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FACULTY AND STAFF
ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED
TO ATTEND A

Christmas Open House

AT THE
UNIVERSITY
RESIDENCE

706 S. HALLIBURTON
MONDAY, DEC. 9
2-5 P.M.

The following schedule
is suggested:

2 p.m. I, K, M, Z
2:30 p.m. D, F, L, N
3 p.m. G, O, S, U, V
3:30 p.m. B, E, Q, R
4 p.m. C, H, W, Y
4:30 p.m. A, J, P, T, X

Shuttle vans will leave from the
Circle Drive in front of
McClain Hall to the University

Professors Team Up in the Classroom for Interdisciplinary Course

The John Templeton Foundation believes the development of courses in science and religion will help to foster a community of scholars and researchers in this growing interdisciplinary field. Michael Kelrick, associate professor of biology, and David Murphy, associate professor of religion, couldn't agree more.

The Truman professors are busy preparing a course that will present and examine the perspectives on human nature forwarded by religion, philosophy and biology. The course, "On Human Nature," will be offered in fall 1997.

Kelrick and Murphy feel the investment of their time and planning that go into a team-taught, interdisciplinary course is well worth the potential return. "On Human Nature" will mark the second time the professors have worked together in the classroom; the two have co-taught "Environmental Ethics." Kelrick and Murphy have enjoyed their classroom relationship and have found that their debates and discussions with one another during class allow students to observe unique interdisciplinary interaction.

"As teachers, we dwell within our own disciplines. Students encounter multiple

disciplines, day-to-day, each semester. This is a chance for students, in a formal setting, to think about intersections between different disciplines — there are at least three involved with this course: philosophy, religion and biology," Murphy said.

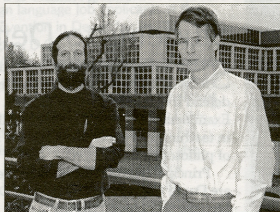
The Templeton Foundation Science and Religion Course Program has recognized Kelrick's and Murphy's course proposal with a \$10,000 award. The funds will allow the two professors to bring prominent speakers to their class as well as to the

entire University community.

"Both science and religion offer great insight into the enormity of our universe," said Sir John Templeton, the international investment manager who formed the Foundation.

"On Human Nature" will focus on four realms of biological thought in which ongoing research continues to provide insights on human nature: evolutionary biology, genetics, sociobiology and evolutionary ecology.

Students interested in participating in the course, should have taken a course in philosophy and religion and one in biology; the course will be listed under both disciplines in the course catalog. For more information, students may contact Kelrick at 785-4306 or Murphy at 785-7246.



Michael Kelrick, associate professor of biology, and David Murphy, associate professor of religion, are finalizing plans for "On Human Nature," a course they will team teach in fall 1997.

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Who's Who Honors Truman Students

Congratulations to students selected for the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

These students were selected as national outstanding leaders based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Following, and continued on page 3, are the Truman State University students honored this year.

Jennine Dawn Adamek
Sandra Santillan
Aguillon
Katherine Marie Allen
Janet Lynn
Almansberger
Jessica Elizabeth Arnold
Adam Michael Backman
Katherine Lynn Ballman
Kelly Renee Barbour
Lisa Nichole Becker
Jennifer Lynn Bierbaum
Daniel Jason Brink
Ranessa Lea Cooper
Amy Michelle DeBaets
Ryan Matthew Donovan
Carl Dean Duffield

Students Receive Minority Internship

Seniors Shirley Artega, a psychology and spanish major, and Julie Fernandez, a psychology major, are two of three students from a nine-state area to receive Minority Internship Scholarships from the Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District 6 Committee for Opportunity and Equity. The \$1,000 award was matched by Truman State University.

Artega, a native of Chicago, is also a member of Cardinal Key, Alpha Phi Omega, Psi Chi, Sigma Delta Pi, the Catholic Newman Center and the McNair Program.

Fernandez, from St. Louis, is also a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Purple Pride and the Catholic Newman Center.

The internship program is designed to introduce outstanding students to a career



Shirley Artega (left) and Julie Fernandez (right) work in Alumni and Development with Dean Van Galen, chief advancement officer.

in advancement. Both students assist in the day-to-day activities of the Alumni and Development Office including Homecoming, alumni receptions and Tel-Alumni.

Students to Defend Theses

Students majoring in philosophy and religion write an original thesis and defend it before external examiners. Examiners are chosen for their excellence in teaching and expertise in specific areas of philosophy or religion.

Principal research mentors for the exam are David Gruber, Patricia Burton, David Murphy and Lloyd Pflueger.

This semester, there will be four examiners for the public oral defenses of senior theses. Times and defenders follows:

DEC. 3, SUB MEETING ROOM

Examiner: William Bondeson, University of Missouri

9 a.m. — "A Model for the Cross" by Faucy Bick

10:30 a.m. — "Fetal Tissue: Is it Ethical to Use Fetal Tissue in Medical Research and Transplantations?" by Kelly Barbour
Noon — "Terrorism in the Media: Problems of Clarification" by Jason Neubauer

DEC. 4, SUB SPANISH ROOM

Examiner, Fred Rauscher, Eastern Illinois University

1:30 p.m. — "The Secret Life of the Snake: Searching for Consciousness and Morality in the Brain" by Robyn Reed

2:30 p.m. — "Mind in the Machine: Looking for a Home" by John Irvine
4:30 p.m. — "Retributivism: A Morally Sound Punishment in Philosophy and

Solution to Crime in the Twentieth Century" by Sarah Ledgerwood

5:30 p.m. — "International Law and the Role of Morality with Regard to States and Their Treaty Obligations" by Shazzie Naseem

8 p.m. — "An Analysis of Anarchism: Bakunin and the Chicago Haymarket Anarchists" by Jay Anielak

Examiner: Thomas Helm, Western Illinois University

7 p.m. — "Should the Bible Be Used as Authority to Condemn Homosexuality?" by Lori Johnson

DEC. 5, SUB SPANISH ROOM

Examiner, Thomas Helm, Western Illinois University

8:45 a.m. — "God Language: Male or Female?" by Amy Roberts

9:45 a.m. — "The Problems of Population Pressure—and Our Solution" by Robert Brown

Noon — "The Chasm of Time: An Examination of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics" by Alexandra Glynias

DEC. 7, McCLAIN HALL 213

Examiner: Christopher Parr, Webster University

10 a.m. — "I and Tao: A Dialect Exploration of Martin Buber Lao Tzu" by Karl Kopitske

11:15 a.m. — "Bushido: The Ignored Philosophy of Japan" by Jed Phillips.

Notables

Charlie Apter, assistant professor of agricultural science, had a peer-reviewed article, "Weaning and Weaning Management of Recommendations," appear in the October 1996 volume of the *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*.

David Conner, assistant professor of psychology, made a conference presentation at the National Social Science Association Meeting. The title of the presentation was "Service Learning Projects and Teaching the Psychology/Social Science Course."

Exercise science students Lori Cox, Calaneth Balas, Lisa Prather, Jill Johnson, Chris Nickle, Kristin McGuire, Stephanie Smith, Karin Hunt and Sally Skelton recently attended the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference at the Lake of the Ozarks where they presented their research findings. Faculty mentors were Jerry Mahew, Chris Lantz, Larry Boleach and Jack Bowen.

Jerrold Hirsch, associate professor of history, as part of his work as the Humanities Scholar on the "Rural Life in Decatur County in Oral History," project, gave a presentation in Leona, Iowa, titled, "The Value of Nearby History-Farmers as the First Majority and the Last Minority." The project was funded by a grant from the Iowa Humanities Council.

Taj Hargey, assistant professor of African history, recently presented a paper titled "Institutions of Higher Learning in the New South Africa: Problems and Prospects" at the annual conference of Mid-America Alliance for African Studies held in St. Louis.

Judi M. Misale, assistant professor of psychology, **David H. Gillette**, associate profes-

sor of economics, and **Robert C. delMas**, a former assistant professor of psychology at Truman, had their article published in the October 1996 issue of the journal, *Teaching of Psychology*. Their article was titled "An Interdisciplinary, Computer-Centered Approach to Active Learning."

Greg Siewert, associate professor of French, recently shared part of his summer 1996 research findings on senior testing (sponsored by FFR funds) with colleagues at a roundtable session titled "Assessing Assessment" during the Illinois/Missouri joint ICTFL/FLAM convention at the Union Station Hyatt in St. Louis. Also at the convention, he presided at two sessions on popular culture presented by other participants. In addition, he has been invited by the ADFL associate director to participate in counseling sessions for foreign language job applicants at the MLA convention in December in Washington, D.C.

Philip Wilson, assistant professor of science history, and **Richard O'Dell**, Truman graduate, had their paper "Changing Perspectives of Missouri Prairie: Pre-settlement to Late-Twentieth Century," published in the Fall 1996 *Missouri Prairie Journal*. Wilson also recently had a chapter titled "Sherlock Holmes from Model Diagnostician to Medical Icon: The Physician's Changing Perspective" published in *Sherlock Holmes: Victorian Sleuth to Modern Hero*. In addition, Wilson has accepted the commission to write a chapter exploring "Healers" in a multi-authored volume tentatively titled *The Healing Arts: The Story of Medicine*, to be published by Ivy Press (London).

Who's Who cont.

Margaret Jean Glenney
Alexandra V. O. Glynias
Krista Marie Grueninger
Caroline Martha
Hernandez

Latosha Nicole Higgins
Carrie Lynn Holbo
Laurissa Robin Jeroslow
Michael Joseph Johnson
Joshua Philip Kesterson
Johnna Ruth Klein
Paula Renee Kliethermes
Gretchen Marie Krueger
Mary Ellen Lagerman
Marni Liane Laverentz
Rachel Marie Lawton
Sarah Elizabeth

Ledgerwood
Heather Marie Leslie
Matthew Shaine Lomax
Amanda Mary Matz
Megan Colleen McBride
Jason Daniel McKnight
Monica Rachelle Moore
Shahzad Naseem
Brian Dennis Reiss
Jason Bryce Robinson
Amy Lynn Spain
Rebecca Christine Stanze
Michael David
Stegemann

Eric Gustav Straubmuller
Amy Elizabeth Street
Jeremy Kent Struttman
Mini Tandon
Jennifer Lynn Walz
Kelly Ann Watson
Brenda Rae Weishaar
Adam Tyler Whaley-
Connell
Jennifer Rebecca
Wheelehon
Janna Leigh Willhaus
Chad Michael Wolbers
Sarah Margaret Zapf



Truman's Saxophone Quartet won the 1996 Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chamber Music Competition on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Oct. 31. Members of the quartet are (l-r) Joe Turner (soprano), Sean Orear (baritone), Steve Wibe (alto) and Greg Cornelius (tenor). The quartet performed three works for three judges. The quartet advances to the West Central Division level of the competition which will be at Wichita State University in January. If they win at this level, they will advance to the finals in Dallas in April. Randall Smith, associate professor of music, coaches the quartet.

The University Club invites
faculty, staff and their families to

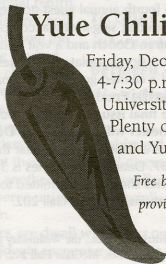
Yule Chili Bash

Friday, December 6
4-7:30 p.m.

University Club

Plenty of good cheer
and Yule-tide jingles.

Free babysitting will be
provided.



Notes

Homecoming 1996 insulated travel mugs are available for \$5 in the Alumni and Development Office, McClain Hall 100. A limited number of Homecoming 1996 T-shirts are also available for \$7.

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, 1997. For more information, call 785-4491.

Residence halls and colleges will close for the fall semester Dec. 13 at noon. All residents will be required to leave at this time. If anyone living in the Kirksville community would be willing to provide space for a resident in case of a last minute emergency, they should contact the Residential Living Office, 785-4227, Kirk Building 112.

KNEU has released applications for the spring 1997 semester. Applications may be submitted for all management positions. Applications for on-air shifts are due Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Contact KNEU with questions at 785-4506 and ask for the manager.

The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society is offering four scholarships to first-year college students who intend to make music a central part of their future life.

Applications are due no later than March 15, 1997. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103.

Cantoria (formerly known as NEMO Singers) will perform a fall concert on Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. The concert will be at First Christian Church, and admission is free.

A new section of Eng. 314 is open for the Spring 1997 semester. Taught by Chris Gregory, the class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m. in the first floor private dining room in Ryle Hall.

An International Studies/Travel program will be offered May 7-24, for six hours of credit. Informational meetings are scheduled in Ryle Hall 233 for Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The credit hours may count toward humanities credits or be substituted in another area if agreed upon by the student and his/her advisor. Visits will be made to Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany and Italy. For more information, contact Mary Giovannini in Brewer Hall 027, or call 785-4365; or the Center for International Education, Kirk Building 118, at 785-7466.

The Natatorium is accepting registrations for the Youth Learn to Swim Program. It is held on 10 Saturday mornings, beginning Jan. 8, ending April 19 and is taught by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. There are three sessions: 10 and 11 a.m., and 12 p.m. The Natatorium also offers an Infant/Preschool program at 9:30 a.m. for those children 5 years of age and under. Class sizes are limited. For more information or to receive a registration form, stop by the Natatorium Office in Pershing or call 785-4470.

Lifestyle Advocacy Program (LAP) is offering free HIV testing. Testing will be Dec. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUB Activities Room.

Cantoria will have their 31st annual Pancake Day Dec 7 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at First Christian Church. For \$3, there will be all you can eat pancakes and sausage with juice, milk, coffee or water. Cantoria will perform Christmas carols as dinner is served.

Join the Catholic Newman Center, Mary Immaculate and other parishes in celebrating Mass for all area Catholics on Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. This will be the only Mass in Kirksville on Dec. 7 or 8.

Sigma Alpha Iota will host the Second Annual Showchoir Competition on Dec. 7 in Baldwin Auditorium. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the first choir performs at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children.

The CAOC is selling Homecoming sweat-shirts for \$17. Large, X-large, and xx-large sizes are available.

The University League will host a Family Christmas Party for all faculty and staff Dec. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. Among the features will be a Kid's Craft Corner, the President's String Quartet, under the direction of Lawrence Stomberg; the fourth annual guest-storyteller, Sue Magruder; sing-a-long accompanied by Warren Gooch and a visit from Santa.

Admission is a plate of cookies to be shared and a canned good to be donated to the Kirksville Food Pantry.

The final issue of Truman Today for the fall semester will be published Dec. 9. The issue will include a calendar through Jan. 8, 1997. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., Dec. 4. Entries should be submitted to Public Relations, McClain Hall 202.

ON CAMPUS

2 MONDAY Classes Resume

8 p.m.—**Percussion ensembles,** Baldwin Auditorium

5 p.m.—**KNEU applications due,** KNEU office; see Notes.

3 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.—**SAB Campus Coffeehouse,** SUB Down Under

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.—**Free HIV testing,** sponsored by LAP, SUB Activities Room

6 p.m.—**International studies/travel informational meeting,** Ryle Hall 233, also Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.; see Notes.

5 THURSDAY

7 p.m.—**Director's Showcase of One Acts,** Baldwin Little Theatre; also Dec. 6 and 7.

8 p.m.—**Concert Band and Wind Symphony,** Baldwin Auditorium

6 FRIDAY

Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

4 p.m.—**Yule Chili Bash** for faculty, staff and their families, University Club

7 p.m.—Pre-Kwanzaa

Celebration, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Ryle Hall main lounge. Everyone is welcome.

8:30 p.m.—**Franklin Street final concert,** Baldwin Auditorium

7 SATURDAY

4-6 p.m.—**University League Christmas party,** SUB Alumni Room, see Notes.

8 SUNDAY

3 p.m.—**Cantoria fall concert,** First Christian Church, see Notes.

9 MONDAY

Final Examinations begin

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.