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Several Summer Construction Projects Under Way

Along with the addition to the Pershing Building, several other campus projects are under way this summer, most notably the demolition of the Department of Public Safety Building and parts of the Grim-Smith Building.

The north side of the Grim-Smith Building will be demolished beginning in August. A new façade and entrance on the north side is scheduled for completion in November. The open space created will be landscaped and will feature new walkways and stairs to the north side entrance.

The Grim-Smith Building has already received some minor interior renovations and the Department of Public Safety will relocate to offices on the first floor. The former DPS building, located to the north of the Student Recreation Center, is scheduled for demolition in August and will be used as green space.



Grim-Smith Building

Athletics offices are still in the west sides of the second and third

floor at Grim-Smith, however, once Pershing Building is complete, the offices will be relocated to the north wing of Pershing Building.

Ryle Hall will also be the site of construction this summer. The north wing will be completed and reopened for occupancy in the



Department of Public Safety Building

fall. The south side will be closed for renovation during 2010-2011 school year. Over the summer, the Ryle Hall kitchen will be completely replaced and the dining hall and lobby will be refurbished.

The addition of a new boiler at the Power Plant, along with new system controls, will allow for more efficient heating on campus and save the University money in utilities costs.

Other work on campus this summer includes renovation to the main corridor in Baldwin Hall, construction of the café in Pickler Memorial Library, and ITS upgrades to the campus fiber optic network and some classrooms. All of this work is scheduled for completion by the fall semester.

Curtis Rhodes Remembered with Foundation Scholarship

Curtis Rhodes, the Truman student who passed away in April, will be memorialized with an annual scholarship through the Truman State University Foundation.

The Curtis Rhodes Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded for the first time for the 2010-2011 school year. The recipient will be an incoming freshman majoring in mathematics, science or computer science. The recipient must also be a student from the St. Louis Public School district or a charter school in the metropolitan St. Louis area, have demonstrated commitment to school and community service and issues of diversity, have a 3.0 grade point average and have financial need.

Navential Management of St. Louis, in collaboration with the family of Curtis Rhodes, is sponsoring the annual scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE



THE INSTALLATION OF
DR. TROY D. PAINO
TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S
SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010, 2:30 P.M.



Celebrating Community

SCHWENDEL-LINCOLN CONTEST WINNERS

Students Emily Ward and Mark Misiewicz won the Schwengel-Lincoln Contest for essay and art respectively.

Truman alumnus Fred Schwengel ('30) of Iowa served in the U.S. House of Representatives for eight terms, retiring in 1973. He and his wife Ethel Cassity Schwengel



Emily Ward

('32) began giving his large collection of Lincoln-related books, art and other memorabilia

to the University in 1976.

They also included funds to maintain the collection and to establish

an annual Schwengel-Lincoln Contest, now administered by the School of Arts and

Letters. Entries in the categories of art, oratory and essay are judged for creativity, content, technique and original use of a Lincoln-related theme.

Ward's essay was titled "Me and Lincoln, Lincoln and Me." Misiewicz's portrait of Lincoln was untitled.

Both Ward and Misiewicz were awarded cash prizes in the amount of \$250 and their entries will become part of the Schwengel-Lincoln Contest Collection in the Special Collections Department at Pickler Memorial Library.



Mark Misiewicz

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Truman Today will be available online June 14 and in print June 15. All submissions should be made by June 9 to tmiles@truman.edu.

Scharff Named 2010-2011 Presser Scholar

Martha Scharff has been named a Presser Scholar for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The "Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award" is given to an outstanding music major at the end of his or her junior year. The Presser Foundation awarded this prestigious award to Scharff this spring.

Scharff is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a general concentration in music-vocal emphasis.

Theodore Presser is remembered not only as the publisher of *Etude*, the music magazine, and the founder of the great music publishing firm bearing his name, but also as a philanthropist who specialized in music education.

Scharff has been a member of University Chorus and Truman's top select vocal ensemble, Cantoria, for the past three years and will serve Cantoria as president next year. She played the role of Sally in Truman Opera Theatre's recent production of "Die Fledermaus."

Among her achievements, Scharff won second place in the Sophomore Women's Division of the Missouri District Auditions sponsored by



Presser Scholar Martha Scharff with Thomas Hueber, professor of music, and recently retired Truman President Darrell W. Krueger (left).

the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) in 2008 and was a semi-finalist at the NATS Central Region auditions in 2009. She was a finalist in the Truman State University Gold Medal Concerto aria competition in 2009 and was selected as a winner of the Gold Medal Competition in 2010.

Annual Nursing Recognition Ceremony



Nursing Department students in the class of 2010 received their nursing pin at a pre-commencement ceremony May 7 on campus. The pinning ceremony recognizes the graduating seniors' successful completion of a rigorous academic and professional program. First row (left to right): Karli-Rae Kerr, Kongkeo Vorachack, Erin Herbst, Barbara Selvy, Christina Roybal, Amelia Ousley, Sarah Thompson, Kelsey Mason and Pamela Gardner, class adviser. Second row (left to right): Alyssa Canfield, Megan Campbell, Lauren Wilson, Suong Nguyen, Alyssa Lewellen, Bryan DeGuzman and Jennifer Jackson. Third row (left to right) Kristin Kimrey, Melissa Brockman, Emily Reinart, Lindsay Walsh, Emily Schroeder and Britney Snodgrass. Fourth row (left to right): Megan Laughter, Hayley Hamlin, Loren Lally, Emily Bonser, Ashley Swain, Jamie Menown and Jessica Evelsizer. Fifth row (left to right); Karen Wollberg, Benjamin Hainline, Kristen Nissen, Theresa Weinhold, Elizabeth Brink and Kathryn Hinrichs.

NOTABLES

The Truman wrestling team captured the NCAA Div. II Wrestling Coaches Association team all-Academic Championship for the fourth straight year and the sixth overall with a grade point average of 3.467. The team GPA is calculated by averaging the cumulative GPA of ten wrestlers from each team, of which, eight of those wrestlers must have competed in their team's NCAA national qualifying tournament. Under the direction of head coach Dave Schutter, Truman becomes the first program to win the championship in four consecutive years.

Kate Aherne, a 2010 graduate and member of the women's swimming team, has been awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. The one-time grants of \$7,500 each are awarded for fall sports, winter sports and spring sports. They were created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education by rewarding the NCAA's most accomplished student-athletes through their participation in NCAA championship sports. Up to 174 are issued annually. Athletic and academic achievements, as well as campus involvement, community service, volunteer activities and demonstrated leadership, are evaluated. To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of 3.2 and must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full- or part-time graduate student. Aherne was a three-time national champion in the 200 individual medley and broke her own national record in the event at this season's championship. A 27-time all-American, she also won a national championship as part of the 800 freestyle national championship relay squad in 2008. In May, she was named co-female student-athlete of the year at Truman.

Grant Berry, a 2010 graduate and member of Truman's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society,

received the prestigious Gabriela Mistral Award for his academic achievements in Spanish and his dedication to the mission of Sigma Delta Pi. The Gabriela Mistral Award is granted by Sigma Delta Pi's national headquarters and may be presented to only one person per chapter. The honor is reserved for outstanding graduate or undergraduate students of Spanish who are active members of Sigma Delta Pi.

Janet Gooch, communication disorders chair, served as an external reviewer for the Communication Disorders Program at the University of Northern Iowa in April.

Janice Grow-Maienza, professor of education, presented a paper authored with **Scott Alberts, professor of mathematics**, and **Hyun Joo Kim, professor of mathematics**, titled "Effects of Asian Curriculum Materials on Teachers' Knowledge and Pedagogy," at the Research Pre-session of the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, on April 20 in San Diego. Grow-Maienza also presented papers on Korean primary mathematics and their effects in American classrooms at the annual meeting of the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics in December 2009, and at the Interface Conference sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in February 2010. Grow-Maienza, with Alberts and **Todd Hammond, professor of mathematics**, and **Joseph Sencibaugh, associate professor of education**, and Myra Collins, Jenny Webb, Sheila Thurman and Lori Ladwig, will conduct a graduate level teacher institute for 40 Missouri teachers in July on *gecKo* mathematics, the name given the English translations of the Korean primary mathematics curriculum produced at Truman with National Science Foundation funds. The Missouri Department of Higher Education is funding the Institute July 12-22.

New Theta Alpha Kappa Members Inducted



Truman's chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology recently inducted four new members. Pictured (left to right): Brenna Hale, Amy Fleming, Amy Yeagle and Heidi Geisbuhler were inducted May 5. Established in 1976, Theta Alpha Kappa has grown to more than two hundred chapters nationally in four-year educational institutions ranging from smaller liberal arts colleges to large public research institutions. It is the only national honor society dedicated to promoting academic excellence in baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate students in the field of religious studies. The society also maintains a vigorous national program of scholarship awards and fellowship competitions including annual awards and the publication of outstanding student papers.

ITS Uses SRC to TEST TECHNOLOGY

At this year's Student Research Conference, IT Services worked with the SRC steering committee in a pilot project to record student presentations.

Truman currently has six C-Level smart classrooms that can provide this type of recording on demand. For the SRC project, ITS was able to develop a deployment strategy to quickly accommodate 15 additional classrooms using a lower cost/mobile equipment approach along with the existing centralized capture system, Panopto CourseCast.

The conference provided a great opportunity to load test the Panopto system as it necessitated numerous simultaneous recordings. The pilot project netted more than 160 successful recordings, which were made available to the students themselves, their mentors and the Truman portfolio committee.

The 22nd Annual Conference featured a plenary address by Denise Von Glahn, which was also captured and set for public viewing.

Bob Carlson Bulldog Basketball Alumni, Family and Friends Golf Classic

Four Person Scramble
July 23
Kirksville Country Club

12 p.m. shotgun start
Registration starts at 11 a.m.
\$90 individual entry fee includes:
golf, cart, range balls, all food and refreshments, gift package and much more!

Contact Jack Schrader at
schrader@truman.edu or
785.4171 for more information.

Registration or notification
of participation requested
by July 19. Individual entry
is encouraged. Make checks
payable to 'Truman State
University-Carlson Golf.'

Students Receive Academic Honor Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement, took place

May 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumna Emily Finnegan ('07), news reporter and anchor for KTVO television, was the guest speaker.

The following students were honored as the outstanding student in their respective discipline

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting	Elise Bailey
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting	Maxwell LaFoy
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance	Rebecca Nolle
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management	Katherine Aherne
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing	Elizabeth Buckley
Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education	Michelle Gallagher
Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education	Shar Rezaiekhalthigh
Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education	Gretchen Smiles
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art	Megan Dowdy
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History	Cecilia Muraut
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication	Andrea Bailey
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art	Allison Sissom
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music	Kelsey Kline
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language	Misty Lipp
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre	Joanna Bess
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders	Megan Gieseler
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders	Sara Hines
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science	Brendan Zee-Cheng
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science	Kelsey Cler
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing	Kristen Nissen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics	Regina Loehr
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies	Lindsey Adams
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism	Blake Toppmeyer
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication	Sally Lister
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English	Jennifer Jalack
Outstanding Graduate Student in English	Rachel Kempf
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French	Hannah Wetzel
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German	Amanda Stukenbroeker
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics	Karen Miller
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish	Grant Berry
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish	Andrea Morris
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science	Bo Forrester
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics	Timothy Ryan
General George C. Marshall ROTC Award	Grady Robbins
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science	Kelsey Witte
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology	William Petry
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry	Lucas Watson
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics	Nicholas Wilsey
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics	Benjamin Anderson
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics	Timothy Ryan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History	Adam Conway
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems	Matthew Carberry
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy	Andrew McCall
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Religion	Brenna Hale
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science	Lindsey Gill
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Tracy Mulderig
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Jennifer LaChapell
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology	Mark Treska
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology	Angie Skosky
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies	Jillian Lopez
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies	Charles Nathan Vannatta
Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	Harry Althoff

Truman Day at the NEMO Fair

Truman needs volunteers to work July 19 at the NEMO Fair. Shifts are as follows:

6-9 a.m.

9 a.m.-Noon

Noon-3 p.m.

3-6 p.m.

6-9 p.m.

9-11 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a free one-day pass to the fair.

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

The Northeast Missouri, Kansas City and Mid-Missouri alumni chapters invite you to the annual matchup between the:

ROYALS & CARDINALS

June 26

Kauffman Stadium

Tailgate 10:30 a.m.

Lot N - Pole 42

Game time 1:10 p.m.

Cost is \$28 per person and includes game ticket and tailgate with Zarda BBQ!

Socialize with Truman alumni and friends and enjoy one of the great rivalries in baseball. Purchase tickets online at <http://store.truman.edu/alumni/item.asp?itemId=231> or call the Office of Advancement at 800.452.6678 or 785.4133.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Taiwan at Truman is looking for host families for Father's Day weekend, June 18-20. Seventeen high school aged Taiwanese girls need families to house them and introduce them to American culture.

This will be a great intercultural opportunity for the students to experience an American lifestyle. Host families will also have the chance to learn of Taiwanese culture within their homes.

Interested families should contact Jessica Wehner at jtw8854@truman.edu or at 573.883.0272.

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