Cra of Craig V. Evans Memorial Debate Scholarship Established

A lumna Elizabeth Evans (’52, ’60) recently made a gift of $25,000 to establish the Craig V. Evans Memorial Debate Scholarship in memory of her late son, Craig Evans (’75).

Craig graduated valedictorian, summa cum laude, from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement and corrections, and a minor in speech. He was a member of Blue Key, active in ROTC for four years and a member of the debate team. At the time of his death, Craig served as general counsel for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Elizabeth Evans graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education, and a Master of Arts degree in elementary education. She retired from teaching at Truman in 1988, and was given the title of assistant professor emerita of education. Elizabeth had been an educator for 49 years, including 29 years of service to the Truman community.

The Craig V. Evans Memorial Debate Scholarship shall be awarded to a member of the Forensic Union, Truman’s intercollegiate debate and speech team, who has a grade point average of 3.75 or higher, and who is a student of integrity.

Contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133, for more information on the Craig V. Evans Memorial Debate Scholarship, or to obtain information on establishing a scholarship at Truman.

President Barbara Dixon (left) stands with Elizabeth Evans (center) and Andrea Falkner (right), a Tel Alumni caller for Truman.

Theatre Department Presents Second Production of 2006-2007 Season

The Truman Division of Fine Arts, along with the department of theatre, will present the second production of the 2006-2007 season, “Unity (1918)” at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-18 in the James G. Severns Theatre.

Recipient of the Canadian Governor General’s Award, “Unity (1918)” chronicles the events that take place in a small, isolated town in Canada during the 1918 influenza epidemic.

As fear of the dreaded flu begins to fill the town of Unity with paranoia, drastic steps are taken to keep the illness out. The town is quarantined, while trains are forbidden to stop and no one can enter the town. Mail from overseas, feared to be carrying the deadly virus, is gathered and burned. But when the disease descends on the town despite these precautions, the citizens begin to turn on each other as they attempt to find a scapegoat for the crisis.

The play has adult subject matter and strong language.

Admission to the play is free, but seating is limited, and it is recommended that those planning to attend reserve their seats by calling 785.4515 or stopping by the Box Office, located in front of the James G. Severns Theatre in the lobby of Ophelia Parrish.
University Professor Uses Composting Project to Educate and Provide Hands-On Learning Experiences

Truman State University professor of biology Michael Kelrick has always been a proponent of giving college students hands-on learning experiences. Thanks to a $33,635.72 grant in 2004 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management District, Truman students have had the opportunity to literally get their hands dirty in a pilot program to compost food waste generated in one of the University’s cafeterias.

The composting project began as an offshoot of a class taught by Kelrick that conducted environmental audits of various university practices. During the next three years, students worked with Kelrick to gather background information, coordinate with and consolidate the cooperation of relevant campus offices, demonstrate feasibility of the project, and write a grant proposal. Upon receiving the grant from the state, Kelrick and Dennis Markeson, director of Sodexo food services, launched the joint venture that helps Sodexo reduce their overhead costs for disposing of the waste and divert materials from the solid waste stream. A concurrent goal is simply reducing the amount of food waste in the first place and creating a free source of compost for both Truman and the Kirksville communities. Working within the confines of the Ryle Hall cafeteria kitchen, composting project workers collect and measure all food wastes from the cafeteria, as well as all liquid wastes, excluding water. The project engages two to three dozen Truman students each semester, as well as an intern. The project’s current intern, Sarah Martin, is a senior interdisciplinary studies and Spanish double major from Florissant, Mo. Martin works exclusively with the project throughout the academic year.

The first step in the composting process is the collection of all wasted food from the cafeteria. During the fall 2005 semester, student composters collected more than 10,000 pounds of food waste from the cafeteria, an average of 186 pounds per day. Nearly 500 gallons of discarded drinks (excluding water) were collected in that same semester. While the liquids are not composted, the data provides Sodexo with a sense of the costs of un Consumed beverages. The spring 2006 semester saw the project collect even more food waste, as more than seven tons of food waste were collected from the cafeteria.

The next step in the process is transporting the food waste to the University Farm, using a truck which was purchased with funds from the original grant. The waste is picked up and transported daily, to be dumped on a concrete mixing pad at the Farm. Horse stable bedding (fine wood chips and horse manure) from the Farm, as well as grass clippings, leaves or straw from the campus grounds are added to the food to increase the carbon:nitrogen ratio in the material to be composted; this promotes and favors the appropriate microbes who do the decomposition. Periodically, the accumulated “pre-compost” is mixed, using the Farm’s tractor and its front-end loader and transferred from the pad to build “the pile,” a teepee-shaped deposit roughly 10 feet in diameter and 6 to 7 feet tall. This configuration encourages the physical conditions conducive to effective decomposition and compost formation.

Throughout the process, workers continually collect data to ensure the decomposition process is running smoothly, and that the organisms responsible for the decomposition are thriving. Carbon dioxide levels within the compost are monitored, and steps are taken, if necessary, to remedy any problems that may arise in the decomposition process.

Once the compost has had time to adequately decompose, tests are run in campus labs to further monitor the process. After a period of four to five months of decomposition and curing, the compost is ready to be used by Truman to fertilize the University Farm grounds and campus gardens.

Throughout its brief history, participants in the composting project have held steady to a central goal of integrating the project within the University as a whole. For example, there have been ongoing efforts to elevate community awareness about reducing food waste and the merits of compost. Eventually, both Martin and Kelrick envision the composting project functioning in all University dining halls, while at the same time, working to “put themselves out of business” by inspiring more conscious cafeteria patrons to minimize their food wasting.

The project has taken on an even larger role this semester, with the closure of Missouri Hall for renovations. Consolidation of the University’s three major dining halls into just two this semester means the composting project now handles nearly twice as much food waste as it did in previous semesters. According to Martin, this has not been a great burden on the project, as interest in the composting project has been very high, and the project currently has enough participants and resources to handle the extra workload, as well as to continue its mission of benefiting the environment and Truman through its composting efforts and money-saving capabilities, respectively.

The compost produced by the project has also created academic opportunities, as Truman students and faculty are using the compost for research projects and class laboratory exercises. The compost produced is free and available to both the Truman and Kirkville communities for pick-up at the University Farm.

If you are interested in learning more about Truman State University’s composting project or acquiring compost, please contact Michael Kelrick at mkelrick@truman.edu.

“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 Geographic 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.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee call for papers on “Sexual Politics.”

Truman will host a conference in honor of Women’s History Month, March 22-24, 2007. Members of the Truman and Kirkville communities are invited to submit abstracts. Abstracts need to include a return address, phone number, and e-mail address. The deadline to submit is Jan. 29, 2007. Contact Linda Seidel at lseidel@truman.edu for more information, or to submit an abstract.
Megan Arns, a senior percussion performance major from St. Charles, Mo., has been awarded the Thomas V. Truman's Ties of Secretary for set by the United States.

NOTABLES

An upcoming event is the Pecos Ensemble of Percussion and Drums performing the piece on cello, while Gooch will play the piano. "Monodies," for cello and piano, will be performed during the Composers Conference. Pounds' composition "The Old Truck of Anthony" for saxophone quartet, will be performed during the conference, which will take place Feb. 8-10, 2007, at the University of Central Missouri, in Warrensburg, Mo.


Jim Turner, associate professor of accounting, was honored by the Truman chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa at its annual meeting Nov. 1. Turner was honored with a certificate of recognition for his leadership as he stepped down from the duties of secretary for Delta Chapter. He also received a donation in his name to the Truman foundation account for visiting scholars through the Phi Beta Kappa national program, first funded by former Truman President Charles McClain. Turner was the chapter's founding secretary in 2001, and saw its growth through six years of successes. He was recently elected president of the chapter.

Truman's chapter of Amnesty International hosted the northeast Missouri region's debate on Missouri Proposition 8, the raising of the state's minimum wage, Nov. 4 in Violette Hall. Betty McClone-Iles, professor of French, and faculty advisor for Amnesty International, coordinated the event. Joseph Wotawa, a student campaigns/study officer with Amnesty International, presided over the lively discussion. Paul Parker, professor of political science, led the affirmative side, while Steve Smith, associate professor of business administration and economics, and Bruce Coggin, associate professor of economics, led the negative side. Lawrence Iles and Sherry Stacey also participated in the debate, and Roger Brown provided a taped contribution. The debate was tape recorded for academic use.

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. Contact Joyce in the Department of Public Safety Office at 785.4177 for more information, or to make a reservation.

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 hiling@truman.edu or at 785.4654 for more information.

Truman Student Contributions Push the United Way Campaign Above the Goal

As of Nov. 8, Truman faculty, staff and students have met and exceeded Truman's goal, set by the United Way board.

Contributions by Truman students, via the donation of meal blocks, commonly referred to as the Food Fast, allowed Truman's campaign to reach and surpass its goal. At last count, the campaign has raised and/or pledged $56,180.86 to support the United Way of Adair County.

Campaign leaders thank everyone who contributed time and money. Through these efforts, the 13 area agencies will be able to provide much needed support to the community.

Rotary Foundation Offers Study Abroad Scholarship

Students interested in obtaining a scholarship to study in a foreign country have a significant aid at their disposal with the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship.

The scholarship offers students an award ranging from $11,000-$26,000, depending on actual costs at their assigned study institution. The academic year scholarship covers transportation between the student's home and study city, some educational supplies, academic fees, and reasonable housing and meals. Students chosen to receive the scholarship are asked to be an ambassador of goodwill by making presentations in their host and sponsoring communities.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have completed at least two years of scholarship coursework, or have equivalent professional experience prior to commencing their scholarship studies, be proficient in the language of their desired host country, and be a citizen of a country in which there is a Rotary Club.

There will be an informational meeting at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in West Campus Suite 100.

For more information, or to pick up an application, contact Marilyn Romine at 785.4268, Mark Hanley at 785.4098, or Matt Eichor at 785.4667. Information is also available at the Rotary International Web site at http://www.rotary.org. Applications are due to one of the above contact people by 5 p.m. Feb. 19, 2007, for planned international study between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

Pickler Memorial Library Hours
Nov. 21 - 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Nov. 22-25 - Closed
Nov. 26 - Resume regular hours

Student Recreation Center Hours
Nov. 21 - 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Nov. 22-25 - Closed
Nov. 26 - 4-7 p.m.
ON CAMPUS

14 TUESDAY
6 p.m.- Prim Ropes Texas hold'em poker tournament, SUB Lounge; see Notes
7 p.m.- Faculty Forum, MG 2001; see Page 2

15 WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m.- Alpha Phi Omega blood drive, SUB; see Notes
12:30 p.m.- Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes
5:30 p.m.- Women's basketball vs. Harris-Stowe

16 THURSDAY
10:30 a.m.- Alpha Phi Omega blood drive, SUB; see Notes
7 p.m.- TSDOA dance recital, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

17 FRIDAY
12:30 p.m.- Biology Seminar Series, MG 2001; see Notes
7 p.m.- TSDOA dance recital, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

18 SATURDAY
10:30 a.m.- Irondogs Double Deuce Open and Missouri State Championships Olympic lifting meets, Pershing Arena; see Notes
Postponed - 8 p.m.- University Orchestra concert, Baldwin Auditorium

19 SUNDAY
3 p.m.- University Chorus concert, Baldwin Auditorium

21 TUESDAY
5:30 p.m.- Women's basketball vs. William Penn (Iowa), Pershing Arena
7:30 p.m.- Men's basketball vs. Quincy University (Ill.), Pershing Arena

22 WEDNESDAY
No classes, offices closed

23 THURSDAY
No classes, offices closed

24 FRIDAY
No classes, offices closed

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