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Taiwan at Truman Seeks Host Families for Weekend Stay

The Taiwan at Truman program is in need of host families for a one-weekend homestay with local families during the weekend of July 7-9.

Thirty-one high school girls from Taiwan will be participating in the program from June 12 to July 17.

The girls prefer to be placed two to a home during the homestay because some speak better English than others. Some of the older girls could be placed one to a home.

Contact Shelley Begue at mnb314@truman.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunity

The SERVE Center has announced a volunteer opportunity for students.

St. Andrew's Apartments will be having a summer event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21. Volunteers are needed to help with games and activities during this summer barbecue.

Contact Amy Currier at 785.4222 or acurrier@truman.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Twenty-Eight Graduates Named Valedictorians

Twenty-eight graduates received top honors at Truman's spring 2006 commencement ceremony May 13 at Stokes Stadium.

Each valedictorian had a perfect 4.0 grade point average for all subjects.

Valedictorians included Randy Beilsmith, Nicholas Beydler, Sarah Billing, Casey Copeland, Sarah

Edwards, Jared Erwin, Megan Harney, Michael Hoeh, Christine Janson, Sarah Jones, Linsey Karwoski, Amanda Keener, Mary Klein, Sarah McDuff, Sara Miller, Samuel Murphey, Andrea Rabenold,

Roberta Rader, Jessica Rasmussen, Elizabeth Robinson, Michelle Salzman, Sabrina Sandeen, Jason Showmaker, Kathryn Smith, Angela Soemo, Neil Stransky, Rebecca Vice and Kendra Woods.



The spring valedictorians gather prior to commencement May 13.

Students Capture Honors at the National Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Championship

A group of enterprising college students from Truman received national honors at the 2006 Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) USA National Exposition, sponsored by the Kansas City Business Community, May 21-23 in Missouri.

The Truman SIFE Team was awarded a trophy for semifinal 4th runner-up in the 2006 USA National Exposition and received a \$1,500 scholarship for future SIFE projects.

"TSU (Truman State University) SIFE finished in the top 20 teams in the country out of 950 nationwide," said Todd Smith, the team's former president. "This puts us in the top 2 percent of all teams nationally."

During National Exposition, SIFE teams presented 24-minute multimedia exhibition of the educational outreach projects they developed and implemented throughout the year. They were judged by panels drawn from more than 750 of the nation's top business and community leaders.

In addition to competition, Truman students had the opportunity to interview

for jobs and internships during a two-day Career Opportunity Fair with representatives from more than 60 companies.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization present on more than 1,800 university campuses in more than 40 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that teach: market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics.

During this academic year, the Truman SIFE team dedicated more than 1,500 hours to improving the lives of community members throughout the Midwest. The team completed 11 projects, 10 of these projects were created by Truman SIFE members fulfilling all of five of SIFE's teaching principles and impacting more than 208,000 people.

For more information, contact Jeni Long at jl707@truman.edu or visit <http://sife.truman.edu>.

The Student Recreation Center can now be added on your TruView to get the latest news from the facility.

Check out information about group fitness classes, Intramural registration and events, space reservations, upcoming events, weekly fit-tips, and more.

Use these directions to add the channel to your layout in TruView by following these instructions:

1. Log into TruView
2. Click on the **Content/Layout** link in the upper left-hand corner
3. Select the tab to which you wish to add a channel by clicking on the tab name [selecting where on your TruView screen you want the information displayed]
4. Click the **Add Channel** button in the desired location
5. Select a channel category (News then click GO), then subcategory Institution then click GO
6. Select a channel [Campus Recreation], then click **Add Channel**

Please contact Karen Koch if you have any questions or would like any particular health/fitness topics addressed. Koch can be reached at 785.4467 or kbskoch@truman.edu.

Business Student Team Present Internship Results to Kraft Foods (Adair Foods)

A team of six business students from Truman State University presented their findings to management representatives of Kraft Foods (Adair Foods) April 25 at the Kraft Foods plant in Kirksville.

Brian Graham, a business administration major from Kansas City, Mo.; Carrie Nunn, an accounting major from Festus, Mo.; Bradley Martin, a business administration major from Overland Park, Kan.; Katie Parrott, an accounting major from St. Louis; Melissa Rhomberg, a business administration major from St. Louis; and Laura Stanilius, a business administration and mathematics double major from Algonquin, Ill.; completed a semesterlong team internship with Kraft by presenting a review of their experiences during the internship, the results of their findings, and their recommendations with Kraft. The team was able to make suggestions to improve a sanitization process that resulted in a one-hour savings in elapsed time for this process. Representatives of Kraft are pleased both with the results gained from implementing the recommended changes to their processes as well as the questions and the insights gleaned from their conversations with the students.

The team internship is a new



Business division students and the Kraft Foods employees they worked with during the semester gather after a presentation. (Pictured front row, left to right) Jessica Triphahn, Katie Parrott, Carrie Nunn, Melissa Rhomberg and Larry Baker; (back row, left to right) Tim Anderson, Brian Graham and Bradley Martin.

opportunity for the Truman business students. The students were selected in a competitive process based on their résumés and their performance on behavioral-based interviews. They worked closely with Tim Anderson, the manager of human relations at Kraft Foods, and the two team leaders responsible for the sanitation process, Larry Baker and Jessica Triphahn. Internships provide practical experiences that allow the students to apply what they have learned in the classroom. Most internships are offered on an individual basis. However, many organizations have moved to more team-based processes and want to hire individuals with strong team leadership skills. Having experience in team-based problem solving is extremely beneficial for these students.

Durflinger Receives NEMO Nurse of the Year Award

Betty Durflinger, R.N., was named NEMO Nurse of the Year at the May 4 Capstones of Nursing, co-sponsored by Truman State University Nursing Program and Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Durflinger recently retired from her position as director of nursing at Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens Inc. after 16 years dedicated to serving individuals with developmental disabilities. Tim Tucker, Terry Combs and Debra Stroud nominated Durflinger for this award. The NEMO Nurse of the Year is an award given to a registered nurse in Northeast Missouri who exemplifies excellence in the practice of nursing.



Tim Tucker (left), Terry Combs (second from left) and Debra Stroud (right) nominated Betty Durflinger (second from right) for the NEMO Nurse of the Year award. Durflinger received the award May 4.

NOTABLES

Melissa Passe, Speech and Hearing Clinic director, attended MSHA Legislative Day Feb. 28 in Jefferson City, Mo. Graduate communication disorders students **Cyntha Brady from Richland, Wash., Jenny Kertz from Oakville, Mo., Hilary Noll from Kirksville, Erin Plender from Florissant, Mo., and Amy Rapp** also participated in MSHA Legislative Day activities. Graduate communication disorders students **Cyntha Brady from Richland, Wash., Jenny Kertz from Oakville, Mo., Hilary Noll from Kirksville, Erin Plender from Florissant, Mo., Iris Gaerditz and Amy Rapp** participated in an Interdisciplinary

House Calls Program during the spring 2006 semester. Students participated with Truman nursing students, Truman health and exercise science students and A.T. Still University's Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine first-year medical students. The four-discipline, four-member teams completed two visits with an elder in the Kirksville community to discuss health care needs.

Ashley A. Walker, a nursing major from Odessa, Mo., has been awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad grant of \$1,000 to help defray expenses while participating in a study abroad program.

Baker, Horton Named as Truman Nursing Acute Care Preceptors of the Year

Truman State University's Nursing Program recently selected Pamela K. Baker, R.N.C. and B.S.N., and Chris Horton R.N., as its Acute Care Preceptors of the Year. Baker and Horton were honored at an awards luncheon at Truman on May 4. Both Baker and Horton work on the Obstetrics Unit at Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) and have been preceptors for Truman nursing students for several years.

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in meeting course objectives in the selected clinical areas. Each year faculty and senior students select and honor an acute care and a community preceptor of the year.



(Pictured left to right) Kristen Prange, Elizabeth Swartz, Jessica Miller, Corinne Menke and Jarney Johnston pose with Preceptors of the Year in an Acute Care setting, Pamela K. Baker (third from left) and Chris Horton (third from right).

Delaney Named as Truman Nursing Community Preceptor of the Year

Truman State University's Nursing Program recently selected Catherine "Katie" Delaney, R.N. and B.S.N., as its Community Preceptor of the Year. Delaney was honored at an awards luncheon May 4 at Truman. She works at the Knox County Health Department in Edina, Mo., and has been a preceptor for Truman nursing students for several years.

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(Pictured left to right) Jayme Stubbs, Leah Kunard, Meredith Williams and Jennifer Anderson pose for a picture with Katie Delaney (center) who received the Preceptor of the Year in a Community Setting award.

Summer Hours

Pickler Memorial Library

(June 5-July 30)

Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday
1-5 p.m.

Sunday
4-8 p.m.

Student Recreation Center

Monday-Friday
9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday
closed

Hours will vary for holidays and breaks.

Student Union Building

Monday-Friday
7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday
closed

For evening or weekend events, please contact the SUB Office at 785.4186.

New Course Available for Fall 2006 Semester

Students can now register for **BIO 444 - Expanding Environmental Consciousness** for the fall 2006 semester.

Taught by Michael Kelrick, professor of biology.

This will be a student-led discussion course allowing students to explore their relationships to the world around them.

For more information, contact Kelrick at mkelrick@truman.edu or 785.4071.

NOTES

The Cashier Window will be closed from noon to 1:15 p.m. June 6-9.

The next issue of the *Truman Today* will be published June 20. Submissions for this issue are due by June 14 to kbest@truman.edu. The *Truman Today* is published biweekly during the summer.

The exhibit "Normal to Truman: A 10th Anniversary Celebration of Our Name Change" is currently on display in the Pickler Memorial Library gallery. The exhibit will be on display until July 1. It covers all the name changes in Truman's

history and a few of the events of note that occurred under each name, including the transition from a private to a state school, the mission change, the Mitau Award, the "firsts" (first *Index*, first yearbook), and more. For more information, contact Elaine M. Doak at 785.7368.

Pickler Memorial Library is now accepting donations for a book sale to take place in September. Donations of used books, magazines, art prints and audio and video recordings will be accepted. For details visit the library's Web site at <http://library.truman.edu/booksale.htm> or call 785.4038.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Campus Door has announced their "Great Futures Start Here" Scholarship Program. They will be awarding \$100,000 in scholarships during the 2006-2007 academic year. Each scholarship will be \$1,000. Students selected must verify that

they are currently enrolled at least half-time and making satisfactory academic progress before receiving the scholarship. Applications opened on May 1 and run throughout the academic year at <http://campusdoor.com/scholarship>.

French Major Students Complete Capstone



The spring 2006 French major capstone students gathered for a photo May 10.

(Pictured front row, left to right) Catherine Happ, Emily Callahan and mentor Betty McLane-Iles; (back row, left to right) mentor Patrick Lobert, Anne Bireta, Elizabeth Huster, Claire Maryniak and Kate Brown. Lobert and McLane-Iles are professors of French.

The *Truman Today* is a weekly publication during the academic year. Information must be submitted by 5 p.m. the Wednesday before 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 submitted items are subject to editing for clarity and style.

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The Truman community is invited to a Retirement Reception for Carl Baldwin

1:30-3:30 p.m.

June 26

Student Union Building
Alumni Room

Mark Your Calendar for the 20/10 Celebration Barbecue

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 29

Join us as we celebrate two important events in the University's history with music, food and fun on the SUB Moll. The SUB Quiet Lounge will be the rain site.

Cost

\$4 for advance tickets

\$5 day of the picnic

R.S.V.P. to the Public Relations Office by June 27 at 785.4016.

CELEBRATING

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THE TRUMAN VISION

Volunteers Needed for Truman Day at the NEMO Fair

The Public Relations Office is looking for volunteers to work the gate July 17 for Truman Day at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and last for three hours each.

Call 785.4016 or stop by the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 to sign up.

Volunteers will receive a free day pass to the fair.