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. 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 is pleased to present the Kansas City Symphony at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in Baldwin Auditorium.

This will be the fifth time the Kansas City Symphony has visited Truman’s campus, but the first time it will perform under the direction of Principal Conductor Anne Manson and Associate Conductor Timothy Hankewich.

Both Manson and Hankewich have gained the Kansas City Symphony national recognition. Manson has conducted for the Indianapolis Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, among others. Hankewich, who will conduct the Lyceum performance, has served as conducting apprentice for the Oregon Symphony and has appeared with the Chinese Broadcasting Symphony and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

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 perform more than 50 performances during the 42-week season.

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

Free tickets for Truman students, faculty and staff 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 more information.
Cynthia Selfe to Present Baldwin Lecture

Cynthia Selfe, professor of humanities at Michigan Technological University, will visit Truman Feb. 7-8 as the 2003 Baldwin Lecturer. Her lecture “The Perils and Promises of Digital Literacy in the 21st Century: Three Case Studies” will be at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7, in Violette Hall 1000.

Selfe will lead two workshops during her visit. “Using Images to Re-Think Technology” will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Feb. 7, in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. “Primary Sources Online and Writing-Intensive Assignments” will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Feb. 8, in Barnett Hall 200. R.S.V.P. is required.

Selfe is a co-editor of Computers and Composition: An International Journal. She is the author of numerous articles and books on computers in education.

Selfe received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. She received her master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Texas in Austin.

The 2003 Baldwin Lecturer is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, formerly known as Faculty Development.

For more information, visit http://www2.truman.edu/facdev/Baldwin.html, call the Center for Teaching and Learning Office at 785.4391 or e-mail facdev@truman.edu.

Organizations Donate Money to Purchase Martin Luther King Jr., Multicultural Books

The SERVE Center helped organize volunteers who in turn collected more than $600 to purchase Martin Luther King Jr. and multicultural focused books from the Truman Bookstore.

Volunteers read and distributed the books to 10 classes at Ray Miller Elementary School. In addition, volunteers read and donated books to the morning and afternoon classes at the Child Development Center, Hickory Hills Learning Center, Kirksville Head Start and the Faith Lutheran School. Each classroom now has four books that they would not have received otherwise.

Books also were given as prizes to Martin Luther King Jr. art contest winners.

The SERVE Center worked with the Truman Bookstore to purchase the books at cost so more books could be purchased for the classrooms.

Students Recognized for High Scores

The President’s Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement was given to the following summer 2002 graduates who achieved the 97th percentile or above on the required nationally normed senior exam prescribed by faculty in the respective major field. Recipients’ transcripts also list this achievement.

Those receiving the recognition include: Thomas Barhorst, psychology; Mark Crowell, business; Chad Peters, psychology; Bryan Sattler, accounting; Jerry Schirmer, political science; Nicole Showalter, psychology; Brian Simpson, business; Reon Sines, business; and Kristopher Stroup, political science.

Student Activities Board applications are now available in the CSI and SAB office.

All applications are due by 5 p.m., Feb. 5, in the CSI.

Applicants will be interviewed Feb. 7-9.
Notables


R. Paul Crabb, professor of music, recently participated in a concert in Kansas City for the Arts in Prison, Inc. This national organization utilizes the arts as a method of rehabilitation for inmates in federal penitentiaries.

Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, will be presenting a talk called “Exorcising all the Ghosts” at the James Randi Educational Foundation’s conference at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb. 2. He will also speak on “Intelligent Design” creationism at Nova Southeastern University Feb. 3.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, has had a musical composition accepted for publication. “Glory to God on High” for mixed chorus will be published by Alliance/Quo Vadis Publications.

Roger Johnson, a physical plant employee, recently organized a fund-raiser to benefit the Adair County Public Library roof renovation. The event raised more than $4,636 for the replacement of the existing roof of the public library. Anyone that would like to make a tax deductible donation to the roof fund can mail or drop it off at the Adair County Public Library located on 1 Library Lane in Kirksville.

Andrew (Kyung) Mun, associate professor of finance, has had his article titled “Bank Foreign Exchange and Interest Rate Risk Management: Simultaneous versus Separate Hedging Strategies” accepted for publication in the Journal of Financial Intermediation. This journal is the highly selective (less than 10 percent acceptance rate) prestigious academic journal sponsored by the University of Michigan Business School. Mun had another article titled “Risk Premia on Foreign Exchange: A Direct Approach” accepted for publication in the Journal of Multinational Financial Management, forthcoming, July 2003 (p. 1-20). His paper will be the lead article in the journal.

Alfredo Santa Ana, senior music composition major, has been awarded first place in the Music Teachers National Association Student Composition Competition (West Central Region). His winning composition, “Caminando” for piano quintet (piano and string quartet), will represent the region at the national level of the competition. Last fall, this composition received first place in the Missouri Music Teachers Association Student Composition Competition.

Mark Spitzer, professor of English, just had his translations of Arthur Rimbaud’s “Evangelical Poems I-IV” published in ACM 41, Another Chicago Magazine.

Jason Bertram, junior pre-business administration major from Manchester, Mo.; Jason Stanghelle, freshman physics major from Lindstrom, Minn.; Charles Jonathan Courtney, freshman history major from Liberty, Mo.; and Tyler Nobis, a freshman from Quincy, Ill.; received Truman scholarships from Beta Theta Pi social fraternity at a recognition banquet Jan. 21.

Five members of the Truman Forensics Union traveled to Concordia University, in Seward, Neb., Jan. 18-19 and brought home additional awards for their already overstocked trophy room. The five managed to take second in debate sweepstakes, despite their number, outperforming the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Washburn University, among others. In parliamentary debate, both Truman teams competing reached elimination rounds with 5-1 preliminary round records.

Sam McClure Faculty Violin Recital

3 p.m., Feb. 2, in the OP Performance Hall
featuring: Sam McClure and Katherine Collins on the Violin
and Patrice Ewoldt on the Piano

The Spring Career Expo is Approaching

Get Linked at the Truman State University Career Center

Monday, Feb. 10
Mock Interviews in the UCC with representatives from Eli Lilly, Steak ‘n’ Shake, State Farm Insurance and Save-a-Lot

“Ace the Interview” by Larry Frey, Eli Lilly
5 p.m. • SUB Alumni Room

“Internship Information” Student Panel
6 p.m.
SUB Conference Room

“How to Work a Career Fair”
by Teri Jamison, Target, and Larry Frey, Eli Lilly
7 p.m. • SUB Alumni Room

Tuesday, February 11
Career Expo
1 to 5 p.m. • SUB

Expo Reception
5:30 p.m. • SUB Down Under

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Expo Interviews
day all • SUB

Deadlines
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Deadline to upload your resume and apply for positions by midnight

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Deadline for students to sign up for Expo interviews

Anytime before Expo
Pre-register to attend at
http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo/home.asp.
Check out Expo employers and posted job/internship listings online at
http://career.truman.edu.
For assistance in preparing for the Expo, stop by the University Career Center, McKinney Center, or call 785.4353.
The Student Recreation Center will host “101 Physical Activity” at 11:30 a.m., Jan. 28, and at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 30. R.S.V.P. in the Human Resources Office, MC 106. Body composition assessments take place the last Monday of every month. Sign up in the Campus Recreation Office. Spring FITTE sign-up will begin Feb. 5 in the Campus Recreation Office.

Sigma Chi Delta local, a social sorority, continues rush activities this week. The theme is “Being is Not as Important as Becoming.” Events will take place at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the SUB Governors Room and Jan. 29, in the SUB Alumni Room.

Ekklesia will sponsor a devotional at 8 p.m., Jan. 28, at 407 Centennial Hall as part of the “Add to your Faith” series. Next week, the devotional will meet at 8 p.m., Feb. 4, at 411 S. First St. Contact Greg Hudson at 785.5016 for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity, will have two informational meetings for spring rush. Everyone is welcome. The meetings will be at 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in the SUB Governors Room and at 8 p.m., Jan. 30, in VH 1000.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, in the SUB Spanish Room. The topic, “Open Mike: What’s on Your Mind?” will be lead by Julie Lochbaum. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

There will be an informational meeting for the new Study Abroad in Mexico program at 5 p.m., Jan. 30, in VH 1416. The eight-week program requires students to take six hours of Spanish instruction and two hours of intercultural instruction. Two business classes are an additional option. Contact Terry Gabel at tgabel@truman.edu for more information.

The Truman State University Child Development Center Seminar Series will continue with “Early Childhood and Art: Preferred Practices to Support the Making and Appreciation of art in Young Children” at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 6, in VH 1320. Contact Mona Davis at 785.4383 to reserve your spot.

There will be an informational meeting about a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial scholarship opportunity for post-graduate study in a foreign country at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 6, in VH 1400.

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 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will have their Spring Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 10, in the SUB Georgian Room. Phi Kappa Phi members can R.S.V.P. to Mark Weidner at 785.6023 or mweidner@truman.edu.

The Truman State University Law School Forum will be from 1-5 p.m., Feb. 13, in the SUB Activities Room. The forum is an opportunity for those interested in law school to meet with representatives from schools in the area. There will also be information on the LSAT and brochures from schools around the country.

The University Art Gallery presents two new exhibits now through Feb. 14. “Retrospective” displays the artwork of Ed McEndarfer, ceramics artist and Truman professor emeritus of art. “Reconnecting” is a collection of artwork produced by McEndarfer’s former students. Admission is free and the gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; and noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday.

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.

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. 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 ejewell@truman.edu for more information.

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