Paino Appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Truman State University

Truman State University announces the appointment of Troy D. Paino as provost and vice president for academic affairs, effective July 1, 2008. Paino was selected for the position after a national search. He currently serves as the dean of the college of liberal arts at Winona State University, a position he has held since 2004.

“I am excited that we were able to attract such a highly qualified applicant to join Truman’s leadership team,” said President Barbara Dixon. “Dr. Paino brings a wonderful balance of vision and creativity along with significant teaching and administrative experience to the position. Dr. Paino was very well received by the campus community during his interview on campus, and I am confident that the skills, experience and professionalism that he brings to the position will serve Truman well.”

Paino began his career at Winona State University in 1997 as an assistant professor of history. He served as director of the paralegal program from 1997-2004, co-founder and director of the law and society program from 1999-2004, and interim dean of the Darrell W. Krueger Library from 2005-2006. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 2007.

Paino's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and philosophy from Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., a juris doctorate from Indiana University School of Law, and a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, both in American Studies, from Michigan State University. Prior to arriving at Winona, Paino worked as a partner in the law firm of Bookwalter & Thomas in Indianapolis, Ind., from 1988-1991, and subsequently served as a teaching assistant and then instructor at Michigan State University from 1992-1997.

In the community, Paino works with the Board of the Great River Shakespeare Festival that helps raise $500,000 annually to sustain the festival. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Lakeview Manor, Inc. and Summit Place West and the Winona Area Tennis Association.

Morin Appointed Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

Regina Myers Morin will become Truman State University’s new associate vice president for enrollment management, effective Jan. 17, 2008.

“Ms. Morin is known throughout the state and throughout the nation for her work in the field of enrollment management,” said President Barbara Dixon. “We are very fortunate to have someone with her expertise and background in this critical position.”

Morin, who was selected after a national search, is a graduate of Truman State University, where she received her Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Education degrees. Morin began her career in the field of admission at Truman State University. She spent a total of 13 years serving first as an admission counselor, then an assistant director of admission, and finally the associate director of admission. From October 1994 to May 1997, Morin served as the director of transfer enrollment at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Most recently, Morin has had a very successful career as director of admissions at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., where she has served since May 1997.

Morin has served three terms on the Missouri ACT Council and is currently chair-elect. She is also involved in the ACT State Organization, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, Missouri Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, Missouri Association of College Admission Counselors and Missouri ACE Network.

She is a frequent presenter at state and national conferences and is a member of the Institute for International Education, National Association for Graduate Admission Professionals, Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.
KKTR to Begin Digital Broadcasting Soon

K KTR, the Truman NPR affiliate broadcasting on the FM dial at 89.7, will be off the air today and possibly for the next three days while radio engineers change out the existing transmitter with a state of the art HD (Hybrid Digital) transmission system. Once KKTR returns to regular broadcasting, listeners will continue to receive NPR programming on their existing radios; however, in order to listen to the digital transmission, a special receiver is required. For more information about high definition radio, you can go to http://www.kbia.org/inside/faq/hd_radio.htm. The advantages of digital include the enhanced audio quality and the ability to receive multiple channels of NPR programming. More information on those new channels is forthcoming. The KKTR digital conversion is possible, in part, through a $78,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In addition, Truman’s student station KTRM (88.7), is in line for a similar digital makeover. Barring unforeseen engineering problems, KTRM hopes to return to regular broadcasting next week.

KKTR and KTRM will be the first stations in northeast Missouri to broadcast digital signals.

Elementary Students Donate Books

Teresa Heckert, professor of psychology and president of the Truman State University chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; Lauren Caffey, a communication disorders graduate student and Phi Kappa Phi member; and Janet Gooch, communication disorders department chair and Phi Kappa Phi member; received more than 100 books from students at Ray Miller Elementary (RME) School. RME students participated in a book drive sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi and the Communications Disorders Association (CoDA) to collect books for the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic. More than 1,400 books were collected as a result of the drive.

Grothe Receives Director’s Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research

C laire Grothe, a senior history major from St. Louis, received the Director’s Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research for the spring 2007 semester.

The title of the award-winning paper is “From Glory to Devastation: Artistic Depictions of Nasser’s Egypt, 1952-1974”. Grothe wrote the paper in her Cultural Crossroads: Cairo JINS class, taught by Sara Orel, professor of art. The paper details the changing attitudes of the artistic community toward the Nasser regime.

Grothe is the daughter of Jim and Beth Grothe. She is currently a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta and the Truman State University Historical Society. Grothe also volunteers at the Still National Osteopathic Museum at A.T. Still University.

Students Present Artwork Exhibit

T he student artists of ART 315 are pleased to extend an invitation to “Phantasmagoria,” an exhibition of artwork at Il Spazio.

These pieces were created to explore modernized mythologies, the fantastical in the every day and conceptual responses to the idea of fairy tales in contemporary life. What distinguishes a fairy tale from any other narrative? What are the hallmarks of our modern age? Can cynicism coexist with the suspension of disbelief? And how can these ideas translate into visual art?

An afternoon reception will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in Il Spazio’s back room to see how the artists of ART 315 respond to these questions.

The exhibit will be open during normal business hours at Il Spazio, 215 W. Washington St., until Jan. 14.

For additional information, please contact Emily Booth, assistant professor of art and University Art Gallery director, at ebooth@truman.edu.
Bradford Blackburn, assistant professor of music, presented a lecture/performance “The Music of Harry Partch—Corporeality and Musical Gesture” at the 50th national conference of the College Music Society Nov. 18 in Salt Lake City. The lecture/performance was featured as part of the Contemporary Music series. Included in the presentation was a video clip of a performance given by Blackburn, Joshua Baum, a graduate music student from Kansas City, Mo., and Megan Arns (’07) of songs from Harry Partch’s “Eleven Intrusions.” This rare performance of Partch’s music was presented during the 2006 Truman State University New Music Festival and used replica Partch instruments that were designed and built by Blackburn.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion Nov. 17-20 in San Diego, Lloyd Pfueger, professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper for the Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation, titled “Mediation and the Future of Yoga Studies” as well as a second paper for the Dharma Association of North America titled “Possession, De-possession, and Re-possession: What’s Samadhi got to do with it?”

Dmitriy Chernookiy, a junior chemistry major from Sedalia, Mo.; Harrison Black, a sophomore chemistry major from Wichita, Kan.; and Katherine Hernandez, a sophomore biology major from Independence, Mo.; presented posters of their research at the recent Midwest Regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in Kansas City, Mo. Chernookiy’s poster was titled “Fabrication and Characterization of Surfaces with Heterogeneous Activity Using Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy;” Black’s, “Crystal and 3-D Molecular Structures of Pesticides;” Hernandez’s, “Manipulation and Modifications of High School and General Chemistry Experiments for Blind and Low-Vision Students.” They were mentored, respectively, by Brian Lamp, associate professor of chemistry; Russell Baughman, professor of chemistry; and David Wohlers, professor of chemistry. Faculty in attendance at the meeting included Baughman, Wohlers and Dana Delaware, professor of chemistry. Wohlers also co-authored another poster titled “Multisensory Learning Experience for Students Who Are Blind or Low Vision in the Chemistry Laboratory” and co-organized a teacher’s workshop on “Independent Laboratory Access for the Blind (ILAB).”

INTERNSHIP/SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

DeLaval Manufacturing’s Research and Development Department in Kansas City, Mo., is seeking a student to be a winter intern for a full-time, temporary position, beginning Jan. 15, lasting a minimum of three months and a maximum of six months. DeLaval is a leading global supplier of formulated detergents, sanitizers and topical disinfectants. The position will include performing design of experiments and laboratory experiments to work on specific product development projects with senior scientists of the R&D department. This would be a great learning opportunity in various aspects of product development in an industrial setting. The position would also include helping develop an understanding of solving scientific problems leading to commercial products. Salary would vary depending on skills and experience. Qualifications/skills that would be required for this position include having the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, having completed two years of chemistry toward a degree in chemistry, having basic chemistry and mathematical skills to work in the chemistry laboratory performing wet experiments, having the ability to use Microsoft Office or equivalent software such as spreadsheets, presentations and work processing applications, having the ability to implement, plan and critically evaluate research, having the ability to review, understand and interpret a variety of technical data and having the ability to work effectively with a diverse range of professionals. If you are interested in this position, send a cover letter and résumé to gurusamy.manivanan@delaval.com. For more information about DeLaval, visit http://www.delaval.com or http://www.westagro.com.

The Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City is offering educational grants and interest free loans, to female college senior or graduate students, who are residents of the greater Kansas City area, attending 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. Applicants must be a senior or graduate level student at the beginning of the next academic year, with at least a 3.0 grade point average. 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 reference must be on file with the Grants and Loans Committee by Feb. 16, 2008. Applications are available online at http://www.kcpanhel.com.

The Missouri Travel Council will offer two $1,000 scholarships to currently enrolled sophomores, juniors or seniors in an accredited college or university in the State of Missouri. Applicants must be pursuing a hospitality related major such as hotel/restaurant management, parks and recreation, etc., must be a current resident of Missouri, and must have a grade point average of at least 3.0. To obtain an application and further qualifications for this scholarship, please stop by the Truman State University Financial Aid office in McClain Hall 103. Deadline for application submission is March 1, 2008.

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The Truman State University Student Recreation Center has been approved to be a host site for a YogaFit Teacher Training Level 1 on Feb. 9 and Feb. 10. YogaFit is a national leader in training and certifications. If you obtain this training/certification, you will be able to teach Yoga anywhere in the U.S., upon completion pay ranges from $20-$60 an hour depending on location.

Stop by the Student Recreation Center office (located on the second floor) for a registration form or more information.

A MESSAGE FROM TRUMAN’S UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

THANK YOU to Truman’s faculty, staff, and students for donating more than $58,000.

THANK YOU to students who donated their meals blocks, raising more than $3,500.

THANK YOU to the student organizations who donated money, raising almost $2,000.

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Sigma Kappa

The United Way would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Kirkville community a better place.

Shuttle to LaPlata Amtrak Train Station End of Fall Semester 2007 - December 2007

The Department of Public Safety will be providing a shuttle service from the LaPlata train station.

A $5 fee is needed for a reservation to be held. Money is due prior to departure. Please pay by noon Dec. 14.

The fee may be paid at the Public Safety Building during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Contact Joyce Mullins at 785.4177 between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, to make reservations.

Departure: Meet and load at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 at the Public Safety Building.

Return: Bus will pick up students in the evening Jan. 13 in LaPlata at the Amtrak station for return to the Public Safety Building.
Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents “The Nutcracker”
Performed by the Minnesota Ballet

7:30 p.m. • Dec. 4 Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are no longer available for this performance. The University requests that all patrons be seated five minutes prior to the performance. The University reserves the right to fill all seats, reserved and general admission, five minutes before the time of performance stated on the ticket. No refunds will be given.

For more information, call 785.4016 or visit http://lyceum.truman.edu.