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Welcome back! Best wishes for a successful semester.

Spring Calendar

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day (no classes, offices closed)

March 3-9 Mid-term break (offices open)

March 20 Last day to drop full-semester courses

March 28-30 Spring vacation (offices closed)

April 29 Last day of regular classes

April 30 Reading day (no classes)

May 1-6 Final examinations

May 10 Spring commencement



Ragamala To Open '97 Lyceum Series

"Ragamala: A Painting in Motion, Whose Poetry Breathes Music," will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13 in Baldwin Auditorium.

The performance, presented by Ragamala Music and Dance Theatre, is a unique combination of the classical dance and music of South and North India, medieval ragamala poetry and the paintings of William Stille.

The Sanskrit word "raga" means to color the mind, and "mala" means garland. "Ragamala" means a garland of ragas.

Stille's vibrantly colorful ragamala paintings are set as backdrops to the dance. Rane and Aparna Ramaswamy portray the figures that come to life out of the paintings, music and soulful poetry of life. This is performed to live accompaniment on the sitar and tabla.

David Whetstone, co-founder and composer/story writer of Ragamala is one of the most active sitarists in the United States.

Free tickets are available for students, faculty and staff in the Student Activities Board Office, Student Union lower level.

Gordon Appointed Interim VPAA

Garry Gordon, associate professor of art, has been appointed interim vice president for academic affairs by President Jack Magruder. Gordon succeeds Lanny Morley, who has resumed his previous duties as head of the Division of Mathematics and Computer Science. In making the announcement, Magruder praised both Morley and Gordon for their outstanding service to the University.

"Both of these persons give unselfishly of their time and energy to this University," Magruder said. "I am most appreciative of Lanny's dedicated service as our vice president. Under Garry's leadership, we will see that same commitment to making Truman one of the best undergraduate universities in the nation."

Gordon's appointment will continue until June 30 of next year. A search for a permanent successor continues.

Gordon joined Truman's faculty in 1980. He has been recognized for his teaching and advising through accolades such as the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award.

A faculty associate in the residential colleges, Gordon has served as an advisor to the Student Senate and Art History Society, and has taught in the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Eminent Young Scholars.

Gordon has presented at national assessment conferences and served as an assessment consultant for numerous colleges and universities. He has served as the art assessment director for the Division of Fine Arts since the program's beginning in 1986. He has also served as president of Truman's Faculty Senate and has been a member of the Graduate Council; he is currently president of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa and the American Association of Colleges.

Notes

Applications are available in the Alumni and Development Office, McClain Hall 100, for Tel-Alumni student callers. Callers will be expected to ask for support from alumni and friends of the University and to update their alumni records. Students will be paid \$4.75 per hour plus bonuses and will be expected to work nine hours per week from Jan. 26 to Feb. 28. For more information, contact Jodi Robbins at 785-4133.

A one-credit hour French Grammar Review course is being offered this spring. Students who are co-enrolled in or who have completed French 221 are eligible. Limited space available. If interested, contact Timothy Farley, 785-4059.

The Natatorium is accepting registrations for the Youth Learn to Swim Program. It will be on 10 Saturday mornings (beginning Jan. 18, ending April 19) and will be taught by American Red Cross water safety instructors. There are three sessions: 10 and 11 a.m., and noon. The Natatorium also offers an infant/preschool program at 9:30 a.m. for those children five years of age and younger. Class sizes are limited. For more information or to receive a registration form, stop by the Natatorium Office in Pershing Building or call 785-4470.

Nomination forms are available for the Educator of the Year in the CAOC or Student Senate Office. Forms are due by 5 p.m. on Jan. 21.

The Women's Studies Committee is inviting faculty, staff, students and members of the Kirksville community to submit papers or abstracts for a conference on women and politics. All submissions are to be turned in to Linda Seidel by Jan. 31. For more information, call 785-4491.

Laubach Literacy training sessions will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on Feb. 3, 10 and 24 at the Kirksville Area Technical Center. Interested individuals should contact Terri Jones at 665-2865 to sign up. Enrollment is limited; individuals must attend all three sessions to fulfill requirements.

Spring semester publication dates for Truman Today are Jan. 13, 21 and 27; Feb. 3, 10 and 17; March 10, 17, 24 and 31; April 7, 14, 21 and 28; and May 5.

Truman Today is published weekly on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the Truman Today forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in Truman Today are open to the public.

Notables

Jim Barnes, writer-in-residence, has three translations of the German poems by Dagmar Nick appearing in the current issue of *Rattle*, a Los Angeles literary journal. Two of his original poems, "Place du Parvis" and "Villanelle," appear in the current issue of *The Formalist*, an Indiana magazine. Three of his poems, "On Hearing the News That Hitler Was Dead," "For Roland, Presumed Taken," and "Written During the Funeral of Hirohito," presently appear on World Poetry on the World Wide Web at <http://www.worldpoetry.com>. Another of Barnes' poems, "Alpine Idyll," appears in the 20th anniversary issue of *Quarterly West*. His poem "Remembering Cap Canaille" has been accepted for publication in *The American Scholar*.

Jerry Mayhew, instructor of health and exercise science, recently received confirmation of acceptance of his study titled "Accuracy of Prediction Equations for Estimating 1-RM performance in Bench Press, Squat and Deadlift" in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. The study was done in collaboration with researchers at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

ON CAMPUS

8 WEDNESDAY

Spring semester begins

Late registration begins (fees assessed), free add/drop through Jan. 14

6 p.m.—Women's basketball vs. Missouri Western, Pershing Gym. Men's game follows at 8 p.m.

11 SATURDAY

1:30 p.m.—Women's basketball vs. Washburn University, Pershing Gym. Men's game follows at 3:30 p.m.

13 MONDAY

7:30 p.m.—The Lyceum Series presents "Ragamala: A Painting in Motion, Whose Poetry Breathes Music," Baldwin Auditorium

SPRING 1997

LYCEUM SCHEDULE

RAGAMALA MUSIC & DANCE THEATRE

Monday Jan. 13
7:30 p.m.

MUMMENSCHANZ MASK-MIME THEATRE

Tuesday Feb. 11
7:30 p.m.

STATE BALLET OF MISSOURI WITH THE ST. JOSEPH SYMPHONY

Thursday, March 13
7:30 p.m.

PIPPIN

Wednesday April 9
7:30 p.m.

Phi Kappa Phi Offers Scholarship

Truman's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will select one senior to compete nationally for a \$7,000 fellowship for the first year of graduate studies. Each of the past five years, Truman's nominee has either won the award or received honorable mention (\$1,000).

Candidates should have a GPA rank in the top 10 percent of the senior class and be planning to pursue graduate study. The application deadline is Feb. 1. For more information, contact Patricia Burton at 785-7247 or Terry Olsen at 785-4503.