Harris Mini-Residency to Focus on Diversity and Leadership

The Student Union and Center for Student Involvement are sponsoring a mini-residency by John Leonard Harris, an award-winning writer, cultural educator and student motivator. The theme of his mini-residency is “Building Bridges of Understanding With Energy and Humor.”

Harris is the founder and president of Encouragement Incorporated, Inc., a non-profit organization that offers educational, motivational and relational programs to organizations and agencies across the country which serve low-income, inner city and at-risk populations. He also is special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the author of the Article of the Year for the Journal of Intergroup Relations.

Harris will lecture on “Diversity: Finding Common Ground” at 7 p.m., Feb. 4, in the SUB Governors Room. He also will lead a workshop titled “Leadership: It’s Your Time” at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Student Union Building Governors Room.

All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. Contact Mark Weidner at 785.4186 or by e-mail at mweidner@truman.edu for more information.

The Division of Fine Arts to Present One-Act Operas and “The Laramie Project”

Truman State University’s Division of Fine Arts has two upcoming events, including two one-act operas and a presentation of “The Laramie Project,” by Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project.

Vocal music students and the University Orchestra will be performing two one-act operas: Douglas Moore’s “Gallantry” and W.A. Mozart’s “The Impresario” at 8 p.m., Feb. 7, and 3 p.m., Feb. 8, in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Both pieces will be sung in English and the subject matter is appropriate for all ages.

Tickets will be available from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Feb. 2-6, in the Ophelia Parrish lobby and at the door. They may also be purchased at the Edna Campbell Bookstore. Tickets are $3 for students with their student ID or $5 for general admission. For more information, call 785.6037.

“The Laramie Project” depicts the ways in which the community of Laramie, Wyo., was impacted by the events surrounding Matthew Shepard’s murder in 1998. Shepard was a gay University of Wyoming student who was the victim of a hate-crime five years ago in Laramie. The play emphasizes the importance of embracing all kinds of difference, representing Laramie and its people with grace and compassion.

The play will open at 8 p.m., Feb. 17 and run through Feb. 21, in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theatre. For additional information, please contact Becky Becker at 665.4519.
Professors to be Panelists at Iraq and Ethics Discussion

The Philosophy and Religion Club and Centennial Hall Residential College Program invite the Truman community to attend an Iraq and Ethics Panel Discussion from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Centennial Hall Main Lounge.

The topic of the discussion will be the current situation in Iraq. The panelists are: Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion; David Gruber, professor of philosophy; John Ishiyama, professor of political science; and Thomas Zoumaras, professor of history. Mike Ashcraft, associate professor of religion, will be moderating.

For more information, e-mail the Philosophy and Religion Club at phreclub@hotmail.com or call 785.5378.

Judy Shepard to Visit Truman

Judy Shepard will speak on “The Legacy of Matthew Shepard” at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10, in Baldwin Auditorium.

Judy Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming man who was the victim of a hate-crime five years ago in Laramie, Wyo. Judy Shepard has spent the past several years speaking to college audiences about the importance of nonviolence and diversity.

Judy Shepard’s visit is being sponsored by a variety of departments and organizations, both on the Truman campus and within the Kirksville community. The event is free and open to the public.

Contact Becky Becker at 785.4519 for more information.

Two Seniors Named Dow Jones Interns

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund awarded seniors Laura Hordesky and Chakira Lane internships for summer 2004. The fund, founded in 1958 by editors of the Wall Street Journal to improve the quality of journalism education and the pool of applicants for jobs in the newspaper business, conducts a rigorous nationwide search for 120 interns. The interns then work in publications across the United States.

Hordesky will work in Oregon at the Ashland Daily Tidings and the Medford Mail Tribune. Lane will intern at Newsday in Long Island. Hordesky, a communication-journalism major with art history and justice systems minors, is from Ellisville, Mo. Lane, a communication-journalism major and theatre minor, is from Hazel Crest, Ill.

T. S. Eliot Poetry Prize Winner Announced

Michael Sowder of Preston, Idaho, is the winner of the 2004 T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry sponsored by the Truman State University Press.

Established in 1996, the prize is awarded for a book-length collection of poetry in honor of T. S. Eliot’s intellectual and artistic legacy. Sowder’s winning poetry collection, “The Empty Boat,” was selected from 602 manuscripts in the eighth annual competition. Sowder receives $2,000 and publication of his book, which is expected by summer 2004.

Sowder’s chapbook, “A Calendar of Crows,” was the winner of the 2001 New Michigan Press chapbook award, and his poems have appeared in anthologies and journals. Sowder is currently assistant professor of English at Utah State University.


Richard St. John of Pittsburgh, Pa., Julie Fay of Bounts Creek, N.C., Terry Ann Thaxton of Winter Springs, Fla., and Judith Harway of Shorewood, Wis., were the other four finalists the judge selected.
Notables

Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, will be the guest speaker at Sacramento’s Seventh Annual Darwin Day Celebration Feb. 7 in Sacramento, Calif. His speech is titled “Intelligent Design: Creationism Evolves Again.”

John Ishiyama, professor of political science, had his article “Examining the Impact of the Wahlke Report: Surveying the Structure of the Political Science Curricula at Liberal Arts and Sciences Colleges and Universities in the Midwest” accepted for publication in the American Political Science Association journal PS: Political Science and Politics.

Pete Kelly, assistant professor of education, will present his paper titled “A Special Education Professional Development School: Impact on Teaching and Learning” at the 2004 Professional Development Schools National Conference in Orlando, Fla., in early March. Diane Clark, a special education teacher and department chair at Kirkville Middle School, and Sara Childers, an M.A.E. student in special education, will co-present.


Rotary Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship offers students the opportunity for post-graduate study in a foreign country. To be eligible for this scholarship program, students must be 18-30 years of age, be proficient in the language of the host country and be a citizen of a country in which there is a Rotary Club.

The academic year scholarship covers transportation between home and the study city, some educational supplies, academic fees, and on-campus housing and meals. In return, the scholar is asked to be an ambassador of goodwill by making a few presentations in the host and sponsoring communities.

The Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by the Rotary Foundation Trustees. Funding is provided to cover round-trip transportation, tuition, and fees for language training and homestay expenses.

For more information or to pick up an application, contact Marilyn Romine, instructor in business administration, at 785.4303 in Violette Hall 2416 or Matt Eichor, director of justice systems, at 785.4667 in Pershing Building 334. Information also is available at the Rotary International Web site, http://www.rotary.org.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., March 15, to Romine or Eichor, for students planning to study abroad between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. An informational meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Feb. 9, in Violette Hall 1424.

Student Ambassador Applications Available

The Admissions Office is looking for upbeat, outgoing, well-spoken and dedicated students to represent the University to prospective students. Student Ambassadors volunteer 1.5 hours per week to give tours to visiting students and their families. They also help out in a variety of ways at the five visit events Truman holds each year.

Applications will be available Feb. 9 in the Admissions Office, McClain Hall 205, and are due back by 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Interviews will be conducted Feb. 24-March 4.

The students selected to represent the University as Student Ambassadors will be trained this semester and will begin giving tours in the Fall 2004 semester, or this summer if they are available.

For more information, contact Devin Weishuhn at 785.4114, or by e-mail at devin@truman.edu.

The University Career Center presents

Spring Expo 2004
1-5 p.m.
Feb. 18
SUB

What can you do now to prepare?

Pre-register to attend the Expo at http://career.truman.edu.

Put together your résumé, have it critiqued by the Career Center and upload it on e-Recruiting by midnight, Feb. 11.

Schedule a mock interview at the Career Center.


Plan your professional look.

Take advantage of “Mapping Out Your Future” events on Feb. 17. These sessions will help you make the most out of the Career Expo and interview more effectively.

For more information call the Career Center at 785.4353.

The Writing Center is now open for consultations.

Spring semester 2004 hours: 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 the Writing Center at 785.4484 for additional information.
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. 3, in PML 203. The series will continue with a Large-Format Poster-Printing Software Workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 9, in PML 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 665.6664 for more information.

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 7:30-9 a.m., Feb. 4, Feb. 5, Feb. 11 and Feb. 12, in the Student Health Center. No appointment is required. A 12-hour fast is required prior to the screening.

The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with a special session allowing faculty and staff time for informal conversation with the Baldwin speaker, James D. Anderson, from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Feb. 5, in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

Ekklesia-Church of Christ is holding a special series of Thursday devotions hosted by college students. The devotional this week begins at 7 p.m., Feb. 5, in Dobson Hall 260. It will be hosted by John Pittman. For more information, call 785.4063.

The Truman State University Board of Governors will meet at 8:30 a.m., Feb. 7, in the SUB Conference Room.

SAB will present comedian Dave Attell at 8 p.m., Feb. 7, in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now and are free to students with a student ID. General admission tickets cost $5. Call SAB at 785.4722 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. 5, 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 at least 60 credit hours. Rush applications are due Feb. 6 and can be obtained by visiting http://cardinalkey.truman.edu. Contact Jill Meyer at 627.1152 or by e-mail at jill.meyer24@hotmail.com so that they know the approximate number of students to expect.

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. 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. If you are planning to change your major or request a new adviser, you should submit a change of major/adviser form to your division office by March 1 to ensure that these changes are made prior to registration for summer and fall 2004 courses.

Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in August 2004 are due by March 5. Applications for December 2004 graduation are due by April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available on the Truman Web page at http://registrar.truman.edu.

**On Campus**

3 TUESDAY
11 a.m.-4 p.m.-Red Cross Blood Drive, SUB Activities Room; see Notes

4 WEDNESDAY
7:30-9 a.m.-Annual wellness screenings, Student Health Center; see Notes

5 THURSDAY
7:30-9 a.m.-Annual wellness screenings, Student Health Center; see Notes

6 FRIDAY
7:30 p.m.-Wrestling vs. Simpson College (Iowa), Pershing Arena

7 SATURDAY
8:30 a.m.-Board of Governors meeting, SUB Conference Room

1:30 p.m.-Women’s basketball vs. Central Missouri State University; Pershing Arena

3:30 p.m.-Men’s basketball vs. Central Missouri State University; Pershing Arena

8 p.m.-SAB Event: Comedian Dave Attell, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

8 SUNDAY
1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.-Cardinal Key Rush, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes

9 MONDAY
4:30-5:30 p.m.-Missouri-London Study Abroad Program informational meeting, SUB Conference Room; see Notes