Faculty Sabbaticals Reinstated

Vice President for Academic Affairs Garry Gordon announced July 1 that faculty sabbaticals will be reinstated for the 2005-2006 academic year.

"President Dixon indicated in her installation address that she had placed the reinstatement of sabbaticals among her priorities, and we were able to develop a plan to accomplish this using existing funds," Gordon said.

Faculty members who wish to apply for a sabbatical leave for the 2005-2006 academic year should submit a completed application to their division head by Sept. 20, 2004. Application guidelines can be viewed at http://vpaa.truman.edu/sabbaticals/.

For subsequent years, an earlier application deadline will be established, and faculty will be asked to submit a letter of intent to their division head five months in advance of their formal sabbatical application. This added step in the application process will provide a greater opportunity to coordinate and plan within divisions and disciplines. More specific details about the application process and timelines for 2006-2007 academic year sabbaticals will be shared during the fall semester.

If you have questions about the application process, please talk with your division head or contact the VPAA, 785.4106.

Di Stefano Participates as ETS Visiting Scholar

Maria Di Stefano, associate vice president for academic affairs, graduate dean and professor of physics, was one of 13 scholars from 11 states and Puerto Rico who participated in a four-week information-sharing event at Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, N.J.

The scholars, who are university and college-level educators from Hispanic, African American, Asian, and Native American groups, will provide ETS with input regarding the fairness of its tests and related products.

"For more than 50 years, ETS’s mission has been to advance quality and equity in education and enhance learning for all people worldwide,” Lew Shumaker, coordinator of the Visiting Scholars program, said. “Each summer Visiting Scholars from under-represented groups come to ETS to confer with program directors, study issues related to test design, and participate directly in test development.”

ETS is the world’s largest private, non-profit educational testing and measurement organization and a leader in education research. ETS products and services measure knowledge and skills, promote learning and performance, and support education and professional development.
Notables

Clint Thompson, head athletic trainer emeritus and instructor of health and exercise science, was one of eight certified athletic trainers (ATCs) recently inducted into the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) Hall of Fame during its annual meeting in Baltimore.

Final grades for first five-week summer session courses will be available on Banner Web beginning at 5 p.m. July 12.

August 2004 Graduation Candidates: Graduation clearance packets were 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 19. The Truman Today is printed biweekly during the summer. Submissions for this issue are due by July 14 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.

Students Meet with St. Louis Cardinals President During May Interim Course

On Campus

6 TUESDAY
Second five-week graduate session begins

TRUMAN DAY
AT THE FAIR
July 19

The Public Relations Office is looking for volunteers to work the gate July 19 for Truman Day at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts begin at 6 a.m. and run for three hours each.

Call 785.4016 or stop by the Public Relations Office to sign up.

Volunteers will receive a free day pass to the fair.

S t. Louis Cardinals President Mark Lamping met with students in the May interim course History 499: Baseball and American Culture and with Jeff Gall, associate professor of history and social science education. Gall was the course professor.

Lamping spent an hour with the group discussing the economic issues facing baseball. In addition, he showed them the architectural plans for the Cardinal’s new baseball stadium. Lamping discussed how the stadium was being funded. He gave the group passes to go down on the field during batting practice.

Scholarship Opportunity Available

T he Kansas City Society of CPCU has announced the Percy S. Lorie Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year. This scholarship is intended for students who have completed at least 90 hours of college level classes and are majoring in insurance or a related field.

The application deadline is Oct. 1. Stop by the Truman State University Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 for further information and an application.

During the summer, the Truman Today is a biweekly publication. The next issue will be July 19. 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. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, style and space.