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TRUMAN DAY

at the NEMO Fair
July 18

The Public Relations Office is looking for volunteers to work the gate July 18 for Truman Day at the NEMO Fair.

Shifts begin at 6 a.m. and run for three hours each.

Call 785.4016 or stop by the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101 to sign up.

Volunteers will receive a free day pass to the fair.

Students living off-campus should update their local mailing address with the University via TruView. Address changes can also be made in the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104. Students are responsible for all information sent to their local mailing address from University offices and personnel conducting University business.

Foundation Awards \$1.4 Million in Scholarships Since 2001

More than \$1.4 million has been awarded to students at Truman in the form of scholarships from the Truman State University Foundation over the past five years.

This year, the Truman State University Foundation received a record number of applications for the 2005-2006 scholarships.

More than 4,710 scholarship applications were received and processed for the 423 scholarships available. Approximately 160 faculty members were involved in application review and nearly \$300,000 was awarded. The average scholarship was more than \$710.

The Office of Advancement would like to express sincere appreciation to the faculty

and staff members who donate their time to serve on committees and who help to make the Foundation scholarship program possible.

Foundation scholarships are supported by private and corporate gifts, including gifts through the Faculty & Staff Campaign that are designated for scholarships.

Established in 1980, the mission of the Truman State University Foundation is to support the goals and activities of Truman State University by obtaining financial support, nurturing viable relationships with external constituencies, and serving as prudent financial stewards of the Foundation's resources.

Truman Receives Grant for Equipment

Truman State University has been awarded two grants by the Missouri Department of Public Safety to implement a statewide video conference system for all of the crime laboratories in the state of Missouri.

Dr. Matt Eichor, director of the Northeast Area Criminalistics Laboratory at Truman, is the project chair. He is also director of the Justice Systems Program and professor of chemistry.

This equipment purchase will increase and enhance current levels of communication, training, education and service among the 14 crime laboratory sites in Missouri. The laboratories are located in Cape Girardeau, Clayton, Independence, Jefferson City, Joplin, Kansas City, Kirksville, Macon, Park Hills, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Willow

Springs.

The purpose of this grant project is to connect all of the laboratories in the state of Missouri to a state of the art multimedia communications network. The crime laboratory system in Missouri is a decentralized system of 14 city, county, regional and highway patrol laboratories.

This grant will provide equipment for each crime laboratory with multimedia communication capability. Each individual analyst will have a means of sharing information with their counterparts across the state as well as being available for depositions and other proceedings involving laboratory personnel.

Funds for this equipment will come entirely from the National Institute of Justice via the Missouri Department of Public Safety located in Jefferson City, Mo.

Derek Daschke, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, and Mike Ashcraft, associate professor of religion, have co-edited "New Religious Movements: A Documentary Reader." The book will be available at the end of July.

Janice Clark Young, assistant professor in health and exercise sciences, is the co-author of a book released from Human Kinetics Publishers in early May 2005. "Action Plan for Menopause" was written

to help women reduce menopausal symptoms, promote bone health, and decrease their risk of cardiovascular disease. Based on the latest research, the book uses an exercise-based plan to help women live more comfortably and take control of their diet, fitness level, and health. Young co-authored the book with Barbara Bushman, an exercise physiologist who teaches at Southwest Missouri State University.

Campus Bikes Racks Moved

Those people riding bikes on the Truman campus this summer have noticed changes in where they can park their bike.

According to Karl Schneider, director of physical plant, most of the bike racks on campus have generally been moved toward the perimeter.

"The bike racks were moved in order to make bike parking more accessible from off campus and also to help reduce the conflict

between pedestrians and bikes on interior sidewalks of the campus," Schneider said. "Although the changes may be hard to get used to initially, in the long run it will make the campus safer."

In the meantime, bikers are asked to please use the provided bike racks and not attach their bikes to light posts, campus fencing or rails.

Community Nurses Receive Awards at Fifth Annual Capstones of Nursing Conference

The Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing conducted its fifth annual Capstones of Nursing Conference May 5 at Truman State University. Judith J. Warren, associate professor of nursing at the University of Kansas, presented the keynote address, "Nursing Education and Practice in the Information Age: The Role of Technology."

Other presentations included "Nursing Residency Program: Blessing Hospital's Experience," "Hands On Research: A Student Nurse Experience," "HeartHealth for Life," "The Effects of a Smoking Cessation Assistance Program among Pregnant Women," "Evidence-Based Strategies to Reduce Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia in the ICU," "Recognizing the Realities of Reliability," "International Learning Represented by Nursing Students During Study Abroad in the Philippines," and "Identifying Populations at Risk for Postpartum Depression."

Various awards were presented to community nurses during the fifth annual

Capstones of Nursing Luncheon. Susie Chapman, of Preferred Family Healthcare, received the "Nominate a NEMO Nurse" award for 2005. Elizabeth Dewitt, of Northeast Regional Medical Center, received the Preceptor Award for an Acute Care Setting. Jeanie Johnson, of Putnam County Health Department, received the Preceptor Award for a Community Care Setting. Teak Nelson, doctoral student at Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri, was awarded \$200 research grant for her dissertation, "Breastfeeding in Low-Income Women: A Grounded Theory Exploration of the Breastfeeding Woman's Response to Perceived Persuasion."

Rho Omega Chapter, through the yearly Capstones of Nursing, supports the nursing goals of recognizing superior achievement, recognizing the development of leadership qualities, fostering professional standards, encouraging creative work, and strengthening commitment on the part of individuals to the ideals and purposes of the profession of nursing.

5 TUESDAY
7:30 a.m.-Second five-week graduate classes begin

NOTES

The next issue of the *Truman Today* will be July 19. The *Truman Today* is printed biweekly during the summer. Submissions for this issue are due by July 13 to kbest@truman.edu.

The Center for Teaching and Learning has some new acquisitions for their Resource Room Library. You can peruse on their collection at <http://tcl.truman.edu/services/ResourceRoomMaterialsJune2005.xls>. The newest additions acquired this summer are highlighted in yellow. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@truman.edu or call 785.4391 for more information.

Do you have a project idea you've been meaning to talk about? Are you interested in finding out if there might be a grant available to support a special research, investigation, or travel idea you've had in the back of your mind? The Grants Office is open during the summer and there is a slight reprieve in the hustle and bustle of the academic semester. So call, make an appointment, and go to the Center for Teaching and Learning to discuss a project. Check out the summer issue of the grants newsletter, *GrantSource*, http://grants.truman.edu/summer_news05.doc.

During the summer, the *Truman Today* is a biweekly publication. The next issue will be July 5. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to kbest@truman.edu or by completing a *Truman Today* form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf>. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.