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The Christmas Box



Saturday,
Dec. 12

2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets will be available
Dec. 2 in the Student
Activities Board Office,
SUB.

Interview Project Focuses on Courses

The 1998 Interview Project selected juniors as the focus group for questions regarding student perceptions of challenging courses. The Vice President's Advisory Committee on Assessment chose to analyze the students' perceptions of challenging courses because data from the last few Graduating Student Questionnaires indicated that their core courses were not challenging enough.

The project included half-hour personal interviews with the selected students, and questions covered a broad range of topics. In the past, freshmen were interviewed about their experiences during their first semester at Truman, but this year the committee decided to focus on how successful students feel their core classes are. Juniors were selected for these interviews because they should have completed most of their core classes and could therefore provide more information about how challenged they were by those courses.

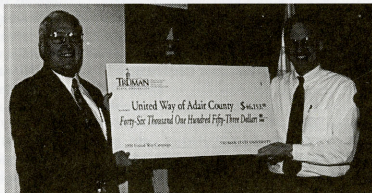
A majority of the juniors interviewed reported that challenging courses are a positive thing, especially when the courses make students think. Many students also agreed that while challenging courses often cause frustration, they are rewarding afterwards, students they suggested that

unfamiliarity with, or weakness in, a subject makes it more challenging. Students also felt challenged when they were required to reconsider old views or surpass old standards.

When asked to rate key aspects of an academically challenging course, many juniors ranked a positive professor and the professor's interest in the course as most important. More than one-third indicated the importance of the professor. Students also reported that courses are challenging when they include assignments that build on each other and incorporate application beyond the classroom. A significant number of students indicated that challenging courses require more time, but the students were divided about whether this was a positive or negative thing. The interviewees also felt that personal interest in the material made a course more challenging.

According to David Gillette, associate professor of economics and chair of the project, information gathered from the interview project has already affected how some faculty structure their courses. The summary results of the project can be requested from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, McClain Hall 203, or Gillette.

Truman Celebrates United Way Victory



President Jack Magruder presents a check to Scott Veatch, director of the Adair County United Way Drive, representing more than \$46,000 contributed by Truman students, faculty and staff to this year's drive. The presentation was made at a victory luncheon celebrating Truman's successful drive. The University's goal was \$45,000.

Thanksgiving Break Schedule

Student Union Building

Nov. 24

5 p.m.-SUB closes for
holiday

Nov. 25-Nov. 29
SUB is closed

Nov. 30

7 a.m.-SUB resumes
regular hours

Pickler Library

Nov. 24

6 p.m.-Library closes
for holiday

Nov. 25-Nov. 28
Library is closed

Nov. 29
Library resumes
regular hours

Rec Center

Nov. 24

7 p.m.-Rec Center
closes for holiday

Nov. 25-Nov. 28
Rec Center is closed

Nov. 29
5 p.m.-Rec Center
opens and resumes
regular hours

Truman Ranks First in CPA Exam

The Division of Business and Accountancy recently received international rankings that place Truman State University first among first-time CPA exam test-takers in Missouri colleges and universities. The latest bracket of scores place the University above No. 2 Washington University in St. Louis.

Sandra Weber, professor of accounting, credits Truman students' motivation as the key to high CPA scores.

"We have good students and a strong accounting program," Weber said. "They are motivated to pass the exam."

The scores, ranging from 1993 to 1997,

comprise 235 exam candidates from Truman, 30.63 percent of whom passed the exam. The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy reports the scores of first-time candidates sitting for the CPA exam who have bachelor's degrees. The Division of Business and Accountancy then compiled the figures into five-year brackets, comparing Truman to other public and private schools in Missouri.

The University foresees that the new rankings will attract new students to the Division of Business and Accountancy, as well as promote the program and the University as a whole.

Concert For All Ages To Be Presented

The Truman Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Sam McClure, assistant professor of music, will perform its second concert of the 1998-99 season at 3 p.m., Nov. 22, in Baldwin Auditorium.

The program will include Dvorak's *Czech Suite*, the ever popular *Finlandia* by Sibelius, and Benjamin Britten's *A Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra*. Featured will be trombone soloist Jay Bulen, assistant professor of music, performing *Concertino for Trombone and Strings* by Lars-Erik Larsson.

Bulen has been a member of the Truman State University faculty since fall 1995 as assistant professor of trombone and musicology and conductor of

Truman's Brass Choir. He has been a featured soloist with orchestras in South America and the United States and a trombonist with numerous chamber groups, including the Southwest Brass Quintet and Washington Brass Ensemble. He has also appeared with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Opera and Pacific Northwest Ballet, Phoenix.

Britten's *A Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra* will be narrated by David Nichols, professor of music, and is an ideal piece for concert attendees of all ages and experiences. It is now firmly established in the orchestral repertoire of pieces frequently chosen for young audience concerts, as it is a show piece for each section.

Goldwater Scholarships to be Awarded

Truman students pursuing careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering, are invited to apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education program.

Established by Congress in 1986, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records and who have demonstrated interest in, and potential for, careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

In April 1999, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 1999-2000 academic year. The scholarship

award covers eligible expenses up to \$7,500 per year. Junior scholarship recipients can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support; senior scholarship recipients, one year of support.

To be considered for an award, each applicant must be nominated by his or her institution, be a current full-time sophomore or junior, be pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of the class and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering.

The 1999 nomination deadline is Jan. 15. Those interested should contact Debra Kling, competitive scholarship coordinator before Jan. 4, McClain Hall 102, 785.4136.

Notes

Eta Sigma Gamma Health Education

Organization will give a Weight Management Workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in the Student Rec Center conference room. The organization will give tips for weight control during the holiday.

Monday Nights in Ryle will present a discussion on Organ and Tissue Donations 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in Ryle Hall main lounge. Speakers will include Jill Mullarkey, student adviser, and Chris Gregory, residential colleges adviser, both of whom have loved ones who have donated organs and tissues.

A Ceremonial Dance by the American Indian Center of Mid-America, will be 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, SUB Down Under. The event is part of Native American History Month

Advent Calendars from Germany will be on sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 16-20 at the McClain Hall entrance. The calendars, which cost \$3, depict colorful holiday scenes and are filled with ornament-shaped chocolates.

"Prompting Student Success in Essay Exams," Liberal Studies Program Workshop, will be at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 17, at the University Club, 511 Patterson Street.

"Spatially Resolve Transitions to Doubly Excited States of Atoms," Physics Colloquium, will be presented by Greg Story, department of physics at the University of Missouri-Rolla, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 17 in Science Hall 124.

Prism and Life Advocacy Program will present "Faces of AIDS, Part I: Women and AIDS" 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Activities Room. Learn why women are at high risk of testing HIV positive.

"Emergence of the Afro/British Culture," will be 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Governors' Room. The discussion will be presented by two United Kingdom residents and will focus on the history of blacks in UK.

Truman's theatre department will present Nicky Silver's "Pterodactyls," 8 p.m., Nov. 17-21, in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre.

Admission is free with a student ID; \$1 for reserved tickets. This play contains graphic language and situations not suitable for children and possibly offensive to some adults.

"Open Mike on LSP Issues: What's On Your Mind?" Faculty Development Lunch Series, will be presented 12:30-1:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the SUB Spanish Room. No RSVP is necessary.

National Education Association-Student Program will have a meeting and guest

speaker Julie Relford, local NEA president, 6 p.m., Nov. 18, in Baldwin Hall 351.

"A Basic Introduction to Digital Imaging: Video Capture, Scanning, and Digital Cameras," Faculty Development workshop, will be 10:30 a.m.-noon, Nov. 19, in Pickler Library 203. Participants will be given a hands-on opportunity to practice different forms of digital imaging.

Staff Development will present "Best Kept Secrets of the Library" from 2 to 3 p.m., Nov. 19, in Pickler Library 103. Call Christy by Nov. 13 at 785.4031 to RSVP.

Sganarelle, a play by Moliere, will be performed at 8 p.m., Nov. 19-20, in the SUB Down Under. It is being sponsored by the Language and Literature French department.

"An Evening of Gershwin," by the Truman State University Jazz Lab Band, will be 8 p.m., Nov. 20, in Baldwin Auditorium. **The Student Activities Board is bringing "Swingin' from the Moon" swing concert** with Jeffrey Lee and the Pale Moon Kings, at 9 p.m., Nov. 20, in Pershing Arena. The University Swingers will provide swing dance lessons at 8 p.m., before the concert. The event is free with a student ID and \$2 for general admission.

An educational forum on endometriosis will be presented by Cheryl Kelly, a support group coordinator for endometriosis, 1 p.m., Nov. 21, in the SUB Georgian Room. The forum is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Women's Resource Center.

Students for Ethical Animal Treatment and Environmental Campus Organization will host Music Fest '98 from 4 to 10 p.m., Nov. 21, in Pershing Small Gym. Bands from St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo., and Edwardsville, Ill., will play. Cost is \$4. Most of the proceeds will go to the Kirksville Humane Society.

Truman's swim team will host their annual pasta dinner 5 p.m., Nov. 22, at the Golden Spike, 407 W. Jefferson. Tickets cost \$5 and are available at the Natatorium and Edna Campbell Bookstore. Proceeds go toward swim team scholarships.

A senior recital featuring Brad Balog on the trumpet and Laura Boyer on the horn, will be presented at 6 p.m., Nov. 22, in Baldwin Auditorium.

"Image Manipulation," Faculty Development workshop, will be 10:30 a.m.-noon, Nov. 24, in Pickler Library 203. Participants must be familiar with basic digital imaging.

On Campus

16 MONDAY
1:30-3 p.m.-**"Basic Web Pages with Netscape Composer,"** Pickler Library; see Notes

6:30-7:30 p.m.-**Weight Management Workshop**, Rec Center conference room; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**Organ and Tissue Donations discussion**, Ryle Hall main lounge; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**Ceremonial Dance**, SUB Down Under; see Notes

17 TUESDAY
4:30 p.m.-**Liberal Studies Program Workshop**, University Club; see Notes

5:30 p.m.-**Physics Colloquium**, Science Hall 124; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**"Women and AIDS,"** SUB Activities Room; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**"Emergence of the Afro/British Culture,"** SUB Governors' Room; see Notes

8 p.m.-**"Pterodactyls,"** Baldwin Little Theatre; also Nov. 18-21; see Notes

18 WEDNESDAY
12:30-1:30-**"A Basic Introduction to Digital Imaging,"** Pickler Library 203; see Notes

6 p.m.-**NEA guest speaker**, Baldwin Hall 351; see Notes

19 THURSDAY
2-3 p.m.-**"Best Kept Secrets of the Library,"** Pickler Library 103; see Notes

8 p.m.-**Sganarelle**, SUB Down Under; also Nov. 20; see Notes

20 FRIDAY
8 p.m.-**Jazz Lab Band**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

9 p.m.-**Swing concert, Pershing Arena**; swing dance lessons are at 8 p.m.; see Notes

21 SATURDAY
1 p.m.-**Endometriosis Forum**, SUB Georgian Room; see Notes

4-10 p.m.-**Music Fest '98**, Pershing Small Gym; see Notes

7:30 p.m.-**Jazz Ensemble concert** Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

Truman Today is published weekly on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Truman Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in *Truman Today* are open to the public.

Notables

Keith Doubt, associate professor of sociology, recently published an essay titled "Dworkin's Moral Hermeneutics and Sociological Theory" in *Social Science Journal*, 1998, Volume 35, No. 3.

Political science majors, sophomore Ryan Kennedy and senior Steven Leibowitz, presented their research at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association Midwest held Nov. 6-8 in Chicago. Kennedy presented his paper titled "The New Communists? An Analysis of the Rhetorical Changes of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, 1993-97" and Leibowitz presented "Explaining Japanese Foreign Aid Policy: An Examination of the Leading Donor's Motivations." In addition, **John Ishiyama**, associate professor of political science, presented "Communists After Communism: Adaptation and Electoral Success of the Successor Parties in Comparative Perspective," and **Marijke Breuning**, assistant professor of political science, presented "The Origins of U.S. Foreign Aid: Congressional Hearings on the Act for International Development." **Truman's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi** is currently featured as the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter of the Month on the organization's national web site, located at www.phikappaphi.org/. Phi Kappa Phi is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all disciplines of higher education.

Petra DeWitt, who received a Master of Arts in History from Truman in August, has had her thesis titled "Fighting the Kaiser at Home: Anti-German Sentiment in Missouri during World War I" selected by a graduate faculty committee as Truman's nomination to the annual Distinguished Master's Thesis competition of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools. Her thesis adviser was **Thomas Zoumaras**, associate professor of history. Dewitt is currently working toward her doctorate in history at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Rodney Taylor, associate professor of German, recently had his article titled "Saint-Just's Fichtean Theodicy of History in *Dantons Tod*," accepted for publication in the *Michigan Germanic Studies* journal, published by the University of Michigan,

Ann Arbor.

Truman State University's *Detours* magazine, which showcases unique people, places and events in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, was recently awarded Fourth Place Best of Show out of more than 30 submissions in the Feature Magazine category, at the Associated Collegiate Press National Media Convention in Kansas City, Mo. *Detours* is produced entirely by Truman students. Truman's *Index* newspaper won Second Place Best of Show for weekly newspapers during the same convention. **Truman students Matt Braun**, senior business administration major; **Alina Brown**, sophomore pre-accounting major; **Megan Hollingsworth**, junior psychology major; and **Mary Nutter**, junior psychology/pre-business administration major, along with staff members **Doug Daubert**, **Linda Yager** and **Vonnie Nichols**, recently attended the Region 11 Association of College Unions International conference in Columbia, Mo. Braun and Yager presented a program titled "Browsing for Reservations-How the Web Can Work for You." Nichols serves on the regional steering committee as the coordinator for the national Committee On Arts Related Activities.

Ten Truman teams competed in fields of general knowledge to crown this year's College Bowl champion Nov. 10 and 11. The winning team was "Nameless," made up of **freshman Jerry Schirmer**, and **sophomores Ryan Koonce**, **Jason Savage** and **Mark Massey**. Finishing second was the "Otters," comprising **sophomore Curtis Mason**, **juniors Brian Zid**, **Dave Boennighausen** and **John Moonier** and **senior Aaron Krill**. **College Bowl Coach Jeff Gall**, assistant professor of history, will take the winning team to the College Bowl Regional Tournament in Wichita in February.

ATTENTION:
The *Truman Today* will not be published Nov. 23.
The next issue will be Nov. 30.

Extended Calendar

22 SUNDAY
3 p.m.-**Orchestra concert**, Baldwin Auditorium; see p. 2

5 p.m.-**Pasta dinner**; see Notes

6 p.m.-**Senior recital**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

23 MONDAY
10:30 a.m.-noon-**"Image Manipulation,"** Faculty Development workshop, Pickler Library 203

7 p.m.-**Women's basketball** vs. Hannibal-LaGrange

24 TUESDAY
4 p.m.-**First deadline for student research proposals** to faculty mentors' division offices

7 p.m.-**Men's basketball** vs. Graceland

25 WEDNESDAY
Thanksgiving break begins; no classes, offices closed

30 MONDAY
Classes resume

Study Abroad

Truman's Summer Study and Internship Program will be May 14-June 4 and June 4-25. An informational meeting about the program will be presented at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the SUB Governors' Room, by Dennis Leavens and Mike Hooley, Truman faculty teaching in the Missouri/London Summer Program. A study abroad spring 1999 orientation meeting will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the SUB Activities Room. If you are interested but cannot attend, stop by the Center for International Education Office in Kirk Building 120 to get a packet of materials.