Several events are planned to celebrate Earth Day.

The Residence Halls are holding a competition this week to see who can recycle the most aluminum cans. The contest ends April 17.

The Environmental Awareness Committee is sponsoring a luncheon seminar titled “Recycling and More at Truman” with Howard Worcester, recycling coordinator, at 11:30 a.m., April 17, in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Pick up something from Mainstreet Market to eat or bring your lunch from home.

An Earth Day Celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 22, on the Mall. There will be free popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. Sodexho will provide free soda if you bring your own container. KTRM will provide the music and information tables will be set up for inquiries about Truman’s Recycling Center, Life in Bear Creek, and products promoting recycling. The celebration is sponsored by Student Senate, RHA, Sodexho and the Environmental Awareness Committee.

There will be a Downtown Environmental Awareness Celebration from 6-8 p.m., April 25, on the Kirksville square. This event is sponsored by ECO.

Volunteers are needed to help clean Kirksville’s Spur Pond from 10 a.m.-noon, April 26, off Osteopathy. Call 627.1485 or 785.4222 for more information or to volunteer.

Robert M. Collins, professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will present the 16th annual Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture at 7 p.m., April 23, in Magruder Hall 124. His presentation is titled “Ronald Reagan and the Politics of Optimism.” A reception with refreshments will follow the lecture.

Collins wrote the book “More: The Politics of Economic Growth in Postwar America.” The book was the runner-up for the Hawley Prize of the Organizations of America Historians.

Collins received his bachelor’s degree from the New Jersey City University and his master’s degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. He received his doctorate from The John Hopkins University.

A group of Truman alumni and friends established the Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture Series in March 1988, upon the retirement of Gilbert Kohlenberg, professor emeritus of social sciences, and Ruth Warner Towne, professor emeritus of history and dean emeritus of graduate studies.

The series honors the contributions of Kohlenberg and Towne and offers the campus an opportunity to listen to nationally-acclaimed social science scholars.

For more information, contact David Robinson at drobinso@truman.edu or at 785.4321.
Political Science Faculty Use Interviews to Improve the Major

Political science faculty members include a twenty-minute interview with students as one of their discipline-specific assessment strategies. During the last week of each semester, students taking the capstone course sit for interviews with two faculty members. The interview is an opportunity for students to express orally what is on their minds. Faculty have learned information that they combine with the data they receive from other university assessments to critically evaluate factors such as the discipline’s curricular structure, pedagogy, and advising. Faculty begin with a set of questions such as:

- Why did you choose Truman?
- Did you get what you came for?
- Why did you choose political science?
- Did you get what you wanted?
- What has been your best learning experience in the major?
- What has been your best experience outside the major?
- What is your best work in your LAS Portfolio?
- What recommendations do you have for improvement of the major?
- What recommendations do you have for improvement of the University?
- What are your plans for the future?

However, faculty say that one of the real advantages of the interview method is that student responses frequently generate spontaneous follow-up questions to reveal even more about the student’s motivations, satisfaction, and educational reflections.

Students typically choose the major because of a desire to study law, an influential high school teacher, or a prior interest in politics. Another group adopts the major because of enthusiasm for one of the entry-level courses in political science taken to satisfy the LSP or statute requirement. Students who enter the major are often expecting a program that focuses on current events and don’t understand what is meant by social science. The research methods expected in Truman’s program are a great surprise to students. One of the most significant changes faculty made as a result of the interview responses was a revision of the methodology course and the development of a research design manual for all faculty members.

Students universally describe Truman’s political science program as rigorous and writing and research intensive. The interviews also confirm that graduating seniors, even those in the bottom half of their graduating class, support the structured and challenging design of the major. In the words of one senior, “If you want more students, make the major easier; if you want outstanding students, keep it the way it is.” This feedback helps faculty when they are discussing possible changes to their courses or ways to improve the major. Currently, faculty are addressing suggestions from several students that claim the discipline should provide more advice on the wide variety of jobs appropriate for political science majors. As a result, several faculty members are discussing how to apply discipline models and theories to contemporary political cases. Faculty members in political science agree that student interviews are a rewarding opportunity to interact with students and a beneficial assessment method that has contributed to improvements in the major.

Faculty Awarded Academic Tenure

The Truman Board of Governors approved five faculty members to receive reappointment that is tantamount to the granting of academic tenure for the Academic Year 2003-04 at its April 5 meeting.

Academic tenure is awarded to faculty on continuous appointments who are recommended by their academic division head, the vice president of academic affairs and the University president.

Faculty selected for this honor are: Kathryn Brammall, associate professor of history; Laura Fielden, assistant professor of biology; Brian Lamp, associate professor of chemistry; Adrien Presley, assistant professor of business administration; and Mary Shapiro, associate professor of linguistics.
Jim Barnes, writer-in-residence and professor of comparative literature, has had a poem titled “Remembering Hiroshima and Propaganda” selected for inclusion in Poets Against the War at http://www.poetsagainstthewar.org.

Beta Theta Pi received five Inter-Fraternity Council awards at the Greek Awards Ceremony April 3, in Pershing Arena. Beta landed the “Highest Active Member GPA,” the “Highest New Initiate GPA,” the “Most Outstanding New Member Program,” the “Most Outstanding Campus Leadership and Involvement Award” and the “Outstanding Community Service Award.”

Julia DeLancey, associate professor of art, presented a paper titled “Selling Color: Guilds and Pigments in Renaissance Florence and Venice,” as part of a panel she also organized titled “Drugs, Pigments and Spices: the world of the early modern apothecary.” The session and paper were presented at the Renaissance Society of America annual meeting in Toronto.

Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, had his article “Flipping a Quantum Coin” published in the Spring 2003 issue of Free Inquiry. The Index captured 14 awards, including “Best Non-Daily Newspaper” at the Region Seven Conference of the Society of Professional Journalists. Brooke Sherrard, senior communication and Spanish double major from Centerville, Iowa, placed second and Susan Fuhrman, senior communication major from Red Bud, Ill., placed third in editorial writing. Sarah St. John, junior communication major from Excelsior Springs, Mo., placed third in spot news writing. Dave Brandt, senior communication major from Springfield, Mo., placed first and Dale Sweetnam, junior communication major from Highland, Ill., placed third in sports writing.

Brandt also placed first in sports column writing. Luke Trautwein, senior communication and Spanish major from Columbus, Neb., placed first and Dan Sem, junior communication major from Plymouth, Minn., placed second and third in general news photography. Sem also placed first in spot news photography, first in photo illustration and third in feature photography. Maureen Ferry, sophomore philosophy and religion major from St. Louis, took second in sports photography.

Detours received two awards including “Best Magazine Published More Than Once a Year” at the conference. Jessica Lowe, sophomore communication major from Brighton, Ill., placed third in magazine non-fiction writing.

Daniel Mandell, assistant professor of history, has had two articles, “Narragansetts” and “Praying Towns,” published in The Dictionary of American History. Emmanuel Nnadozie, professor of economics and director of the Ronald E. McNair Program, has been selected to serve on the Editorial Board of the journal West African Review.

Matthew G. C. Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages and linguistics, will have his book “El Siciliano Y Su Herencia Lingüística Española,” published by The Edwin Mellen Press. His book is an interdisciplinary study that examines the presence of Spanish words in Sicilian/Italian.


The Public Relations Office is now accepting résumés for the fall 2003 internship position.

Interns receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in desktop publishing and public relations office duties. Interested students should stop by the Public Relations Office, MC 102, call 785.4016 or e-mail Katie Svoboda at ksvoboda@truman.edu, no later than April 25.
Notes

The Center for Teaching and Learning Weekly Lunch Series will meet from 12:30-1:15 p.m., April 15, in the SUB Spanish Room. The Weekly Lunch Series will present a refresher course on the basics of educational fair use called “Copyright Flash Tutorial.” Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

There will be a second planning meeting for groups wanting to participate in fund-raising to help Brian Archibald with medical expenses at 12:30 p.m., April 15, in the SUB Spanish Room. The speaker at this year’s event is John Petrocik, a PSA member and the University of Missouri political science department chair. Contact James Przybylski at 785.4657 for more information.

Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, will have its annual dinner and initiation ceremony at 6:30 p.m., April 15, in the SUB Spanish Room. The speaker at this year’s event is John Petrocik, a PSA member and the University of Missouri political science department chair. Contact James Przybylski at 785.4657 for more information.

The Center for Teaching and Learning will present a 90-minute videotape reprise on “Copyright Issues Online” at 12:30 p.m., April 16, in the SUB Spanish Room. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

SAB will sponsor Bingo from 7-8:30 p.m., April 16, in the SUB Down Under. Prizes will be awarded. Contact SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

The Panhellenic Council will sponsor the spring question and answer session on sorority recruitment at 7 p.m., April 16, in the SUB Alumni Room. The theme is “Life is Only What You Make It...Greeks Make It Great.” Contact Karah Burns, vice president of internal recruitment, at 627.1176 for more information.

The Truman Chapter of Amnesty International is honored to present a peace conference from 7:15-9 p.m., April 17, in the SUB Governors Room. Gloria Kwok will lead the discussion. Feature presenters will include Roger Brown of the United Auto Workers, Andy Hilgartner, an independent physicist and scientist, and Wolfgang Hoeschele. All interested members of the community are welcome. Contact Betty McLane-Iles at 785.4507 for more information.

Joseph Farrell, an Italian professor from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, will deliver a presentation on “New Identities in ‘Old Europe’” at 2 p.m., April 22, in the SUB Alumni Room. This presentation will be based on a series of reports he did on European National Identity for BBC Radio. The Division of Fine Arts will host an opening reception for the Spring 2003 B.A. and B.F.A. Art Exhibition from 7-9 p.m., April 22, in the University Art Gallery. Admission is free. Photography, fibers, printmaking and sculpture will be represented. The exhibition runs from April 22-26.

Graduation applications for students who want to graduate in December 2003 are due in the Registrar’s Office, MC 104, by April 25. The Writing Center is currently accepting applications for Writing Consultants in English and Spanish for the 2003-04 academic year. A limited number of stipend positions are available. However, candidates may choose to fulfill scholarship hours as consultants. Stop by the Writing Center, MC 303, to pick up job descriptions and application forms or check the Writing Center Web site at http://wc.truman.edu. The application process must be completed by May 1. Contact Mary Lou Woehlk, director of the Writing Center, by e-mail, mlw@truman.edu or phone, 785.4691 for information.

The Cardinal Key Service Club at Truman is conducting a book drive for the Adair County Public Library now through May 2. They will accept new or used books in good condition. There is not a demand for textbooks, but the library needs all other types of books, including children’s books. Cardinal Key will accept monetary donations as well. Checks should be made payable to Cardinal Key. Please drop off the books in the designated boxes at the Adair County Public Library, the Kirksville Primary School, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Hastings, the Centennial Hall lobby and the CSI. For more information, please contact Katie Sauer at 627.1336.

Truman State University will be hosting the Mid-American Athletics Association Championships May 3 and 4. Volunteers wishing to help with this meet would be appreciated. If you have an interest, contact John Cochrane at 785.4341 or cochrane@truman.edu.

Applications are now available for the 21st Century Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to teach women leadership skills, allow them to meet key public policy people in government and learn more about public policy. The training program will be May 18-23 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. For more information, contact Patricia A. Miller at 785.4260.

The Echo Yearbook reminds graduating seniors to stop by the Echo office in the lower level of the SUB to drop off your name, non-Kirksville address, and a $5 payment to have the 2002-2003 yearbook mailed to you.

On Campus

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18 FRIDAY
2 p.m.-Softball vs. Emporia, Truman Softball Field

19 SATURDAY
1 p.m.-Softball vs. Washburn, Truman Softball Field

21 MONDAY
Spring Vacation, no classes
Truman Faculty, Staff Honored with Service Recognition Banquet

In the photo at left are the 2002-2003 retirees honored at the recognition banquet. Seated (left to right) Danny Zimmer, Linda Caraway, Ann McEndarfer and Robert Cowan; standing (left to right) are Barbara Kline, James Shaddy, Jack Magruder, Sue Magruder and Paula Presley. Not pictured are Arlie Garrett, Alfreda James, Steven Klein and Connie Reid.

In the picture below are 40-year honorees (left to right) Sam Lesseig and Marilyn Gibbons.

In the photo above are the 30-year honorees seated (left to right) Connie Ikerd, Matt Eichor and Susanne Neely; standing (left to right) Joanne Jackson, James Przybylski, David Rector and Kathy Rieck. Not pictured is Stuart Vorkink.

In the photo at above right are the 25-year honorees recognized at the banquet. Seated (left to right) are Marsha Redmon, Janice Saffir, and Lois Dover; standing (left to right) are Heinz Woehlk, Malia Mondy, Mark Appold (part-time), Judy Mullins and Barbara Heard. Not pictured are Dan Peterson and John Sapko.

In the photo at right are the 20-year honorees recognized at the banquet. Seated (left to right) are Wanda Cagle and Traci Hill; standing (left to right) are Vera Piper, Donna Bailey and Trudy Halley. Not pictured are Roger Festa, Ray Jagger, David McKame, Steven Seward (part-time) and Laurie Turner.
In the photo above are the 10-year honorees. Seated (left to right) are Andrea Davis, Betty Floyd, Shawna Berry, Bertha Thomas, Natalie Alexander and Jane Story; standing (left to right) are Cindy Mitchell, Stephen Hadwiger, Thomas Trimborn, Patricia Miller, Lloyd Pflueger, Joe Hamilton, Jon Beck and Joyce Schmitz. Not pictured are Jay Belanger, Mike Cannon, Doug Daubert, Elaine Doak, Cheryl Engber, Marty Jacques, Kim Jarvis, Bill Kuntz, Susan LaGrassa, Doug Ludolph, Judy Lundberg, B.J. Pumroy and Carolyn Wriedt.

In the photo at right are the 15-year honorees. Seated (left to right) are Patricia Burton, Janice Grow, Melissa Ware, Rhoda Kennard, Peggy Clark and Marilyn Miller; first row standing (left to right) are Barbara Clark, Warren Gooch, David Murphy, Chett Breed, Arnold Preussner, James Guffy, Carol Lockhart and Ruthie Dare-Halma; second row standing (left to right) are Brian Hudnall, Vaughn Pultz, Kenneth Carter, Clifton Kreps, Ronald Rybkowski, Roger Johnson and Dawood Alzal. Not pictured are Kevin Easley, Martin Erickson, Scott Fouch, Dennis Leavens, Jean Moots, Linda Moore (part-time) Paul Parker, Ron Partin, Elaine Scudder, Steven J. Smith and Cindy Woods.

In the photo above are the 5-year honorees. Seated (left to right) are Michael Seipel, Carol Marshall, Sam McClure, Hena Ahmad, Ding-hwa Hsieh, Vicky Wehner and Nancy Rediger; first row standing (left to right) are Michael Burkett, Karl Schneider, Raymond Phipps, John Rutter, Michael Goggin, Russell Nelson, M. Royce Kallerud, Liz Jorn, Jennifer Matteson, Linda Davenport and Christine Harker; second row standing (left to right) are Pat Smiser, Dean Baker, Laura Thrasher, Donald Bindner, Wolfgang Hoeschele, Karen Croarkin and Kim Murphy. Not pictured are All Bilbao, Mike Cameron, Elizabeth Clark, Bruce Coggins, Jimmy Hanlin, Eric Jewell, Ruth Kempf, Dave Lusk, Andrew McClanahan, Jason Miller, Jeanne Mitchell, Blake Pigg, Daniel Robbins, Deanna Rood, Emily Taylor, Bridget Thomas, Dana Vazana, Tony Vazana and Torbjorn Wandel.