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On Campus

JUNE

23 MONDAY

11 a.m.-4 p.m.—**Show-Me You Care Missouri State Employees Blood Drive**, SUB Activities Room. All state employees who participate will receive a T-shirt. This drive is being held in conjunction with a local drive sponsored by the Campus Christian Fellowship.

27 FRIDAY

2-4 p.m.—**Farewell reception for Anthony Cooperwood**, Adair Building

28 SATURDAY

John R. Kirk Honors Institute begins

JULY

4 FRIDAY

Independence Day Offices Closed

5 SATURDAY

Joseph Baldwin Academy, second session runs through July 25

15 TUESDAY

noon-1 p.m.—**How to De-Stress Your Family Vacation**, a Wellness Luncheon Program, SUB Governors' Room. RSVP to Human Resources at 785-4031.

Truman Audiology Team Visits Belize

After much preparation, an audiological team departed for Belize City, Central America.

The team consisted of two Rotary volunteers who are also audiologists and three graduating seniors of Truman. J. Paul Hunt (CMDS), professor of communication disorders, and Cornelis (Kees) Koutstaal, head of the Division of Human Potential and Performance, were accompanied by Danielle Hoff, Rebecca Thompson and Michelle Luckett.

The project concerns a World Community Service Project that was initiated by the Kirksville Rotary Club in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Belize. The Rotary clubs raised money to purchase much needed equipment for the Third World Country of Belize where services for the hearing impaired are nonexistent. Hunt applied an International Travel Grant from Truman to support the airfare for the students. A hearing aid manufacturer donated goods to the project. Starkey Laboratories provided batteries, hearing aids and audiometers at a substantial discount.

The team was welcomed by Rotarians in Belize who had made arrangements with the Department of Human Development and the Office of Services for Disabilities to hold a week-long audiology clinic. The clinic was set up in the Lions Clinic, a professional facility donated and maintained by Lions Clubs International. One day of the week was devoted to in-service workshops to train teachers to recognize children at risk and in need of hearing aids.

The World Community Project has three primary aims: to provide children with hearing aids so that they may develop normal speech and hearing and attend regular schools; to teach personnel in Belize to identify children with hearing impairment, and, to equip personnel with technical expertise and equipment to become self sufficient. It is anticipated that the project will last three years.

The Communication Disorders Association, a student organization at Truman, had collected a small professional library as a donation to the professionals at the Department of Services for

the Disabled. Hoff, Thompson and Luckett presented those books to the social workers during a Rotary luncheon meeting. These textbooks will be a professional resource that may assist the department with developing services system in Belize.

In all, 29 hearing aids were fitted during the team's visit. Many others attended the audiological clinic but could not be helped, or were in need of medical services. Koutstaal and Hunt are exploring the feasibility of including a physician on their team for the next phase of the project. Licensing requirements and staff privileges at the hospital require special permissions by the Ministry of Health and the Medical Association of Belize. The team was astonished about the high incidence of hearing loss in Belize, which is a small, multi-racial country. An interpreter was available at the clinic because at the least four languages, English, Spanish, Creole and Mayan, were spoken by the patients, even though English is the national language. A puzzling question that will require more research is why there is such a high incidence of hearing loss. Also, more understanding about the causes of hearing loss need to be discovered. The team proposes to research more case histories through interviews to discover a pattern of etiologies.

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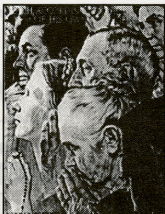
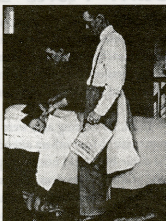


Senior Danielle Hoff and Cornelis (Kees) Koutstaal, head of the Division of Human Potential and Performance, work with two Belize youth.

Rockwell Exhibit Celebrates Freedom

A new exhibit, Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms: A Celebration of Independence, will be on display in the E.M. Violette Museum beginning the week of July 4. The museum, located in Kirk Memorial, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday and by appointment from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit will feature a collection of war bond posters from World War II which are based on Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms.

The Four Freedoms were painted by Rockwell as his contribution to the war effort, since he was unable to fight in the war due to his age. Inspired by a speech deliv-



ered by Franklin Roosevelt to Congress, Rockwell painted the Four Freedoms to remind Americans of the reasons for their involvement in World War II. They include Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want. Also included in the display are examples of some of his other works, including some from the

Saturday Evening Post. The exhibit will give visitors a chance to learn more about the life and work of Norman Rockwell, and to reflect upon our independence and patriotism.

For appointments and other information, call 785-4532 or 785-4537.

Belize, cont. from front



Senior Rebecca Thompson and J. Paul Hunt, professor of communication disorders, (center) evaluate a young boy's hearing.

The team witnessed many rewarding moments when children experienced the sense of hearing for the first time. There was also a heart-breaking moment when a young boy turned out to be ineligible for a hearing aid. The team tried

to capitalize on the minute amount of residual hearing, however, to no avail. The experience reinforced the resolve of the students on the team. Hoff and Thompson will attend Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf to pursue graduate studies in audiology. Luckett also plans to pursue a master's degree.

Meanwhile, Hunt and Koutstaal are preparing for the next phase of the project and hope to provide many more students with the unique opportunity to practice audiology in a totally different culture.

"It is an overwhelming experience to become involved with a different culture, in a different climate, where audiological services are nonexistent and where many medical needs are underserved," Koutstaal said. "With the help of corporate sponsorship, University research, and Rotary support Kirksville can extend a helping hand to the people of a developing nation."

Notes

Volunteers are need to assist with directing and parking cars during the NEMO Fair, July 21-26. Interested persons should contact David Parish at 785-2355 or 665-8897.

Volunteers are needed to work with children at a local organization, noon-3 p.m. Activities include planning outdoor activities, field trips and some supervising of children, ages five and up. Individuals should be creative, outgoing and enjoy children of all ages. Interested individuals should contact Miles Kelly at 665-5437 for more information.

Freshman Week Events Planned

Faculty and staff are invited to assist with two events planned as part of this year's Freshman Week. On Aug. 19, a Viva Las Vegas Casino Night will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. and a Campus Coffeeshouse will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, contact Andy Gensler, Campus Activities Leader Coordinator, or Cheryl Grew-Gillen, assistant director of the Student Union and director of campus activities.