Fung Announced as 2006 Vreeland Lecturer

Hung-Gay Fung, the Dr. Y.S. Tsiang professor of Chinese studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has been invited to Truman as this year’s Vreeland Lecturer and will give a public lecture titled “A Rise of Capitalism in China” at 7 p.m., Feb. 1, in Violette Hall 1000.

Fung has published extensively on China’s financial markets. He has published more than 80 scholarly papers related to China, financial issues, and international finance in refereed journals. He currently serves as the editor of two journals: China and World Economy, published by the Chinese Academy of Social Science, a think tank in Beijing, China, and Chinese Economy, published by M. E. Sharpe. He has also published several books on Chinese economy and international banking.

Fung has organized several business conferences related to China in both St. Louis and Beijing, China. In addition, he has conducted executive training seminars on China for Mastercard International and the St. Louis School District Cooperative. He has given many lectures on China in local conferences in St. Louis.

Fung is active in the outreach of the St. Louis Chinese community. He has served on boards for many Chinese organizations, such as the Organization of Chinese Americans, Mid-West Chinese American Science and Technology, the St. Louis Chinese Association and the St. Louis Academy of Chinese language school. He is the founding president of the St. Louis chapter of 80-20, a civil rights organization for Asian Americans. He was the chairman of the 2001 Chinese Culture Day and has been the board member of Chinese Culture Days at the Missouri Botanical Garden for many years.

For more information, contact Huping Ling, professor of Asian history, at 785.4654 or hling@truman.edu.

Second Annual TruTech Challenge to Award Dell PDAs to Grand Prize Winners

Truman’s TLTR (Teaching/Learning Technology Roundtable) has announced that Dell, Inc. has again donated two Dell PDAs (personal digital assistants) to be awarded as grand prizes for Truman’s second annual TruTech Challenge.

The TruTech Challenge is a juried competition of projects that use technology to achieve some learning outcome. Students, faculty, staff, classes, and student organizations are invited to submit projects to the Challenge. Submitters will be asked to present their projects at Truman’s Technology Fair during the University Conference on Feb. 15. The Challenge’s grand prize winners will also be unveiled and awarded their Dell PDAs at the Conference.

The deadline for project submissions is Jan. 27. All submissions should be sent to Chad Mohler, either via e-mail at cmohler@truman.edu or campus mail (Chad Mohler, Division of Social Science, McClain Hall 214).
Breuning Leads Training Program for AIDS Prevention in Ethiopia

Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, visited the village of Keraru in the Arsi Negelle area of Ethiopia in late December to lead a training program for community workers and educators in AIDS Prevention Education.

The Stay Alive AIDS Prevention Education Program will be taught to students ages 8-12 in the area’s schools. Breuning also made the hand puppets that will be distributed to the teachers to use in this educational program.

As part of her sabbatical year research project, Breuning traveled with a nongovernmental nonprofit organization called Ascend Alliance to learn more about development and women's issues. She hopes that her participation in this expedition may pave the way for Truman students to participate in similar expeditions in the future.

Students Selected for Washington, D.C., Internships

One Truman student has recently been accepted to the Congressional Leadership Program at The Washington Center (TWC) as part of the 2006 Truman in Washington Program.

Ryan McDaniels, a junior political science major from St. Peters, Mo., has been placed as an intern this spring with Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Alisha Lingenfelter, a senior biology major from Beaufort, Mo., will do an internship after she graduates in May through TWC. David Bonner, a junior political science major from Matteson, Ill., has been accepted to the Legislative Internship Program at TWC for the summer.

Students may contact Diane Tobin Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu or at 785.7852 for application materials. Deadline for applications is Jan. 27.

Rott Named New Public Relations Intern

The Public Relations Office has announced pre-law communication major Terri Rott as its intern for the spring semester. Rott, a graduate of Incarnate Word Academy, is from St. Louis, Mo. She is the daughter of Bob and Mary Rott and has two siblings, twin sister Mary, a senior at Fontbonne University, and Bob, a sophomore at Fontbonne University.

As the intern, she will assist in the writing, producing, and distributing of the University newsletter, Truman Today, as well as posting it online. She will also be responsible for editing the calendar on Channel 36, writing press releases, and performing various office duties.

Rott currently serves as a Pledge Educator for service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Pi Eta, Alpha Psi Omega and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Rott’s interest in obtaining experience and skills in various communication outlets has led her to this position.
The Truman chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) has been selected as an Outstanding SPS Chapter for the 2004-2005 school year. Less than 10 percent of the SPS chapters nationwide are so honored, about one per state.

Betty Louise McLane-Iles, professor of French, and Lawrence Iles, Independent Labour Heritage British historian and writer, have been notified that their joint article “History of Modern British Theater 1980-2000” has been published in the Encyclopedia of British Theater. McLane-Iles’s article “Reflections on Paris” will be included in the forthcoming issue of Well-Versed, an annual publication of the Columbia Chapter of the Missouri State Writers’ Guild. She was formerly inducted into membership of the French Socialist Party in September 2005 while on sabbatical in Paris.

Scholarships Available

The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City is offering educational grants and interest free loans to female college students who reside in the greater Kansas City area and attend Kansas or Missouri schools. The Kansas City area is defined as Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

Applications must be a senior or graduate level student at the beginning of the next academic year, with at least a 3.0 GPA. Sorority membership is not required to apply for this program. To be considered for a grant or loan, a completed application form, all required supporting material, and a letter of recommendation must be on file with the Grants and Loans Committee by Feb. 10. Applications are available online at http://www.kcpanhel.com.

The National Garden Club is offering scholarships up to $3,500 to qualifying junior, senior and graduate students enrolled in a Missouri college or university who are majoring in agriculture education, horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management or an allied subject.

Applications must be submitted on the required application form and mailed to the Webster Groves Herb Society.

Visit the Financial Aid Office for an application for this scholarship. The deadline for scholarship submission is March 1.

The Webster Groves Herb Society is offering a scholarship up to $3,000 to qualifying sophomore, junior, senior and graduate students enrolled in a Missouri college or university who are majoring in agriculture education, horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management or an allied subject.

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SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) offers scholarship assistance to those pursuing careers in the $29 billion specialty equipment industry. Career path opportunities include: accounting, administration, advertising/PR, design/graphics, engineering, information technology, manufacturing, photography/journalism, race car driver/crew, sales/marketing, technicians and transportation.

For further information, visit the SEMA Web site at http://www.sema.org/scholarships.

The ESA Foundation Scholarship Program offers scholarships for Missouri students, adult learners, cancer survivors, graduate students, the “B” students, and students majoring in teaching education, nursing or any medical field. Log on to http://www.esaintl.com/esaf for more information.
Students who are interested in securing off-campus housing for next academic year may find helpful information at http://saffairs.truman.edu/rentals/index.htm. Students may also pick up a Rental Housing Guide from the Student Senate Office, lower level of the Student Union Building.

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) has updated their policies for posting on campus. These policies are available at the CSI, lower level of the Student Union Building.

2005 Homecoming apparel is on sale: short or long sleeve T-shirts are $5, crew neck sweatshirts are $10 and hooded sweatshirts are $15. Homecoming apparel is available in the Center for Student Involvement. Call 785.4222 for additional information.

The International Student Affairs Office is looking for local families to link up with the new international students arriving in January. This is not a homestay program, but a chance for students and the families alike to learn about different cultures. Students and families enjoy participating together in normal activities such as shopping, sharing meals, and watching movies. Contact the International Student Affairs Office at 785.4215 for more information.

The University Art Gallery presents the national juried competition of contemporary art until Feb. 24. Contact Aaron Fine at 785.5386 for more information.

Truman’s Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team will be having informational meetings open to students from all majors at any levels. The meetings will be at 6 p.m., Jan. 24-26, in Violette Hall 1416. Contact Allison Atchley at ala230@truman.edu for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series begins the semester with “Faces of Truman: Steve Pennington - What can Center for Faculty Networking Do for You?” from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Jan. 25, in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

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 abstract deadline is Jan. 31.

Applications are now being accepted for The Next STEP’s 2006 Summer Undergraduate Research Experience. Applications can be found and completed online at http://step.truman.edu. The deadline for applications is Feb. 1. For more information or assistance, contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 Graduate Fellowship competition. Eligible students must be an active member of Phi Kappa Phi and have applied to enroll as a full-time student in a post-baccalaureate program of study. Selection will be based on the applicant’s promise of success in graduate or professional study as evidenced by academic achievement, study, leadership, service, letters of recommendation, acceptance in an approved graduate program, and a statement of goals. Nationwide, 60 Graduate Fellowships in the amount of $5,000 and 40 Awards of Excellence worth $2,000 will be awarded. Applications are due to the Truman chapter, care of Mike Ashcraft, Social Science Division, by Feb. 1. Application materials are available online at http://www.phikappaphi.org. Contact Wynne Wilbur at 785.4435 or wwilbur@truman.edu for more information.

National Wear Red Day for Heart Disease Awareness will be Feb. 3. Everyone is encouraged to wear red clothing or shoes to support and raise awareness for women’s heart disease. For more information, contact Malita Winge at maw737@truman.edu.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 3, at the University Club. For more information, contact Marc Becker at 785.6036.

Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 Study Abroad Grant competition. All Truman students are eligible to apply and should have a minimum of 56 credit hours and no more than 90 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5. Winners will receive $1,000 for study abroad between May 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. Deadline for applications (submitted to the Society Headquarters) is Feb. 15. Application materials may be obtained online at http://www.phikappaphi.org. For more information, contact Wynne Wilbur at 785.4435 or wwilbur@truman.edu.

Applications for the 2006 Homecoming committee are now available in the CSI Office. Completed applications are due to the CSI Office by 4 p.m., Feb. 15. Interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 21-22.

Upward Bound, a college-preparatory program serving Northeast Missouri high school students, has open positions for on-campus summer employment. Teaching positions include: composition, literature, yearbook/journalism, chemistry/physics, Spanish, performance and dance. Non-teaching positions include: residential coordinator, residential mentors, night supervisor, photographer and college freshmen mentor. Information and materials can be found in KB 220 or at http://ub.truman.edu. Completed application packets are due Feb. 17.