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Students from the African Students' Association pose during last year's Sights and Sounds of Africa fashion show. The event, which is intended to share African culture with the Kirksville and Truman communities, will be at 5 p.m. Feb. 25 in the SUB Down Under.

## Club brings African culture to campus

BY ALEX CARLSON  
Staff Reporter

For African students, the winter weather in Kirksville is strange, the customs and gestures are foreign, and the language is full of jargon, but during the African Students' Association's event Sights and Sounds of Africa, members of the Kirksville and Truman communities will get a chance to experience some of these students' cultures.

The event is a way for the organization's members to educate others about African cultures, while making it accessible and enjoyable for Truman and the Kirksville community.

Senior Babajide Adio, African Students' Association president, joined the organization during his first semester at Truman.

After the successful turnout of more than 200 people for the Sights and Sounds event last year, Adio will represent Nigeria through a fashion show, showcasing signature robes of the country.

In addition to fashion, cultural skits, dances and music, the African Students' Association will prepare homemade culinary dishes from all through-

out the continent. These dishes include soups, yams, stews and couscous, along with more culture-specific foods like Nigerian jollof, a rice dish made with tomatoes, onions and spices.

The African Students' Association had to make lengthy journeys to Kansas City to gather the ingredients for their nations' signature culinary treats.

"Kirksville doesn't have as many international food stores as the bigger cities do," Adio said. "Our group members had to make some trips to Kansas City to get the ingredients we need for the dishes. We promise to have a large variety of foods while also being authentic."

History professor Sylvia Macauley is the organization's adviser. Macauley said Truman's location in the nation makes it difficult to become educated about African culture.

"Given our location in the mid-western region of the country, it's very difficult to find out more about African culture in Kirksville and at Truman," Macauley said.

Macauley said students should avoid generalizing Africa as a single culture. The Sights and Sounds of Africa showcases many nations' cultures from Nigeria to Zimbabwe and beyond.

African Students' Association secretary sophomore Nephtalem celebrates his Ethiopian heritage with pants and tops in the fashion show while performing in the event's two skits.

Music will range from traditional performances featuring African opera and modern music like African-based hip-hop.

Orshiso said the music needs to be diverse enough to show the multiple cultures represented at the event.

Orshiso said the different performances show a relaxing and educational vibe, while having funny and exciting moments too.

"The Facebook event page we set up has over 108 people signed up for the Sights and Sounds show," Orshiso said. "It's a good indication of the audience, so we're expecting a good turnout."

**African Students' Association  
Sights and Sounds of Africa  
5 p.m. Feb. 25  
SUB Down Under.**

## Alumni lobby for Truman

BY ALEXANDRIA WITT  
Staff Reporter

Truman State community members are working to remind legislators of the important mission of Missouri's only publicly funded, highly selective liberal arts and sciences university, Truman State.

Truman faculty, staff, students and alumni are using their experience at Truman to help them communicate with Missouri legislators through lobbying and receptions, events hosted to build relationships between an organization or group and state legislators.

At the Mid-Missouri Alumni Legislative Reception, student interns, Truman faculty, staff, alumni and legislators will attempt to influence legislators to bolster Truman's funding instead of simply cutting it.

Political science professor Candy Young lobbies for the University's interests in Jefferson City. She said the reception's effectiveness doesn't rely on extravagant food or entertainment like stereotypical lobbying events, but instead, focuses on substance.

"Truman's had a history of wanting to be good stewards of state resources and believing you shouldn't put a lot of money in these events," Young said.

During past years, Truman has shifted focus to a day in the capital, where Kirksville citizens and Truman students unite to exit the University's mission. This draws focus to the students and community, not a political party.

Young said many at the capital understand that message. Truman alumni work in various state governmental departments, on the staffs of various elected officials and as politicians themselves, she said.

"We are now getting to the point where our graduates ... are now of an age where they are now starting to run for these offices," Young said.

Scott Sifton is a Truman alumnus serving in the House of Representatives. Sifton represents

the 96th district, which covers parts of south St. Louis County.

"I feel a stronger connection to Truman State University than just about any group that comes in here," Sifton said.

As a representative, Sifton attends innumerable lobbying receptions each year, so many, in fact, that he said they often are indistinguishable. Still, he said he acknowledges the importance of an open dialogue between higher education and legislators. Sifton said he thinks it's important for legislators, especially those not personally connected to the University, to hear from the representatives of the universities.

Senior Kyle Olmstead spends his days this semester interning at the state capital for State Rep. Mike Talbot, who is the minority floor leader for the Democrats and represents Missouri's 37th district in Kansas City. Truman interns often are viewed as special envoys of

the University. Thus, interns are lobbying daily for Truman through their work.

During his short time in Jefferson City, Olmstead observes lobbying often. He said he thinks the liberal arts students Truman produces make a difference when they are lobbying or working at the capitol.

"I think you can tell by talking to the other students they just haven't had the liberal arts, interdisciplinary teaching style used on them," Olmstead said. "When they talk about their major, it's always very departmentalized."

Olmstead said he is looking forward to the reception to share his enthusiasm for the University in a more formal setting with people he doesn't see every day. He said he wants to ensure they recognize Truman's vital role in Missouri, he said.

"We always hear that we need to make Missouri a center of the 'new economy,'" Olmstead said. "The only way to do that is to invest in higher education. They need to know what an integral role Truman plays in that equation."

**Truman at the Capitol  
Student Lobby Day  
Feb. 29, 2012  
Register at  
<http://senate.truman.edu/Applications/capitol.html>**

## Classifieds

### For Rent

Wagner Enterprises rental properties are available for 2012-2013 lease. New units with 1-, 2- and 3-bedrooms are all within two blocks of campus! Complete with washer/dryer in each, all electric, central heat and air, private parking and maintenance staff. For more information, call 660-341-5538 or visit [www.wespaces.net](http://www.wespaces.net)

Behrmann Rentals is offering a nice 2-bedroom home close to TSU available May 15, 2012. This home rents for \$450 and has hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer and dishwasher, central air and carport. Visit [www.housesinkirksville.com](http://www.housesinkirksville.com) for photos and more information or call Jeff Behrmann, owner/agent, at 660-626-7598.

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Two-bedroom, 1-bath house, close to TSU and Hy-Vee. Available 8/2012. Living room, eat-in kitchen, dishwasher/disposal, washer/dryer, new central heat and A/C. 660-988-5175. [jim@kirksvillereental.com](mailto:jim@kirksvillereental.com) [www.kirksvillereental.com](http://www.kirksvillereental.com)

Sublease needed for January-May of this school year. One-bedroom with all utilities included, plus it's walking distance from campus. Call Jerry at 660-216-1794.

Two-bedroom, 1-bath apartment, one block from campus with private parking. Newly renovated with a covered front porch, large backyard and tons of character. Only \$450 a month! Pet friendly home! Call 660-216-1794 for a personal showing or visit <http://northeastmissouriproperties.com> for more information.

Four-bedroom apartment. Two baths, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Available for August lease. 660-341-7529. No pets.

Nice 3-bedroom condo for only \$650. All appliances including washer and dryer. Attached garage for bikes. 909 Sundown. Very Nice. KPM 665-6380.

Three- and four-bedroom houses close to campus. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator and microwaves included. Available May. 660-216-3803.

Four-bedroom, 2-bath 10 yards from campus. All appliances including washer/dryer. 601 E. Patterson \$900. Great parking. KPM 665-6380.

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### For Rent

Missouri Riverside now is showing 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-bedroom apartments and houses for the 2012-2013 school year. Create a home away from home in one of our newly remodeled houses. Locally owned and managed with more than 20 years of service. Call 660-665-3779 today and schedule an appointment!

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Renting the White Apartments: A few still available! Come see what we offer! One, 2-, 3- and 4-bedrooms. Call 627-2060 or visit [www.TheWhiteApartments.com](http://www.TheWhiteApartments.com).

Looking to sublease a new, three-bedroom apartment. One-bedroom available immediately. Appliances included. Call 314-727-9460.

Three-bedroom, 1-bathroom house, close to campus with washer and dryer. Newly renovated with beautiful floors and a modern kitchen. \$625 a month with some utilities included for the 2012-2013 school year. Locally owned and managed with exceptional service. Pet friendly home! Call 660-216-1794 for a personal showing or visit <http://northeastmissouriproperties.com> for more information.

Four-bedroom, 2-bath/shower, 2 living rooms. Being remodeled now and available for May 2012. New refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and washer/dryer included. Close to TSU and fraternities. Lease now and choose color of paint for bedrooms, carpet color, etc. \$850 a month. Call Bobby Poston at 660-216-1445 to schedule showing.

Four-bedroom, 2-bath/shower. Large living room and dining room. Washer/dryer included. \$650 a month. May lease. This house is huge with lots of space. Neat and well maintained. Call 660-216-1445 to schedule showing.

Spring 2012. Nice 1-, 2- or 3-bedroom apartments. On-site laundry. Call 627-2060 for more information.

Gordon and Motter Apartments. Two- and 3-bedrooms close to campus, all appliances including washer/dryer. 660-341-4163.

One-bedroom furnished apartment 2 blocks from TSU. Walk-in closet, washer/dryer, private entrance, off-street parking. A/C. No pets. Available now, May or August. 660-341-3246.

One efficiency apartment. \$240 a month. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Off-street parking. Close to Truman. Water and trash paid. 660-216-1952.

One-bedroom duplex apartment. Washer/dryer, central air, dishwasher. Behind Domino's Pizza. \$300. Available 8/8/12. 660-665-3208. 8-5.

Three-bedroom, 1-bath house. \$650/month. Cheap to heat. Washer and dryer included. Small pets allowed. Owned by TSU professor. 608 W. Patterson St. Call 660-988-0646.

### For Rent

Multiple high quality 2- and 3-bedroom apartments available for May, June and August 2012 leases. Oriented for the professional student who places a high emphasis on a quiet and safe environment with attractive modern surroundings. CALL ONLY 626-7695.

Available May. Three-bedroom house close to TSU, nice yard, off-street parking. Hardwood floors, front porch swing, washer/dryer. Call Mike LaBeth, owner-agent 660-216-7144.

Available August. Two-bedroom house close to TSU. Nice yard, off-street parking. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer. Big rooms. Call Mike LaBeth, owner-agent 660-216-7144.

Newer 2-bedroom duplex apartments. Near Downtown. Walk-in closet, washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, range, central air, garbage disposal, outside storage shed. Off-street parking. Available May and August. \$425. 665-3208. 8-5.

Newer 2-bedroom duplex apartments. Four blocks from campus. Walk-in closet, washer, dryer, refrigerator, range, central air, garbage disposal, off-street parking. Available May and August. \$450. 665-3208. 8-5. Large 4 plus bedroom apartment. Remodeled. Four blocks from TSU. All utilities paid including Internet and cable. Washer and dryer included. Available August 1. Call 660-216-8608 or 660-627-7243.

Two-bedroom brick duplex, one block from TSU. Newly remodeled with awesome location. All electric for low utilities. 1015 S. Halliburton is only \$450. KPM 665-6380.

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Five - 6-bedroom, 2-bath, with range, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer furnished. Call Evonne Baker 660-341-1785 or CENTURY 21, Whitney Agency 660-665-5678.

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Brick Cape Cod house for SALE by owner, (plus 2 additional lots) 2 blocks from TSU, central air, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, screened-in porch w/ second floor deck, family room 38' x 12', Call 660-627-0040 or 660-349-8466.