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Spring Career Expo

Monday, Feb. 9
Student Union
1-6 p.m.

Visit the Career Center to pick up a list of participating employers.

Resumes are due Jan. 22 for pre-screening to interview with specific companies.

Interview Project Under Way

The 1998 Interview Project is now under way. For the past five years the Assessment Committee has interviewed juniors or freshmen about their most and least successful learning experiences at Truman State University and shared those results in various university forums. Last year's findings are now available in the University's new Assessment Almanac.

We have changed the focus of this year's Interview Project for two reasons. First, data from the last few Graduating Student Questionnaires tell us that about 40% of our graduating seniors described their core courses as not very challenging, and that just over 30% were dissatisfied with faculty enthusiasm for classes in the

core. Second, as faculty rethink their courses and teaching in preparation for implementing the new Liberal Studies Program next fall, having a richer understanding of what comprises challenging courses and how students perceive them seems appropriate. Together these factors led the committee to focus this year's interview project on student perceptions of what makes university experiences challenging. Twenty to 30 faculty-student teams will interview approximately 100 juniors during five weeks in January and February. The interviews should be concluded by spring break and the findings will again be published for the entire University community.

Crabb Receives Governor's Award

R. Paul Crabb, associate professor of music, was presented a 1997 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 1997 Governor's Conference on Higher Education, Dec. 11.

Crabb was one of 62 faculty from Missouri's public and independent colleges and universities receiving the award.

Crabb joined the faculty at Truman in 1991. His duties include teaching graduate level classes and applied voice, and conducting several choral ensembles. Since his arrival, the university has observed an increase in the number of students participating in the choral/vocal program. Student recognition of his teaching culminated in his selection as Truman's Educator of the Year, 1996-1997.

The quality of his choral work has been recognized by his colleagues throughout the state, who extended numerous invita-



Gov. Mel Carnahan congratulates R. Paul Crabb on being awarded a 1997 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

tions to have his select choir, CANTORIA, perform at the prestigious state convention of the Missouri Music Educators Association. He was recently appointed an officer in that same organization.

Crabb has organized annual

domestic tours for the past 13 years. He has performed with his choirs throughout United States and in Mexico, Canada, Western Europe, Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia. In 1994 and 1995, he was the assistant conductor of the Russian/American Choral Symposium held at the Moscow Conservatory of Music in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1996, he was invited to be the sole American conductor at this same event.

Call for Papers: Third Annual Psychology Conference

Psi Chi presents the Third Annual Psychology Conference, providing an opportunity for students to present research. The conference will be held Feb. 28. Students from all disciplines who conduct research that makes psychological connections or touches on psychological issues at some level are encouraged to submit an abstract for review. Psychology, as a process, has applications across many disciplines, and this is an opportunity for interdisciplinary sharing of such research.

Abstracts may result from class assignments, research with faculty, independent study, class research projects or other empirically based research. If preliminary data has been collected, but the study is still in process, an abstract may be submitted for the completed portion of the project.

The deadline for abstract submission forms is Jan. 23. Selected participants will be notified by Feb. 6.

Abstract submission forms may be picked up at your division office, at the Social Science Division office. Contact Carrie Plocher, 627.0566, or Lisa Roberts, 665.0483, for further information.

Retired Professor Supports Students

If you spent 28 years as a college professor helping young people hone their communication skills, what would you want to do in retirement? Well, if you're Linnea Ratcliff you would choose to help and encourage Truman students.

Linnea Ratcliff came to Truman in 1969 and retired this past year as professor emeritus of communication. Along the way she aided hundreds of students to become more effective communicators. She also served the Truman community as a member of numerous committees, including the *Commission to Study the University Name*, which led to the University's name change, and as Marshal for university commencement ceremonies since 1992.

She was a devoted member of the Truman faculty, but when Ratcliff retired she felt she needed to do more to help students. In fall 1997, she chose to endow a scholarship. The Linnea L. Ratcliff Scholarship will provide financial support for students pursuing a degree in communication.

"Truman State University, my colleagues and particularly the students were a major part of my life," Ratcliff said. "Establishing this scholarship was an expression of thanks to the university com-



Linnea Ratcliff

munity, but more importantly, it provided me with the opportunity to continue serving students."

The Ratcliff Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in fall 1998. In addition to preference given to communication majors, eligible recipients must have earned sophomore status and demonstrated a record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, was delighted at the news of Ratcliff's scholarship. "Linn is a wonderful example of the depth and breadth of faculty we have at Truman," Gordon said. "She was always dedicated to her students and the University. This scholarship is a reflection of that dedication—allowing her to continue to help Truman students well into her retirement and beyond. We are very grateful for this generous gift."

Ratcliff is enjoying her retirement in Jefferson City, Mo., where she resides with her husband, Meredith. For years to come she will enjoy watching students benefit from her scholarship and the education they gain at Truman State University.

Guest Artist Cello/Piano Recital

The Division of Fine Arts will present Darry Dolezal, cellist, and Trilla Lyerla, pianist, in concert on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium.

Dolezal specializes in performing chamber music and modern music. He spent several years concertizing in the Boston area and has performed on radio broadcasts internationally, including WGBH and WCRB in Boston, WFMT in Chicago, Minnesota Public Radio and the CBC in Canada.

From 1991-1995, he toured North America with the Artaria Quartet of Boston, named one of the world's 10 best young string quartets by the 1992 Banff International String Quartet Competition. Respected as both performer and teacher, he has served as visiting artist/lecturer at Boston College, Boston University, Florida State University, Georgia State University, the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory and the

University of Kansas. Dolezal is cellist of the Esterhazy Quartet and teaches at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Lyerla, associate professor of music at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan., performs frequently as a recitalist and collaborative artist. Her education includes study with Roman Cantieni at the Bundner Lehrerseminar in Chur, Switzerland, and receipt of bachelor's degrees in piano performance and Germanic languages and literature from the University of Kansas. She obtained both the master's and doctoral degrees in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Iowa.

The program on Saturday night will include works for cello and piano by Vaughan-Williams, Martinu, Miaskovskiy, Granados, Schumann, and American composer Andrew List. Admission to the concert is free.

Notables

Jim Barnes, writer-in-residence and professor of comparative literature, has been awarded an Akademie Schloss Solitude Senior Fellowship for March-May 1998. While at Schloss Solitude, in Stuttgart, he will continue translating the poetry and prose of Dagmar Nick, a Munich writer, and also serve as a mentor to several artists from around the world during his residency. The New Odyssey Press, an imprint of the Thomas Jefferson University Press, will publish Barnes' bilingual edition of Nick's *Gezahlte Tage/Numbered Days* this spring.

Tom Capuano, associate professor of foreign language, had three of his editions of Spanish medical texts from the 16th century included in the CD-ROM *Corpus Medico Espanol*, published by the Hispanic Seminary of Medieval Studies (Madison, 1997).

Michael Hooley, assistant professor of music, has an article published in the December issue of *Percussive Notes*. The article, "The 1997 Percussive Arts Society Composition Contest," chronicles the work of the society in encouraging writing for percussion. At the recent Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Los Angeles, Hooley was named to both the Composition Committee and the Marching Percussion Committee.

Rodney Keller, public safety officer, successfully completed the 470-hour basic law enforcement training offered by the Law Enforcement Training Institute School of Law and University Extension in Columbia, Mo. At the Dec. 5 graduation exercises, Rodney was presented the academy's top place honor for academics and second place for defensive tactics.

Ian Lindevald, assistant professor of physics, presented a paper, "Higher Modes of Vibration of Clarinet Reeds," at the 134th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in San Diego, Dec. 1-4. The paper was co-authored by Truman alumnus **Jason Gower** who is currently a graduate student in applied math at Purdue University.

David McKamie, associate professor of music, presented a lecture-demonstration held at the Steinway Gallery on Jan. 9 for the St. Louis Area Music Teachers Association. The title of his 90-minute presentation was "Visual and Literary Influences on Claude Debussy's *Preludes, Book I*." It featured a lecture and perfor-

mance as well as slides which were selected to assist in developing a specific sound image for each particular prelude.

Robert Martin, professor of education, was co-presenter of a presentation on constructivist approaches to teaching at the Regional Convention of the National Association of Science Teachers held in Denver, Nov. 20-22.

Sean O'Neill, a 1995 Truman biology graduate, and **Jeff Osborn, associate professor of biology**, recently had the article "Comparative Pollen Morphology of Five New World Genera of Podostemaceae" published in the peer-reviewed journal *Aquatic Botany*. O'Neill and Osborn's contribution was an invited paper that appeared in a special issue of the journal focusing entirely on the river-weed family (Podostemaceae), the largest group of aquatic flowering plants.

Lisa Sprague, director of Public Safety, has been elected to serve as 97-98 vice-president of the Missouri Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. Composed of representatives of higher and post secondary education, this organization promotes standards and criteria to be used as guidelines for the protection of faculty, staff, students, the general public and the properties on the various campuses statewide. The Missouri Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators will hold their 1998 annual conference to be held in Kirksville in June.

Philip Wilson, assistant professor of science history, wrote the chapter on "Healers in History" for the recently-released book *Medicine. A History of Healing: Ancient Traditions to Modern Practices* (London: Ivy Press and New York: Barnes & Noble, 1997). In the chapter, the research assistance of **past and present Truman students** include **Lisa Fagnani**, **Gretchen Krueger**, **Patrick Reed**, **Chris Wolf**, **Brian Yochim**, and **Sarah Zapf** with the photographic assistance of **Tim Barcus**. **Chris Lantz, assistant professor of health and exercise science**, **Jerry Mayhew, professor of health and exercise science**, and **senior Brian Peeters**, received a \$1,500 research grant from Metabolic Nutrition Inc. to study the nutritional supplement HMB. HMB has been shown to increase strength and lean body mass while decreasing body fat levels in weight-training individuals.

Scholarship Information

The National Association of Water Companies is soliciting applications for three scholarships to be awarded for the 1998 academic year. Awards are limited to graduating college seniors or current graduate students in master's degree programs. To be eligible, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen and be pursuing or plan to pursue a degree in engineering, biology, chemistry, business administration or other field that may lead to a career in the investor-owned public water supply business. Submission deadline is April 1. For information and an application, contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.

The John Dennis Scholarship applications are available for college-bound high school seniors planning to major in a criminal justice field. For more information and an application, contact the Missouri Sheriff's Association, 229 Madison St., Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) will be awarding \$1,000 grants to students interested in studying abroad experience. Selection is based on study plan, letters of recommendation and statement of proposed study. Contact the Center for Education Abroad Office for more information in 120 Kirk Building. Deadline is March 2.

Notes

The CAOC is now accepting applications for **Campus Activities Leader (CAL) coordinator**. The CAL coordinator assists with the CAL staff selection process, spring and fall training sessions and the coordination of the Freshman Week activities program. The deadline is Jan. 28. For more information, contact the CAOC at 785.4222.

The **1998 Truman State University Undergraduate Research Symposium** is scheduled for March 20. Copies of the Symposium Booklet containing instructions, abstract requirements, submission forms and other information are available from division offices and the Undergraduate Research Committee. Abstracts are due to the committee by Feb. 13. Contact David Lesczynski at 785.4411 for more information.

Full- and part-time summer positions are available through the Truman Upward Bound Office. Open positions include instructors in composition/literature and journalism/yearbook; residential tutor/advisors; program counselor and photographer. Application materials are available in Kirk Building and are due Feb. 13.

Educator of the Year nomination forms are available in the Student Senate Office and the CAOC. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 26.

The **Gene Schneider Retirement Dinner**, a celebration of more than 30 years of service to Truman State University, will be held Feb. 7 at the Shrine Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10/person at the Physical Plant, Kirk Building 106; Business Office, McClain Hall 105; the Student Union Office; and the Governmental Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Tickets will be \$12 at the door if seating is available. Dress is casual.

The **University Career Center is looking for a few good men and women!** If you are looking for scholarship or institutional hours, apply now. You must sign up for an information session (held Jan. 27 & 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Career Center), turn in an application, resume and cover letter by Feb. 4. The first round of interviews will be held Feb. 8. Applications may be picked up in the Career Center. For more information contact Susan Job, 785.4240.

Habitat for Humanity will meet Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Kirk Memorial foyer. All are welcome to attend.

Paul Gerni, the world's number one trick-shot artist, will present "The great shots of the legends of pool" Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Down Under. The trick-shot exhibition show is sponsored by Take Five Gamesroom; admission is free.

The **University Career Center is hosting the Spring Career Expo** Feb. 9 from 1-6 p.m. in the SUB. Students may visit the Career Center to pick up a list of participating employers and refine resume, cover letter and interviewing skills. Resumes are due Jan. 22 for pre-screening to interview with specific companies.

Cardinal Key will have RUSH information tables in the SUB Jan. 26-28 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Alpha Phi will hold spring RUSH Jan. 20-22. Events will be Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Hall 351 and Jan. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. For more information call Katie A. at 785.4733 or Katie C. at 785.4816.

Sigma Chi Delta, Truman's local social sorority, will have spring RUSH Jan. 26-30. Events are at 7 p.m. in the SUB; check posters for specific locations.

Questions may be answered by calling Heidy at 627.9415 or Caryn at 627.0626.

A piano faculty lecture-recital will be held Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room. The lecture is titled "Visual and Literary Influences on Claude Debussy's Preludes, Book I." It will be followed by a performance of the *Twelve Preludes, Book I* by Claude Debussy. Admission is free.

Phi Alpha Theta will hold a seminar for history majors Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. in Baldwin Hall 351. Faculty and representatives from the Career Center will be present to answer questions about graduate school and careers suited for graduates with history degrees.

Ekklesia will sponsor "The Carpenter's Crew: Building a Real Faith" Jan. 26 from 7-8 p.m. in SUB 5.

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity will hold RUSH informational meetings Feb. 2 in the SUB Activities Room and Feb. 3 in the SUB Alumni Room at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all

On Campus

20 TUESDAY
8:30-10 a.m. - **Digital Imaging: Video Capture, Scanning, and Digital Cameras: A Basic Introduction** workshop for faculty, Pickler Library 203, R.S.V.P. to 785.4391.

7:30 p.m.-Alpha Phi RUSH event, Baldwin Hall 351.

21 WEDNESDAY
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.-**"Is Critical Reading One of the Three R's?** Faculty Development Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room
5 p.m.-**Deadline for Endowed and Annual Scholarship Applications**, Alumni Room, McClain Hall 103

7 p.m.-Alpha Phi RUSH event, SUB Alumni Room; also Jan. 22

22 THURSDAY
Resumes due for Career Expo interview pre-screening in Career Center
8 p.m.-**Habitat for Humanity meeting**, Kirk Memorial foyer

23 FRIDAY
6:06 p.m.- **Alpha Phi Alpha Neophyte**, SUB Alumni Room
7 p.m.-**Wrestling vs. Missouri Valley**, Pershing Arena

11:06 p.m.-**Alpha Phi Alpha Activity I**, Kirk Gym

24 SATURDAY
6:06 p.m.-**Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and Gold Ball**, SUB Activities Room
8 p.m.-**Guest artist cello/piano recital**, Baldwin Auditorium; see story, p. 2.

11:06 p.m.-**Alpha Phi Alpha Activity II**, location to be announced,
Neophyte stepshow to follow