Student Research Conference Showcases Achievements

On April 13, Truman will conduct its 23rd annual Student Research Conference, which will feature a broad spectrum of presentations by students from all academic disciplines.

Scheduled classes will not meet during the day of the Conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and faculty members to attend and fully participate. Evening classes will meet as scheduled.

The day will be a University-wide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement.

This year’s Conference will be a record event, with 360 presentations delivered by 519 student authors who are mentored by 160 faculty, 146 from Truman.

Students will present their scholarly work in a range of presentation types, including oral papers, posters, performing arts and studio arts.

The day will also include a Conference-wide plenary address by Dr. Denise Von Glahn, professor of musicology and director of the Center for Music of the Americas at Florida State University. The plenary session begins at 11 a.m. in Violette Hall 1000.

Registration will take place in the Student Union Building from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Student presenters, faculty mentors and session moderators should pick up their name tags at the registration table.

A program book, including the full schedule of presentations, maps and other information, will be available at the registration desk in the Student Union Building on the day of the conference.

Oral papers will be delivered in classrooms in Violette Hall and Magruder Hall, and music performances and art exhibits will be in Ophelia Parrish.

The poster session will be in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building, as will the closing reception.

Several refreshment breaks are scheduled throughout the day.

A full Conference program and all presentation abstracts can be found online at http://src.truman.edu. The abstracts can be electronically browsed and extensively searched.

Website visitors can create a custom schedule of presentations and events to attend.

The website also includes other useful information for students and faculty, and historical details about past Conferences.

The Student Research Conference is planned and coordinated by the Office of Student Research.

Children’s Literature Festival Returns

The Children’s Literature Festival returns to Truman on April 16. Included in the Festival are 12 authors and illustrators, and approximately 1,400 students from grades four to six.

The Festival will take place from 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Children will participate in 30-minute sessions with the guest authors and illustrators.

Visiting authors and illustrators include: Alma Flor Ada, Mary Amato, Isabel Campoy, Jill Esbaum, Lucia Gonzalez, Carol Gorman, Jane Kurtz, Cynthia Lord, Ben Mikaelsen, Gloria Skurzynski, Brad Sneed and Michael Spradlin.

All children attending must be pre-registered. The sessions are open to faculty, staff, students and other interested adults.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend an informal meeting and book signing with the authors and illustrators from 3-4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Refreshments will be served.

The Festival will conclude with a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. The dinner is limited to pre-registered adults and children accompanied by an adult. The cost of the dinner is $10.50. At 7 p.m. authors Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy will give a presentation.

The Festival was an annual event for 21 years, but due to severe budget cuts it was discontinued in 2004.

A Children’s Literature Festival Fund was started in 2007 in an effort to reinstate the event. Because of this fund, the Festival returned in 2009.

The Festival is sponsored by Pickler Memorial Library with financial support from the Freeman Foundation, Barnes & Noble - Truman State University and the State Library LSTA Spotlight on Literacy from the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State.

For more information about the Festival, contact Sharon Hackney at 785.7366 or e-mail shackney@truman.edu, or go online to http://library.truman.edu/Children%27sLiteratureFestival.asp.

To register for sessions or the dinner, contact Daisy Rearick at 785.4048 or at drearick@truman.edu.

For information about the Children’s Literature Festival Fund, call the Office of Advancement at 785.4133 or visit http://giving.truman.edu/ SpecialInitiatives/ChildrensLiteratureFestival.asp.

The authors’ books are available at the Truman State University Bookstore.
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Staff members interested in participating, whether it be a full day, half day, or even a couple of hours, should communicate with their supervisor, then fill out the form at http://staffcouncil.truman.edu. Once Staff Council has received responses, participating staff members will be contacted and informed of their options and what is available. After an exchange has been agreed upon, staff members will receive another e-mail confirming the exchange date and location, with two attached forms: a confidentiality agreement to submit to the exchange office and a brief questionnaire to fill out and turn in anonymously after the exchange.

Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Celebrates Anniversary

A plaque celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Delta Chapter of Missouri Phi Beta Kappa was recently unveiled in Pickler Memorial Library.

The process for installing a Phi Beta Kappa chapter is very rigorous. Only about 10 percent of the nation’s institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

The ideal Phi Beta Kappan has demonstrated intellectual integrity, tolerance for other views and a broad range of academic interests.

Each year, about one college senior in 100, nationwide, is invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa shows commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, and to freedom of inquiry and expression — and it provides a competitive edge in the marketplace.

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Students Take Part in International Education Day

Students and staff members representing Truman during International Education Day take a picture with Sen. Wes Shoemyer and Rep. Rebecca McClaanahan at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 24. Nineteen different schools and more than 250 students participated in the event, designed to showcase and encourage cultural exchange and study abroad opportunities. Missouri is 17th in the nation in the number of international students with 11,285 attending college in the state.
The 51st Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference took place in Jefferson City, Mo., March 26-27. The conference theme was Missouri PBL — Simply the Best.

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and election of officers for the next year.

The Truman chapter received the award for the third largest chapter in the state. The following students were recognized: Ivana Tjung (3rd) and Caroline Forsythe (1st) in accounting analysis and decision making; Caroline Forsythe (4th) in business law; Giorgi Amashukeli (2nd) in contemporary sports issues; Wanding Shi (3rd) financial analysis and decision making; Wanding Shi (1st) and James Fang (3rd) in financial concepts; Parker Leatherman (2nd) in impromptu speaking; Jacob Caughron (5th) in information management; Booyoung Jang (3rd) in international business; Son Le (1st) in management concepts; Ihan Prasetyo (5th) in microeconomics; Son Le (1st) in project management; Ihan Prasetyo (1st) in statistical analysis; and Parker Leatherman (1st) in telecommunications.

Nearly all of Truman’s participants are eligible to represent the University at the National Leadership Conference July 9-13, in Nashville, Tenn. Phi Beta Lambda is an educational association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business.
Conference Highlights Nonprofit Work

There will be additional opportunities to speak with other professionals who have previously or currently work within a nonprofit organization. Breakout sessions on professionalism and networking skills will also be presented during the conference.

The poster session will take place from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. April 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. The conference is scheduled for 6 p.m., beginning with the keynote speaker, also in the Georgian Room.

For questions about the poster display or conference, contact Elizabeth Bauer at ebauer@truman.edu.

Percussion Ensembles Set to Perform

The program includes Edgard Varese’s Ionisation, generally considered the first art piece for percussion ensemble and a landmark merging of science and the industrial world within the musical aesthetic.

The program will also include John Cage’s Third Construction for percussion quartet, complete with conch shell soloist, and Mario Davidovsky’s Synchronisms No. 5, recognized as the first work for percussion ensemble with recorded electronic sound synthesis.

Admission is Free. For additional information, contact Bump at mbump@truman.edu.

Greek Students Show Appreciation for Community

The event, a community flag football game, will take place at 1 p.m. April 10 in Stokes Stadium. Greeks will be partnering up with members of the Kirksville Police Department and other emergency responders to play a game of flag football at the stadium.

For more information, contact Bump at mbump@truman.edu.

NOTES

A group of French majors will perform Raymond Queneau’s “Exerçice de style,” at 8 p.m. April 13-14 in the Student Union Building Down Under. A translation of the text is available at http://www2.truman.edu/~plobert. For more information, e-mail Patrick Loberg at plobert@truman.edu.

For-Words: An English and Linguistics Event Series, presents a performance and discussion with songwriter, poet and visual artist Grant Hart at 7 p.m. April 8 in the Violette Hall Commons on the second floor.

The Board of Governors will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 10 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Public Relations Office is now accepting résumés for the full-time Fall 2010 internship position. Interns can receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in public relations office duties. Interns usually take six hours of class in addition to six hours of internship credit. Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing. Communication majors are encouraged to apply, with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of Associated Press style, experience in desktop publishing and familiarity of InDesign or similar software. To apply, send a résumé, two writing samples and contact information for two on-campus references to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101, by April 9. For specific questions about the internship, contact Heidi Templeton at heidi@truman.edu.

The SERVE Center is hiring for student assistant positions via TruPositions. Applications will be accepted through April 9, and successful candidates will be notified of interview times for the week of April 12. Apply at https://trupositions.truman.edu.

Health Science Team Places Nationally

Truman’s Health Science Case Study entered the national AAHE Case Study Competition at the AAHPERD national convention in Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.

The team, consisting of Kelsey Cler, Sarah Folks and Katie Emery, took second place at the competition. Grace McGaughey was the alternate member.

On March 17, the team had 12 minutes to present their plan and were evaluated on how well they covered the seven certified health education specialist responsibilities: assess, plan, implement, evaluate, serve as a resource, communicate and administer the program.

The results were announced March 19. Ohio University took first place and Ball State University took third place.

The Truman students were commended for the quality and amount of research and statistics they gathered and presented.