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"A CONVERSATION ON THE LIBERAL ARTS"

The next scheduled event will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms A&B when Steven Smith, professor of business administration, will share his presentation entitled "The Perennially Practical Liberal Arts."

On Nov. 9, Clifton Kreps, professor of classics, presented the second program in Truman's year-long series "A Conversation on the Liberal Arts." A copy of Kreps' remarks, entitled "Stronger and Weaker Arguments for a Public Liberal Arts and Sciences University," has been added to the President's Office website located at blogs.truman.edu/presoffice.



**FALL COMEDIAN:
DONALD GLOVER**
As seen on NBC's
"Community"

7 p.m. • Dec. 3
Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are free for students and \$5 for general admission. They may be picked up at the Student Activities Board Office located in the lower level of the Student Union Building. For more information, call the SAB Office at 785.4722. Office hours are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Truman Recognizes Community Partners

Kevin Baiotto, former coordinator of Kirksville's Telecommunications Resource Center, received the "Community Partner Award" recognized at the Community Partner Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 3.

The Community Partner of the Year Award is given by the SERVE Center to an outstanding community member or agency that has worked closely with the University to promote public scholarship amongst Truman students.

Baiotto was nominated by Cody Hagan, SIFE president. He works with the Kirksville Sheltered Workshop, a business that creates meaningful employment opportunities for the developmentally disabled in the area. Truman

SIFE members worked with Baiotto helping the managers of Kirksville Sheltered Workshop write a business plan that would enable them to set out on their own.

Baiotto's outreach to Truman SIFE students helped them to gain experience in developing business plans and working with non-profit organizations. SIFE has also worked with Baiotto and the Kirksville Sheltered Workshop to create a manager evaluation form for the business.

Baiotto's work with SIFE extends beyond the service opportunities he has helped the members find. He serves as a member of the organization's Business Advisory Board and has been active in various facets of the organization.



Students present the Community Partner of the Year Award to Kevin Baiotto. From left to right: Jessie Eubank, SIFE vice president of communications; Baiotto, award recipient; Cody Hagan, SIFE president, and Lynn Dreisilker, event coordinator.

Students to Intern at the State Capitol



The Spring 2012 Missouri Government Interns were given the rare opportunity to hear from Senator David Pearce, the Missouri Senate Education Committee Chairman, at their recent informational meeting. The interns will spend the semester in Jefferson City, Mo., earning up to 15 hours of college credit while working with either a legislator, public official or state agency. Pictured, front row, left to right: Nick Henderson, Julie Quinn, Heidi Geisbuhler, Queene Alara, Isaac Robinson, Nicola Fish and Devin Heier. Second row, left to right: Michaela Martinez, Kyle Olmstead, Josh Foster, Alan Phipps, Joy Bulen, Senator David Pearce and President Troy Paino. Top Row left to right: Andrew Robbins, Alex Feurer, Julia Stoverink, Christopher Vick and Luke Freeland. Not pictured: Adam Schmid.

Staff Appreciation Awards

Do you know a staff member who has done exceptional work? Nominate them for a Point of Excellence Award at truman.edu/recognition/excellence/. Do you know an office that provides excellent customer service to faculty, staff and students? Nominate them for the Bulldog Award at truman.edu/recognition/bulldogaward/index.asp.

Nominations are due by Dec. 15.

Speech and Hearing Clinic Provides Free Services to All

When Catherine Walker arrived at her first therapy session at Truman's Speech and Hearing Clinic a few years ago she could not speak. Her mother, Kimberly Walker recalls the days not so long ago when her daughter only communicated through sign language.

Catherine is only seven years old and although she is still receiving therapy, a huge stride has been made as she is now verbally communicating. Her journey to the clinic for twice-a-week sessions has given hope for Catherine, which is something the Walkers were not always sure they could have.



Catherine Walker, left, works with Truman student clinician Katie Shirmulis during a therapy session at the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Catherine and her two brothers have all received treatment at the clinic.

Truman's Speech and Hearing Clinic has been helping residents from Kirksville and the surrounding area since 1960. In November, the clinic moved into new facilities located in the Truman Health Sciences Building. The clinic serves any individual with disorders of speech, language, voice, fluency, aural rehabilitation and swallowing, all at no cost to the person served.

"The fact that our clinic does not assess a fee to the individuals who are served on-site is extremely rare," said Melissa Passe, director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. "The ability to provide on-site services at no cost allows us to better focus on client care and less on the red tape that inevitably goes along with charging and billing individuals or insurance entities."

The quality of care at the Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic is something Kimberly Walker can attest to, as Catherine is her third child to receive treatment. Walker's son Jonathon started coming to the clinic when he was eight years old after being diagnosed with central auditory processing disorder. Children affected by CAPD cannot always separate verbal messages from non-essential background noises.

Now age 15, Jonathon has progressed to the point where he no longer needs to attend therapy sessions, however, Walker's 10-year-old son Kristopher has also been diagnosed with CAPD and has been making progress through the Speech and Hearing Clinic for the last three years.

"This clinic has really helped all three of them," Walker said.

"The kids need this clinic to make it."

Not only was the Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic the first option for Walker, it was also her only hope. As each of her three children needed speech or auditory therapies, she only had one place to go.

"I didn't have any other options," Walker said.

The Walkers are just one of several families who have received help from the Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic.

"If the clinic were not here, there would be over 100 individuals each semester who would be unable to receive much needed evaluation and therapy services," Passe said. "We have a strong reputation in the community because so many people have received excellent services from Truman students and staff over the years."

Truman's senior and graduate student clinicians benefit from the real-life experience by having the ability to provide therapy. Faculty members who hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence and a license to practice in Missouri supervise students.

Mikail Brown is a sophomore communication disorders major at Truman and regularly does observation hours at the clinic.

"Just by observing from behind the scenes, I see lives changed," Brown said.

No-cost clinics are rare due to the necessary heavy reliance on donations. The Speech and Hearing Clinic provides free services thanks to the support of the University and from community organizations.



Paula Cochran, chair of the Communication Disorders program at Truman, accepts a \$10,000 donation from Jack Kairy, president of the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbia, Mo.

One major benefactor to the Speech and Hearing Clinic over the years has been the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbia, Mo., an affiliate of the Scottish Rite, a national Masonic organization. During the Speech and Hearing Clinic's open house Nov. 12, the organization

made a contribution of \$10,000 to the Truman State University Foundation to support the Communication Disorders Department, which oversees the clinic's operations. Thanks to these donations, families like the Walkers can turn to the Speech and Hearing Clinic to seek the help they need.

Today, Catherine is able to focus on pronunciation so that she can become more comfortable with the language she is more than able to speak.

Phi Kappa Phi Inducts 36 New Members

Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and largest national honor society which recognizes and encourages superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Established in 1897, it has very high academic standards, electing from the upper 7.5 percent of students in their junior year, the upper 10 percent of senior students and outstanding graduate students, alumni and faculty of selected institutions. The Truman chapter was chartered in 1991 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2011.

Scott Abbey
Julie Elizabeth Bangert
Loren Billington
Jeremy M. Bone
Elisa Conners
Erin Done
Christina Maurine Goehl
Trina Goodson
Jill Graves

Jeremy Lee Hess
Rachel Margaret Howland
Karianne Jones
Shannon Kelley
Ross Knight
Laura Knopik
Sareema Koralra
Aaron Kusmec
Kerry Lee

Carrie Anne Maggart
Anthony Meyer
Julianne E. Meyer
Travis Miles
Michael James Polwort
Ravin Poudel
Kevin Sack
David Joseph Schatz
Amanda Schwent

Keiko Shinohara
Connor Stangler
Grace E. Strube
Julianna K. Taylor
Kirsten Marie Vollmer
Megan M. Wamser
Megan Wargo-Kearney
Kristy Warmbold
Curtis Worzalla

Local Artist Dedicates Statue to Veterans



John Barker (left) stands with local artist Brandon Grandall and Grandall's sculpture "The Purple Heart" in the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center. The statue was dedicated as part of the 2011 Veterans Day ceremony that took place Nov. 11 and will be located permanently at the Towne Museum. Barker is in attendance to pay tribute to his brother Jedh Barker, a former University student who lost his life during the Vietnam War. For his heroic actions, Jedh Barker posthumously received the Medal of Honor, the only Truman student ever to receive the award.

Truman Forensics Team Takes Home Awards

The Truman Speech and Debate Team took home four awards at "The Mule" tournament at the University of Central Missouri Nov. 4-6.

The tournament consisted of separate debate and individual events competitions.

During the debate portion, the team competed against the top teams in the nation. Freshman Maddie Ebert made it to the semifinal round of Lincoln-Douglas debate where she lost on a close decision to the eventual tournament champions. Sophomore Kristen Wright made it to the final round where she placed second.

The second half of the tournament consisted

of individual (speech) events competition. The team earned two new qualifications for the national competition taking place in April.

Korey Anderson earned his first individual events qualification by placing sixth in extemporaneous speaking. Wright also qualified by placing second in extemporaneous speaking.

The team has one tournament remaining this semester at the Ohio University swing tournament in December. This is one of the largest tournaments of the year. For more information on the team, contact Kristi Scholten at kscholten@truman.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Foreclosure.com Scholarship Program will award five undergraduates with minimum \$1,000 scholarships. Students must respond to a prompt explaining that they have acquired \$150,000 in cash to be used specifically for a distressed real estate purchase. They must outline a detailed strategy that ensures maximum return on investment, personal satisfaction and/or financial profit. Responses must be between 800-2,000 words and submitted by Dec. 1. First place winner will receive \$5,000. Second through 5th will receive \$1,000. More information can be found at foreclosure.com/scholarship

Your Local Security is sponsoring "America's Best Blogging Scholarship" for \$1,000. Students may enter by posting responses to the question asking to define the single most important issue in the upcoming 2012 election. Students must explain the issue and why and how they propose the U.S. comes to a solution that benefits the majority. After posting, students must include the embed code and share online via Facebook, Twitter and Google+. Entries will be judged by content and validation and "tweets," "likes," "stumbles" and "+1s" will be taken into

account. The submission deadline is Dec. 31 and the winner will be announced Feb. 1. More information can be found at yourlocalsecurity.com/scholarship.

U.S. Bank is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank No Free Education Loan Program are eligible to apply. More information about this scholarship opportunity can be found at usbank.com/studentloans.

Scholarships are available through Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year they awarded more than \$13,000 in scholarships. Two students selected by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri will be submitted to Central Region as an applicant and to National Gardens Club Inc., as a Missouri applicant and will compete for a Central Region and National Scholarship. The application is available at www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx. The deadline to apply March 1.

"Of the Month" Award Winners

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is an organization that exists to recognize excellence in the Truman Community. One main way the NRHH does this is by nominating both individuals and organizations on campus for "Of the Month" awards across 15 categories. OTM winners for October include:

Catie Duckett
Faculty/Staff Member
of the Month

Aaron Malin
Executive Board Member
of the Month

Facilities
Spotlight Award of the Month

Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library Internship

The Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library is seeking two summer interns to work at the library in Independence, Mo.

- Eight-week, Full-Time Internship
- Juniors and Seniors are Eligible
- Five-Hour Tuition Scholarship
- Deadline to apply is Dec. 7

For more information, or an application, contact Jeff Gall at 785.7747 or jgall@truman.edu.



Career Center Open House

The Career Center is now in their new location in the Student Union Building 3100. They will be hosting an open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 7. Stop by for hot chocolate, cookies and a tour of the new office. Students can register for a \$100 gift certificate to the Truman Bookstore to use on next semester's books.

Middle School Students Visit on Shadow Day



Natalie Ayers and Katharina Bryant, eighth grade students from Green City, look at a lizard in the Biology Department. Seventh and eighth students from Green City and Milan visited campus Oct. 18 for Shadow Day, a program aimed at encouraging college enrollment for future students in the surrounding areas. Students toured campus, visited three departments and ate in the residence halls.

NOTES

The Freshman Theatre Seminar class will present their Freshman show, "An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein" at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 in James G. Sevens Theatre.

There will be a Jazz Combo Concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will conduct its monthly meeting at 12 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

Wind Symphony I will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The Independent Performance and Art Coalition presents "Parabole," a drama about the Christian love story and the role of humanity, at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 7 in the Student Union Building Down Under. The drama is written, directed and performed by students and is free of admission.

The deadline to submit abstracts for the WGST Conference is Dec. 5. Submissions may be sent to tuwgstsubmissions@gmail.com with "WGST Conference Abstract" in the subject line.

There will be a Guest Percussion Artist Concert featuring Nathan Daugherty at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The BFA/BA Thesis Exhibit Public Reception will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in the University Art Gallery.

The Theatre Department will host the Director's Showcase at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 in James G. Sevens Theatre.

Cantoria's 46th Annual Pancake day will take place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 10 at the First Christian Church located at 100 N. High Street. For more information email mdj@truman.edu.

Mail services has now moved to General Services Building 109.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Commerce's (DOC) Internship for Postsecondary Students Program, administered by Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, has slots remaining in Washington, D.C., for the spring semester. The internship provides students the opportunity for hands-on education and training related to their fields of interest and those of the DOC. Positions can be part-time or full-time and opportunities exist in various programs including business, sociology, statistics, communications, international affairs and other fields. Students must be U.S. citizens and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. A stipend is provided along with housing and transportation allowances. Applications are due Dec. 1.

For more information, visit see.orau.org/ProgramDescription.aspx?Program=10038.

Madrigal Dinner

The University Chamber Choir presents their annual Madrigal Dinner taking place Dec. 2-3 in the Student Union Building. The marketplace will open at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building HUB followed by an evening of music, entertainment and food beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$17 for students and \$17 for children. They can be purchased at madrigal.truman.edu.

General Services Building

Formerly known as the Grim-Smith Building, the General Services Building, located at the corner of Patterson and Franklin streets, is home to the following offices:

Public Safety
GS 100

Facilities
GS 206

Physical Plant
GS 206

Mail Services
GS 109

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2011-2012 Calendar

SPRING SEMESTER 2012

Jan. 9- Classes begin
Jan. 16- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 28- Kohlenberg Lyceum Event "Sleeping Beauty"
Jan. 28- Truman Showcase Event
Feb. 8- Career Expo
Feb. 16- University Conference
Feb. 29- First block classes end
March 1- Second block classes begin
March 5-9- Midterm Break
March 17- Senior Showcase Visit Event
March 20- Kohlenberg Lyceum Event "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
April 9- Spring Break
April 14- Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series Presents Michael Beschloss
April 17- Student Research Conference
April 21- Junior Showcase Visit Event
April 27- Last day of classes
April 30- Finals start
May 2- Reading Day
May 4- Finals end
May 5- Commencement

French Government Teaching Assistantship Program

Applications are now available for paid assistantships in France to help elementary and secondary teachers with English in classrooms.

The program begins in late September and ends in early April or May. The contract may be extended. Assistants receive a monthly stipend and governmental health among other benefits.

Applicants must have intermediate to advanced skills in French and be between the ages of 20-30 by Oct. 1, 2012 at the beginning of the contract year.

Applications are due Jan. 15. For additional information, contact gswiert@truman.edu.