Sustainability Series Kicks Off March 24 with Guest Speaker Judi Schweitzer

In an effort to create an ecologically sound, socially just and economical campus and community, Truman has created the Sustainability Series. The inaugural event will take place at 7 p.m. March 24 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

Judi Schweitzer of Schweitzer + Associates, a strategic sustainability solutions firm designed to help companies and organizations realize and achieve their sustainability goals, will be the keynote speaker. The main focus of this first event is to introduce the Sustainability Series to the campus and community, as well as to introduce ways to increase the triple bottom line of the University by identifying sustainable actions to adopt in the upcoming year.

Thanks to Schweitzer and her firm, Truman's Presidential Installation last fall was a carbon-neutral event, the first of its kind in the United States. Schweitzer purchased 15 megawatts of Renewable Energy Certificates to offset the approximately 23,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide associated with the travel, lodging and building use surrounding the Presidential Installation. This amount of carbon dioxide is equivalent to the amount produced through the combustion of 1,211 gallons of gasoline.

A 1989 alumna of the University, Schweitzer is also a member of the President's Sustainability Action Committee (PSAC). University President Troy D. Paino formed the PSAC in 2010 in response to the Sustainability Initiative developed by the campus community and signed by then President Darrell W. Krueger in April 2009. The charge of the committee is to recommend actions to the president to help Truman endure and be a more sustainable place in the future than it is today.

The Sustainability Series will host guest speakers each semester and will work in conjunction with existing University programs when possible. The Sustainability Series will join the Global Issues Colloquium April 21-22 to host speaker Ted Howard and a workshop on keeping the economy local.

Those interested in attending Schweitzer's presentation are encouraged to RSVP online at http://sustainability.truman.edu/web/form_builder2/form_builder.asp?testId=349.

More information about all of Truman's sustainability efforts is available at http://sustainability.truman.edu.

Office Requests Help to Collect Lost IDs

The ID Office is seeking help to monitor and collect lost student, faculty and staff ID cards. Since these cards provide access to on-campus facilities, the library, the recreation center and financial services, their security is of considerable importance.

If an ID card is found or turned in to your office, please notify the ID Office immediately.

Deliver or report a lost ID card to the ID Office, 785.4123, in Missouri Hall 1100 for cards found 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday or to Public Safety, 785.4176, at other times.

For anyone unable to deliver the card, the ID Office will retrieve the card as soon as possible and will notify the student, faculty or staff member immediately.
Annual Oratorical Contest Restructured

Truman students have a chance to speak their minds and earn cash prizes in this year’s restructured Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest.

The contest is named after Dr. Chandler Monroe, a former Truman professor of communication and 1990 Educator of the Year, who passed away from cancer. Toni Monroe, Monroe’s widow, endowed the prize money to the Department of Communication in honor of her husband and his passion for rhetoric. This year, the Department of Communication has united with Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor fraternity, to completely revamp the competition in hopes of attracting more student participation.

The first of the changes includes three new divisions. Previously, the contest was only open to students enrolled in COMM 170: Public Speaking, during that academic year. This year, these contestants will be entered in the novice COMM 170 division, and two additional divisions have been created to encourage more experienced speakers to participate. The advanced division is for contestants who have taken COMM 170 (or the equivalent) and who are not members of activities that require extra advanced public speaking skills such as Model U.N., Mock Trial Team or the Speech and Debate Team. Students who are engaged in co-curricular activities like these are encouraged to enter the contest in the open division, which is open to all currently enrolled students.

In addition to the new divisions, contestants will also be able to enter three different categories. This year students will choose whether to perform ceremonial, informative or persuasive speeches.

The contest will consist of preliminary rounds, a final round and an award ceremony at the Student Research Conference in April.

Registration for the event will continue until 5 p.m. March 25. The COMM 170 division’s preliminary rounds will be March 29; the advanced division’s preliminary rounds will be March 30; and the open division’s preliminary rounds will be March 31. All final rounds will take place April 5. For more information or to register, visit http://communication.truman.edu/chandlermonroe2011.asp.

Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics

The Students Supporting the Exceptional Community (SSEC) organization is looking for volunteers to serve as buddies in the Special Olympics Spring Track and Field Games taking place April 16 at Stokes Stadium.

This is a unique opportunity for college and high school students, as well as other community members, to interact with individuals with special needs. Volunteers are paired with Special Olympics athletes and these buddies take their athletes to their events, cheer them on and eat lunch with them.

The SSEC also organizes “Olympic Village,” an area filled with craft booths and games that buddies and their athletes can enjoy together. There will be athletes from Kirksville and surrounding areas participating in Olympic events such as running, jumping and throwing.

The Opening Ceremonies will start at 12 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium with performers from the University. All community members are invited to attend the ceremony.

Lunch will be provided for all buddies, and buddies may either work with an athlete on their own or may pair up together to assist with an athlete for the day. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve as a buddy can contact Mary Rose Sallese at mrs1665@truman.edu.

Disaster Drill Provides Opportunity for Students

Sigma Sigma Phi at A.T. Still University will host a Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Day at 10:30 a.m. March 26 in the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine student parking lot.

The event will feature a mock car accident at 10:30 a.m. A staged large disaster will follow and medical staff will run a triage unit, categorize and treat the many victims.

This event is open to everyone, especially students going into the medical field or wanting to help with disaster relief.

This event was organized in response to the May 13, 2009 tornado that impacted Kirksville. Should an event of even greater magnitude occur in this community, there could be more casualties and emergency response teams may be strained.

The goal of Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Day is to test the effectiveness of the coordinated actions the hospital, emergency services and the community would take in a disaster situation and provide an educational opportunity for KCOM students and the community at large.
This year’s spring lab show, “The Little Dog Laughed,” directed by senior Matt Dominguez, will be performed at 8 p.m. March 24-26 in the Black Box Theatre on the 2nd floor of Ophelia Parrish.

“The Little Dog Laughed” follows the adventures of Mitchell Green, a movie star who might hit it big and his devilish agent Diane who tries to control his love life. This play contains strong adult content, adult language and sexual content.

Tickets must be reserved and are now available at the Box Office in Ophelia Parrish. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and tickets can be reserved in person or by calling 785.4515.

Each year, the Truman Theatre Department requests play submissions from students. From that pool, one submission is selected to be the student-directed spring lab show. For more information, contact Dominguez at mpd4165@truman.edu.

Theatre Department Presents Lab Show

Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded

The Truman State University Foundation awards 10 $1,500 scholarships annually to students who are participating in a summer, faculty-led study abroad experience.

The students who have been selected as recipients in 2011 will study abroad in various programs, including Bethesda Archeological Dig and Israel/Jordan Study Tour, China Study Abroad Program, Costa Rica Summer Program, Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa, Europe in Transition, Finland/Estonia and Salamanca.

These scholarships are made possible through generous contributions from alumni, parents and friends of the University. Applications for the 2012 Foundation Study Abroad scholarships will be available in the Center for International Education this fall.

For more information or questions, contact the Office of Advancement at 785.4133.

NOTABLES

Zachary Palmer, a junior sociology major, has been selected to participate in this year’s American Sociological Association’s (ASA) Honors Program in Las Vegas, Nev. This year’s Honors Program will take place Aug. 19-23. The ASA Annual Meeting is the premiere event for sociologists around the country. The ASA Honors Program provides undergraduate sociology students with a rich introduction to the professional life of the discipline. Through a competitive process, exceptional sociology students from throughout the country and the world are selected to come together for four days during the ASA annual meeting. By participating in the Honors Program, students develop long-lasting networks with other aspiring sociologists while their sponsoring departments have a chance to showcase their own quality programs and most outstanding students.

Kristen Irwin, assistant professor of accounting, Sandra Weber, professor of accounting, and Debra Kerby, professor of accounting, co-authored a case study that was accepted for publication in the IMA Educational Case Journal. The case study, “Appaloosa County Day Care, Inc.,” was presented in October 2010 at the Midwest AAA Case Session and was then revised for publication.

Wynne Wilbur, associate professor of art in ceramics, has had work selected to be included in “21st Century Ceramics” published by Lark Books of Asheville, N.C. Curated by prominent ceramic artists from around the world, this book will be a kind of “best of” collection from their 10 books in the 500 ceramic series, published over the past 10 years.

Career Center is Hiring

The Career Center is hiring students for the In-Center, Public Relations and Design teams for the 2011-2012 school year.

Students may work for scholarship, work-study or limited institutional hours. Position duties and responsibilities can be found on TruPositions.

Interested applicants must attend one of two preview sessions:
5-6 p.m. March 21
6-7 p.m. March 22

Deadline:
5 p.m.
March 25

Applicants will need to submit a résumé, cover letter, three professional references and the Career Center application available at the preview session. Materials should be addressed to Katie Vanderhoof. Students must also apply online at TruPositions.

For more information or advice on cover letters, résumés and references, check out the Career Center website at http://career.truman.edu.

International Student Affairs Office Now Hiring for 2011-2012

Students can apply to be international hall hosts, mentors for international student achievement or office assistants.

Deadline:
March 28
To apply, stop by the ISAO Kirk 120

For more information, visit http://trupositions.truman.edu
The Physics Colloquium continues at 4:30 p.m. March 23 in Magruder Hall Room 1096. Paul Kwiat from the Department of Physics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will present “The Quantum Information Revolution: 101 Uses for Schrodinger’s Cat.” The quantum information revolution seeks to use the almost magical properties of nonclassical physics to enable new feats in information processing. Kwiat will describe some miracles and investigations into how the usual benefits can be extended. A brief lesson in Quantum Cooking may be included.

The School of Business will sponsor ethics speaker Donna J. Werner, professor of philosophy at St. Louis Community College - Meramec (STLCC), from 3:45-4:30 p.m. March 24 in Violette Hall 1000. Werner’s presentation, entitled “What’s Ethics Got to Do With It?” will provide an introduction to ethics and a discussion of its relevance for business professionals.

Lois Zachary, an internationally recognized expert on mentoring, will conduct a mentoring workshop from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. All faculty members are welcome and refreshments will be provided. RSVP by March 25 to mcnair.truman.edu.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) offer free tax return preparation by IRS-certified volunteers provided. RSVP by March 25 to mcnair.truman.edu.

The Truman Institute is now accepting applications to earn the Managerial Foundations Certificate. Students will conduct a mentoring workshop from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. All faculty members are welcome and refreshments will be provided. RSVP by March 25 to mcnair.truman.edu.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will offer free tax return preparation by IRS-certified volunteers and free electronic filing from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 26 in Violette Hall 1424. VITA is sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi.

The Truman Institute is now accepting applications to earn the Managerial Foundations Certificate during an eight-week course in April and May. This certificate prepares participants to deal with increased global competitiveness while they manage resources and people more effectively. Anyone interested in enrolling may contact the Truman Institute at 785.5384, visit the Truman Institute website at http://institute.truman.edu or e-mail the Institute at jmorton@truman.edu. Submit applications for the April special session no later than March 28.

The 2011 Summer Ecosystem Experiences for Undergraduates (SEE-U) program is now accepting applications. SEE-U provides undergraduate students of all majors with a global understanding of ecology and environmental sustainability through lectures, labs and fieldwork carried out in unique natural settings. Students earn six academic credits and no prerequisites are required to enroll. Fellowship funding is available through the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC) at Columbia University’s Earth Institute. Field sites include Brazil, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Students can apply online at http://www.cerc.columbia.edu/?id=see-u-app-process. The program has a rolling admissions process and the next application review date is March 28. For more information, visit http://www.cerc.columbia.edu/?id=see-u or contact Desmond Beirne at CERC at djh2104@columbia.edu or 212.854.0149.

The Career Center is hosting an Etiquette Dinner on April 4. Students will receive instruction throughout a four-course meal and learn how to navigate the silverware, glasses and courses that may be a part of the interview process. Students must register at http://pdi.truman.edu. The cost is $16 per person and is due in the Career Center prior to the event.

Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor a blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. April 5-6 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms.

Missouri Hall Senate will host an Art Gala from 4:30-7 p.m. April 14 in the Missouri Hall Chariton Room. The Senate will purchase three pieces for $100 each. Entries must be 2-D and easily hangable. Submission deadline is April 13. More information and the submission form can be found at http://missouri.truman.edu.

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Fall 2011 Room Reservation Lottery

The Student Union will accept Fall 2011 room reservation requests March 28 through March 31 at 8 p.m. Only paper requests will be accepted in this time period.

Any requests after April 1 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, after lottery requests have been processed.

Paper lottery forms can be found at http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery. Submit forms to the Student Union Building Administrative Office (Room 2000) between 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply at http://fafsa.ed.gov before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. The government allows filing with estimates if corrections are made when available. Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 or 785.4130 with questions.

Teaching Assistant Positions in Spain

The Embassy of Spain is seeking 2,000 college students and recent graduates to work as North American Language and Culture Assistants. For more information about the program, visit http://goo.gl/DjiEl.

Deadline: March 31

For further information, contact Pedra Rey-Rodil at pedro.rey@education.es.