Boeing Makes Gift to Truman’s Education Program

Truman is one of 10 colleges and universities selected by the Boeing Company to participate in its pre-service pilot education program related to kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12). The University has received a $40,000 check for this purpose.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with the Boeing Foundation to design and begin the process of implementing new and powerful ways to prepare teachers for the nation’s schools,” said Sam Minner, division head and professor of education. “This planning grant will allow us to investigate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs.”

The objective of Boeing’s pre-service pilot program is to prepare K-12 math and science teachers to be more effective and knowledgeable in subject-matter content. This is done by marrying the expertise of math and science departments at institutions of higher learning with their respective education departments and the local K-12 public school system.

The other schools chosen for this Boeing initiative include California State University (Dominguez Hills), University of Alabama (Huntsville), Arizona State University, Seattle Pacific University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Portland State University, Penn State University, University of Central Florida and Wichita State University.

Anderson to Deliver Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture

Carol Anderson will deliver the 18th annual Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture at 7 p.m., Oct. 28, in the SUB Governors Room. Anderson, associate professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will speak about “Lynching Democracy: The International Effects of America’s Human Rights Violations.”

Anderson is also the author of “Eyes off the Prize: The United Nations and the African American Struggle for Human Rights, 1944-1955,” published by Cambridge. The book was a winner of the Gustavus Myers Book Award, the Myrna Bernath Book Prize and a finalist for both the Truman and W.E.B. Du Bois Book Awards.

Her work has received substantial grant and fellowship support from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation, the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, the Eisenhower Foundation and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Anderson is also the recipient of every teaching award offered by the University of Missouri, including the highly-coveted Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

She has a doctorate in history from Ohio State University, as well as graduate and undergraduate degrees in political science, international relations and international history from Miami University in Ohio, where she graduated with honors.

In her latest project, “Bourgeois Radicals,” Anderson is challenging more than three decades of historical consensus by reconnecting the largest, most powerful civil rights organization in the United States, the NAACP, to the global freedom struggles of the early Cold War.

The Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture series was inaugurated in honor of Gilbert Kohlenberg and Ruth Towne in 1998 because of their retirement from the history faculty. Although both of them are now deceased, their memory lives on in these lectures by prominent visiting scholars.

The lecture is intended for a broad audience and is open to the public. For more information, contact David Robinson, professor of history, at 785.4321.
Osborn to Speak at Truman Faculty Forum Presentation

The Truman Faculty Forum is designed to enhance the importance of scholarship in the culture of our institution. Members of the Truman faculty created the program to give faculty the opportunity to present their research to the Truman and Kirksville communities.

Jeffrey Osborn, professor of biology, will deliver a presentation titled “Pollen: More than Something to Sneeze At.” The presentation will be at 8:15 p.m., Oct. 28, in Violette Hall 1000. A reception will follow.

In addition, Becky Becker, assistant professor of theatre; Daryl Fazio, assistant professor of art; and Joan Mather, associate professor of theatre; will present “Greyhounds: Playing is Process” at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theater. There also will be a reception to follow in the main lobby.

In the spirit of the liberal arts, the forum provides one more way of exposing all members of the Truman community to various fields of investigation. Some of the formats faculty may choose to use are public lectures, classroom-style symposia, performances and gallery exhibitions. The faculty hope that by opening the presentations up to the public, the forum will be yet another way that Truman serves the Kirksville community at large.

For more information about these two events, contact the co-chairs of the Faculty Forum committee, Julia DeLancey at 785.4430 or Antonio Scuderi at 785.4486.

New Music Festival Showcases Truman Musicians and Special Guest

The Truman State University Division of Fine Arts, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota are pleased to announce the 2004 Truman State University New Music Festival, which will take place Oct. 28-29. The festival will feature guest composer Paul Richards, associate professor of music at the University of Florida. Richards, winner of the 2004 Truman State University Composition Competition, will speak to music classes, conduct a composition master class and rehearse several of his works with Truman musicians.

Two concerts presented during the Festival will involve performances of music by Richards, Truman faculty and student composers and other contemporary composers.

At 7:30 p.m., Oct. 28, in the Ophelia Parrish Music Performance Hall, the Truman State University Wind Symphony, with the direction of Dan Peterson, will premiere Richard’s composition “The Steps in Escher’s Castle,” which was co-commissioned by Truman’s chapters of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota. In addition to the Wind Symphony, the Truman State University Symphony Orchestra, Cantoria, Chamber Choir and other Truman musicians will perform recent compositions by Truman composers and others.

From 1:30-3 p.m., Oct. 29, in the Ophelia Parrish Music Performance Hall, additional music by Richards will be performed. Truman faculty and student musicians will also perform works by Truman composers.

Richards will talk about his music at both concerts. The concerts are free and the public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact Warren Gooch, professor of music, at wgooch@truman.edu or 785.4429.

Scholarship Opportunity Available

The Truman State University Financial Aid Office would like to announce a scholarship opportunity available.

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers financial assistance for undergraduate study of dependent children of Army soldiers. The MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund, administered by AER, is for students who study at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and approved for Title IV funds. Scholarships are awarded based primarily on financial need and, secondarily, on academic achievements and individual accomplishments.

Scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies and school room and board, either on or off campus.

Students may obtain more information and apply online at http://www.aerhq.org from Nov. 1, 2004 to March 1, 2005.
Jeff Gall, associate professor of history and social science education, had a chapter titled “Using the Farewell Address to Teach the Truman Presidency” in a new book published by the University of Missouri Press called “Harry’s Farewell: Interpreting and Teaching the Truman Presidency” edited by Richard S. Kirkendall.

Mark Spitzer, assistant professor of English, will have his book review of Jean Genet’s “The Declared Enemy: Texts and Interviews” published in coming issues of The Review of Contemporary Fiction and CONTEXT.

Thomas Trimborn, professor of music, has been invited to give his lecture presentation “Lincoln and the Music of the Civil War” on Lincoln’s birthday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Ill. The presentation will be about the music Lincoln experienced during his presidency. Particular attention will be drawn to vocal and instrumental music as he actually heard it performed. Recordings of several pieces will be played, with period artifacts and instruments there to examine, and his original Lincoln portraits will be viewed and discussed. The daylong annual event will feature nationally known historians and speakers and will culminate in a Lincoln-Day banquet.

Images of work by Wynne Wilbur, assistant professor of art, have been selected to be included in a book by titled “Making Marks: Discovering the Ceramic Surface” by author and canadian ceramist Robin Hopper.

Truman Students Shine at Nebraska Double-Up Forensics Tournaments

Members of the Truman Forensic Union captured numerous honors in speech and debate competition Oct. 15-17, at the Nebraska Double-Up, a series of two tournaments co-hosted by Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.) and Concordia University (Seward, Neb.) on the Creighton campus. Four Truman parliamentary debate teams reached elimination rounds of the tournament and several students took home awards in individual speaking events at both halves of the tournament.

The parliamentary debate teams of Matthew Harms, senior economics major from Galesburg, Ill., and Ryan Walsh, senior philosophy and religion and communication double major from Cassville, Mo.; Elizabeth Hobbs, junior biology major from Newton, Kan., and Keith Schnakenberg, sophomore political science and communication double major from Buffalo, Mo.; and Meghan Kunkala, senior biology major from Hattiesburg, Miss., and Dylan Rothermel, freshman chemistry major from Homewood, Ill.; all reached the double octafinals of the tournament’s field of 50 teams. The team of Tyson Helder, senior communication and political science double major from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Sam Hodge, freshman political science and communication double major from Blue Springs, Mo., reached the tournament’s octafinal round.

In individual events competition, seven Truman students advanced to final rounds in the Creighton portion of the tournament. Kunkala was tournament champion in rhetorical criticism. Hobbs placed third in persuasive speaking and fifth in impromptu speaking. Aaron Hammonds, freshman communication and philosophy and religion double major from Des Moines, Iowa, placed fourth in impromptu speaking while teammate Heather Timmerman, freshman communication major from Hillsboro, Mo., placed fourth in poetry interpretation. Vivienne Creamer, freshman political science and French double major from Kansas City, Mo., helped round-out the team’s performance with a sixth place finish in poetry while Kunkala and Rothermel took sixth in duo interpretation.

During the Concordia portion of the tournament, Kunkala placed second in rhetorical criticism and was joined by Hobbs, who placed fifth. Creamer reprised her appearance in poetry finals with another sixth place finish.

Annual Community Safe Trick-or-Treating – Sponsored by Truman’s Residential Hall Association

6-8 p.m. ♦ Oct. 28 ♦ in the residence halls
There will be games from 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Centennial Hall and Ryle Hall.
Contact Jaime Mathews at 785.4726 for more information.

PRESIDENT’S PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by noon, Oct. 29, at the Center for Student Involvement.
Prizes: 1st ($150), 2nd ($100) and 3rd ($50) prizes will be donated in the name of the winner to the organization’s philanthropy, the United Way or a charity of the winner’s choice. Winners and all eligible entries will be displayed Oct. 31, at the University Residence. Entries will be judged by a three-person independent panel on the basis of technical skill, consistency with Halloween theme and creativity.

Rules: Any recognized student organization, athletic team or residence hall house may participate. No individual entries please. Pumpkins must be designed for illumination and be submitted with a candle. Entries will be disqualified if they contain or exhibit obscene material or images in the opinion of the judges, are larger than 15” in diameter or are made from anything other than a natural pumpkin. Designs should be carved into the pumpkin rather than drawn or painted.

Note: Entries may be picked up at the University Residence (706 S. Halliburton) on Nov. 1. All entries not collected by 5 p.m. will be discarded by Physical Plant.

The Residential College Program presents

Great Conversation
Where professors trade chalk for talk
6 p.m. ♦ Nov. 3
SUB Georgian Room
Buffet supper
Please join friends, faculty and staff for a stimulating conversation of your choice, led by distinguished Truman faculty and staff. Each conversation is limited to eight participants and requires a ticket.
Tickets are available for free in the Residential College Program, Baldwin Hall 101. A complete list of conversation topics is available at http://www2.truman.edu/~martye/GreatConversationFall2004.htm. For more information, contact Marty Eisenberg at 785.4409 or martye@truman.edu.
The Truman State University Department of Public Safety is sponsoring the Adair County Sheriff's Department K-9 Demonstration at 7 p.m., Oct. 26, in Baldwin Hall. The department will demonstrate the use of K-9s in law enforcement, including narcotic detection, protection, article search and trailing. Contact Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 with any questions.

The Coalition of African American Women is having a Breast Cancer Awareness Forum from 5:30-7 p.m., Oct. 27, in VH 1010. For more information, contact Carla Tillman at cet325@truman.edu.

The University League invites all University women and faculty/staff wives to attend the University League Fall Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 29, in the SUB Georgian Room. There is no charge for the luncheon. Baby-sitting available with advance reservation, $2/child, $4 maximum. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 27 to Barbara Smith-Mandell at 785.4525 or 665.6781.

Bacchus and Gamma is sponsoring “Tell It Like It is” from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 28, on the mall. They will be serving non-alcoholic cocktails to demonstrate how much alcohol is digested in an hour. There also will be simulation drunk driving goggles and control tests for drivers to drive. Contact Frances Knapp at 660.216.4771 for more information.

The Coalition of African American Women is sponsoring a Haunted House from 7-11 p.m., Oct. 29, at McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu.

The Environmental Campus Organization is sponsoring a showing of Michael Moore’s “Fahrenheit 9/11” at 8 p.m., Oct. 29, in Baldwin Hall Little Theater. The show is free and is an effort to stimulate dialogue about the importance of voting. Members will be able to answer questions at the conclusion of the film. For more information, contact Cassandra Phillips at 785.7180.

The Badminton Club meets from 3-4:30 p.m., Saturdays, at the Student Recreation Center on the east court. If you are interested or need additional information, contact Fatima Smith at 349.0515 or go to http://badminton.truman.edu.

Democratic candidate for Missouri governor, Claire McCaskill, will be speaking and answering questions from 1-2 p.m., Oct. 31, in the SUB Activities Room. This event is sponsored by the College Democrats. All members of the Truman and Kirksville communities are welcome. Contact Anne Zager at 785.7301 for more information.

The Truman Child Development Center 2004-2005 Seminar Series continues with a presentation by Jo Agnew at 5 p.m., Nov. 4, in VH 1320. Agnew will speak about “No Child Left Behind?: A Critique of the New ‘Kindergarten.’” Light refreshments will be served. Childcare can be arranged by contacting the education division office at 785.4383 at least two days before the event.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet from 4:30-6 p.m., Nov. 5, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

Applications for Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor leadership fraternity, are currently available in the Office of Student Affairs, KB 112. Juniors and seniors that meet the academic requirements are encouraged to apply and the deadline is Nov. 5. For more information, contact Pascalel Barclay at 785.4798 or David Hoffman at 785.4111.

Truman’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a dodgeball tournament at noon, Nov. 6, in the Pershing Small Gym. The cost is $15 per team of six to seven people, or $3 per person. There will be music and prizes. Contact Kevin Brown at 665.6895 for additional information.

The International Club is sponsoring the annual International Dinner at 6 p.m., Nov. 7, in the SUB Georgian Room. Tickets are $10 per person and must be purchased in advance. Contact Vanessa Hernandez at 780.439.8505 for additional information.

BIOL 444: Expanding Environmental Consciousness, a two-hour elective, will be offered again for the spring 2005 semester to any interested students. The class will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, in PB 331. The course offers broad exposure to the foundations of environmentalism and environmental ethics, while providing a unique discussion-based classroom setting. Contact Stephanie Malin at 665.0173 for more information.

The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee announces a call for papers “Renewing the Movement” for Truman’s 10th annual conference in honor of Women’s History Month. March 3-5, 2005. The committee invites abstracts from all members of the Truman and Kirksville communities, including Truman graduates. The deadline for abstracts is Jan. 26, 2005. For more information, contact Linda Seidel at lseidel@truman.edu.

SAB Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Carving
11 a.m.-2 p.m. ❖ Oct. 29
on the Mall
Free pumpkins. Hot chocolate, apple cider, caramel apples, cookies and Halloween candy will be available.

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” midnight ❖ Oct. 30
Pershing Arena
Come between 11:30-11:45 p.m. that night dressed as your favorite character to enter a costume contest. The first 200 to enter will be provided with a pack of movie essentials. Please do not bring candles, prunes or hot dogs.

Contact SAB for more information at 785.4545AB.