClain Hall 105, will have reduced hours of operation effective Nov. 1. The new hours of operation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with extended hours planned for student paydays and other peak activity times.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will present Dashboard Confessional with opening act Brand New at 8 p.m. Nov. 3 in Pershing Arena. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, at a cost of \$15 for students, and \$30 for general admission. Tickets are available in the SAB office on the third floor of the Student Union Building or online at <http://sab.truman.edu>.

The Liberal Studies Roundtable will continue from noon-1 p.m. Oct. 26 in Pickler Memorial Library 205. Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics; Maria Nagan, assistant professor of chemistry; and John Ishiyama, professor of political science; will give a presentation titled "Undergraduate Research Experiences and the Teacher-Scholar Model." R.S.V.P. to the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@truman.edu or by phone at 785-4391 to order a complimentary boxed lunch for the event.

There will be an Agricultural Science informational session from 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 24 in Magruder Hall. Students interested in learning more about a major or minor in agricultural science will have the opportunity to meet with faculty to ask questions about the program. Refreshments will be served in the Magruder Hall Cyber Café at 6:30 p.m., with the presentation to follow at 7 p.m. in Magruder Hall 2007. Contact Michael Seipel, associate professor of agriculture, at mseipel@truman.edu for more information.

DEPTHS will have a meeting from 8-9 p.m. Oct. 24 in Baldwin Hall 249. The topic of the meeting will be "Pastafarianism." Contact Dan at dan@truman.edu for more information.

The Monitor, the University's alternative student newspaper, will be distributed to all residence halls and high traffic areas on campus Oct. 25.

The 2006 President's Roundtable will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Student Union Building Lounge. The meeting will provide leaders of campus organizations an opportunity to interact with other leaders, as well as to improve leadership transmission skills. Students, faculty and staff interested in participating in the event must R.S.V.P. to Ashley Adams by e-mail at aaa704@truman.edu by Oct. 25.

The Tournée Film Festival will be showing "Nathalie" at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Downtown Cinema 8 movie theater. The film is free to Truman students, faculty and staff. This is the fourth film in the series. The film is in French with English subtitles. The Tournée Film Festival is sponsored by the Truman State University Divisions of Fine Arts, Language and Literature, Social Science and Education, and the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The University Observatory will have an open house, weather permitting, from 8-10 p.m. Oct. 26. The observatory is located at the University Farm. Go to <http://observatory.truman.edu> for additional information.

There will be a stress management presentation at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. A speaker from the University Counseling Services will be there to help students learn to identify their own stress symptoms, recognize their sources of stress and discover ways of coping with

stress. The event is sponsored by the University Counseling Services and Phi Sigma Pi. Contact Colleen Fitzgerald at cef434@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Biology Seminar Series will present "Nutrient Sensing and Signaling in Plants" from 12:30-1:20 p.m. Oct. 27 in Magruder Hall 2001. Daniel P. Schachtman, associate member and principal investigator at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, will present the lecture. John Ma, assistant professor of biology, will host the event.

The men's rugby team will take on the University of Nebraska squad at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the University Rugby Field, located directly below the Truman Tennis Courts on Florence Street. E-mail Mike Deckard at mjd255@truman.edu for more information.

The women's club soccer team will have a game against the University of Northern Iowa women's club soccer team at 2 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Recreational Sports Field, located behind Centennial Hall.

Students can carve and paint pumpkins with SAB from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 between Pickler Memorial Library and Baldwin Hall. There will be hot refreshments and foods such as caramel apples. Call 785.4722 for more information.

The Residence Hall Association will have its annual Trick-or-Treating for area children from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 in all of the University residence halls. Fun and games will also take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Ryle Hall and Centennial Hall Main Lounges. Contact Susie Pope at slp256@truman.edu for more information.

The Career Center's fourth-annual Haunted House "Hollywood Horror" will be from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Career Center. The Career Center will transform into a haunted theater featuring reenactments of great horror films. The haunted house is free, and candy will be given away to those who attend. Contact the Career Center at 785.4353 for more information.

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) recently sent out a national call for proposals from students to submit abstracts and applications for the 21st National Conference on Undergraduate Research to take place April 12-14, 2007 at Dominican University of California in San Rafael, Calif. This year, the Next STEP Office will be coordinating this process for the Truman campus. Truman students will use Truman's online application at <http://step.truman.edu/ncur> to submit an abstract for consideration by Nov. 3. Students may start submitting abstracts to Truman's site immediately. Each submission will be reviewed at the divisional level according to a process determined by the division; divisional reviews will be completed by Nov. 27. Once an abstract is approved by its divisional reviewers, each student will submit some additional information to the Truman-base Web tool; this information must be supplied by Nov. 28. This additional information will be checked for accuracy by the Next STEP Office, and the Next STEP Office will then submit each approved student abstract to NCUR for their consideration by Dec. 1. Please address any questions about the process to Jennifer Thompson by e-mail at jthompson@truman.edu or Jason Miller by e-mail at millerj@truman.edu.

There will be a Global Issues Colloquium at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in Magruder Hall 1000. The event is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Contact Julie Lochbaum at ctl@truman.edu for more information.

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6:30 p.m.-Agricultural Science informational session, MG 2007; see Notes

8 p.m.-DEPTHS meeting, BH 249; see Notes

25 WEDNESDAY

2 p.m.-Women's soccer vs. Central Missouri, Soccer Park

26 THURSDAY
noon-Liberal Studies Roundtable, Pickler Memorial Library 205; see Notes

8 p.m.-Stress management presentation, Baldwin Hall Little Theatre; see Notes

8 p.m.-University Observatory open, University Farm; see Notes

27 FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.-Biology Seminar Series, MG 2001; see Notes

28 SATURDAY

1:30 p.m.-Men's rugby vs. University of Nebraska, Rugby Field; see Notes

2 p.m.-Volleyball vs. Northwest Missouri, Pershing Arena

2 p.m.-Women's club soccer vs. University of Northern Iowa, Recreational Sports Field; see Notes

29 SUNDAY

11 a.m.-Men's soccer vs. Saginaw Valley State (Mich.), Soccer Park

BNB Senate & Coalition of African American Women Haunted House

9-11 p.m. • Oct. 27
8 p.m. to midnight • Oct. 28
Blanton/Nason/Brewer Basement

Cost to go through the haunted house is \$2.