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Gerhardt Gift Creates Research Fellowship

Greg A. Gerhardt, one of the nation's foremost researchers on Parkinson's disease, continues to make his mark on Truman State University by giving back to his alma mater.

Noting his appreciation for the preparation he received at Truman, Gerhardt recently made a generous gift commitment to boost the undergraduate research experience for Truman students. Gerhardt's multi-year pledge of \$500,000, made through the University's "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign, will fund the Greg A. Gerhardt Summer Science Research Fellowship for Excellence.

Truman prides itself on the research opportunities available to its undergraduates, and the fellowship established by Gerhardt will augment summer research projects for undergraduate science students. Designed to perpetuate a tradition of engaged student-faculty undergraduate research, the endowed fund will support investigative, creative and scholarly activities designed to advance the knowledge and understanding of targeted science projects.

A 1979 alumnus, Gerhardt graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. He was also recently honored as Truman's 2009 Alumnus of the Year.

Inspired by the mentoring and encouragement he received from Truman professors such as Kenneth Fountain and Russell Baughman, Gerhardt decided to give back to his alma mater. Last year, he made a major investment in the University with a \$1 million gift commitment



Greg Gerhardt (left) with President Darrell W. Krueger at the Alumni and Friends Celebration on campus Oct. 9. Gerhardt was named 2009 Alumnus of the Year.

through his estate to create the Greg A. and Paulette C. Danielle-Gerhardt Endowed Professorship dedicated in memory of his late wife, Paulette.

Gerhardt earned his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas and received training as a postdoctoral fellow from 1983-1985 in pharmacology and psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

He resides in

Nicholasville, Ky., and is a professor in the departments of anatomy and neurobiology, neurology, psychiatry and electrical engineering at the University of Kentucky.

Since 1999, he has served as director of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Disease Research Center of Excellence at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, and he is the director of the Center for Microelectrode Technology.

Rose Pays Tribute to Former Professor with Scholarship

Although his career path led to a rewarding career as a State Farm Insurance agent, Steve Rose's affinity for the theatre has never diminished.

A staunch supporter of his alma mater, Rose recently made a \$200,000 gift commitment to Truman State University's "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign to establish the Steve Rose Endowed Performing Arts Scholarship.

The scholarship, which is designed to expand educational opportunities for Truman students interested in the performing arts, serves as a tribute to James G. Severns, one of Rose's former professors.

"Dr. James G. Severns is inspiring and remains a lifelong friend," says Rose, who as a student, appeared in campus performances directed or produced by Severns. Rose also worked with Severns at the University's Ice House Summer Stock Theater in Hannibal, Mo. Severns retired from the University in 1991, at which time he was granted the title of professor emeritus of dramatics.

A member of the Class of 1969, Rose received a Bachelor of Science in



Steve Rose (left) with his former professor and mentor, James G. Severns, professor emeritus of dramatics.

business administration with minors in psychology and theatre arts from Truman. After graduating, he began his career with State Farm as a claims representative and was appointed as a State Farm agent in 1972.

An actor at heart, Rose is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He resides in Potomac, Md., and has appeared in several movies and television shows, and in commercials shot in the Washington/Baltimore area.

Rose currently serves as chair of the Truman State University Foundation Board of Directors and is a member of the "Bright Minds Bright Futures" Campaign Steering Committee. Previously, he served on Truman's Alumni Board of Directors, and he is a member of the President's Circle and the John R. Kirk Society. In 2006, Rose served as the Commencement speaker, and that same year, he was honored with the President's Leadership Award, one of the University's most prestigious awards. In 2003, he was recognized with Truman's Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

In 2006, Rose also chaired a special fundraising initiative that served as another tribute to his former professor and mentor. He made a substantial leadership gift to support the campaign, which raised funds to name the James G. Severns Theater.

Rose's most recent gift to Truman includes a \$100,000 pledge payable over a period of five years and a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity. The Steve Rose Endowed Performing Arts Scholarship fund will also be fortified with matching gifts from State Farm Insurance.

Fifteenth Annual Women's and Gender Studies Conference

Oct. 29

Violette Hall 1000

10:30 a.m.-11:50 p.m.

Transborder travel

12-1:20 p.m.

Transgender subversion and assimilation

1:30-2:50 p.m.

Trans movie magic 1

3-4:20 p.m.

Trans movie magic 2

4:30-5:45 p.m.

Textual trans

Oct. 30

Violette Hall 1000

10:30-11:20 a.m.

Trans in Bollywood and Hollywood

11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Personal testimony

12:30-1:20 p.m.

Cather and Wharton

1:30-2:20 p.m.

Shakespeare and West

2:30-3:20 p.m.

Trans/disabilities art and beauty

3:30-4:20 p.m.

Trans-language and discourse

4:30-5:50 p.m.

Keynote lecture

**Student Union Building
Georgian Room A**

7:30 p.m.

Related Event:

Drag King Rebellion, sponsored by New Student Programs and Prism

Oct. 31

**Student Union Building
Alumni Room**

10:30-11:20 a.m.

Trans in the media and in language

11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Personal visions

1:30-2:20 p.m.

Queer space

2:30-3:20 p.m.

Aristophanes and Sexton

3:30-4:20 p.m.

Theorizing experience

**Student Union Building
Activities Room**

4:30-5:50 p.m.

Keynote workshop with Kate Bornstein, "Hello, Cruel World: Survival Tips for Sex and Gender Outlaws." Introduction by JJ Pionke.

Sponsored by the Jonny and Dave Eisenberg Speaker's Fund, the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, the School of Arts and Letters, the Department of English and Linguistics, the Multicultural Affairs Center and NEMO NOW.

Applications Available for Summer Internship at Harry S. Truman Museum and Library

Applications are now available for the summer internships at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Mo.

The University will place two summer interns at the Truman Library. All juniors and seniors meeting University guidelines for internships are eligible and can earn between five and 10 credit hours. Interns must be self-starters with strong written and verbal communication skills, as well as strong organizational skills, basic computer skills and the ability to work independently on multiple tasks.

After being selected by a University committee and the Truman Library staff, interns can work in a variety of areas at the Museum and Library, including but not limited to: archives, public relations, marketing, educational programming, Museum development or visitor services. Assignment is based on the interns' abilities and

interests, as well as the Library's needs. This is an eight-week, 40-hour-a-week internship.

Since 2000, the first year the University offered the Truman Library internship, 13 students have participated in the program.

The Truman Library internship is unpaid, but offers a five-hour (in-state) tuition scholarship, which is made possible by a generous endowment set up by the family of Fred and Ethel Schwengel.

The Schwengel guidelines require selected interns "immerse themselves in the study of President Truman." At the conclusion of the internship, the intern will prepare a paper on his or her experiences at the Museum and Library and on a specific study of the Truman presidency. The internship schedule will provide time for research for the project.

For an internship application, contact Jeff Gall, Department of History, at 785.7747 or jgall@truman.edu. Deadline for applications is Dec. 1.

"Science on Saturday" Provides Interactive Learning Environment for Area Students

Area grade school children will have the opportunity for interactive learning during the "Science on Saturday" program on campus Oct. 31.

"Science on Saturday" is a free program targeted to children in grades 2-5 with the goal of expanding their knowledge at a young age by providing fun ways to learn.

Students participating in "Science on Saturday" will get the opportunity to interact with Truman students.

The most important objective of this program is to cultivate children's interest in the environment through interactive learning. Expanding a child's knowledge at a young age will help them to become more active with various

facets of science and provide them with tools to remain active. During the lessons, the teachers will provide interactive activities that allow the children to learn through participation.

Members of Truman's national biological honor society, Beta Beta Beta, will conduct two sessions in Magruder Hall, one from 9-11:30 a.m. for second and third grade students, followed by another session from 1-4 p.m. for fourth and fifth grade students.

To participate, students must have signed permission slips from their parents. Permission slips have been distributed in local schools. Parents can request additional permission slips by e-mailing cpl4241@truman.edu or kmk8788@truman.edu.

Library Book Sale Generates \$2,000

Pickler Memorial Library sold approximately 5,000 items and raised \$2,000 to support Library programs and the 2010 Children's Literature Festival during its 4th Annual Book Sale that took place in September.

The event also featured a special Truman night for faculty, staff and students, with jazz music by a student combo of Kayla Smalley, Drew Williams, Eric Schweizer, Devin Cline, Mike Tripp and Brian Speise, and the creative talents of Todd Kuhns. In addition, two open sale days took place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Library staff would like to thank members of the community who donated books and other materials for the sale, as well as all who attended and browsed the offerings, had fun and made purchases.

The Library has exhausted its backlog of books to sell and invites community members to clean their closets, bookshelves and video racks to make donations for next year's sale.

Donations may be delivered to the Dean's Office on the first floor of Pickler Memorial Library. Call 785.4038 for more details.

NOTABLES

Taner Edis, associate professor of physics, presented the Physics Colloquium at the University of Iowa, Oct. 19.

Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history, chaired a session on “Folklore Research, History, and Scholarship” and also presented a paper, “‘Tell It To The Angel,’ The Performance of Masculinity: B. A. Botkin and Richard Dorson as Friends and Adversaries,” at the annual meeting of the

American Folklore Society in Boise, Idaho, Oct. 21-25.

Joaquin Maldonado-Class, associate professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled “Desdoblamiento e historia en Gioconda Belli” at the 19th Congreso Anual de la Asociación Internacional de Literatura y Cultura Femenina Hispánica at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Quito, Ecuador.

ITS Upgrades Printers in Computer Labs

Truman Information Technology Services (ITS) has upgraded network printers in University computer labs to duplex units, which gives students a more eco-friendly and less expensive printing option.

A printer duplexer allows students to be “green” by saving paper and toner. In addition, the student receives a discount on their printing charges if they print in duplex.

Normal black and white prints (non-duplex) are 10 cents per page, while black and white duplex prints are seven cents per page.

In order to receive the discounted printing rate students need to print to the “Duplex Print” queue for their computer lab.

Print duplexers are available in the Pickler Memorial 312 lab, the Violette Hall 2000 lab and the residence hall labs.

More information about the printer accounting system, and the printers available for students, is available on the Truman ITS web pages at <http://its.truman.edu/documentation/index.asp?docId=193> and http://its.truman.edu/jstforstudents/?page_id=62.

“Knowledge is Power” Offers Glimpse of College Life



George Koors (left) gives a tour of Truman's KTRM radio station during the “Knowledge is Power” program Oct. 19. The program focused on the promotion of higher education within the Milan and Green City school districts, specifically toward seventh grade students. Approximately 70 middle school students spent the day on campus shadowing current Truman students and experiencing college life. Truman volunteers and the Milan and Green City students filled out interest surveys allowing each volunteer to be paired with a student with similar interests for the day. Students could visit the University Farm, the Herpetology Museum, the ROTC Office, a theatre class and the radio station. The day concluded with lunch in the dining halls.

Fantasy or Reality?

A Foreign Language Learning Presentation

June Phillips, a nationally known expert in foreign language teaching, will give a presentation at 8 p.m. Nov. 4 in Georgian Room C of the Student Union Building.

Sponsored by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THE SPRING 2010 SEMESTER

Students may fill out and submit applications online. The applications are due by midnight **Nov. 1**. To learn more, go to <http://www.truman.edu> and click on Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships or visit <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/>.

Cold Turkey Tobacco Cessation Classes

Free for any student, staff or faculty members.

8-9 p.m. • Pershing Building Room 301

Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3

Free patches, gum and physician consultations will be available at all classes. E-mail ccox@truman.edu for more information.

Big Week of Giving

Now-Oct. 30

Sponsored by the SERVE Center

Canned food drop-off locations: (all week)

Student Union Building
Student Recreation Center
Newman Center
Dobson Hall C-store
West Campus Suites C-store

All proceeds benefit the Central Missouri Food Bank.

HungerFest Concert

7 p.m.

Oct. 30

Baldwin Auditorium

Featured performers:

High Street Dancers

Manhattan

Minor Detail

SUEDE

Sweet Nothings

TSODA

University Swingers

Admission will be free, but non-perishable food and/or monetary donations are encouraged.

Stop by the SERVE table in the Student Union Building from Monday through Friday to find out more information about the week's events, or contact the SERVE team at serve@truman.edu.

McNAIR APPLICATIONS

The McNair Program is currently accepting applications for participation in the program. Go to <http://mcnair.truman.edu> for the application and information about eligibility, or call Sarah Hass at 785.5393.

Men of Principle Scholarship

Beta Theta Pi is offering two \$250 Men of Principle Scholarships for those interested in rushing in the spring. The scholarship does not commit membership to Beta Theta Pi or any other organization. Deadline to apply is **11:59 p.m. Nov. 11**. Interviews will take place in December. Applications are available online at http://www.zeta-xi.com/rush/men_of_principle_scholarship. For more information, contact Jon Grush at jmg6242@truman.edu.

NOTES

The **Weekly Lunch Series** will continue at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room with a presentation titled, "What's it like to teach in the C-Level Classrooms?"

The **next event in the Physics Colloquium** will take place at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Violette Hall 1000. Eric Majzoub from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis will present "Estimating the Enthalpy of Formation of Complex Hydrides using First Principles and Global Optimization Techniques." For a detailed abstract of the presentation go to <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp>.

The **2009 Truman State University New Music Festival** will take place Oct. 29-30 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. For more information, contact Warren Gooch at 785.4429 or wgooch@truman.edu.

Applications for the Missouri Government Internship at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., are available in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 or online at <http://career.truman.edu/Internships/mogovBrochure.asp>. The deadline to apply is Oct. 30.

An **extra edition of the Weekly Lunch Series** will take place at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room with an open forum showcasing the electronic portfolio of the instructional designer candidate Javier Leung.

Blue Key will sponsor "Rockin' for the Troops," a donation drive for deployed troops, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 31. For details, contact John Taylor at d1466@truman.edu.

The **Department of Music's Percussion Studio will present its annual "Percussion Fall Sampler"** at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 in Baldwin Auditorium. Under the direction of Michael Bump, professor of percussion studies, and the assistance of graduate percussion students, Jason Baskin and Vincent Wallace, the concert will feature the Concert Percussion Ensembles I and II, as well as the Statesmen Marching Percussion Ensemble. All totaled, more than 35 students will perform. Admission to the concert is free. For additional information, contact Bump at 785.4052 or mbump@truman.edu.

The **next Faculty Forum** will take place at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in Magruder Hall 1000 and will feature Christine Harker, associate professor of English, on "17th Century Poetic Crossdressing: Mairi NicLeod and the Bardic Masculine."

Upward Bound is seeking Spring 2010 employees. Application reviews will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled. Application packets and information are available at <http://ub.truman.edu> or call Donna at 785.4244.

The **next event in the Global Issues Colloquium, "Studying Internationally,"** will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in Magruder Hall 2001. During the presentation, a panel of Truman's international students will give a glimpse into what it is like to study in the United States. They will also share what schooling is like in their home countries and how it compares or contrasts with education in the U.S. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Spring Room Lottery Goes Online

In addition to accepting paper requests for the Spring 2010 semester, the Student Union will also accept reservations online at <http://emspro.truman.edu> beginning Nov. 2 and ending Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

The lottery tab will no longer work after Nov. 5. All other requests will need to be submitted in writing to the Student Union Building 2000. Anything received after Nov. 5 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Paper lottery forms can be found at <http://studentunion.truman.edu/lottery>.

Spring 2010 Math and Computer Science Scholarships Available

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science received a grant from the National Science Foundation to fund scholarships for students who are not math or computer science majors to take extra math or computer science classes.

To be eligible, a student needs to:

- * be a U.S. citizen or national
- * have financial need as demonstrated by the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA)
- * not be a math or computer science major
- * take a math or computer science class that could count toward a math or computer science major and that does not meet a requirement in their current major program(s).

To apply for this scholarship, fill out the online application at <http://smacs.truman.edu>. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but students should **apply by Oct. 30** for first consideration.

For more information, contact Dana Vazzana at dvazzana@truman.edu.

SAB Presents:

Pumpkin Carving and Decorating

12-3 p.m. • Oct. 30
On the Quad

Apple cider, hot chocolate, festive food, Halloween music and more.

Rhapsody in Red

HEART GALA

6 p.m. Nov. 7
Student Union Building
Georgian Room

Red tie and red dress preferred
\$75 per person
RSVP by Oct. 30
626.2272 or
communications@atsu.edu

All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. Sponsored by the SERVE Center, A.T. Still University and Northeast Regional Medical Center.



Research Assistance Program Sessions Available

Do you think you need a little extra help with your term paper or research project, such as refining your topic or locating useful and appropriate sources?

The subject librarians can offer some extra guidance through a RAP session tailored to a specific research need.

RAP is designed to:

- Provide one-one assistance for research assignments with a subject reference librarian.
- Help you find appropriate sources of information (databases, print sources) based on the requirements of your assignment.
- Show you search techniques, including identifying relevant subject headings and limit functions.
- Help you find valuable resources outside of Pickler through MOBIUS and Interlibrary Loan services.

Reference librarians can help find appropriate resources for:

- Class presentations.
- Term papers.
- Undergraduate research projects.
- Graduate thesis or project.

To schedule a RAP consultation, you can:

- Contact a subject librarian.
- Send an e-mail to Ask-A-Librarian.
- Call the Reference Desk at 785.4051.
- Come to the Reference Desk, first floor of Pickler Library.

Appointment times will vary, but it is recommended to allow 30-45 minutes for your consultation.