Public Institutions Reach Agreement to Ensure Success of Transfer Students

Presidents of two- and four-year public institutions signed an agreement demonstrating their commitment to ensure access, affordability and success of transfer students. This agreement comes after the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) charged the public two- and four-year sectors to develop a framework which would allow institutions to improve their transfer policies so that students could be more successful.

Truman President Barbara Dixon served on the committee to draft the agreement.

Summer Tuition Discount to Continue

Summer per-credit-hour rates will be reduced by 15 percent again this summer.

University President Barbara Dixon has approved continuing the tuition discount program for undergraduate on-campus classes to encourage enrollment by students seeking a double major, minors or simply wanting to accelerate their progress.

Details on the new fee schedule are in the summer schedule of classes. Students will also be notified by a TruView announcement.

The discount applies only to on-campus, undergraduate courses and excludes interim courses, graduate courses and study abroad programs.

Governor Appoints New Board Member

Gov. Matt Blunt has appointed one new member to the Truman State University Board of Governors, Mark Wasinger of Hannibal, Mo.

Wasinger is a licensed attorney. He is a partner in the law firm of Wasinger, Parham, Morthland, Terrell and Wasinger, L.C., in Hannibal.

He received his juris doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Wasinger is a member of the 10th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

He succeeds John Briscoe whose term has expired.

Lyceum Event Taps Its Way to Truman

Tony Waag’s “Tap City” is coming to Truman for the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series at 7:30 p.m., March 8, in Baldwin Auditorium.

The evening will feature the best of the annual New York City Tap Festival, showcasing an international cast of legendary tap veterans, cutting-edge soloists and up-and-coming young talent. The show highlights innovative and original material created by soloists and ensembles from around the world. Five generations of tap dancers will come together to celebrate one of America’s most virtuosic and entertaining art forms.

“Tap City” presents a rich and diverse kaleidoscope of tap dance styles, rhythms, and musical feet in an exciting program filled with passion and humor. Backed by a trio of jazz musicians, the 10-12 performers of “Tap City” will be selected NYC Tap Festival favorites.

Tickets for “Tap City” are now available to students, faculty and staff with a University ID. Students may pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office. Faculty and staff may pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement.

For more information, call the Public Relations Office at 660.785.4016 or go to http://lyceum.truman.edu. This is the second to last Lyceum event for the 2004-2005 year.

Truman Kirkville Alumni Chapter members may attend a reception prior to the performance from 6-7 p.m., March 2, in Baldwin Hall 100. R.S.V.P. by March 3 by calling 785.4133.
Daniels to Deliver 14th Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture

Roger Daniels will present “American Immigration Policy: Myths and Realities” at the Barbara Early-Vreeland lecture. His talk will take place at 7 p.m., March 3, in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Daniels is the Charles Phelps Taft professor emeritus of history at the University of Cincinnati where he has served as the dissertation adviser for 18 PhDs. His university awarded him the 2001-2002 Award for Excellence in Mentoring shortly before his retirement from full-time teaching.

A former journalist, Daniels has written 14 volumes and many articles, mostly on immigration history, Asian Americans and Japanese internment during World War II.

In addition to Daniels’ lecture, members of the University community are invited to attend a special meeting of professor of Asian history Huping Ling’s Asian American History class at 6 p.m., March 2, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. At the meeting, Daniels will discuss the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture was established by Joseph Vreeland in memory of his wife, a 1973 Truman graduate. The lecture gives the Truman community the opportunity to hear public lectures by scholars of international reputation.

For more information on the lecture and associated activities, contact David Robinson at drobinso@truman.edu or by phone at 785.4321.

Sorority Sponsors Eating Disorders Week

Truman service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma is raising awareness of eating disorders among Kirksville residents and members of the University community.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week, through March 4, is designed to foster a better understanding of eating disorders and their effects.

Events for the week will begin with a panel discussion at 7 p.m., March 1, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Panel members include Chris Lantz, associate professor of exercise science and director of health and exercise sciences; Brian Krylowicz, director of the University Counseling Services; Mel Gibbard, senior psychology major from Wauconda, Ill.; and Theresa Randolph, A.T. Still University eating disorders specialist.

On March 2, all interested individuals can participate in free eating disorders screenings at the University Counseling Center.

The final event March 3 includes a presentation by comedian Michelle Garb called “Fat Brain: Skinny Body” at 8 p.m., in the Baldwin Auditorium.

Additionally, a window display and informational tables will be set up in Violette Hall, McClain Hall and the Student Union Building throughout the week. Visitors at the tables can purchase eating disorder T-shirts and/or quilt squares on which the name of a loved one afflicted by an eating disorder or an inspirational message may be written. Money from the T-shirt and quilt sales will be donated to eating disorders research.

For more information on any of these events, contact Abbie Smith at 515.681.5842.

Forensic Union Takes Two State Championships

A small contingent of Truman Forensic Union members attended the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities State Championships Feb. 19-20, bringing home two State Championship awards and several other honors including national tournament qualifications.

Todd Turner, freshman communication major from Chestertonfield, Mo., captured the State Championship in program oral interpretation, as well as his first qualification for the national championship tournament in April. Elizabeth Hobbs, junior biology major from Newton, Kan., also secured a State Championship in rhetorical criticism.

The Truman Squad ranked third overall in individual events sweepstakes and overall tournament sweepstakes.

In parliamentary debate, the team of Cody Snyder, freshman political science and economics double major from Neosho, Mo., and Hobbs reached quarterfinals. Erin Palmer, freshman political science and justice systems double major from Kansas City, Mo., also reached quarterfinals in a hybrid partnership with a student from William Jewell College.
Notables

Marjike Breuning, associate professor of political science, published “The International Relations of APSA” in the January 2005 issue of *PS: Political Science and Politics*. *PS* is a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

Matthew Killmeier, assistant professor of communication, had his essay “Space and the Speed of Sound: Mobile Media, 1950s Broadcasting and Suburbia” published in *Transmitting the Past: Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Broadcasting*, edited by J. Emmett Winn and Susan L. Brinson, University of Alabama Press.

Truman’s chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) received the Music Education Project Award for their region from the national headquarters of SAI for putting on the MidWest StringFest last year. StringFest is the only project of its kind in the area.

TruTech Challenge Winners Named

The TLTR has announced the grand prize winners of the annual TruTech Challenge. Fred Shaffer, professor of psychology, and Jon Beck’s fall 2004 computer science 275 class took top honors in the competition of faculty, staff and student projects showcasing effective educational uses of technology.

Shaffer submitted his Biofeedback Tutor interactive CD-ROM, which he uses as an electronic textbook for his applied psychophysiology course.

Beck’s class submitted their graphical enhancements to SAL-STAT, an open-source statistics software program.

Both winners received X50v personal digital assistants donated by Dell.

Their projects will be featured on the TLTR Web site at http://tltr.truman.edu.

Other projects receiving honorable mention include submissions by Alexander Horn, Evonne Bird, Doug Davenport, Paula Cochran’s TSR student research group, Erin Haslag and Tiffany Marchbanks, Carol Cox and her health 310 class, Joseph Frana and Ray Jagger. Several sponsors contributed $1,000 worth of prizes to those earning honorable mention.

The TruTech Challenge prizes were awarded at Truman’s Third Annual Technology Fair on the afternoon of the University Conference, Feb. 16. The Teaching/Learning Technology Roundtable (TLTR) sponsored the Fair.

Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded

The Truman State University Foundation awards ten $1,500 scholarships annually to students who are participating in a summer, faculty-led study abroad experience. The students pictured have been selected as recipients in 2005 and will study abroad in various programs, including the Sacred Sites in Greece, Europe in Transition, Costa Rica, Greece/Italy tour and Salamanca, Spain summer abroad programs.

There are more than 350 foundation scholarships awarded each year. These scholarships are made possible through generous contributions from alumni, parents and friends of the University. Applications for the majority of the Foundation scholarships are due by midnight on March 1 and are available at http://www.truman.edu by clicking on Current Students, Foundation Scholarships.

For more information or questions, call the Office of Advancement at 785.4133.
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The Spring Career Expo will be from 1-5 p.m., March 1, in the Student Union Building. For more information, contact the Career Center at 785.4353 or go to http://career.truman.edu.

Student Ambassador applications are available in the Admission Office, MC 205. Completed forms must be turned in by 3 p.m., March 1. Interviews will be conducted March 7-11. Contact Micah McKay at 785.4114 for more information.

The Men and Women's Ultimate Frisbee Teams are sponsoring a date auction from 7-9 p.m., March 1, in the SUB Down Under. The event is a fund-raiser for their tournament fees. Contact Sara James at saj330@truman.edu or 785.4790 for more information.

The final physics lecture in celebration of the World Year of Physics is at 7:30 p.m., March 1, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. William Klink of the University of Iowa will give his talk, “Einstein and Symmetry.” Go to http://physics.truman.edu for more information.

The Truman State University Opera Theater will present “Hansel and Gretel” at 8 p.m., March 1-4, in the OP Performance Hall. Tickets are $5 for the general public and $3 for students. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby of Ophelia Parrish each day of the performance and at the door. Call the Division of Fine Arts Office at 785.4417 for more information.

“Academic Integrity Cheating and Plagiarism on the Internet” is the topic for the Weekly Lunch Series meeting from 12:30-1:30 p.m., March 2, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

The Society of the Prim Roses is sponsoring a movie trivial night, “Whose Life is it Anyway,” from 6-9 p.m., March 2, in Baldwin Auditorium. Teams and audience members will have the opportunity to compete for prizes. The cost for entering a team is $10. Tickets are $3 and will be available at the door. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information, call Erin Clark at 785.5951.

The Division of Fine Arts will present the musical "Cabaret" by John Kander and Fred Ebb, directed by Lee Orchard. The show will be at 8 p.m., March 2-4, in the OP Courtyard Theatre. Tickets are $5 and may be reserved or purchased in advance at the OP Box Office. Limited special seating is also available for $10. For more information, call the OP Box Office at 785.4515. Due to graphic content, this production is not recommended for children.

The Center for Student Involvement is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch Workshop titled "Practically Perfect Publicity for Students and Advisers" from 12:15-1:15 p.m., March 2, in the SUB Spanish Room. The workshop will include discussion about proper, effective and creative event publicity with guest speakers from the Public Relations and Publications Office. Call 785.4222 for more information.

The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sam McClure, will give their Gold Medal Concert at 8 p.m., March 5, in Baldwin Auditorium. The performance will feature student soloists Leslie Sikes, Carrie Jones and Colleen Farquhar. Admission is free.

Marc Becker will present "Teaching HIST 231 Introduction to History and Historiography as an Extended Truman Week Class" as part of the Assessment Colloquia programs. He will give his talk at 5 p.m., March 7, in the SUB Spanish Room. Call 785.4391 for more information.

Shevy Smith will perform at the SAB Acoustic Coffeehouse at 7 p.m., March 7, in the SUB Down Under. The concert is free for students, and refreshments will be provided. See http://www.shevysmith.com for more information on the performer.

Joe Benevento, professor of English, will give a reading from his new novel "The Odd Squad," at 7:30 p.m., March 9, in the SUB Activities Room. A book signing will follow.

The Graduate English Organization is accepting submissions for its second annual Environmental Studies Conference April 21-22. Abstracts of 200-600 words are due March 11. E-mail laurenr@truman.edu for more information on the conference.

The Department of Public Safety is offering a shuttle to the LaPlata train station for midterm break. The shuttle will leave at 8:30 a.m., March 12, from the Public Safety Building, and pick up students at the train station March 20. Cost for the shuttle is $5 in advance with reservation for a specific date. Call Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 to reserve space on the shuttle to and/or from the LaPlata train station.

The May 2005 Interim schedule is now available at http://www.truman.edu/pages/431.asp. Registration for May interim courses and workshops will begin March 21 and will continue through the first day of the May Interim. Because students must pay for these courses in advance, they may not register for these courses online. To enroll, students should bring a Permit to Enroll form signed by their adviser, along with proof of payment from the Cashier’s Window, to the Registrar’s Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. any day during this registration period.

Truman State University’s study abroad program in Chambery, France, still has openings. The six-credit hour program will take place May 29-July 2. The program offers courses in French language and culture at the Institute Francais des Alpes. Students will lodge with host French families. There will be excursions in the Alpine region and a trip to Paris. For more information, contact Patrick Lobert, MC 313A, 785.4062 or plobert@truman.edu.

FAFSA forms are now available on the Web at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students should apply soon to be considered for all available federal and state funds. Contact the Financial Aid Office, MC 103, at 785.4130 for more information.

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