Ishiyama Selected as Truman’s McNair Program Director

Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, announced John Ishiyama, professor of political science at Truman, has been selected to be the next director of the Truman State University Ronald E. McNair Program.

Ishiyama began his duties as director this summer. He most recently served as research coordinator for the McNair Program.

“Dr. Ishiyama will bring his expertise, commitment, and dedication to the directorial position,” Gordon said. “I have full confidence that John will continue the great traditions of Truman’s McNair Program begun by Dr. Emmanuel Nnadozie.”

Nnadozie, professor of economics, had served as Truman’s director since the program’s initiation in 1992.

The Ronald E. McNair Program was established by the federal government principally to address the lack of minority, first-generation, low income among the professorate. The program is designed to provide targeted college students with effective preparation for doctoral studies.

Staff Representation Exploratory Committee to Present Recommendations at Open Forums

The Staff Representation Exploratory Committee will present its recommendations at two open forums for Truman staff members. The first open forum will be from 9-10 a.m., June 24, in Violette Hall 1000. The second forum will be from noon-1 p.m., June 29, in Violette Hall 1000.

Committee members will share the group’s recommendations for a Staff Council, including mission, structure, membership, membership selection, and implementation. These recommendations are outlined in a report that is currently available online at http://hr.truman.edu/staffcouncil/. Printed copies of the report are also available in the Human Resources and Physical Plant offices. Staff members are encouraged to review the committee’s report before attending the forums.

Feedback forms and pencils/pens will be provided at each forum for you to provide input and comments on the committee’s recommendations. If you cannot attend, you may print the feedback form from the Web site after June 29 and submit it to the committee. All comments are due no later than July 2.

For more information, please contact any of the following committee members:

Kay Anderson, Registrar’s Office
Steve Baldwin, Physical Plant
Lou Ann Gilchrist, Student Affairs
Dave Kincaid, University Career Center
Michael McManis, President’s Office
Diane Moore, Fine Arts
Maureen Slaughter, Human Resources
Howard Worcester, Physical Plant
Notables

John Ishiyama, professor of political science, and Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, recently signed a contract with the Taylor and Francis Publishing Group to be editor in chief, and editor, respectively, of the *Journal of Political Science Education*. This new journal is the official publication of the Undergraduate Education Division of the American Political Science Association and is published by Taylor and Francis. Its inaugural issue will appear in January 2005.

*Katrina Korte (’03), Child Development Center*

Notes

The Student Recreation Center has several fitness/wellness programs for the summer. FITTE personal training sign-ups have started. Limit to 10 participants for the summer. Instructional programs will continue until July 30. Body compositions will take place June 28. Sign-ups are required and will start June 23.

**August 2004 Graduation Candidates:**
Graduation clearance packets will be mailed to your current local address on June 21. Packets will be mailed to your permanent home address if you do not have a current local address on file. If you do not receive your packet, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 785.4143 or registrar@truman.edu. This packet is a graduation requirement, and must be completed by July 16.

**The next issue of the Truman Today will be July 6.** The *Truman Today* is printed biweekly during the summer. Submissions for this issue are due by June 30 to kbest@truman.edu.

Graduate student applications for December 2004 graduation are due Aug. 6.

For more information, contact the Graduate Student Office at 785.4109.

Truman Faculty and Students Assist With Ray Miller Prairie Day

Several Truman faculty members and students assisted with Laura Ingalls Wilder Day on May 14 at Ray Miller Elementary School. Organized by Ruth Delaware, senior biology major at Truman, the group helped with stations at the Prairie plot located at the east side of the Kirksville R-3 school grounds. Fourth graders rotated to the various stations to learn about prairie animals and plants. Emphasis was placed on learning about plants and animals that were familiar to the pioneers, settlers, and Native Americans during the time of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Stations included: Plant Dyes, Spinning and Weaving (Stephanie Fore, the Kirksville Spinners Guild and Dana Delaware); Prairie Mammals and Birds (Scott Burt); Prairie Grasses and Plants (Steve Carroll); Geology and Paleobiology (Anne Bergey); Prairie Reptiles (Don Kangas); Prairie Insects (Cynthia Cooper); Edible and Medicinal Plants (Lisa Hooper and Sarah Delaware). Truman students who helped included: Shawna Cooper, Julie Rubley, Mary Green, Patrick Hudson, Benjamin Delaware, Laura Riess and Kelly McGrath. Students from Karen Keck’s biology classes at Kirksville High School also assisted with the Prairie Day Activities.

On Campus

2 FRIDAY
First five-week graduate session ends

5 MONDAY
Independence Day holiday
No classes, offices closed

6 TUESDAY
Second five-week graduate session begins

Student Union
Summer Building Hours
Monday through Friday
7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday
Open for special reserved events only.
*Please contact the office for more information, 785-4186.*

Student Union
Administrative Office
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Truman Bookstore
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Center for Student Involvement
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sodexo Food Service Office
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mainstreet Market
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

During the summer, the *Truman Today* is a biweekly publication. The next issue will be July 6. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday’s publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to kbest@truman.edu or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form also may be accessed online at [http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf](http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf). All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, style and space.