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January Conference to Focus on Enhancing Truman's Learning Community

Truman's second annual University-L wide January Conference will be held from 8 a.m. until 3:45 p.m., Jan. 30. "A Community of Learners: Reaffirming Our Promise" is the theme for the day. The primary emphasis of the conference is the refinement of Truman's University Master Plan based upon significant input from faculty, students and staff.

The first session will be a panel discussion featuring Sen. Steve Stoll and Sandra Kauffman, vice chair of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Stoll is a member of the Senate Appropriations and Education Committees. The discussion topic will be "Trends in Missouri Higher Education and Truman's Role in the State System."

The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) will report its preliminary findings in the following session. Three focus group updates will be presented by Julia DeLancey, associate professor of art; A. Kay Anderson, interim registrar; and Matt Brooker, student senate president. In addition, Dennis Leavens, college rector for Dobson Hall, will discuss discipline action plans.

Beginning at 11 a.m., concurrent discussions about enhancing the community of learners at Truman will be held for faculty, staff and students. Group recommendations will be forwarded to SPAC for review.

Lunch is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Georgian Room and will feature Conrad D. Festa, provost and senior vice president at the College of Charleston, one of the founding public liberal arts colleges. He will speak on "The Public Liberal Arts University in the 21st Century." For those who were unable to attend the morning session, the planning update reports will be replayed via videotape from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Mainstreet Market in the SUB.

Following the luncheon, concurrent sessions from 2:15-3:45 p.m. will continue the discussion on enhancing the community of learners at Truman. A conference social will be held at 3:45 p.m. in the Violette Hall Commons. Refreshments will be served and the President's String Quartet will play.

Daytime classes have been canceled to facilitate faculty, staff and student participation in an organized period of reflection, discussion and planning. Evening classes will be held.

# faculty, staff and students are cordially invited to attend the January Conference "A Community of Learners: Reaffirming **Our Promise**" 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Jan. 30

Please R.S.V.P.

by Jan. 28 to

785.4105.

### **Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for Recycling Center**

ll members of the University commu-Anity are invited to attend a ribbon cutting and open house ceremony at Truman's new recycling center at 4 p.m., Jan. 25. The center is located in Building 4 of the Dulaney/Baldwin complex. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, guests will be able to tour the new facility.

The University began its own recycling program in October and purchased a cardboard baler to use in the center. With the

new baler, the University recycles 1,000 pounds of cardboard each day.

In addition to the cardboard, the University recycles paper, newspapers, magazines, books and aluminum. Recycle bins are available to the University community in all buildings on campus.

For more information about the recycling center, contact Howard Worcester, recycle/surplus property coordinator at 785.7672.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium

"Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" 3:30 p.m. Jan. 23 Violette Hall 1000

Presentations by: Wendy Miner assistant professor of education John Ishiyama associate professor of political science Aaron Gurrly senior French and English double major from University City, Mo. William Ashcraft associate professor of religion

Panel Moderator: Tammy Bringaze interim director of University Counseling Services

Discussion Moderator: Meghana Patel junior political science major from Chesterfield, Mo.



Feb. 27, 2002

Students must upload their resumes by midnight on Feb. 8 to participate in interview prescreening.

Resumes must be submitted via eRecruiting at http://truman. erecruiting.com.

For more information on the Career Expo, contact the Career Center at 785.4353 or visit http://career.truman.edu.

# Focus for 2002 Interview Project is Student Retention and Recruitment

The annual Interview Project will begin Jan. 31. The goal of the Interview Project will be to gather student opinions about University recruitment and retention.

A team of one faculty member and one student will interview at least 100 randomly selected freshmen about recruitment and retention. The project focus changes each year.

David Gillette, associate professor of economics and director of the Interview Project, said the project started 10 years ago as a response to explore certain University issues that were not fulfilled by ongoing assessment.

The project is a unique form of assessment because it allows students to express their opinions on a personal level with the interviewers.

"The Interview Project will provide

insight into meeting the students' needs at the University," Gillette said.

Questions used for the interviews are based on several focus groups of students, faculty and staff who discussed University issues of recruitment and retention. The focus group discussions and responses provided a foundation for the Interview Project questions developed by the University Assessment Committee.

Results of the Interview Project are published annually in the Assessment Almanac, available through the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, McClain Hall 203. The document is also available in PDF format online at http://www2.truman.edu/ assessment/data~as.html for 1997-2000. For more information on the Interview Project, contact Gillette at 785.4334 or via e-mail at gillette@truman.edu.

# Tempel Interns in Public Relations Office

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Relations Office has announced Kim Tempel, a senior communication major, as its intern for the spring semester. Tempel, a 1998 graduate of Waterloo West High School, is from Waterloo, Iowa. She is

the daughter of Dr. Jerome and Sandra Tempel.

Ås the intern, she will assist in writing, producing and distributing the University newsletter, *Truman Today*, as well as posting it on the University Web site. She will also



be responsible for writing press releases and performing various office duties.

At Truman, Tempel is currently the president of the Student Activities Board and she previously served as special events chairperson. She is the public relations manager for *Detours* magazine and a member of the Society of Professional Journalists. Tempel's internships and career aspirations in public relations have led her to this present position.

Students interested in applying for the fall 2002 internship should stop by the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102, call 785.4016 or e-mail Katie Svoboda at ksvoboda@truman.edu.

## City Offers Citizens New Transit Service

Kirk-Tran, the new limited public transit service administered by the City of Kirksville, began operating Dec. 17.

This program, a cooperative effort between the city, the Kirksville Regional Center and OATS Inc., uses OATS buses to operate weekdays from 6-8 a.m. and from 5-9 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of the ride is \$1 each way, and reservations must be made at least one business day in advance by calling the OATS office at 1.800.654.6287.

Kirk-Tran is not an OATS program. OATS has been contracted to provide its buses, drivers and office staff to this expansion of OATS services.

Kirk-Tran is funded by the City of Kirksville, Kirksville Regional Center, MoDOT and a grant from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities.

### Notables-

The President's String Quartet won first place in both the state and West Central Division of Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) music competitions. The quartet will compete in the national MTNA competition this March in Cincinnati. The ensemble includes Carol Carlson, freshman music performance and political science double major from Longmont, Colo.; Katie Collins, freshman from Monmouth, Ill.; Carrie Jones, sophomore music general concentration and presecondary education double major from Kirkwood, Mo.; and Andrew Ludwig, freshman music performance and pre-secondary education double major from Florissant, Mo. They are coached by Elaine Boda, assistant professor of music.

Alfredo Santa Ana, junior music composition major, has been declared the winner in the West Central Division MTNA Student Composition Competition in the Collegiate Category. Santa Ana's winning composition is titled "Llego en la Noche," for tenor voice and piano. This composition was awarded first place this past fall in the Missouri state competition of the MTNA. "Llego en la Noche" now enters MTNA national competition as a finalist.

Adam Brooke Davis, associate professor of English, recently had his poem "Faith" accepted for publication by *Edge City Review*. His essay "My Beastly, Beastly Ways" was also accepted for publication by *Midwest Quarterly*. Davis' essay "What's So Funny? Fundamentalists, and How Humor Works" was published in *High Plains Literary Review*. Troy Garrett, assistant athletic trainer and instructor in health and exercise sciences, presented "Patellofemoral Injuries: Conservative and Post-Operative Rehabilitation" at the Emporia State University Sports Medicine Seminar Jan. 6 in Emporia, Kan.

Clint Thompson, head athletic trainer emeritus and instructor of health and exercise science, presented "Trigger Point Therapy, Practical Applications for the Athletic Trainer" at the Emporia State University Sports Medicine Seminar Jan. 6 in Emporia, Kan.

A composition by Warren Gooch, associate professor of music, has been accepted for performance at the University of Missouri New Music Festival in April. The composition, titled "Through a Glass Darkly," scored for trombone and percussion, will be performed by Troy Marsh and Julia Gaines, University of Missouri faculty members. The composition was one of 12 selected from more than 170 entries from virtually every state and several foreign countries. Five Truman students interning in Washington, D.C., through the Washington Center Program were selected to work with different companies. Angela Ernst, senior history major from Bonne Terre, Mo., will work in the Office of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Justice. Justinas Juknys, junior political science major from Kaunas, Lithuania, will work for the Center for Democracy. **Timothy Papuga**, senior business administration major from Florissant, Mo., will work for the office of the Democratic Leader. Megan Pittman, sophomore political science major from Adair, Ill., will work in the Press Office for the House of Energy and Commerce Committee. Sarah Stanley, senior communication major from St. Charles, Mo., will work for TriCom Associates.

### National and Regional Scholarships Available

Several scholarships are currently available to Truman students.

*Glamour* magazine is sponsoring a competition for 2002's top 10 college women. Applicants must be college juniors who show exceptional achievements and academic excellence. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103 or e-mail ttcw@glamour.com. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City is offering educational grants and interest-free loans to female college students who are residents of the greater Kansas City area. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office or online at http://www.KCPanhel.com Application deadline is Feb. 1.

NASA is offering a fellowship program based on academic qualifications, proposed research and plan of study. For more information and an application, visit http://education.nasa.gov/gsrp/. Application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is accepting applications for the Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship. Information and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 8. The Truman Today Web site has moved to http://trumantoday. truman.edu/

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### Notes

#### Informational meetings for Europe in Transition, an International

**Education/Travel Program**, will start at 6 p.m., Jan. 22, in VH 1400 and 5 p.m., Jan. 23, in VH 1400. For more information, contact Mary Giovannini at 785.4365.

**The University Observatory will be open to the public** from 8-10 p.m., Jan. 22 and Feb. 4. 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 MG 274.

The French government will hire American speakers of English as paid elementary/secondary school interns this spring. An information session will highlight application hints from 4:45-5:30 p.m., Jan. 23, in MC 302. For more information, contact Gregg Siewert at gsiewert@truman.edu.

Alpha Kappa Psi will have the following Rush events: an informational meeting from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 23, in VH 1000; a professional event at 7 p.m., Jan. 24, at Ailerons; and bowling from 6-7:30 p.m., Jan. 25, at Leisure World. For more information, contact Jeremy Rootz at 665.1475.

The Weekly Faculty Development Weekly Lunch Series will discuss "What Faculty Learn from Participating in Qualitative Assessment?" from 12:30-1:20 p.m., Jan. 23, in the SUB Spanish Room. Contact Faculty Development at 785.4391 for more information.

**Student W-2 forms will be available** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 24 and 25, outside McClain Hall 105. Faculty and staff W-2 forms will be in divisions and departments Jan. 24. Reissued W-2 requests will begin Feb. 18 with a three-day processing time. All W-2 forms not picked up by 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 will be mailed.

**ITS will sponsor a Microsoft Access 2000 for Beginners workshop** from 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 25, in Pickler Memorial Library 103. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. to Kevin Hughes at itstrain@truman.edu.

The Winter Open House, a visit day for prospective students, will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jan. 26. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 785.4114. Ekklesia and the Fillmore Street Church of Christ are sponsoring a free skating party from 12:30-2 p.m., Jan. 27, at Leisure World. The Campus Christian Fellowship will offer the following programs: "God's Transforming Power for Our Cities" from 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon, Jan. 27, in VH 1000; "Concert of Prayer" from 9:15-11:00 p.m., Jan. 27, in VH 1000; "The Importance of Humility" from 11:30-12:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Alumni Room; "Salvation: God's Part/Our Part" from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Alumni Room; and "How Can I Be Intimate With God?" from 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in VH 1010. Dean Trune from Impact Ministries International will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 665.5772. A Student Organization Programming Roundtable will offer helpful hints for students wanting to program on-campus events from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 29, in the SUB Down Under. A panel of students and staff will be available to highlight resources and answer questions. For more information, contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222. Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity, will have Spring Rush informational meetings at 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in VH 1000 and 8:30 p.m., Jan. 31, in VH 1000. For more information, contact Emily Hagemann at 665.9941.

The Student Activities Board is currently accepting applications for new members. Applications are available in the Center for Student Involvement in the lower level of the SUB. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Jan. 30. The selections process for the Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowships will begin Feb. 1. Phi Kappa Phi will offer 52 \$8,000 fellowships to first-year graduate students and 30 \$1,500 Awards of Excellence. Senior Truman student members of Phi Kappa Phi can download the application from http://www.phikappaphi.org. Application materials can be forwarded by Feb. 1 to Terry Olson in MC 233 or Patricia Burton in MC 234. For more information, contact Olson at 785.4503 or Burton at 785.7247. Upward Bound has employment opportunities available for the 2002 summer session June 9-July 19. Opportunities are available for instructors in Spanish, composition, literature and yearbook/journalism; residential mentors/supervisors; program counselor; night supervisor; photographer; and bridge tutors/advisers (June 2-July 26) for college freshmen. Applications are due Feb. 15. For more information and application materials, contact Upward Bound at 785.4244. Students interested in applying to intern in Washington, D.C., during the spring 2003 semester can go to an informational meeting from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 31, in OP 2250. For more information, contact Julia DeLancey at 785.4430.

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/submissionform.pdf.

## On Campus

22 TUESDAY 11:45 a.m.-Unity Luncheon, SUB Georgian Room; see Master Calendar 6 p.m.-Europe in Transition meeting, VH 1400; see Notes 8-10 p.m.-University Observatory open, Magruder Hall; see Notes

23 WEDNESDAY

12:30-1:20 p.m.-Faculty Development Lunch Series; see Notes 3:30 p.m.-Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium, VH 1000; see Page 2 4:45-5:30 p.m.-French government information session, MC 302; see Notes 5 p.m.-Europe in Transition meeting, VH 1400; see Notes 5:30 p.m.-Women's basketball vs. Missouri-Rolla, Pershing Arena 6-7 p.m.-Alpha Kappa Psi

informational meeting, VH 1000; see Notes 7 p.m.-Dobson Hall and Fine Arts International Film Series, OP 2210; see Master Calendar 7:30 p.m.-Men's basketball vs. Missouri-Rolla, Pershing Arena

**24 THURSDAY** 7 p.m.-**Alpha Kappa Psi professional event, Ailerons;** see Notes

#### 25 FRIDAY

10 a.m.-noon-ITS Microsoft Access 2000 for Beginners workshop, PL 103; see Notes 6-7:30 p.m.-Alpha Kappa Psi bowling, Leisure World; see Notes

#### **26 SATURDAY**

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.-**The Winter Open House;** see Notes 2 p.m.-**Men's and women's** swimming vs. Western Illinois, Pershing Natatorium

#### **27 SUNDAY**

12:30-2 p.m.-Ekklesia and the Fillmore Street Church of Christ Skating Party, Leisure World; see Notes

28 MONDAY Last day to drop classes without receiving a W