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## Open Meetings for Vice President for Academic Affairs Candidates

### MARCH 17

#### GARRY GORDON

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Truman State University  
3:30 p.m. Meeting with students, SUB Conference Room  
5 p.m. Open meeting with faculty and staff, SUB Georgian Room  
6:30 p.m. Reception, SUB Quiet Lounge

### MARCH 19

#### ANNE GORMLY

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs  
The College of New Jersey  
3:30 p.m. Meeting with students, Recreation Center conference room  
5 p.m. Open meeting with faculty and staff, SUB Georgian Room  
6:30 p.m. Reception, SUB Quiet Lounge

## Red Star Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble To Appear at Truman

Celebrating their fourth tour of America, The Red Star Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble, a performance troupe of 48 singers and dancers who began performing 20 years ago in the U.S.S.R. Strategic Missile Forces, will bring their spectacular stage show to Truman, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. The Red Star Red Army performance is a Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presentation.

The ensemble recreates the colorful songs and folk dances of fabled "Mother Russia," whirling and jumping in vibrant costumes that recall the glamorous days of the Cossacks, the music of Tchaikovsky and the stories of Tolstoy.

"Spectacular dancing makes the show," raved the *Seattle Times*. "The dancers look like low-altitude fireworks as they kick and leap 20 feet in the air and spin so as to keep constantly horizontal and airborne."

The Red Star Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble performed the first decade of its life for the soldiers of the Missile Forces, now known as the rocket troops. Expanded awareness came of the ensemble's talent, and they began appearing at festivals throughout Russia. European tours followed, taking the artists



Red Star Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble

to Switzerland, France, Great Britain, Ireland and Belgium.

The ensemble first toured North America in 1992. The current tour is produced by Mantovani Productions with tour direction by Mainstage.

Free tickets for students, faculty and staff will be available March 16 in the Student Activities Board Office, Student Union lower level.

## Hours, Schedules For Midterm Break

Campus offices will be open regular hours during the week of Midterm Break. However, the Student Recreation Center and Pickler Memorial Library will adhere to special hours.

The Student Recreation Center will be open until 4 p.m. March 6. The Center will be closed March 7-8; it will be open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 9-13. The Center also

will be closed March 14; it will open at 5 p.m. March 15.

The library will be closed March 7-8. Hours March 9 through 13 will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The library also will be closed March 14 and will open at noon on March 15.

In addition, there will be no *Truman Today* published on March 9. The next issue will be published March 16.

# Change Features Ewell

Peter Ewell, a member of the University's Board of Governors was featured in the



Peter Ewell

January/February 1998 issue of *Change*, the Magazine of Higher Learning. The issue focused on America's higher education leaders. Ewell was one of 11 leaders recognized for his role as an agenda setter in an article titled "The Idea Champions."

Ewell is a senior associate for the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a research and development center founded to improve the management effectiveness of colleges and universities.

"In the last two decades, much of the leadership in higher education has come less from individuals in 'influential positions' than from people who carved out an issue and found or created ways to bring it persuasively to the attention of the academy as a whole," read the article.

According to the magazine, Ewell "has probably consulted in more statehouses and on more campuses than any other individual over the past dozen years. From that knowledge base, he has become the academy's chief analyst for issues of accountability, accreditation, assessment and now distance education."

## Truman Among 100 Best College Buys

Truman has again been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States by *Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys*.

This publication profiles schools that are the highest rated academically and have the lowest total cost for the academic year. It gives complete information on each, including cost, sources of financial aid, majors offered and information on campus life at each school.

The company researched almost 1,800 colleges, said Publisher John Culler. "Our research has shown that a prospective student could save 30 to 50 thousand dollars or more with a quality college education," he said.

To be considered for *America's 100 Best College Buys*, a college must meet very spe-

cific requirements. They must be an accredited, four-year institution, offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services, offer opportunities to qualified students for need-based, academic-based and athletic-based financial aid,

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have an entering freshman class with a high school grade point average and SAT or ACT score above the national average, and the cost of attendance must be below the national average.

"A prospective student should never pick a college without first doing serious comparison shopping for cost and quality," Culler said. "If that is done, the schools in this book will win every time."

## Scholarship Opportunities

For applications and information contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103

**A scholarship for women majoring in Education** is being offered by the Kirksville Monday Club. Applicants must be of junior status, planning to enter the teaching profession, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and show financial need. A written recommendation from a department head is required. Deadline to apply is March 20.

**The Journalism Foundation of Metropolitan St. Louis** invites eligible students to apply for the 1998-99 journalism scholarships. Students of journalism or related fields who are residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area (city of St. Louis; Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren counties in Missouri; and Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois) are eligible to receive scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 23, 1998.

**The Campus Safety Division** will award two \$1,000 scholarships for students who are enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs leading to degrees in safety, health or environmental affairs. The deadline to apply is March 31, 1998.

**The National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarships** will be awarded to students on a competitive basis who

show a commitment to pursuing careers in biomedical research at the National Institute of Health. Following are the basic requirements: 1) The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or a national of the United States. 2) The applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student of the 1998-99 academic year at an accredited undergraduate institution. 3) The applicant must be from a disadvantaged background. The deadline to submit an application is March 31.

**Liberal arts students** wishing to pursue graduate accounting study can receive financial aid through the AICPA John L. Carey Scholarships Program. Scholarships are available to all liberal arts degree holders of any regionally accredited U.S. institution who wish to pursue a CPA certificate. Scholarships are given based on academic achievement, leadership and future career interest and are contingent upon acceptance in a graduate accounting program. The deadline for submission of application is April 1, 1998.

**The American Business Women Association**, Quincy Charter chapter, offers chapter scholarships each year. Candidates should be: Students seeking a business or professional career, a citizen of the United States, and in good scholastic standing (minimum 2.5 GPA). The deadline for submitting an application is April 1.

## Notables

**Jim Barnes**, professor of comparative literature and writer-in-residence, has a poem titled "Corniche de l'Estere!" in the current issue of *Poetry Northwest*, a poetry periodical based in Seattle.

**Brent Buckner** and **Diane Janick-Buckner**, associate professors of biology, have coauthored (with John Gray and Guri Johal of the University of Missouri-Columbia) and submitted an invited, peer-reviewed, review article titled "Cell Death Mechanisms in Maize" to the journal *Trends in Plant Science*.

**Yinfa Ma**, associate professor of chemistry, has been invited as a speaker for the upcoming High Performance Liquid Chromatography '98 in St. Louis in May. He will speak about the research that has been conducted at Truman.

**Jerry Mayhew**, professor of exercise science, and **John Ware**, head football coach,

recently had their research study titled "The NFL-225 test as a measure of bench press strength in college football players" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

**Joyce Ragland**, associate professor and coordinator of field experiences for the Division of Education, presented a paper for the 1998 annual meeting of the Field Directors Forum Feb. 15 in Dallas. The paper, "Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in Field Experiences: Are Schools and Universities at Cross-Purposes in Protecting Students' Rights?" stimulated much discussion and revealed that teacher education students across the nation are facing increased screenings prior to schools' approving placements.

**Michael Tannenbaum**, associate professor of biology, reviewed a manuscript for the *Great Basin Naturalist*.

## Truman Makes Mark At State Championships in Speech and Debate

Truman State University Forensic Team members won three speech and debate state championships Feb. 14-15 at the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Tournament held in Lee's Summit, Mo. Feb. 14-15.

Freshmen **Shane Mecham** and **Amanda Behnke** won state championships for Truman. Mecham was named top speaker in Lincoln Douglas debate. Truman has had a state champion in debate most of the past decade.

Behnke finished first in the state in oratory. The finish qualifies her for the Interstate Oratorical National Competition in Springfield, Ill. Behnke also placed fifth in informative speaking.

Mecham also placed second in the state in two events, extemporaneous and after dinner speaking. Mecham was awarded sixth place in oratory.

Freshman **Kelly Dann** finished fifth in impromptu speaking. Freshman **Sarah Meyer** placed sixth in communication



The Truman Forensic Team brought back several awards from the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Tournament. Pictured are Jack Hart, associate professor of communication and director of forensics, Kirsten Olesen, instructor of communication and assistant director of forensics, Shane Mecham, Amanda Behnke and President Jack Magruder.

analysis. Sophomore **Heather Helm** won sixth in informative.

Mecham and freshman **Ryan Kennedy** were semifinalists in team debate. Freshman **Amy DeWeese** and junior **Dan Thomann** were octofinalists in parliamentary debate.

Truman finished fourth in individual events and fifth overall.

## 1998 T.S. Eliot Prize Winner Announced

New Odyssey Press, an imprint of Thomas Jefferson University Press at Truman, has announced the results of the T.S. Eliot Prize for Poetry competition. This year's competition was judged by X.J. Kennedy, longtime editor of *An Introduction to Poetry* and noted figure in the American poetry landscape. The winner is Rhina Espaillat for "Where Horizons Go."

Espaillat will receive \$1,500, and her collection of poems will be published this spring.

The T.S. Eliot Prize is an international annual award for the best unpublished book-length collection of poetry in English. It is in honor of T.S. Eliot's intellectual and artistic legacy. The purpose of the prize is to publish and promote the best in contemporary English-language poetry.

In addition to conducting the T.S. Eliot Prize, New Odyssey Press publishes a variety of creative and critical works in poetry, works worthy of leading the American poetic tradition into the next millennium.

The press welcomes unsolicited book-length manuscripts accompanied by a letter and SASE. Submissions of photography and other artwork are also welcome. For more information, contact Poetry Editor Timothy Rolands at 785.7299.

### Open Meetings for Candidate for Director of Physical Plant

**Robert Jordan Tuesday, March 3**

1:30 p.m. Open Meeting with Physical Plant Employees

2:30 p.m. Open Meeting with students, SUB Conference Room

3:30 p.m. Reception with faculty, staff and students, SUB Georgian Room

## Notes

**Funds Allotment Council applications are due March 6 to receive funding for the fall 1998 semester.** Applications can be obtained outside the FAC office, on the main floor of the SUB. Funding is available to any chartered organization sponsoring an event to occur next semester. Call the FAC office at 785.7674 with questions.

**Applications for summer and fall semester 1998 communication internships and practicums** should be submitted to the Communication Internship/Practicum Board, c/o J. Hart, Division of Language and Literature, by April 15 at 5 p.m.

Applications are available in the Language and Literature Division Office, McClain Hall 310. Contact John Hart at 785.4518 with questions.

**Timeout is asking for all faculty, staff and students to loan clothing from around the world for the international carnival night fashion show April 1.** Anyone who has lived, traveled or studied abroad, check your closets for souvenir clothing items. If you would like to loan clothing for the show, or would like to model international clothing, contact Melanie Riner at 785.4758.

**The 10th Annual National Art Competition Exhibition is free and open to the public and is March 2-April 4 in the University Art Gallery.** The exhibition will be open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday noon-4:30 p.m. The opening reception will be March 2 at 7 p.m. in the University Art Gallery.

**Lifestyle Advocacy Program (LAP)** is sponsoring the 1998 AIDS walk and bandfest March 28. The walk will begin at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a bandfest on the Quad. Proceeds will benefit RAIN (Regional AIDS Interface Network), located in Columbia, Mo. More information will be published in future issues of *Truman Today*.

**Showgirls will have an informational meeting March 4 at 7 p.m.** in Pershing Building 225. Try outs are March 18-21 from 7-9 p.m. in Pershing Small Gym. The cost to try out is \$5.

**Attention all seniors planning to graduate May 1998:** Graduation packet materials will be mailed March 25. Make sure you have an updated local address on file in

the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104, so you can receive this important information. **The Scholastic Enhancement Experience (SEE)** is seeking four students to serve as student program coordinators for the residential scholar program for students of color June 22-July 24. Job descriptions and applications are available in Multicultural Affairs, Adair Building. Deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

**Public Safety presents SHARP (Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention).** Unit three will discuss sexual assault countermeasures and is offered March 2 and 5. All sessions are 7-9 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center conference room.

**MAE assistantship application materials are due April 15 at 5 p.m.** in the Graduate Office, McClain Hall 203. Special letters of recommendation are required for the MAE GTRA application.

**Mediators Assisting Disputants (M.A.D.)** is offering confidential mediations, personal or organizational consultations and communication seminars for the Truman community. If you are in need of services or have questions, call 785.7222 and leave a message.

**Homecoming T-shirts and sweatshirts are still available in the CAOC.** Sweatshirts are \$16; T-shirts are \$7.

**The Division of Fine Arts is presenting Shakespeare's As You Like It** March 27, 28, 31 and April 1-4 at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Little Theatre. Admission is free.

**Pre-Law Club will meet March 3 in Ophelia Parrish 116 at 9 p.m.** Anyone interested in attending law school is invited. Officers for 1998-99 school year will be selected; topics for future programming will be discussed. Call Julie at 665.2401 or Paul at 785.4505 with questions.

**Leadership Recognition Program applications are available in the CAOC and are due March 26.** Nominate someone you know who has truly impacted Truman. **Sigma Tau Delta is hosting Gail Houston,** who will deliver a presentation on academic freedom at Brigham Young University, March 15 from 3-4 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. She was up for tenure and a promotion at Brigham Young University, and believes she was unsuccessful due to her feminist beliefs.

## On Campus

**2 MONDAY**  
7-9 p.m.—**Public Safety Unit Three** presents "Sexual Assault Countermeasures," Student Rec Center conference room; also March 5 7 p.m.—**10th Annual National Art Competition Exhibition Opening Reception,** University Art Gallery; see Notes  
8 p.m.—**University Concert Band** concert, Baldwin Auditorium

**3 TUESDAY**  
noon—**Baseball vs. Westminster,** baseball field

**4 WEDNESDAY**  
noon—**Baseball vs. Rockhurst College,** baseball field  
12:30-1:30 p.m.—**The Wednesday Faculty Development Lunch Series** will feature "What Portfolios Tell Us," presented by Shirley Morahan and associates, SUB Spanish Room  
8 p.m.—**Chamber Winds** concert, Baldwin Auditorium

**6 FRIDAY**  
6 p.m.—**Residence halls/colleges** close

**9 MONDAY**  
**Midterm Break** begins

**13 FRIDAY**  
4 p.m.—**Women's tennis vs. Missouri Southern,** tennis courts

**14 SATURDAY**  
2 p.m.—**Women's and men's tennis vs. Southwest Baptist,** tennis courts

**15 SUNDAY**  
10 a.m.—**Residence halls/colleges** open

**16 MONDAY**  
7:30 a.m.—**Classes** resume