Boeing Makes $50,000 Gift to University

The Boeing Company has made a $50,000 gift to the Truman State University Foundation.

Boeing has directed that $10,000 of the gift will be used for annual scholarships in the Division of Business and Accountancy and the Division of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The remaining $40,000 of the gift will be used in the Division of Education for the Master of Education in Teaching (MET), a new alternative teacher preparation project. This is Boeing’s second donation for this project.

Key features of the MET project are the recruitment of mid-career professionals to teaching, a program design requiring two summer terms of study followed by one to two years of mediated support, a competency-based approach to professional preparation, new opportunities for external groups to actively participate in the teacher education process, and a focus on student achievement as the required outcome of teacher’s work.

Boeing is Truman’s second largest corporate contributor and has given more than $220,000 in gifts to the University.

“We are grateful to Boeing for their continued investment in Truman and our students,” University President Barbara Dixon said.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Begins New Season with the Kansas City Symphony

The 2005-2006 Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will kick off the season with a performance by the Kansas City Symphony at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 13, in Baldwin Auditorium.

Recognized internationally for their artistry and achievements, the musicians of the Kansas City Symphony will perform an exhilarating program of classical masterworks.

Resident Conductor Timothy Hankewich conducts the ensemble the Kansas City Star calls “a truly great orchestra.”

Founded in 1982, the Kansas City Symphony has evolved into a primary force in the cultural life of Kansas City and the region. The orchestra has released two recordings, “American Voices” and “The Sound of Kansas City.” The Kansas City Symphony has also performed on National Public Radio and has taped two nationally broadcast PBS television specials.

Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with their University ID. Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office, lower level of the SUB. Faculty and staff may pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB.

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series began in 1899 as a lecture course. The Series aims to broaden the cultural experience of students, faculty, staff and the community through speakers, music and drama. Each year the Series brings a wide selection of attractions to the Truman campus, which includes professional musicians and dance troupes.

The 2005-2006 season features the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, the Nebraska Theatre Caravan’s performance of “A Christmas Carol” (tentative), the Montana Repertory Theatre’s production of “The Trip to Bountiful,” the Kansas City Ballet, Rhonda Vincent & The Rage and the Truman Showcase featuring the University Orchestra & University Chorus. Check the schedule on page 2 for more information.

Call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 for more information about the Kansas City Symphony’s performance.
Nagan Part of Personnel to Receive $100,000 National Science Foundation Grant

M aria Nagan, assistant professor of chemistry, was one of several senior personnel on a $100,000 grant funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

George Shields, Winslow professor of chemistry, was the Principal Investigator on the grant, titled, “Acquisition of a Linux Cluster for the Molecular Education and Research Consortium in Undergraduate computational chemistRy (MERCURY).” The grant has been funded by the NSF’s Division of Chemistry through the Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI).

Karl Kirschner and Steve Young were key personnel on the grant, helping to identify the appropriate hardware and software, as well as helping to write the proposal. In addition, MERCURY members Carol Parish of the University of Richmond, Marc Zimmer of Connecticut College, Maria Gomez of Mt. Holyoke College, Glenisson de Oliveira of Rhode Island College, Tricia Shepherd of Westminster College (Utah), and Wingfield Glasey of Wooster College were senior personnel on the grant proposal. The research efforts of the entire consortium were essential for the success of the NSF-MRI grant. The Linux Cluster will be built, maintained, and operated at Hamilton College. All the MERCURY members will use the Cluster for computational chemistry research.

As outlined in the proposal, the MERCURY members all work with undergraduates using computers to explore atmospheric chemistry (Kirschner and Shields), materials science and physical chemistry (Glassy, Gomez and Shepherd), and biochemistry (de Oliveira, Kirschner, Nagan, Parish, Shields and Zimmer). The MERCURY faculty plan to increase the number of undergraduates participating and benefiting from this stimulating and highly productive environment.

One of the highlights and great benefits of the MERCURY consortium is the annual meeting, which occurs at the end of July and is hosted by Hamilton College. This summer marked the fourth meeting, with six distinguished faculty from research universities, national laboratories and industry joining about 50 undergraduates and 20 professors from undergraduate institutions. Highlights of the meeting include the undergraduate poster session, and mingling with other students and faculty from other colleges and universities. More information about MERCURY can be found at http://mercury.chem.hamilton.edu/.

Beta Theta Pi Receives Chapter Awards, Professor Wins Advisor of the Year Award

The Truman chapter of Beta Theta Pi was recognized nationally this summer with several prestigious awards at the fraternity’s 166th General Convention in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The chapter won the John Reily Knox Chapter Excellence award, the Francis H. Sisson award and Campus Involvement award.

The Zeta Xi chapter was one of nine chapters to earn the John Reily Knox Chapter Excellence award out of 123 chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada. The Knox award is the highest award a chapter can receive. The Sisson award recognizes responsible personal conduct and commitment to community, among other criteria. This is Truman’s second Knox award and its sixth Sisson award.

The Truman chapter earned a Campus Involvement award for outstanding involvement in campus life, student organizations and leadership positions.

In addition to the chapter awards, the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity honored Robert Tigner, associate professor of psychology, with the fraternity’s Edward B. Taylor Advisor of the Year award. He received the award at an evening celebration in conjunction with the fraternity’s 166th General Convention on Aug. 4.

Tigner is the second non-Beta to receive the award, and he is only one of 22 chapter advisers across the United States and Canada to have received the award in its history.

He has served as the adviser to the Truman chapter for nine years and has overseen the evolution of a newly formed colony into a nationally recognized chapter of excellence.
Robert Graber, professor of anthropology and sociology, has completed his latest book, “Plunging to Leviathan? Exploring the World’s Political Future.” Paradigm Publishers will release the hardcover edition this October; a paperback edition is planned for release next year.

Jose Herrera, associate professor of biology, has had his article “Assessment of Fungal Growth on Sodium Polyborate-treated Cellulose Insulation” accepted for publication in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene.

Emily Krogmann, a sophomore health science major from Hannibal, Mo., will receive the Missouri Coalition for Quality Care Student Scholarship (MCQC) at the Annual MCQC Awards Breakfast on Oct. 7 in Kansas City, Mo. Krogmann will be recognized for her work as a Missouri Long-Term Care Ombudsman as well as her legislative advocacy and lobbying efforts on behalf of quality nursing home care legislation.

Candice Luebbering, a May 2004 Truman graduate, and Michelle Foard, a junior music major from St. Charles, Mo., were featured in a special issue of the Phi Kappa Phi Forum. Luebbering was a 2005 Award of Excellence recipient. Foard received a 2005 Study Abroad award.

Kyung-Chun (Andrew) Mun, associate professor of finance, has been notified that his paper, “Volatility and Correlation in International Stock Markets and the Role of Exchange Rate Fluctuations,” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions, and Money (forthcoming 2006). Mun is currently on sabbatical leave in Korea, teaching at Yonsei University (Yonsei School of Business).

Barry C. Poyner, professor of communication, has published a new work, One Another Christianity: Mutual Edification (Star Bible, 2005). The work contains 13 chapters with study questions suitable for church quarters.


Phi Beta Lambda Earns Gold Seal Chapter Award, Students Receive Recognition

The Truman State University chapter of Phi Beta Lambda received the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. The conference took place from June 29-July 2 in Orlando, Fla.

Several Truman students were recognized at the awards program. Amy Rowden, a sophomore physics and economics double major from Dixon, Mo., received first place in business law. Kyle Gifford, a senior computer science major from Columbia, Mo., earned third place in information management. Sabrina Sandeen, a senior accounting major from St. Louis, placed seventh in economics. Alaina Murray, a senior business administration major from Novelty, Mo., earned eighth place in state chapter annual business report.

Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business. There are more than 11,000 active members in the United States. Missouri has more than 700 members in 30 chapters and ranks second in membership nationwide.

Art Gallery Displays Two Exhibits

The Truman State University Art Gallery presents two exhibits until Sept. 30.

A solo exhibit of Jo Stealey’s work is on display in the Spotlight (side) Gallery. A public reception will take place at 6 p.m., Sept. 12, at the University Art Gallery.

An art faculty exhibit, “The Truman Show,” is on display in the gallery. A public reception will take place at 6 p.m., Sept. 19, at the University Art Gallery.

Important Information from the Registrar’s Office

Students living off-campus should update their local mailing address with the University via TuView. Address changes can also be made in the Registrar’s Office, McClain Hall 104. Students are responsible for all information sent to their local mailing address from University offices and personnel conducting University business.

Returning students who completed courses at other colleges or universities during the summer semester need to send official transcripts for this work to the Registrar’s Office by Sept. 30. Students who have already sent a transcript to Truman should check their transcript on TuView to be sure that this credit appears correctly on their records.

The tentative spring 2006 schedule is now available via TuView. To view the schedules, select “search open course list” from either the student or the faculty tab.

Graduation applications for undergraduates who want to graduate in May 2006 are due in the Registrar’s Office by Sept. 9. Applications and degree worksheets are available at http://registrar.truman.edu. The tentative spring 2006 schedule is available via the TuView open course list to help students complete their application.

December 2005 Undergraduate Degree Candidates: If you have made any changes in your course schedule(s) since you submitted your graduation application and have not yet updated your application with the Registrar’s Office, you need to do so immediately. Updates can be made in the Registrar’s Office, McClain Hall 104, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You do not need to complete a new application. To remain on the graduation list, all changes to your degree plan and all required substitutions must be on file in the Registrar’s Office no later than Sept. 30.
Expanding Environmental Consciousness, Truman's only student-led discussion class, will take place on Mondays from 6:30-8:20 p.m. Students who wish to take the class should register under BIO444: Section 05, CRN: 7968. The $50 add/drop fee will be waived for a limited amount of time. Contact Cassie Phillips at 785.7225 for more information.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic is offering free hearing evaluations from 2:30-3:20 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, in Barnett Hall 121. Anyone interested should call Connie at 785.7414 between 8 a.m.-noon.

Students interested in the Semester at Sea program should attend an information session from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 6, in the Centennial Hall Lounge and the Student Union Building. Students have the opportunity to visit 10 countries and earn 12-15 credit hours through this program. Contact Hilde McAlister at 314.821.7130 for more information.

An informational meeting for students interested in interning in the Washington Center Program during spring 2006 or summer 2006 will be at 7 p.m., Sept. 6, in Baldwin Hall 249. Application workshops will take place at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 9, in Baldwin Hall 351 and at 9 a.m., Sept. 13, in Baldwin Hall 351. Go to http://www.truman.edu or contact Diane Tobin Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman Horseman’s Association will be having an informational meeting from 7-8 p.m., Sept. 9, in Baldwin Hall 303. Upcoming events and horseback riding opportunities will be discussed. Contact Katie Smith at tshorsemail@yahoo.com for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning will launch its Weekly Lunch Series for faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs with reports from the 2004-2005 E-Fellows at 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sept. 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. Participants may receive $3.00 toward their Sodexho meal by signing the attendance sheet at any of the Student Union checkout counters. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

Pan-hellenic Welcome, a mandatory event for women interested in sorority recruitment, will be from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 7, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Dress is business casual.

The Pre-Law Club will meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m., Sept. 8, in Violette Hall 1430. Students interested in law school or jobs in the legal field are encouraged to come. For more information, contact Ryan Lewis at 314.706.5435.

The one-act play, “Georgia Out of My Mind,” will be presented from 8-9 p.m., Sept. 8 and Sept. 9, in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theater. Truman faculty Becky Becker and Daryl Fazio star in the two-woman, 10-character play directed by Joanne Mather. Contact Fazio at 785.7728 for more information.

The Observatory will be open to the public weather permitting from 8:30-10:30 p.m., Sept. 8, at the University Farm. Go to http://observatory.truman.edu for additional information.

The Truman Biology Seminar Series kicks off this semester with “Preparing for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools After Truman” from 12:30-1:20 p.m., Sept. 9, in Magruder Hall 2050. Refreshments will be available at 12:15 p.m. The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 9, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning’s New Faculty Dinner Series will be from 5-7 p.m., Sept. 9, in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. Contact Julie Lochbaum at lochbaum@truman.edu for more information.

107.5 FM is hosting a Back to School Bash from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 9, in the Dobson Courtyard. The concert will feature live music and is free.

The Northeast Missouri Food Fest will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 10, in the Kirksville square. This event, sponsored by Truman’s agricultural department, will feature free locally produced food, live entertainment by a local band, cooking contests, kids games, door prizes and more. Call 665.9866 for more information.

“Cinderella Ballet” will be presented from 7-8 p.m., Sept. 10, in Baldwin Auditorium. The production is a student-created punk rendition of the classic fairy tale for fulfillment of Theater 481 class. Contact Tiffany Nelson at tcn432@truman.edu for more information.

Tau Lambda Sigma will have an informational night at 7 p.m., Sept. 12, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Tau Lambda Sigma is a local service sorority. Additional nights of recruitment will be a game night at 7 p.m., Sept. 13, in the Student Union Building Governors Room and a service night at 7 p.m., Sept. 14, in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. For more information, contact Sarah Anderson at 627.5673 or sarahanderson317@hotmail.com.

Cardinal Key will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from noon-5 p.m., Sept. 13-15, in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Contact Mary Beth Wims at 665.6574 for more information.

The Global Issues Colloquium will take place from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 15, in Violette Hall 1000. Contact Julie Lochbaum at lochbaum@truman.edu for more information.

Students Activity Board (SAB) presents a double-feature drive-in movie at 8 p.m., Sept. 16, in Red Barn Park. Students are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Popcorn and soda pop will be provided. Call 785.4722 for more information.

The Child Development Center (CDC) at Truman State University has added a new Monday, Wednesday and Friday (MWF) half-day preschool program. The new MWF half-time program’s schedule will be from 7:15-11:15 a.m. or 1:30-5:30 p.m. Tuition rates for this program are competitive with community tuition rates. If interested, call the CDC’s Head Teacher Heather Rohn at 785.4473 or the CDC Director Jo Agnew-Tally at 660.349.0032.

107.5 FM is accepting applications for disc jockeys. Applications are available online at http://dobsoradio.truman.edu. No experience is required.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee invites Gender and Empire Papers from members of the Truman and Kirksville communities. Please send abstracts to Linda Seidel, Division of Language and Literature, Truman State University or lseidel@truman.edu. The deadline is Jan. 31, 2006.

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