University Conference to Focus on Strengthening a Community of Learners

Truman’s fourth annual University Conference (formerly the January Conference) will be held from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29. “Strengthening a Community of Learners: Students, Staff and Faculty” is the theme for the day.

Barbara Dixon, Truman State University president, and Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, will open the conference at 8:30 a.m. in the SUB Georgian Room.

The first breakout session will begin at 10:15 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m. These sessions will be about expanding the knowledge of teaching and learning. Participants will discuss short articles on teaching and learning. The articles are available on the University Conference agenda Web site at http://vpaa.truman.edu/january04_agenda.stm#break.

A lunch buffet is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. in the SUB Georgian Room. R.S.V.P. is required. Milton D. Hakel, professor of psychology at Bowling Green State University and Ohio Board of Regents Eminent Scholar in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, will deliver the keynote address about “Applying the Science of Learning to Truman State University” at 12:15 p.m. in the SUB Georgian Room.

Another breakout session will be from 3-3:40 p.m. The subject of this breakout session is “Crossing Boundaries.” It is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to discuss issues of mutual concern.

A conference day social will be held from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the SUB Down Under. This will allow participants to reflect on the day’s activities and socialize.

ACLU President to Speak

Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and professor of Law at New York University’s School of Law, will deliver a lecture at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29, in Baldwin Auditorium. Her lecture is titled “Protecting National Security and Civil Liberties.”

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Strossen appears frequently as a legal commentator on national media and has been on many national news programs. She has been twice named one of “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.”

Strossen’s visit is funded by Funds Allotment Council monies obtained by a University collective comprised of Amnesty International, College Greens, College Democrats and the Environmental Campus Organization.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Contact Narissa Webber at 785.5702 or e-mail amnesty@truman.edu for more information.
Tech Fair to be Held During University Conference

Interested in learning new and exciting ways to use technology in and out of the classroom? Then don’t miss the 2004 Tech Fair from 10:15-11:30 a.m., and from 3-4:15 p.m., Jan. 29, in the SUB Alumni Room. Refreshments will be provided.

Students, faculty and staff will share their in-and-out-of-the-classroom uses of technology in a walkaround “Activities Fair” style environment.

The University community can discover several uses for technology at the Tech Fair, such as: how to use videoconferencing in your classes, the neat things you can do with Blackboard, what it takes to put together a digital portfolio, how to use online web surveys to tailor courses to meet student needs, how to use PowerPoint to make classes more interactive, how to make poster-size printouts at the Teaching/Learning Technology Center, what a “free software” version of Blackboard looks like, what Pickler Memorial Library’s latest and greatest electronic resources are, how to use http://TurnItIn.com, the online peer review and plagiarism-detection service, what Apple Computer is doing to facilitate education, how to make your Web sites accessible to people with disabilities, what one of the new summer online courses looks like, and what one of Truman’s Computer Science student organizations is currently working on.

The fair is sponsored by Truman’s Teaching/Learning Technology Roundtable (TLTR).

Final Student Uses Registration Tunnel

Faculty and staff celebrate as Cameron Moore, senior mathematics major from Florissant, Mo., hands his permit to enroll to Charlotte Mathews, Registrar’s Office, Jan. 16 in the McClain Hall tunnel. Moore was the last student to register in the tunnel. Web registration will begin in March.

Anderson to Present Baldwin Lecture

James D. Anderson, historian and activist, will visit Truman Feb. 5-6 as the 2004 Baldwin Lecturer. His lecture, “Liberal Arts for Liberation: The Proper Arts for a Free People” will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 6, in the SUB Georgian Room. It will follow the Baldwin Banquet, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet are $8.50 each. R.S.V.P. by Jan. 30 to the Center for Teaching and Learning.

There also will be other opportunities to hear Anderson lecture while he is at Truman. He is speaking on “Race, Meritocracy and Higher Education” at 10:30 a.m., and “A Brief History of Desegregation” at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 5, in the SUB Alumni Room. Anderson also will lecture on “Diversity and Academic Excellence” at 10:30 a.m., and “History as Handmaiden: Being an Expert Witness in Court Cases” at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 6, in the SUB Alumni Room.

The 2004 Baldwin Lecturer is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. For more information, contact Julie Lochbaum at 785.4477.

Farewell Reception for Leah Vincent

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Ted Frushour, English graduate student from Kirkwood, Mo.; Eilene Kuehnle, English graduate student from St. Peters, Mo.; Lauren Rosenfield, English graduate student from Lee’s Summit, Mo.; and Eric Tumminia, English graduate student from Huggins, Mo.; will be presenting various works at the 14th Annual EGSA Mardi Gras Conference in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 12-14.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, has had a musical composition accepted for publication. “The Harvest Moon” for mixed chorus has been accepted by Stars of Promise Publishing House. This composition was co-commissioned by the American Choral Directors Association and the Minnesota Music Educators Association.

Jeffrey Vittengl, assistant professor of psychology, has co-authored several articles which have been accepted for publication. “Self-Directed Affiliation and Autonomy Across Acute and Continuation Phase Cognitive Therapy for Recurrent Depression” was accepted for publication in the Journal of Personality Assessment. “Why are Some Undergraduates More (and Others Less) Interested in Psychological Research?” was accepted for publication in Teaching for Psychology. In addition, “Improvement in Social-Interpersonal Functioning After Cognitive Therapy for Recurrent Depression” was accepted for publication in Psychological Medicine.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

Truman students have a scholarship opportunities available.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri offer scholarships up to $1,000 to qualifying junior, senior or graduate students enrolled in a Missouri college or university who are majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management or allied subject.

Scholarships up to $3,000 also are available through the Ernest and Lillian Swanson, the Tex Neuner and the Ida Morrow Scholarship Trust Funds to qualifying freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students who are residents of the State of Missouri and are enrolled in any accredited college or university. The student must be studying botany, plant genetics or a related subject.

Visit the Truman State University Financial Aid Office for an application for any of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri scholarships. Deadline for scholarship submission is March 1.

Attention May 2004 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 any questions regarding comments on your graduation application, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 785.4143 for clarification.

Got Passion?

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

The workshops begin the week of Feb. 2 and will introduce students to Career Center resources, help identify skills, values and personality characteristics, and begin to develop strategies for job and internship search techniques.

Workshop participants will have an opportunity to complete the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and Strong Interest Inventory followed by an interpretation session.

The cost of the five-week workshop is $10 which covers the cost of the two assessments and other course materials. Sign up now in the Career Center or call Dave Kincaid at 785.4353 for more information.

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The Writing Center is now open for consultations. Their spring semester 2004 hours are 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday. The Center is closed on Saturday and Sunday. Contact 785.4484 for additional information.

The Student Recreation Center is offering cardiovascular orientations through Feb. 1. Individuals who would like to be acquainted with the equipment can see a weight room instructor for a free orientation. For more information, go to http://recreation.truman.edu.

The University Wellness Program in cooperation with the staff of the Student Health Center will be offering annual wellness screenings on campus for faculty, staff and spouses. Screenings will be from 7-30 a.m., Jan. 27, Jan. 30, Feb. 4, Feb. 5, Feb. 11 and Feb. 12, in the Student Health Clinic. No appointment is required. A 12-hour fast is required prior to the screening.

SAB will present “Murder on Maui” at 7 p.m., Jan. 27, in the SUB Georgian Room. By watching this murder-mystery and guessing who committed the crime, students could win a $25 gift certificate to Hastings. Tickets are available in the SAB Office, lower level of the SUB. Tickets are free with a student ID and must be picked up in advance. Call SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with “Online Learning” from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Jan. 28, in the SUB Spanish Room. The session features David Penrose, Collegis instructional designer. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega invites students who are interested in their Spring Rush to attend one of their informational meetings at 8 p.m., Jan. 28 or Jan. 29, in VH 1010. Alpha Phi Omega is a national, co-ed service fraternity. Contact Bethany Lueckenhoff at 785.4739 or Beth Severs at 665.9552 for more information.

Ekklesia-Church of Christ is holding a special series of Thursday devotional hosted by college students. The devotional this week begins at 7 p.m., Jan. 29, in Dobson Hall Room 465. It will be hosted by Brittany Levin. For more information, call 785.4063.

There will be an organizational meeting for the new Macintosh Users Group at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 30, in the SUB Spanish Room. The users group is open to members of the Truman, KCOM and greater Kirksville communities. Contact Chad Mohler at 785.6034 or chmohler@truman.edu or e-mail Ash Young at ash120@truman.edu for more information.

The Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri invites everyone to attend their “Il Salone dello Spazio!” from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Feb. 1, at Il Spazio restaurant. The “salon” style get-togethers will consist of readings and discussions of recent intellectual or cultural works from members of the NEMO area. Hena Ahmad will read work written by her brother, Agha Shahid Ali, from his book “Call Me Ishmael Tonight: A Book of Ghazals.” The event is free and open to the public. Appetizers will be provided by Phi Beta Kappa.

For more information, visit http://www2.truman.edu/nemo-pbk.

Interested in teaching English in France as a teaching assistant in a public school next year? Applications and full information are available at http://www.frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/2004-05.html. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Contact Gregg Siewert at gsiewert@truman.edu with questions.

The Center for Teaching and Learning presents a session for teachers/scholars with “Orientation to the Large-Format Printer” at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, in Pickler Memorial Library Room 203. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

Cardinal Key and Blue Key are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb 3-5, in the SUB Activities Room. Identification is needed in order to donate. Contact Katie Allen at 665.4158 or Matt Cosby at 665.6654 for more information.

Cardinal Key is seeking women with a desire to serve the community and campus. Rush events will begin at 1 p.m. for women with last names A-M and 2:30 p.m. for last names N-Z, Feb. 8, in the SUB Alumni Room. More events will be held Feb. 11 and Feb. 15. To be eligible for Cardinal Key females must have at least a 3.25 GPA, have completed four semesters by May 2004 and have 60 credit hours. Rush applications are due Feb. 6 and can be obtained by visiting http://cardinalkey.truman.edu. Contact Sierra Bresica at 785.7119 for more information.

There will be informational meetings about the Missouri-London Study Abroad Program from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Feb. 9 and Feb. 10, in the SUB Conference Room. Dennis Leavens will lead the discussions.

Upward Bound, a college-preparatory program, is currently accepting applications for the 2004 on-campus summer session. Positions are available for residence hall staff; photographer; college freshman mentor/tutor and instructors in ACT Prep, composition, digital video, math, performance, science (biology, chemistry and physics), Spanish, and yearbook/journalism. Completed application packets with references are due Feb. 13. For information and/or application materials, contact Upward Bound located in Kirk Building 220, at 785.4244, ubub@truman.edu or at the Large-Format Printer, the Library.

The University Art Gallery presents “The Cole Collection,” displaying maps, money, and other printed matter from the collection of David and Lilly Cole. The exhibit will be displayed now through Feb. 20. It will feature fine art prints by Rembrandt, Prud’hon, Blake, Daumier and others. 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 Badminton Club is currently accepting new members. Their meetings are from 3-4:30 p.m. every Saturday in the East Court of the Student Recreation Center. For more information, visit their Web site at http://badminton.truman.edu or e-mail Fatima Smith at lb2831@truman.edu.

If you have recently moved to a new off-campus address, please update your address and phone number with the University on Banner Web. Updates also can be made by contacting the Registrar’s Office.

Notes

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 ksvoboda@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 102. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, style and space.