Nelson to Present Baldwin Lecture

Craig E. Nelson, National Carnegie Scholar and professor emeritus at Indiana University, will visit Truman on Feb. 15 as the 2006 Baldwin Lecturer. His lecture, “Maps for Understanding Liberal Education,” will be at 12:45 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room, immediately following the Baldwin Luncheon.

Nelson will also present a concurrent session during the University Conference Day schedule. This session, “Balancing Rigor and Nurture in the College Classroom,” will be at 10 a.m., Feb. 15. All staff, students and faculty are welcome to attend both sessions.

Nelson joined the faculty at Indiana University in Bloomington in 1966. His discipline research extends to more than 60 articles and book chapters focused primarily on evolution and ecology. He has written dozens of articles on teaching which have addressed a wide variety of subjects, including critical thinking, mature valuing, diversity and the teaching of evolution. Nelson has taught several courses in biology as well as intensive freshman seminars and great books and other honors courses. Several collaboratively taught interdisciplinary courses are of particular interest to Truman, especially a three-course, liberal-arts cluster called “Knowing, Knowledge, and Their Limits: Literature, Psychology, and Biology.” This course was taken by a young man who is now a member of the Truman faculty, Royce Kallerud, associate professor of English. In “retirement,” Nelson continues to teach NSF-sponsored Chautauqua short courses, tackling the problem of “Increasing the Retention of Under-represented Groups - and the Learning of All Groups - in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Courses.”

During his career, Nelson received several distinguished teaching awards from Indiana University, and was also the recipient of nationally competitive awards from Vanderbilt University and Northwestern University. He has been a Carnegie Scholar since 2000. He was named the “Outstanding Research and Doctoral University Professor of the Year 2000” by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Nelson was key to the development of Indiana University’s award-winning Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) program. He received the President’s Medal for Excellence, “the highest honor bestowed by Indiana University,” in 2001. He was the first president of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, which he helped found in 2004.

Yet, Nelson may be best known for his irreverent nature. This is likely to appear at any time, and can be noted even within his research questions. For example, in his discipline research, Nelson has asked, “Why should an orchid scare the heck out of its pollinators?” and, “When is stealing a mate preferable to advertising for one?” In his educational research, Nelson has developed questions like, “Must faculty teach in ways that make them easily dispensible?” which was the subject of a National Teaching and Learning Forum published in 2000, or titles like “Skewered on the Unicorn’s Horn: The Illusion of a Tragic Tradeoff Between Content and Critical Thinking in the Teaching of Science,” which was an invited chapter in a Jossey-Bass book in 1994.

The 2006 Baldwin Lecturer is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. For more information, contact Julie Lochbaum at 785.4391 or ctl@truman.edu.
For Readers of The New York Times Online

As part of the Collegiate Readership Program, Truman has received a limited number of access codes to TimesSelect, an online service of The New York Times.

Members of the Truman community can pick up a free access code at the Student Senate Office in the Student Union Building, the Reference Desk in Pickler Memorial Library, or the Residential College Program Main Office in Baldwin Hall 101.

Global Issues Colloquium
“Counting In Korean: Eastern Conceptualization of Mathematics; Western Pragmatism and Creativity”
What is behind the differences in primary mathematics education in Asia and in the west? A look through the lenses of Korean and American primary mathematics.

Janice Grow, professor of education, will present this session.
7 p.m. • Feb. 9
Pershing Building 234

The Division of Business and Accountancy presents Laura Patterson, president and co-founder of VisionEdge Marketing, Inc., as the 2006 Bentele/Mallinckrodt Executive-in-Residence

Open sessions for all students:
“Customer Centricity: The Road to Success”
6:30-8 p.m. • Feb. 21
Violette Hall 1000

“How to Strategically Marketing Services to Build Value and Beat the Competition”
3:30-5 p.m. • Feb. 22
Violette Hall 1000

This program is sponsored by the J.M.C.E.R.A. Group which endows the Raymond F. Bentele/Mallinckrodt Executive-in-Residence Program.

“Murderball” Athlete to Present on Campus

Bob Lujano, a Paralympic rugby athlete who was featured in the documentary film “Murderball,” will be presenting “No Arms, No Legs, No Problem!” at 7 p.m., Feb. 22, in Baldwin Auditorium.

Lujano will be speaking about the sport of wheelchair rugby, his involvement in the film “Murderball,” and living life with a disability.

Lujano was born in Wichita, Kan., and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts in pre-law. He holds a M.S. in sports management from the University of Tennessee. He’s also a quadruple amputee. On Jan. 7, 1979, he lost limbs below the elbow and above the knee, due to a rare blood disease called Meningococcemia, a rare form of meningitis.

In July 2005, Lujano was featured in the documentary “Murderball.” This film, winner of the best documentary award at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, treks the trials and tribulations of the United States quad rugby team as they prepare for the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece.

The sport of “Murderball,” quad rugby, combines the finesse of soccer with the bone-jarring collisions of a demolition derby. The athletes use custom wheelchairs that look like something out of a “Mad Max” movie. Players careen around the court with reckless abandon, like a rock-em-sock-em NHL on wheels. They smash. They spill. They sweat. They score.

During the process, they also unwittingly seek and destroy stereotypes about people with spinal cord injuries.

In his 10 years of playing quad rugby, Lujano has won five U.S. Quad Rugby National Championships with the Lakeshore Demolition of Birmingham, Ala., and three medals playing rugby for Team U.S.A.: a gold at the 1999 World Wheelchair Games, a silver at the World Championships, and a bronze at the 2004 Paralympics. For seven years he has worked at the Lakeshore Foundation, an official U.S. Paralympic Training Site, as coordinator of athletics.

Lujano’s presentation is sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi, with funding from the Funds Allotment Council and the Residential College Program. All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend free of charge. There will also be a free screening of the film “Murderball” at 2 p.m., Feb. 19, in Violette Hall 1000.

Contact Lukin Murphy at 785.7162 for more details.

38th Annual Jazz Festival Features Dick Oatts and Mike Kocour

The 38th annual Truman State University Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival will present alto saxophonist Dick Oatts and jazz pianist Mike Kocour at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 25, in Baldwin Auditorium.

The event revolves around an all-day jazz competition that brings in more than 25 bands from middle schools and high schools from Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas.

“The closest cities that have live jazz of this caliber are St. Louis and Kansas City,” Jazz Fest Chair Barry Watson said. “But once every year we are able to bring this music that is rich in culture and full of life to the city of Kirksville.”

The main concert features Oatts and Kocour, who has been called “one of the most sophisticated pianist in jazz” by the Chicago Tribune, alongside the Truman jazz ensembles. Tickets are $6 at the door. The guest artists will also play a combo concert from 9-11 p.m., Feb. 24, at Patterson’s. The combo concert is also open to the public. Tickets cost $6 at the door.

For more information, contact Barry Watson at 660.988.0762 or Tim Aubuchon at 785.4412.
Notables

Warren Gooch, professor of music, had his musical composition, “Truman Fanfare,” broadcast throughout East Asia on Hong Kong Public Radio, RTHK Radio 4, this summer. The piece was broadcast on a radio series titled “Works for Me” on July 30. The series is hosted by composer Christopher Coleman. The performance was by the Truman State University Wind Symphony brass section, conducted by Dan Peterson, director of bands. The Spanish translation of Roy Tanner’s book, “The Humor of Irony and Satire in the Tradiciones Peruanas,” has been published in Lima, Peru. Tanner is a professor of Spanish.

The Zeta Xi chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Truman State University initiated 19 new members on Jan. 21. The new initiates are Tyler Bergtholdt, Aaron Crouse, Ben Griffith, Stephen Grzesiowski, Josh Harris, Joey Higgins, Jason Hightower, Brian Hingst, Zach Hollingsworth, Dustin Homer, Alex Koenen, Matthew Mueller, Kurt Munzer, Jim Poelker, Tom Smith, Joe Stauber, Parker Stock, Christopher Thelling, and John Warner. The Zeta Xi chapter Web site is http://www.zeta-xi.com.

Interview Project to Focus on Student Engagement in Leadership and Service Learning Activities

The annual Interview Project will be conducted during the next several weeks of this semester. This year’s Interview Project will address issues concerning student engagement in leadership and service learning activities.

Teams of one volunteer faculty member and one student will interview approximately 100 seniors. Faculty members may arrange to conduct interviews with student co-interviewers of their choice, or volunteer student co-interviewers can be arranged. Interview sessions will include refreshments.

Formal interviews will take place on Monday evenings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday and Friday mornings and Saturday during the day. The interviews should be concluded by midterm break, and the findings will be published for the entire University community.

For more information on the Interview Project contact Jeffrey Vittengl, assistant professor of psychology and director of the Interview Project, at 785.6041.

Student Ambassador Applications Now Available

Student Ambassadors is a group of approximately 150 students whose goal it is to promote Truman State University to prospective students and their families. Ambassadors are in charge of visiting with prospective students, giving tours of campus, and assisting with visit events.

Student Ambassadors are responsible, energetic, and, above all, sincere in their desire to relate all aspects of University life to prospective students and their families. Applications are now available and can be picked up in the Office of Admission, McClain Hall 205. Completed applications must be returned to the Office of Admission no later than 5 p.m., Feb. 20. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 22-24 and Feb. 27.

Contact Jill Graves at 785.4114 or jgraves@truman.edu for further details.

Valentine Surprise Bags for Sale

The Truman Student Alumni Council is offering parents, students, faculty and staff a chance to surprise someone on campus with a “Valentine Surprise Bag.”

Filled with Valentine’s Day treats, the bags can be purchased for $10 each Feb. 8-10 in the Advancement Office, located in McClain Hall 101, or at the Truman Online Store at http://store.truman.edu/valentine.

Those who purchase a bag can pick them up from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 13 and Feb. 14, in the hallway in front of Mainstreet Market with their Truman ID.

Nominations are now open for the 2006 Educator of the Year Award.


Alumni Chapter Offers Students Opportunity

For the past three years, Truman State University’s Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter has welcomed Truman students interning in Washington, D.C. The alumni chapter provides logistical support such as airport transportation, social events with Truman alumni and networking/mentoring with alumni working or pursuing graduate studies in the area.

For the coming academic year, the alumni chapter would like to extend its services to all Truman students interested in interning/attending graduate school in Washington, D.C., suburban Maryland, or Northern Virginia.

Interested students should contact Intern Coordinator Anne Baum at Hyattsville@gmail.com or 301.613.1044.

Spring Career Expo 2006

Begin planning now for the Spring Expo 1-5 p.m. • Feb. 28

Student Union Building

Sign up at http://career.truman.edu and click on the Career Expo link.

Students can have their résumé and cover letter critiqued by a full-time staff member or trained career assistant. No appointment necessary.

“The Career Expo Doctor is In” 4-7 p.m.

Feb. 16

Career Center

Résumé review, how to introduce yourself to employers, how to work a career fair, and how to sign up and apply for jobs at Expo.

For more information or assistance with planning for the Expo, stop by the Career Center or call 785.4353.
The Human Resources staff presents “The Power of Choice: Navigating UniCare, Delta, and EyeMed Online” in informative sessions for faculty and staff from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 7 and Feb. 8, in VH 1232. Topics of discussion will include finding providers, viewing plan benefits, and more. Bring ID cards for each line of coverage and a valid e-mail address. R.S.V.P. online at hr.truman.edu/register.

The Phi Kappa Psi Spring Luncheon will be take place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. In addition to a free pizza lunch and chance to chat with friends and colleagues from across campus, the organization will be discussing and voting on some important business including new faculty membership, new student membership, and some changes to its bylaws. R.S.V.P. to Debbie Nothdurft at debbie@truman.edu required.

The 2005 Educator of the Year Award Plaque Unveiling will take place at 4 p.m., Feb. 7, in Pickler Memorial Library. This is to honor last year’s recipient of the Educator of the Year award, Lynn Rose, associate professor of history. Refreshments will be available at a small reception following the unveiling at 4:30 p.m. in the SUB Conference Room. Contact Becky Hadley at rhb936@truman.edu for more information.

The American Marketing Association in conjunction with the Career Center will host a resume workshop from 7-8 p.m., Feb. 7, in VH 1412. All students are welcome to attend, and no pre-event requirements are necessary. Contact Ben Hicks at bh448@truman.edu for more information.

The women of the Society of the Prim Roses announce their spring 2006 recruitment events: “Ships and Sailors,” at 7 p.m., Feb. 7, in the SUB Governors Room; “I Don’t Want to Grow Up,” at 7 p.m., Feb. 8, meet outside the SUB on the Franklin St. side; and by invitation only, Feb. 9 and Feb. 10. For more information, view their Web site at http://primroses.truman.edu or e-mail PrimRoseRecruitment@yahoo.com.

DEPTHS, a new student organization dedicated to gaining personal spiritual knowledge, meets weekly on a variety of spiritual topics at 8 p.m., on Tuesdays, in BH 249. The topic for Feb. 7 is a continuation of last week’s discussion on “Joseph Campbell: Unveiled.” All are welcome to attend. E-mail depths.tsu@gmail.com for more information.

Human Resources, in cooperation with the staff of the Student Health Center, announce the 2006 annual wellness screenings. They will be offering blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and prostate screenings for faculty, staff, and spouses at the Student Health Center. This service is provided free to all who are covered by the University’s health insurance plan. Other faculty, staff, and spouses are welcome to participate for a minimal cost. To attend, you must register for a specific appointment block from 7:30-8 a.m., 8:30-9 a.m., or 8:30-9 a.m. on Feb. 8, Feb. 14, Feb. 15, Feb. 21, Feb. 23 or March 3. No walk-ins will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. for a block, visit http://hr.truman.edu/register. Questions concerning the screening should be addressed to the nursing staff, Student Health Center at 785.4182 or Human Resources at 785.4031.

The women of Cardinal Key are hosting a blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Feb. 8-9, in the Student Union Building. E-mail Jenny Steinhoff at jgs903@truman.edu for details.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series features readings from the 2006 Baldwin speaker from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Feb. 8, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

Students can study in the Alps this summer in Cham- bury, France. Students will be able to enjoy six credit hours of French, family stays, weekend excursions, and five days in Paris from May 30-June 5. Applications are due Feb. 10. Contact Timothy Farley, professor of French, at 785.4520 or tfarley@truman.edu for more information.

The Student Activities Board will be showing “Rent” at 6:30 p.m. and at 9 p.m., Feb. 10, and at 3 p.m., Feb. 11, in VH 1000. No tickets are needed. Call 785.4722 for details.

The Women’s Resource Center presents the Vagina Mono- logues performance at 7 p.m., Feb. 10 and Feb. 11, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are $2 each from Feb. 6-10 in the Student Union Building, and $5 at the door. Contact Dawn Rune at dbarker@truman.edu for more information.

Memorial services for Travis Turco will take place at 6 p.m., Feb. 11, in the SUB Activities Room. Members of the Truman community who knew Turco and would like to contribute to a memory book being compiled for the family are invited to complete the form found at http://safairs.truman.edu/Travis_Turco.pdf and bring the completed form to the Memorial Service. If you are unable to attend the Memorial Service but would like to contribute to the memory book, you may drop the completed form off at the Student Affairs Office in KB 112. Cardinal Key invites all females of sophomore or junior standing (at least 60 Truman credit hours) with a Truman GPA of at least 3.25 to attend their “Make a Difference To- morrow by Serving Today” Rush events: last name A-M from 1-2 p.m. and N-Z from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Feb. 12; last name A-M from 7-8:15 p.m. and N-Z from 8:30-9:45 p.m., Feb. 16, and 6:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 19. All events are in the SUB Activities Room. For more details, visit http://cardinalkey.truman.edu.

The Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir concert is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 12, in the OP Performance Hall has been resched- uled for Feb. 26. Time and location will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Brycen Marner at 314.276.7954 or bjm149@truman.edu.

The members of Phi Sigma Pi will have their spring 2006 rush information meetings at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 13, in the SUB Activities Room. All students with between 15 and 75 Truman credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are invited to attend. Contact Jared Pruessner at jwp132@truman.edu for more information.

The Student Activities Board will host a Trivia Night at 7 p.m., Feb. 13, in the SUB Down Under. No tickets are needed. Teams can have up to five people, free refreshments will be available, and prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact SAB at 785.4722.

Student Senate will unveil the document “Truman Tomor- row: Arete,” its vision for the future of Truman State Univer- sity, at 3 p.m., Feb. 14, in the SUB Alumni Room. All students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to attend. Contact Robert Kelchen at 785.5988 or rkelchen@truman.edu for more information.

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.phikap- paphi.org. For more information, contact Wynne Wilbur, Phi Kappa Chi Secretary, at 785.4435 or wwilbur@truman.edu.

Upward Bound, a college-preparatory program serving north- east Missouri high school students, has open positions for on-campus summer employment. Teaching positions include: composition, literature, textbook, 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 for more information.

2006 Homecoming Applications Available

Applications for the 2006 Homecoming committee are now available in the CS Office. Completed applications are due at the CS Office by 4 p.m., Feb. 15.

Interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 21-22.