Truman State University Awarded $2 Million Grant

Truman State University has been awarded the largest grant in the University’s history. Truman will receive $2 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF), through its Division of Undergraduate Education’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP). Jeffrey M. Osborn, professor and convener of biology, will serve as director of the STEP Program and is the grant’s principal investigator, and Jason E. Miller, associate professor of mathematics, is the grant’s co-principal investigator. The grant will provide funding for the creation of programs to increase the number of degrees that Truman awards in science and mathematics fields during the next five years. The ultimate goal of the Program is to increase the number of students who complete a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

The STEP Program will establish collaborations between Truman and Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, St. Charles Community College and Moberly Area Community College. The Program will include a coordinated summer research community for undergraduates and yearlong programs to attract and support transfer students to science, mathematics and computer science fields from the community college partners. The award will also support the incorporation of research experiences into courses and the integration of curricula among all science, mathematics and computer science disciplines.

In addition to supporting on-campus programs, the STEP Program will support scholarly interactions among students and faculty from Truman and its community college partners with regional industries, research universities and research centers such as Missouri Botanical Garden, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Rolla, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, The Boeing Company, Cerner and Towers-Perrin.

A range of programmatic initiatives will begin to be put into place during the Fall 2004 semester, and the STEP Program will begin taking student applications for the summer research program in January 2005 on the Program Web site, http://step.truman.edu.

The STEP Program will give a rapidly growing number of Missouri students easier access to high-quality baccalaureate degrees in the sciences. The Program will directly involve a minimum of 175 undergraduate students as program participants, and hundreds more will be influenced by field trips, visiting speakers, workshops, curricular innovations, and the increased flow of information between institutions and disciplines.

Truman was one of approximately 15 grant proposals funded out of 163 proposals submitted.

Washington Center Internship Program to Have Informational Meeting

Truman students interested in the Washington Center internship program may attend an informational meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Oct. 11, in the Career Center. Peter Storandt from The Washington Center will speak at the meeting. He also will be available outside Mainstreet Market on Monday afternoon.

Students wishing to apply to intern in summer 2005 should contact either Julia DeLancey or Diane Tobin Johnson at campusliaison@truman.edu. Applications for summer 2005 will be due Nov. 1.

As in the past, Truman State University will continue to work closely with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C., to offer internship experiences for academic credit to all majors in the nation’s capital. However, three important changes have been made to the program.

First, Truman will now send students in the summer rather than in the spring. Second, to reflect this important change, the program will now be called the Truman in Washington Program and third, Tobin Johnson will be joining DeLancey as co-campus liaison.

As before, Truman will send up to five students with a 3.25 GPA or higher, and those students will earn academic credit for their internship experience in Washington, D.C.
The University Art Gallery proudly presents

**Rendering Gender**
An exhibit of artwork exploring gender roles and identities.

Oct. 4-Oct. 30
University Art Gallery

**Performance Art**
Most hours during the day
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
Oct. 5-6

**Discussion “Gender & Maturity”**
6 p.m.
Oct. 11

**Discussion “Gender & Youth”**
6 p.m.
Oct. 18

**Screening Artists’ Videos**
6 p.m.
Oct. 25

Curated by Cole Woodcox
Co-curated by Aaron Fine

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, noon-4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Alexandria Lockett at d1344@truman.edu or Woodcox at cwoodcox@truman.edu

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The University Art Gallery

The World’s Largest Pillow Fight

Sponsored by the Missouri Hall Student Advisers

1 p.m. • Oct. 9
Stokes Stadium

The gates will open at 12:30 p.m., please arrive early because it will take a little time to check in.

The event is open to all Truman students, faculty and staff. The advisers are hoping for 1,500 people to attend, so please tell your friends and bring your pillow. Contact the Missouri Hall Office at 785.4472 with any questions.

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General Honors Students to Share Their Experiences

The General Honors Committee and the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs are hosting the Annual General Honors Informational Reception at 4:45 p.m., Oct. 7, in the Violette Hall Commons.

There will be speakers and literature about the Honors Program, competitive fellowships and other ways of demonstrating academic excellence at Truman State University. A number of the students who will be receiving medals this year will be present to tell of their experiences with Truman’s General Honors Program. Refreshments will be served and Michelle Jones will provide piano music.

Truman State University’s General Honors Program is not the usual honors program. With Truman’s outstanding student body, highly-qualified faculty and staff, small class sizes, interdisciplinary seminars and Residential College Program, Truman already gives every student the benefits many universities can only give to their honors students. All Truman students are eligible to pursue General Honors by taking the courses designated by the respective disciplines as being those courses whose successful completion by a non-major is especially noteworthy.

More information about Truman’s General Honors Program, as well as information on numerous honorary societies and departmental honors in many of Truman’s programs is found on the General Honors Web site at http://honors.truman.edu. For more information, contact Patricia Burton, director of the General Honors Program, at 785.7247 or Crista Chappell at 785.4109.

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**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Sept. 15 - Oct. 15**

**“Real Women Have Curves” Movie**

9-11:30 p.m. • Oct. 8 • VH 1010

This is the story of Ana, a first generation Mexican-American teenager on the verge of becoming a woman.
Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English, had his political essay “The Biggest Snowjob in History” published in the Okanagan Valley Gazette-Tribune (Oroville and Tonasket, Wash.) and the Davidson Trader (Welcome, N.C.).

Matthew G. Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages, had a review of Toby Osborne’s new book out by Cambridge Studies in Italian History and Culture Series titled “Dynasty and Diplomacy in the Court of Savoy” accepted for publication in the Sixteenth Century Journal.

Truman’s Recycling Center Celebrates One Year of Recycling Glass

The Truman Recycling Center is celebrating its first anniversary of using its new glass recycling machine, which provides area residents the option of recycling their glass.

“The success of the program was contingent upon the citizens willingness to bring their rinsed glass to Truman’s Recycling Center and they did,” Howard Worcester, Truman recycling coordinator, said.

The first two months of operation the Center averaged approximately 100 pounds of glass a day. Recently, the Center has averaged more than 550 pounds a day. Worcester estimates that about 35 cars a day drop off glass at the Center.

The machine grinds glass to a course sand, which can then be used as drainage fill, pothole filler, sidewalk construction and numerous artistic projects. Truman has already used more than 30 tons on campus in various cement and pipe fill projects.

The machine was purchased with grant money from the State of Missouri Region C Solid Waste Management District.

For more information about the Center or purchasing the recycled glass, call Worcester at 785.7672.

Truman Students Assist with FoodFest

Sept. 18 marked the fourth annual Northeast Missouri FoodFest on the Square in Kirksville. The FoodFest, which was co-sponsored by the Truman Agricultural Science Department and University of Missouri Extension, drew a crowd of about 450 people to the Courthouse lawn.

Attractions included a kid-friendly Sustainable Farm Model, displays (many offering free samples) from local farmers and musicians, cider pressing demonstrations and a cook-off using local foods. Truman students helped to plan and publicize the FoodFest as well as demonstrate cider pressing, participate in the local foods cook-off and supervise registration and door prize drawings.

The objective behind the FoodFest is to showcase local foods and educate the general public about the foods they consume and the methods typically used in food production. The Sustainable Farm Model, displayed courtesy of the Community Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture program at Mizzou, visually portrays how a sustainable food system might encourage resource conservation, farm profitability and vibrant local economies by developing closer relationships between farmers, consumers and other local businesses.

FoodFest participants also were exposed to the variety of foods grown in northeast Missouri that can be purchased fresh from the Farmers’ Market rather than days or weeks old at a supermarket. The samples and cooking demonstrations encouraged people to try new foods as well as illustrating ways to prepare these foods.

The FoodFest helps reconnect “eaters” with farmers and with the land by encouraging them to make food and lifestyle decisions that will ultimately benefit both humans and the Earth by protecting the valuable resources.

United Way Campaign at Truman Begins

This year the Truman campus United Way fund drive kicked-off with a workshop for group leaders. Leaders are contacting Truman employees to give them the opportunity to contribute toward the support of any one or all of the 14 local agencies served by the Adair County United Way.

Truman employees may contribute by using payroll deduction. A pledge of $104 gives each Truman employee an entry into the drawing for a $2,000 vacation.

The campus community of faculty, staff and students will be working together throughout the month of October to reach this year’s Truman goal of $51,000.

SAB FALL CONCERT
Yellowcard with Mae and Lucero
7 p.m.
Oct. 8
Pershing Arena

Tickets cost $10 with student ID and $20 for general admission.

Tickets are available at the SAB office Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with opening acts beginning at 7 p.m.

No food or drink is allowed.
Advisers are needed for active student organizations. Any faculty or staff member interested in supporting student activities may contact Robin Taylor in the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 or robilt@truman.edu. An informational meeting for Sacred Sites in Greece IV, a six-credit-hour summer 2005 study abroad class, will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 5, in the SUB Governors Room. Those interested will be able to view slides from previous Greece trips, go over the itinerary for the next class (planned for May 17 to June 7) and discuss ways to finance the program. For more information, contact M. Lynn Rose, lynnrose@truman.edu, 785.4057; or Steven Reschly at sdr@truman.edu or 785.4648.

The Muslim Student's Association is sponsoring "Everybody Loves Abdullah" featuring comedian Ray Hanania at 8 p.m., Oct. 5, in the SUB Activities Room. Free admission. Contact Ruqayya Muhammad at 785.4774 for additional information.

Oct. 6 is the final day for Missourians to register to vote for the Nov. 2 general election. Those who have not registered to vote yet, may go to the Adair County Clerk’s Office located in the County Courthouse, downtown Kirksville, and fill out a card. You need to have a valid driver’s license or a photo ID. For anyone who is already registered in Adair County, but has moved since filling out a registration card, you need to call the County Clerk’s Office at 665.3380 and inform them of the change.

The Weekly Lunch Series will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Oct. 6, in the SUB Spanish Room. This week’s topic is “Giving ‘Good’ Grades: Written Work.” Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

The Department of Public Safety has scheduled several van driving classes that are required to drive Truman’s full-size vans at 3 p.m., Oct. 6 and Oct. 7, at the Public Safety Building. There is no fee. For more information, contact the Department of Public Safety at 785.4177.

The University Counseling Services will be sponsoring a National Depression Screening Day from noon-4 p.m., Oct. 7, in the Student Union Building. An information table will be set up outside of the Mainstreet Market. The screening is available free of charge to all Truman students and is confidential. For more information, contact Brian Krylowicz at 785.4014.

The Child Development Center will begin its 2004-2005 Seminar Series this week with a presentation by Keri Bodendieck, assistant professor of communication, at 5 p.m., Oct. 7, in VH 1320. The presentation is called “Add a Little Red 40, Blue 2, Yellow 5 and 6! What We Do to Our Food: Research into the Dangers of Food Coloring and Kids.” The program is for parents and all people interested in the development of young children. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare can be arranged by contacting the Education Division Office at 785.4383 at least two days before the event. The Division of Education also co-sponsors this program.

Global Issues Colloquium will feature a program “The 2004 U.S. Presidential Election: Views From Abroad” at 7 p.m., Oct. 7, in VH 1000. Truman international students will be exploring the perceptions and impact in their home countries of the U.S. elections. Call The Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477.

Nursing students will present “Transcultural Experiences in the Philippines” at 7 p.m., Oct. 7, in the SUB Governors Room. The public is welcome to attend.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday’s publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an email 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 submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.