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NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

RHODES SCHOLAR CARTER REVARD

a presentation on his poetry and personal history 7 P.M., NOV. 14 VIOLETTE HALL 1010

Revard's three books, "Winning the Dust Bowl," "An Eagle Nation" and "Family Matters, Tribal Affairs" will be available for purchase and signing following the event.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Affairs Center at 785.4142.



call 785.4016.

Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Seeks Input from Truman Community

President Magruder recently appointed the Strategic Advisory Committee (SPAC) to review and refine Truman's current University Master Plan, Affirming the *Promise*. The SPAC is actively seeking input from Truman's students, faculty and staff regarding their views on the key issues and opportunities that are likely to come before the University in the next five years.

This midcourse review is occurring because Affirming the Promise is a ten-year strategic plan, and the University is now midway through this planning cycle. Furthermore, the original document included goal projections for only the first five years, 1997-2001.

The SPAC finds it necessary for the University to review this important planning statement to ensure that the assumptions which serve as its foundation remain accurate and that the initiatives and goals for the remaining five years are appropriate for Truman's objective of developing an

affordable, nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university.

The entire Truman community is strongly encouraged to participate in this planning process. The SPAC will be using multiple techniques to secure the comments and participation of a broad cross-section of the University. These include individual statements on electronic bulletin boards. focus group interviews and written responses from logical groupings of students, faculty and staff.

For more information about the University's current goals and the planning process, visit the committee's Web site at http://academics.truman.edu/SPAC. The site offers separate bulletin boards for students, faculty and staff to facilitate statements based on five focus planning questions, but all members of the community will be able to view the comments on each board. All written and electronic responses should be completed by Dec. 4.

Foundation Scholarship Web Site Goes Live

The Truman State University Foundation is implementing an online application for available Foundation Scholarships.

In response to requests from students to make the scholarship application process easier and more accessible, the Truman State University Foundation is offering an online scholarship listing and application.

All current students are encouraged to review the lists of scholarships in each division and the list of scholarships that are based on need, merit and other factors. Access the full list of scholarships and the online application at http://www2. truman.edu/foundationscholarships/.

An application form and list of scholarship opportunities for current students will

be available beginning this week, when the Foundation Scholarship Web site goes live. The Foundation Scholarship Web site is available at http://www.truman. edu/foundationscholarships/ and at http://www.truman.edu in the current student/finances section.

The deadline for Foundation Scholarship applications is at 3 p.m., Feb. 8, 2002. There is a limit of ten applications per student.

The Truman State University Foundation provides more than \$220,000 in scholarships to Truman students each year through the Foundation Scholarships. For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133.

The *Truman Today* will not publish next week due to the holiday.

Please note entries for the week of Nov. 26 should be turned in by Nov. 16.

The submission entry form can be accessed at http://trumantoday. truman.edu/ submissionform.pdf.

For more information, call 785.4243.



The primary goal of a Writing Consultant is to assist writers in the writing process as well as to work with writers to improve specific skills.

Qualified candidates should possess excellent writing skills and outstanding interpersonal skills.

All Writing Consultants receive a stipend of \$500 per semester based on the successful performance of duties as determined by the director of the Writing Center. Responsibilities equal five to six hours per week. Writing Consultants may choose to apply their work toward scholarship hours in lieu of a stipend.

For more information or to pick up an application, stop by the Writing Center at McClain Hall 303 or call 785.4484.

"The Bald Soprano, et al." to Run Nov. 13-17

The Truman State University theatre department will present "The Bald Soprano, et al.," an evening of short, absurdist plays, at 8 p.m., Nov. 13-17, in Baldwin Little Theatre. Admission is free.

This production is a compilation of plays written by artists who, at various points in history since World War II, determined the world in its present form to be insane. Much absurdist work speaks of a sense of meaningless and resignation in all of life. Some writers tried to give despair a major role in their work, while others reasoned to have a laugh in the face of an absurd reality. The performance attempts to touch both extremes.

Absurdist plays share a belief that language has betrayed humanity - that people are failing to communicate. In "The Bald Soprano," Eugene Ionesco breaks down the structure of language to reveal the banal absurdities underneath. The effect, however, is a more playful response to life's disappointments.

In another of the production's plays, Samuel Beckett creates a language of silence and repetition in "Catastrophe." Beckett's play seems to suggest that individuals create their catastrophes out of a wholly different "word" form based on both restraint and constraint.

"The Bald Soprano, et al." will last for approximately 90 minutes with no intermission. Following the Wednesday-Friday performances there will be post-production discussions led by a Truman faculty member to answer questions and debate the ideas presented.

Libbys Challenge Chemistry Alumni with Gift

Dr. Robert and Kathleen Libby have pledged major support for the Magruder Hall Campaign while also challenging Truman's chemistry alumni. Robert Libby, a 1960 Truman chemistry graduate, served as professor of chemistry at Truman from 1994 to 2001 following a successful career at Proctor and Gamble.

Combined with Proctor and Gamble's matching gift, the Libbys' support will provide \$25,000 for Magruder Hall. In making the gift, the Libbys challenged other chem-

istry alumni to support the project "If we all pull together, we can make a good facility even better."

Gifts to the Truman State University Foundation's Magruder Hall Campaign will supplement the state appropriation and will enable Truman to construct an outstanding new science facility. The new facility will serve all Truman students while housing the agriculture, biology, chemistry and physics programs.

Kraft Foods Makes Gift to Lyceum Series



Kraft Foods is a Gold level corporate sponsor of the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. Pictured from left to right are Charles Hunsaker, Amy Humphrey of Kraft Foods and President Jack Magruder.

Notables-

Tom Capuano, professor of foreign language, had his article "El Recetario y los ensalmos de los últimos folios del MS. B.IV.34 del Monasterio de El Escorial" published in *Signo: Revista de Historia de la Cultura Escrita* 8. *Signo* is a publication of the Universidad de Alcalá in Spain.

Wolfgang Hoeschele, assistant professor of geography, had his article "The Wealth of a Nation at the Turn of the Millennium: A Classification System Based on the International Division of Labor" published in *Economic Geography*.

John Ishiyama, associate professor of political science, has had an article accepted for publication. His article "Does Early Participation in Undergraduate Research Benefit Social Science and Humanities Students?" will be published in the *College Student Journal*. His article "Undergraduate Research and the Success of First-Generation, Low-Income Students" appears in the September 2001 issue of *Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly*.

Emmanuel Nnadozie, associate professor of economics, was the co-editor of the summer 2001 issue of *Journal of African Finance and Economic Development*.

Pavel Wlosok, assistant professor of music, performed at the Blue Room, Oct. 20, in Kansas City, Mo. Wlosok performed with Bobby Watson, who is an internationally recognized jazz artist and director of jazz studies at University of Missouri-Kansas City. **Two senior communication arts students** recently presented papers at the National Communication Association Convention in Atlanta, Ga. Sean W. Larson, senior communication arts and chemistry double major, presented "Arguing Justice: Terms for Order and the Capital Punishment Rhetoric of Christian Reconstruction," as part of a panel comparing rhetorical artifacts from different time periods, while Robert B. Layne II, senior communication arts major from Kansas City, Mo., presented "Focus Lost: The Broadening of Resolutions and the Impact Upon the NFA-LD Community," as part of a panel on contemporary debate education issues. Both papers were selected for presentation through a competitive process. A small contingent of Truman State University debaters traveled to Colorado College, Oct. 25-28. Tyler Unsell, junior communication arts major from Parkville, Mo., reached the semifinals of competition in Lincoln-Douglas debate, while Brian Amsden, senior communication arts major from Fenton, Mo., reached the semifinals of both impromptu speaking and extemporaneous speaking. Matthew Harms, freshman economics major from Galesburg, Ill., narrowly missed elimination rounds in Lincoln-Douglas with a 3-1 preliminary round record. Additionally, Unsell and new parliamentary debate partner Chris Bell, sophomore communication and English double major from Lee's Summit, Mo., reached the double-octafinal round in that event before losing to a team from Grinnell College. Bell and Unsell were sixth seed out of more than 90 teams after the completion of preliminary rounds.

Jefferson City Legislative Internship Program

Interviews are now being scheduled for Spring 2002 Legislative Internships.

Interns receive a \$2,200 stipend and up to 15 hours of credit.

All majors and those students with junior status are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available in McClain Hall 102 or at http://www.truman.edu/ newsevents/ mogov_app.pdf

Information about the program is available at http://www.truman.edu/ newsevents/ mogov_brochure.htm

Call 785.4016 for more information.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

Several scholarships are currently available to Truman students.

GLAMOUR invites students to apply to the **2002 Top Ten College Women Competition**. This competition recognizes the exceptional achievements and academic excellence of female college juniors from across the country. Winners receive \$1,000, coverage in the October issue and the opportunity to meet with top professionals in their field. Applications should be postmarked by January 31, 2002.

Applications and more information about this scholarship are available by contacting Glamour by phone at 800.244.GLAM or by e-mail at ttcw@glamour.com.

The Glen Smiddy Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a summer 2002 internship. The scholarship is for \$1,000 and the recipient will be encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his or her major. The internship is open to area residents and preference will be given to students with a farm background or studying an agriculture related field. Application deadline is Jan. 18, 2002.

For more information and an application, please visit the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103 or call 785.4130.

The Army Emergency Relief is offering the **MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund** for dependent children of soldiers. The application deadline for the program is March 1, 2002. To apply for this scholarship, visit their Web site at http://www.aerhq.org.

Career Center Corner

Learn the basics of selfpresentation including following the rules of introduction, exchanging business cards and working a cocktail party or other social/business setting, at the one hour-long "Etiquette Workshop" session at the Career Center.

Contact the Career Center at 785.4353 for more information.

Notes

Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13-15, in the SUB Activities Room. There will be a pizza party given to the organization with the most donors. For more information, contact Jamie Bateman at 665.3817.

Faculty and staff informational meeting about "Bioterrorism: Anthrax, Small Pox and other Public Health Threats" will be held at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 13, in the SUB Georgian Room. University Physician Dr. Mimms Mabee will speak.

Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity, will hold informational meetings at 3 p.m., Nov. 13; 4 p.m., Nov. 14; and 5 p.m., Nov. 15; in Violette Hall 1428. For more information, e-mail Sarah Reams at Sarah@akpsi.com. The SAB will sponsor a Campus Coffee House from 6-10 p.m., Nov. 13, in the SUB Down Under. There will be free refreshments, live music, poetry and artwork. For more information, contact Eric Yurkovich at 785.5580. The Ryle Residential College Program presents "Bioterrorism: Anthrax, Small Pox and Other Public Health Threats" at 7 p.m., Nov. 13, in Ryle Hall Main Lounge. Dr. Mimms Mabee will present a slide show. A panel discussion will follow the presentation sponsored by the Residential Colleges Program and the Student Health Center. For more information, contact Linda Twining at

ltwining@truman.edu.

The Child Development Center (CDC) will sponsor a Children's Scholastic Book Fair from noon-4 p.m., Nov. 14, in the Violette Hall Commons. CDC children will receive books in return for a percentage of the book sales. Call Kim Murphy at 785.6076 for more information. The Faculty Development Weekly Lunch Series will discuss "Faculty-Student Research" from 12:30-1:20 p.m., Nov. 14, in the SUB Spanish Room. For more information, contact Faculty Development at 785.4391.

Jeff Tassett, a Walt Disney World College Program recruiter, will host an informational presentation about internship opportunities at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in the SUB Alumni Room. The program is open to all undergraduate students in any major. For more information, contact Olga Brady at 627.5691 or visit http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com.

"Conflict: The Correlation between Cinema and History" will be presented at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in Ryle Hall Main Lounge. For more information, contact Stuart Henn at 785.5777. The Dobson Hall International Film Series will continue with a double-feature screening of "The Key" and "Marriage of the Blessed" at 7 p.m., Nov. 14, in Dobson Hall 247. For more information, contact Dennis Leavens, Dobson Hall College Rector, at 785.5145.

The Great American Smokeout will take place Nov. 15. Information tables will be in front of all cafeterias and Mainstreet Market. Turn in a minimum of 10 cigarettes to receive a coupon for a "cold turkey" sandwich from Blimpie. There will also be a drawing sponsored by Ekklesia for a frozen turkey. For more information, contact Robin Shook at 785.7739. The Art History Society will host an interdisciplinary seminar on China at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15, in OP 2210. Four speakers will speak on different aspects of Chinese culture. Talks will begin at 7 p.m., and refreshments and souvenirs will be available. Contact Marjorie Iwai at 665.4904 for more information.

The Zydeco band Zydeco Force will be on campus from Nov. 15-17. They will appear in a residence hall presentation at 8 p.m., Nov. 16, in Ryle Hall Main Lounge. They will also hold a dance party beginning at 8 p.m., Nov. 17, in the SUB Down Under. Contact Marc Rice at 785.4427 for more information.

The University Observatory will be open to the public from 8-10 p.m., Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. Weather permitting, visitors are welcome to come and look through the telescope. Access to the observatory is via the stairs to the roof from the lobby outside of Magruder Hall 274. Students needing a ride to and from the LaPlata train station for Thanksgiving break can take the Department of Public Safety's shuttle which departs at 9 a.m., Nov. 20 and returns at 8:30 p.m., Nov. 25. The service's round-trip cost is \$5. Call 785.4177 to sign-up. KTRM, the Serve Center and Sodexho are sponsoring a food drive until Dec. 7. Bring canned goods and/or sealed dry foods to the Serve Center desk outside of Mainstreet Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

A faculty and staff luncheon and tea will be held from noon-1 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Truman University Club. Cost is \$8.25 per person. R.S.V.P. is required by Nov. 29 to Mona Davis at 785.4383.

A chili supper fund-raiser to support students attending the Missouri Music Educators Association's annual conference will be sponsored by the Truman chapter of Collegiate Music Educators National Conference from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 2, at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$3 for children and students and \$5 for adults.

The Department of Public Safety is offering several van driving training opportunities throughout the months of November and December. For specific dates and more information, call 785.4176.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for faculty, staff and students. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to ksvoboda@truman.edu or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. It may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu.

On Campus

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Hall cafeteria; see M. Calendar