University Press Celebrates 20th Anniversary

In celebration of 20 years of dedicated service to the Truman academic community and beyond, the Truman State University Press (TSUP) is hosting several events during the week of Nov. 13-16, in honor of its 20th anniversary.

The events kick off with a presentation for students interested in a career in publishing, titled “Thinking About a Career in Book Publishing?” at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Career Center. Truman State University Press staff will present information about opportunities to get started in book publishing on campus and in the career field.

Poet Rebecca Dunham will have a poetry reading and book signing at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Dunham will read from her 2006 T.S. Eliot Prize-winning book, “The Miniature Room.”

The events continue with a faculty luncheon, featuring a presentation titled “The Value of the University Press” at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The Press staff will give a presentation on what the Press does, how it works and who can benefit from its services.

The week of celebration will wrap up at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Student Union Building Lounge with a TSUP 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. The event will feature guest speaker Richard Koffler, who will be speaking on the future of scholarly publishing. He is the director of publisher relations at Questia. He has nearly 30 years of experience in managing editorial acquisition for scholarly publishing houses and he now oversees all aspects of Questia’s relations with content providers in the worlds of university press, trade and society publishing. Koffler comes to Questia from the international publishing firm of Walter de Gruyter. Earlier he had been executive director of the Association of American University Presses and had established the publishing support program for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The dinner is open to the public, and tickets are available at the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 or Truman State University Press at 785.7336 for $10 each. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 10.

The Truman State University Press will also offer information about the TSUP publishing program and student internships with the Press. The Press will be providing opportunities to win free books from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13-16 in the Student Union Building.

James G. Severns Theatre Donor Plaque Unveiled

Steve Rose, (left) chair of the James G. Severns Theatre campaign, and James Severns unveil the donor plaque during a ceremony held at Homecoming. To date, 65 donors have committed more than $300,000 in cash, pledges, annuities and deferred gift arrangements to the endowed fund, which provides resources to benefit the theatre program.
Biology Professor to Present at Faculty Forum

The Truman State University Faculty Forum will present Brent Buckner, professor of biology, in a program titled “Genomics and Bioinformatics at Truman State University: Constructionist Thinking From a Traditionally Reductionist Sub-Discipline” at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in Magruder Hall 2001.

In this presentation, Buckner will describe the fundamental concepts of genomics and bioinformatics technologies. He will also highlight the maize genomic undergraduate research currently being conducted at Truman.

Biologists and computer scientists at Truman are actively participating in multi-institutional collaborations aimed at elucidating genetic diversity and global gene expression in maize. In this presentation, Buckner will describe some of these collaborations, as well as talk about the prodigious undergraduate research being conducted within the biology and computer science departments.

Justice Systems Course Gives Students Hands-On Opportunities to Serve

Service learning constitutes an important component of Truman’s Contemporary Correctional Treatment Methods class (JUST 401), which is part of the University’s justice systems program. The course, taught by Lynn VanDolah, instructor in justice systems, provides students with an introduction and overview of the treatment modalities currently utilized in the field of corrections. Issues unique to a broad range of involuntary clients are also addressed.

Alumna Cammie Caldwell ('05), who works as a child abuse investigator with the Cole County Children’s Division in Jefferson City, Mo., recently talked to students in the course about the role of the investigator, and the types of cases she is assigned. Caldwell is also working with a group of students in the class who are developing a psycho-educational intervention to assist the children and families who have been referred to the agency.

Nominations Being Accepted for the All-USA College Academic First Team

USA Today is looking for the best and the brightest college students in the United States for its annual All-USA College Academic teams.

Twenty students will be named to the 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team. Each student will be featured in a two-page color presentation in a February 2007 issue of the USA Today. Additionally, each student awarded with the first team distinction will receive a trophy and a $2,500 cash award. Forty more students will be recognized in the newspaper as second and third team honorees.

To be chosen, students must demonstrate excellence in scholarship, as well as in leadership roles on and off campus. A key element in the selection process will be a student’s outstanding original or intellectual product, as described in his/her own words.

Faculty and staff interested in nominating a student should download forms online at http://allstars.usatoday.com. Any full-time undergraduate Truman student of at least junior standing is eligible for the distinction.

Nominations must be postmarked by Nov. 30. Contact Carol Skalski, of USA Today, at 703.854.5890, or e-mail allstars@usatoday.com for more information.

Missouri Statewide Gospel and Fellowship Conferences - Nov.10-12

A Gospel Extravaganza concert will take place at 3 p.m. Nov. 12 in Baldwin Auditorium.

Contact Ian Vickers at imvy2k@aol.com for more information about the Gospel Conference. For more information about the Fellowship Conference, contact Keisha Murray at unique_ensemble@hotmail.com.
NOTABLES

W. Michael Ashcraft, associate professor of religion, has coedited a five-volume series titled “Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America,” published by Greenwood Press.

Jon Beck, associate professor of computer science, recently had his paper titled “Forming a Women’s Computer Science Support Group” accepted for publication in the SIGCSE Bulletin. The paper will also be presented at the 38th SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education in March 2007 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Beck, along with Brent Buckner and Diane Janick-Buckner, professors of biology, and alumna Olga Nikolova (’06), recently had a paper titled “Using Interdisciplinary Bioinformatics Undergraduate Research to Recruit and Retain Computer Science Students” accepted for publication in the SIGCSE Bulletin. The paper will also be presented at the 38th SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education in March 2007 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tanner Edis, associate professor of physics, and Amy Bix presented a paper titled “Islamic Creationism in Turkey: Historical and Intellectual Perspectives” at the annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Nov. 2-5 in Vancouver, Canada.

Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history, presented a paper titled “Landless Laborers in Farm Town and Seaport: The Two Stoningtons, Connecticut, 1780-1830” at the Mystic Seaport Conference on Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Power in Post Conflict Societies.

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Several political science students and faculty members presented papers at the International Studies Association-Midwest annual conference in St. Louis, Nov. 3-5. John J. Quinn, associate professor of political science, and Ryan Conway, a senior political science major from Kirksville, Mo., presented their paper titled “The Resource Curse Revisited: What Role Ownership?” John Ishiyama, professor of political science, and Krystal Fox, a senior political science and economics double major from Bellevue, Neb., presented their paper titled “Strength of Partisanship in Sub Saharan Africa.” Kathryn Sanders, a senior political science major from Crestwood, Mo., and Ishiyama presented their paper titled “Foreign Aid and Democratization in Post Conflict Societies.” Nick Cady, a junior political science major from Webster Groves, Mo., presented his paper “State vs. Private Majority Ownership of Industry and Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Also attending the conference were Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, and Kyle Hood, a freshman political science major from Lee’s Summit, Mo. At the conference, Ishiyama was installed as president of the International Studies Association-Midwest.

Circle K International Chapter Members Help to Collect Money for Parkinson’s Disease Research

Members of Truman’s chapter of Circle K International helped collect more than $1,000 for Parkinson’s Disease research at the 2nd Annual Bill Cable Charity Basketball game, Oct. 28. The event took place in honor of former Truman Sports Information Director Bill Cable.

Pictured front row, left to right: Phil Raine, Liz Raine and Kristy Coons. Middle row, left to right: Cole Thomas, Bill Cable, Dianthe Cable and Sara Bozeman. Back row, left to right: Kelsey Vaughn, Ellen Winfrey and Carrie Palombo.

Discover China Informational Meeting

6 p.m. • Nov. 15
McClain Hall 208

Students interested in the six-credit hour Discover China study abroad course are invited to attend this informational meeting. The course will run from May 7-28, 2007, and is open to all majors and levels.

The course is designed to fulfill requirements for history majors, Intercultural Interconnecting Perspective of the Liberal Studies Program and other relevant majors and minors upon approval. The course is sponsored by the Center for International Education.

Contact Huping Ling at hning@truman.edu or at 785.4654 for more information.

Shuttle to LaPlata Train Station for Thanksgiving Break

8:30 a.m. • Nov. 21 and 22
Depart from Public Safety Building

The Department of Public Safety will be providing a shuttle service for students on the above dates to the Amtrak station in LaPlata. The cost of the shuttle service is $5, and payment is due one week prior to departure. Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The fee can be paid at the Public Safety Building.

The shuttle will pick students up in LaPlata at the train station for return to the Public Safety Building on Nov. 26 at a pending evening time.

Student Affairs Off-Campus Housing Information

Students interested in rental information about off-campus housing for the 2007-2008 school year are reminded to check out the Student Affairs off-campus housing Web site at http://saaffairs.truman.edu/rentals/index.htm.
“Lewis and Clark Across Missouri: Mapping the Historic Landscape” is now on display in the gallery of Pickler Memorial Library. On loan from the Missouri State Archives, these maps portray the Missouri River exactly as the Corps of Discovery experienced it. The Geographical Resources Center at the University of Missouri created this unique map exhibit by combining nineteenth century land survey records with modern mapping technology. Other materials from Pickler Memorial Library and the Violette Museum are on display. The exhibit is available during the library’s scheduled hours until the end of December.

Modified Supplemental Retirement Plan Information & faculty and staff is available online at http://hr.truman.edu/benefits/msrrp/.

Blue Key will have its fall interest meeting at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Blue Key is an all-service organization, and it will be hosting its interest meeting for all men interested in going through spring 2007 recruitment. Contact Joe Baumann at jab035@truman.edu for more information.

Sana Camara’s lecture titled “Negritude: Poets and the Concept of Black Personality” scheduled for Nov. 7 has been postponed until next semester due to scheduling conflicts.

The Center for Teaching and Learning’s Weekly Lunch Series will continue for faculty and teaching staff from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. John Rutter, associate professor of biology, and Anton Weisstein, assistant professor of biology, will give a presentation titled “Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Knowledge Surveys.”

There will be a Physics Colloquium at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in Magruder Hall 205. Th e work of John Tagg, traffic areas across campus on Nov. 8.

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