Recently, faculty and staff received information about supporting the Truman State University Foundation through the 2012 Faculty and Staff Campaign. This year’s campaign is being chaired by Cindy Cooper (biology) and Greg Marshall (ITS). Campaign goals include $140,000 in gift support and a faculty and staff participation rate of 62 percent.

The theme of this year’s campaign is “We Are Truman” and an important objective of the campaign is to recognize the hard work and loyalty of Truman’s faculty and staff. The Faculty and Staff Campaign also seeks to educate employees on the importance of private giving and to encourage working together in these challenging times for higher education.

A key component of the Faculty and Staff Campaign is the volunteerism of 43 “area coordinators” that represent the various faculty and staff areas of campus and encourage fellow colleagues to consider investing in Truman at any level. Educating colleagues on the impact that even small gifts can make to students and even their own departments is a mission that the area coordinators take seriously. Faculty and Staff members may designate their gifts to any of the Foundation’s 575 funds or may also direct their gifts to the Truman Fund for Excellence—a fund used to support the University’s areas of greatest need. Many employees find payroll deduction to be an easy and affordable way of supporting Truman and what they’re passionate about—their own department, scholarships, an athletic team and other funds that impact the Truman Experience.

The Faculty and Staff campaign push will continue through April 6. However, all gifts from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, will be counted in the campaign totals. This year all departments or areas with a participation rate of more than 60 percent will be recognized to show appreciation and to educate students on the impact of faculty and staff giving.

There will be a drawing April 6 to give away prize packages, including the reserved parking spots for a year. Any gift to the campaign qualifies individuals for the parking spot drawing, and first-time gifts to the campaign qualify individuals for the Truman apparel package drawing.

For more information about the Faculty and Staff Campaign, go to isupport.truman.edu.

Speech and Hearing Clinic Celebrates 50th Anniversary and Fundraising Campaign

The Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic’s 50th anniversary and campaign kickoff celebration will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. March 24.

A celebration and hor d’oeuvres reception will take place in the Student Union Building Alumni Room, followed by optional tours of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Health Sciences Building.

The event is complimentary and open to the public and fundraising information will be made available on how to support the Give $50 for the 50th! Campaign.

RSVP to the Office of Advancement 800.452.6678, 785.4133 or alumnievents@truman.edu. For more information, contact Brad Chambers, Advancement Office at 785.4133.
Entries will be accepted through March 30. Visit conduct.truman.edu for more information and contest rules.

The OCCS will accept individual or group entries and will award Truman Bookstore gift certificates for the top contestants: first place, $150; second place, $100; third place, $50.

What Does it Mean to be a Truman student? How do you define the Truman college experience?

Winning entries will be creative videos that capture the essence of the Truman experience. Specifically: What does it mean to be a Truman student? How do you define the Truman college experience?

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SHOW YOUR TRUMAN SPIRIT BY WEARING PURPLE.

The 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available at fafsagov. It is important to apply before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. The government allows filing with estimates in order to meet early state or institutional deadlines. The FAFSA is also required for Parent (PLUS) Loans. Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103, or call 785.4130 with any questions.
Buri Awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Truman’s senior student-athlete, Megan Buri, a recent biology graduate from Parkville, Mo., was awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship for the 2011 fall sports season.

Buri, a two-time CoSIDA Academic all-American, a three-time NSCAA all-region pick and a four-time all-MIAA performer, became the 18th Truman senior student-athlete to receive the NCAA’s prestigious award.

The one-time grants of $7,500 each are awarded for fall, winter and spring sports. Up to 174 are issued annually through the program, created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education by rewarding the NCAA’s most accomplished student-athletes.

Athletic and academic achievements, as well as campus involvement, community service, volunteer activities and demonstrated leadership, are evaluated.

Buri previously had become just the second player in program history to be named a two-time CoSIDA Academic all-American, garnering first-team honors in 2011 following a spot on the second-team in 2010. She scored two goals and added a team-best seven assists this past season, with her 18 career assists ranking 10th in Truman history.

To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade-point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) and must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full- or part-time graduate student.

NOTABLES

Robert Bates Graber, professor emeritus of anthropology, and Dean R. De Cock, associate professor of mathematics, along with third author Michael L. Burton of the University of California, Irvine, have had their paper, “A Guttman-Based Approach to Identifying Cumulativeness Applied to Chimpanzee Culture,” accepted for publication by the scholarly journal Cross-Cultural Research.

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, gave a keynote address at the “Religions, Science and Technology in Cultural Contexts: Dynamics of Change” conference in Trondheim, Norway March 2. Edis also presented a talk at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies in Lund University, Sweden March 8.

Children’s Miracle Network Silent Auction

All students, faculty and staff are invited to bid on a basket to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 20-21 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The auction is sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Tau Gamma, Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Lambda Phi and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Author and retired executive Harlan Steinbaum will deliver the Bentele-Mallinckrodt Executive-in-Residence Lecture at 3 p.m. March 20 in Violette Hall 1000. Steinbaum was president and CEO of Medicare-Glaser Corporation and author of “Tough Calls from the Corner Office.”

“O Excellent Motion: Directing Through Text,” a workshop by actors from the American Shakespeare Company, will take place from 3:45-5 p.m. March 20 in Baldwin Hall. Participants will learn how to find performance clues in Shakespeare’s plays and direct the actors. Space is limited to 40 participants. For more information email bdelmoni@truman.edu.

The Faculty Lunch-n-Learn series continues from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 21 in Pickler Memorial Library 103. The focus of this presentation is using Wordpress to easily update web presence by Greg Marshall.

No Exit- Spring Lab Show will run at 8 p.m. from March 21-24 in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theatre.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host a discussion of issues of interest to the University at 12 p.m. March 22 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. This meeting is to address and give input on the Guiding Coalition. All faculty and staff are invited. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785-6036 for more information.

Beta Alpha Psi will provide free income tax assistance to students and the community from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 24 and March 31 in Violette Hall 1424. For complete details visit bap.truman.edu or email lmd6224@truman.edu.

Dr. Stacey Barelos, assistant professor and chair of the Piano Area at Missouri Southern State University, will present a piano recital at 2 p.m. March 24, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Dr. Barelos, who specializes in 20th and 21st century music, will present a program that features music by living composers. Following her recital, Dr. Barelos will conduct a piano master class beginning at 3:30 p.m. that features Truman piano majors. Both events are free and open to the public.

The University Orchestra Gold Medal Concert will take place at 8 p.m. March 24 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Students will perform as soloists with the University Symphony Orchestra.

The deadline for summer grant applications offered through the Truman Institute is March 26. These grants are designed to move toward the goal of having each major offering at least one online course, where feasible, within the next couple of summer sessions. Applications can be found online at institute.truman.edu/forms.asp.

“Savages and Throwbacks: Racism and Heterosexism in 20th Century America,” a lecture by professor and author Ladelle McWhorter, will take place at 4:30 p.m March 30 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. McWhorter, a professor of philosophy at the University of Richmond, is also the author of “Racism and Sexual Oppression in Anglo-America: A Genealogy.” This event is sponsored by the Jonny and Dave Eisenberg Speaker’s Fund, the Department of English and Linguistics and the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Educator of the Year nominations are now being accepted. They can be made online at senate.truman.edu or at the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

SAVE THE DATE
The Holman Speakers Series presents:
MICHAEL BESCHLOSS
8 p.m. • April 14 • Baldwin Auditorium

Beschloss will speak about his New York Times best seller “Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989.” He serves as the NBC News Presidential historian and regularly appears on “Meet The Press,” the “Today” program and “PBS NewsHour.” The award-winning historian and author of nine books has been described by Newsweek as the “nation’s leading Presidential historian.”

SUB ROOM RESERVATION LOTTERY
The Student Union Building reservation office will accept reservation requests for the fall semester from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 2-5 in the Student Union Building Reservation Office, Suite 2000. All requests must be submitted in writing on a reservation form. Additional forms will be available at studentunion.truman.edu/lottery to print out. There will not be electronic confirmations for these requests. Confirmations will be mailed out by April 27. Address all questions to the SUB Reservation Office, 785-4186, or at union@truman.edu.

SIFE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will host “Entrepreneurship: From the Couch to Corporation” March 22. The free program will introduce aspiring entrepreneurs to owning a business and provide current entrepreneurs with tips to improve their business.

The Keys to Financing
10:30-11:20 a.m. Student Union Building Georgian Room B

The Keys to Marketing
10:30-11:20 a.m. Student Union Building Georgian Room C

Reception featuring Rob Sweeney, founder and CEO of Mobile Media Technologies
12-1 p.m. Student Union Building Activities Room
Register at eventmanager.truman.edu to reserve a spot.

Entrepreneurship Panel
1:30-2:50 p.m. Student Union Building Conference Room

The Keys to Planning
3-3:50 p.m. Student Union Building Georgian Room B

The Keys to Legal Formation
3-3:50 p.m. Student Union Building Georgian Room C

Pickler Memorial Library RAP Sessions...
RAP (Research Assistance Program) sessions with subject librarians can help refine topics or locate useful sources for term papers or research projects. To set up an appointment visit the library’s home page, under ‘Get Help,’ click on ‘Request a RAP Session,’ call the Reference Desk at 785-405; or stop by.