January Conference to Focus on Evolving Truman’s Public Liberal Arts Mission

Truman’s third annual University-wide January Conference will be held from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29. “Evolving Truman’s Public Liberal Arts Mission: Fostering a Supportive Learning Community” is the theme for the day.

The first session will be a plenary session featuring Christopher Dahl, president of the State University of New York-Geneseo, at 9 a.m. in the SUB Georgian Room. The discussion topic will be “Deriving the Essence of a Public Liberal Arts College.” Dahl is one of the preeminent thinkers on the role of the liberal arts in a public university.

Concurrent discussions for faculty, staff and students will follow at 10 a.m. A lunch buffet is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. in the SUB Georgian Room. Richard Light, professor and director of the Harvard Seminar on Assessment, will speak about “Enriching Campus Life and Learning at Truman” in a plenary session at 12:15 p.m. in the SUB Georgian Room. Light’s recent book “Making the Most of College” focuses on the ways students learn and how they are engaged in their learning.

Following lunch, concurrent sessions will be held at 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. A Technology Fair will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. The Technology Fair is sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Technology Roundtable.

A conference day social will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the SUB Down Under.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents the Kansas City Symphony

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will open the spring semester with the Kansas City Symphony at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in Baldwin Auditorium. With a mission to “advance and advocate the art of classical music for the enrichment of the community,” the symphony has established itself as a major force in the cultural life of Kansas City and the region.

In addition to full orchestra activities, the ensemble serves as the pit orchestra for both the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and the Kansas City Ballet. The orchestra’s 77 full-time musicians are area residents and perform more than 50 performances during the 42-week season under the direction of Anne Manson and associate conductor Timothy Hankewich.

Manson is widely praised for her visionary leadership and innovative programming, both of which have placed the Kansas City Symphony in the national eye. Manson has conducted for the Indianapolis Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Honolulu Symphony, the Utah Symphony and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, among others.

The Truman Bookstore is a platinum level corporate sponsor of the Series and special guest at this performance.

Tickets are free for Truman students, faculty and staff and are now available in the Student Activities Board Office or in the Center for Student Involvement, both located in the Student Union Building lower level. Call 785.4016 for information.
Call for 2003 Tech Fair Presenters

Are you excited about the way that you have made use of technology in teaching and learning? Then you may be interested in presenting at Tech Fair 2003 during the afternoon of the January Conference on Jan. 29. Tech Fair 2003 is modeled on the poster session of the Undergraduate Research Conference. It will allow faculty, staff and students to share their in-and-out-of-the-classroom uses of technology in a walkaround "Activities Fair"-style environment.

It is not too late to sign up to present at the Fair. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Chad Mohler at 785.6034 or at chmohler@truman.edu or your divisional/departmental TLTR representative by Jan. 24. Please also let Mohler or your TLTR rep know what equipment you may need during your presentation (Internet connection, laptop, TV/VCR, etc.).

Summer Student Workers Available Without Cost to Division

The Truman Upward Bound (UB) project has received a supplemental grant to provide a Career Internship Program for project participants. These monies will allow the project to place students in summer internships with professors and in campus offices without cost to the divisional budget.

During the 2003 summer session, UB expects to place approximately thirty students in internships related to their career interests. The internship supervisors, who must be degreed professionals, will function as a career mentor to the students as they encourage them to pursue a postsecondary education and discuss career options within their field of specialty.

Students will provide 30 hours of work to the supervisor tentatively from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on selected Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in June and July. In addition, the student will research a career related to the internship placement and receive 30 hours of classroom instruction in which employability and job-related skills and attitudes will be discussed, practiced and evaluated. Upon successful completion of the internship, students will be provided a stipend from UB funds.

In an effort to assist in the current budget restraints, first priority for internship placements will be given to the Truman campus. Professors and campus offices interested in receiving more information about an intern for the 2003 summer should contact Upward Bound by Feb. 15 by phone at 785.4244 or by e-mail at ubub@truman.edu. If all student workers are not needed on campus, then the free-gratis workers will be offered to the Kirksville community.

Liz House was one of a few students to participate in the project last summer. She worked in the Multicultural Affairs Center and now she is a freshman Spanish major. House is from Moberly, Mo.

Bertha Thomas, interim assistant dean of multicultural affairs, said Lana Brown, director of Upward Bound, had prepared the students to be professional and eager to do their assignments. In addition, she described House as a responsible, mature and diligent worker. Thomas said she is hooked on the program and looks forward to using the program again this summer.

Upward Bound, a part of the Truman campus since 1966, is funded to build in low-income and first-generation high school students the skills and motivation necessary for college success. Services are provided to students in nine Northeast Missouri counties on a year-round basis from the sophomore to senior years. Project participants receive academic support services in weekly after-school meetings throughout the academic year and spend six weeks of the summer in a college-preparatory residential session on the Truman campus.

Banner System Payroll Checks Distributed

Jan. 13 marked an important milestone in the SCT Banner implementation project, when the first payroll checks from the Banner system were distributed to students. The new checks are fold and seal forms, similar to the grade mailers currently in use at Truman. All Truman employees will receive the new type of payroll checks.

Human Resources/Payroll is the third functional area to reach a milestone in the project. The Business Office (Finance) and Admissions areas have been utilizing the system since July 2002 and September 2002, respectively.

The project is on track and has reached a peak in go-live activity. Within the next three months, Financial Aid, Residential Living and Registration will begin utilizing the system extensively. Future milestones include implementation of the Web products, including Web for employees, Web registration and Web for faculty and advisers. More information regarding the SCT Banner implementation project is available on the project Web site:

http://its.truman.edu/admincomputing/Banner_Implementation.stm

Student W-2 forms for 2002 will be available
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Jan. 27 and 28
outside McClain Hall 105
A photo ID will be required

Faculty/Staff W-2 forms for 2002 will be available
Jan. 27
in divisions/departments
All W-2 forms not picked up by 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 will be mailed

Reissued W-2 requests will begin Feb. 17 with a three-day processing time

Students pick up their first Banner payroll check Jan. 13 at the Cashier’s Window in McClain Hall.
Notables

Warren Gooch, professor of music, was one of four national finalists for the 2003 Pi Kappa Lambda Music Composition Commission. Pi Kappa Lambda is the national music honor fraternity, with headquarters at Northwestern University. This summer, Aug. 5-12, was the 46th Biennial Conclave at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., of Alpha Chi Sigma, a national chemistry fraternity. Current Truman students attending from Gamma Theta, were Sarah Welch, senior chemistry major from Bolivar, Mo., and Eric “Thor” Patterson, senior chemistry major from Shaumburg, Ill. Alumni attending were Catherine Schmidt, Pete Ritter, Rachel Morgan, Rani Chohan, Jessica Levinskas Vogler and Mistti Ritter, professional representative. Gamma Theta received the 3-star Chapter Award for both years of the biennium. They also received the Central District Counselor’s Best Philanthropy Award, citing that, for such a young chapter, they had already managed to develop a scholarship fund and were being instrumental in the fund raising for the brick campaign for the new science building. Furthermore, they received the Hutchinson Award for Professional Activities (of which there is only one award per biennium) and the Best Non-House Chapter Award.

The Truman Forensics Union captured a total of 70 different awards Jan. 10-12 as they competed at tournaments hosted by Hastings College and Doane College in Crete, Neb. Truman won both halves of the tournament and the overall sweepsakes championship for the weekend. Ten individual tournament championships were won by the team including honors for Heather Carmack, senior communication major from St. Joseph, Mo., in informative speaking; Amy Carmack, senior communication major from St. Joseph, Mo., in impromptu speaking and persuasive speaking; Nate Dendy, freshman theatre major from Liberty, Mo., in poetry interpretation, prose and program oral interpretation; and Heather Carmack and Dendy in duo interpretation. In individual sweepsakes, Dendy was overall tournament champion, followed by Amy Carmack and Heather Carmack. Jaci Devine, junior communication and Spanish double major from Inverness, Ill., ranked fourth in the combined quadrathon award.

Interview Project to Focus on Student Engagement in the Liberal Arts Culture

The annual Interview Project will be conducted during the next six weeks of this semester. The goal of the Interview Project will be to address issues concerning student engagement in the liberal arts culture.

The teams of one faculty member and one student will interview approximately 100 first-year students and 100 students with more than 85 credit hours.

Formal interviews will be held from 10:40-11:40 a.m. and 12:25-1:25 p.m. on Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and from noon-2 p.m. on Feb. 1, 15 and March 1. The interviews will be concluded by midterm break. The findings will later be published for the entire University community.

Last year first-year students were interviewed about recruitment and retention issues. Those results have been shared in various University forums and soon will be available in the University’s annual Assessment Almanac.

For more information on the Interview Project, contact David Gillette, associate professor of economics and director of the Interview Project, at 785.4334.

New Truman Bookstore Manager Hired

Terry Woodring has been transferred by the Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc. to work as the new Truman Bookstore manager.

Prior to moving to Truman, Woodring was a store manager for the Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis.

He received a bachelor of science in business administration from Central Missouri State University.

Woodring said he would like to get the students more involved with the store and make it a fun atmosphere for everyone.

Tel Alumni Seeks Workers

Students interested in a part-time job this semester are encouraged to apply to work the Tel Alumni campaign. Tel Alumni is hiring 20-30 students to work for 10 weeks.

Students must be available to work at least two of the following shifts each week: 6-9 p.m., Sunday; 6-9 p.m., Monday; 6-9 p.m., Tuesday; 6-9 p.m., Wednesday; 6-9 p.m., Thursday.

Tel Alumni offers nightly prizes (gift certificates, clothing, etc.); a relaxed, fun environment; paid training; a flexible schedule and an hourly wage of $5.15. Tel Alumni is an excellent resume builder.

The job application deadline is Jan. 24. For more information, contact Charles Hunsaker, annual fund coordinator, at 785.4028 or hunsaker@truman.edu.

Got Passion?
The University Career Center and Residential Colleges Program are offering a series of five workshops titled “Finding Your Career Passion”

The workshops begin the week of Jan. 27 and are designed for students who are interested in learning more about their interests and how they relate to majors and careers.

Dates, times and sign-up sheets are available in the Career Center. Interested students should stop by the Career Center to enroll. Contact the Career Center at 785.4353 for more information.
Ekklesia will sponsor a devotional at 8 p.m., Jan. 21, at 114 E. McPherson Apt. 401 as part of the “Add to Your Faith” series and will host a private bowling party from 12:30 to 2 p.m., Jan. 26, at Leisure World. Contact Greg Hudson for information at 785.5016.

The Faculty Development Committee as part of Faculty Development’s 2003 Weekly Lunch Series is hosting “An Inaugural Celebration: The Center for Teaching & Learning” from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the SUB Georgian Room. There is a $5 meal subsidy to Mainstreet Market that day and cake will be offered after a short program. Come and go as your schedule allows.

The MA Program in Accounting will host an informative presentation on Career Exploration for Classical and Modern Languages (abroad). It will take place at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 23, in BH 312. Jeff Romine will present “Accounting Goes International” and Patrick Lecaque will present “Internships/ Work Opportunities Abroad.” Students not enrolled in this class may attend. R.S.V.P. to Tim Farley at tfarley@truman.edu for more information.

There will be informational sessions about the Inversion Venice and Istanbul study abroad summer program at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 23, in OP 2210 and at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 27, in OP 2210. All majors are welcome and there are no prerequisites.

The Globalization Series will continue this semester with a panel discussion/lecture “Global Terror” from 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 23, in the SUB Activities Room. Speakers will be Wolfgang Hoeschele, John Ishiyama and Betty McLane-Iles. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Linda Seidel at 785.4491 for more information.

Congressman Kenny Hulshof will deliver his State of the District Address at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 24, in the SUB Conference Room. He will be sponsoring two Baldwin Workshops. “Using Images to Re-Think Technology” will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Feb. 7, in the SUB Alumni Room. “Primary Sources and Writing Intensive Assignments” will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Feb. 8, in BT 200. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 27 to facdev@truman.edu.

Proposals for Summer 2003 Undergraduate Research Stipends/Faculty Addendum are now being accepted. Up to 44 stipends of $2,000 each will be awarded to students. Faculty mentors are also eligible to receive up to $1,000. Interested students need to work with a faculty mentor in developing a brief research proposal. Proposals must be submitted to the division head of the faculty mentor’s division by Feb. 7. Interdisciplinary proposals should be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Application packets with additional information are available in division offices.

The Residential College Program Central Office is seeking a few students to fulfill scholarship hours. Students must be sophomore level or above. Interested students should contact Carolyn McCarty in the RCP Central Office, BH 101, at 785.4409 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Upward Bound Project is offering employment opportunities for the 2003 summer session (June 8-July 18). Upward Bound is a college preparatory program serving northeast Missouri high school students. Positions are available for instructors in composition, literature, physics, ACT English, ACT reading, performance and multimedia; residence hall staff; night supervisors; career specialists and tutors/mentors for college freshmen (June 1-July 25). Completed applications are due Feb. 14. Contact Upward Bound for more information at 785.4244 or ubub@truman.edu.

May 2003 Graduates: If you have made any changes to the proposed class schedule(s) on your graduation application, please notify the Registrar’s Office soon to update your application. Timely updating helps you ensure that all degree requirements will be met and helps you avoid last minute concerns. Be sure to follow up on all comments written at the bottom of your application. If you have questions regarding comments on your graduation application, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 785.4143 for clarification.

Students—if you have recently moved to a new off-campus address, please update your address and phone number with the University. Updates can be made online at http://pipeline.truman.edu, or by contacting the Registrar’s Office. Interested in a long term immersion experience in French and German without actually leaving the country? Then help create a French/German House by letting your faculty know you’re interested. Contact Andrea Davis at andavis@truman.edu for French and/or German. Student input is needed.

Students interested in becoming public school foreign language teachers (French or Spanish) are encouraged to enroll in LLFL 101 Pre-MAE Seminar in FL Education. This second block course meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Contact Eric Jewell at ejevell@truman.edu for more information.

The Student Recreation Center will host “101 Physical Activity,” Student Recreation Center; see Notes 7:30 p.m.—Kansas City Symphony—Kohlenberg Lyceum Series, Baldwin Auditorium; see Page 1

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Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday’s publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to ksvooba@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today submission form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. It may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submission form.pdf.