



Message from Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Dean

This issue of the newsletter is filled with recent examples of the amazing activities that occurred in the School of Health Sciences and Education in spite of the fact that February is often a month of lagging motivation and inspiration as winter drags on and the glory of spring and summer seem very far away. It is obvious from reading the newsletter's contents, that at Truman and in our school, education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life. Hence, my message for this issue is "short and sweet". Enjoy your spring break! Take some time to nurture your spirit and mind, relax or play hard, whatever it is that you find helps you maintain balance (or at least keeps you from falling over). Do that...and then do it again. Thank you for all you have done the first half of the semester and for the hard work that is yet to come.

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Department of Communication Disorders

The 2011-2012 school year marks the 50th anniversary of the Communication Disorders Department! We invite you to participate in our celebration!

March 22: Quota Club Quarter Auction Fundraiser

March 24: 50th Anniversary reception and "50 for the 50th" campaign Launch - SUB Alumni Room 4:30-6:30 p.m. RSVP: Contact the Office of Advancement (800) 452-6678 or (660) 785-4133 or alumnievents@truman.edu

March 31: Giant Garage Sale sponsored by CoDA, CMDS Faculty, and Graduate Students.

Friday April 13: Tru-Bash Alumni Party at MSHA; Tan-Tar-A

Department of Education

Dr. Pete Kelly will present at the Professional Development School's National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 10. His presentation, "A teaching diverse learners partnership team" will focus on efforts to create a series of integrated university and field-based learning experiences to provide pre-service general education teachers with the knowledge and skills for teaching diverse learners.

The Department of Defense Dependents' Schools Teaching Internship by Ms. Laura Nickelson



Recently I was able to travel to Germany to supervise the current five interns that were placed for DoDDS internship for the spring 2012 semester. This is a wonderful opportunity for our MAE students to experience not only another culture, but the rich opportunity for diversity in the classroom as they teach the children of our military men and women serving our nation in the armed forces. My journey began at a familiar base to Truman in Bamberg, Germany, a beautiful city nestled in the Bavarian region. Bamberg is home to the University of Bamberg, beautiful churches and cathedrals, the Altenburg Castle, and the River Regnitz, which runs through the middle of the city. Currently there are two Truman interns at this base, one special education, Ms. Lisa Schroeder, and one secondary social science, Ms. Logan Anderson.



Ms. Lisa Schroeder is working with both middle and high school special education students. With a strong mentor at her side with a wealth of experience, Lisa is doing an excellent job working with her students to help them be successful in an academic setting and into their future. She is currently focusing a lot of time on building a positive rapport and providing targeted math interventions for a few of her struggling students. While some are obviously more responsive than others, she is determined to make a positive impression and get to know them a little better. Lisa will begin assisting her mentor with the track team as spring quickly approaches.



Ms. Logan Anderson is working with a veteran mentor, Ms. Elaine Engel, who has hosted many Truman students in the past. Logan has taken over teaching the two U.S. History courses and planned her first complete unit on the Great Depression. My visit found the students working on a wonderful project on Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his contributions to this time period and the American people. Ms. Anderson is looking forward to teaching two sections of Psychology in the near future. She will also begin assisting her mentor with an after school homework club in order to get to better know her students and some of the unique challenges they face as military children.



There are two Elementary interns on the military base at Vilseck, Germany, one in a fifth grade classroom and one in a second grade classroom. Vilseck is a small village in the Bavarian region of Germany, however, the Vilseck-Rose Barracks/Grafenwoehr Military Installations make up one of the largest training areas in Germany. Sites to see in Vilseck, Germany include the first German Tower Museum, as well as the Castle Dagestein. Be prepared to be awakened at five a.m. on the base to the sound of artillery and cadences as soldiers prepare for their next assignment.



Ms. Kaitlyn McGraw is currently teaching with Ms. Charmaine Cruz, a wonderful master teacher who has been on the base for the past few years with her husband who is stationed in the military at this location. Kaitlyn will tell you that she has an amazing group of second graders who are very eager to learn. They were discussing how to write a friendly letter during my visit and Ms. McGraw tossed out the word “correspondence” to see if any of her second graders had any prior knowledge of the term. One young man rose to the occasion with an appropriate definition and example! They are so much fun at this age! Kaitlyn is currently teaching all areas of the curriculum, which has allowed her mentor to spend some valuable one-on-one time with the students and do some research and planning of her own for the upcoming school year.



Ms. Elizabeth Shocklee is the other Elementary intern at this base. Ms. Shocklee is completing her internship in a fifth grade classroom with a master mentor teacher we at Truman have worked with on several occasions, Ms. Paige Hall. Elizabeth admitted that she was initially a bit apprehensive about doing fifth grade, as she thought she might do better with lower elementary. However, she absolutely enjoys her fifth graders and is doing some amazing things with math and technology in her classroom. Her students were eager to talk with me about what they were learning in math, science, and social studies and I of course, was in my element as a previous upper elementary teacher! Elizabeth and Ms. Hall are doing much more of a co-teaching approach and make an excellent team in the classroom for their students! This has allowed them to spend more time with individual students and do activities that reinforce what they are discussing in class.



Unfortunately, my third destination, Hohenfels, Germany, was not necessarily an easy location to reach. Hohenfels, Germany is primarily the site for the United States Army Garrison Hohenfels and hosts very little more than this in terms of sites or community. The base must be reached by way of the Parsberg train station in Parsberg, Germany, the closest community to the base. Sites in Parsberg include a castle and museum, as well as a beautiful medieval church. I was able to stay at a very quaint guest house in the countryside called the Landhotel Scholl, pictured above.



Ms. Shaina Dochterman, Health and Exercise Science, is living with her uncle and his family outside the military base in a small community and commutes to Middle/High School on base daily with her aunt or uncle. I was warmly greeted by her mentor, Ms. Kathy Clemmons, the office staff, faculty, and students of this great little school. Shaina's mentor had wonderful things to say about her planning and preparation and has "set her loose" to teach five sections of middle school health. Currently, Shaina teaches four of the five sections in the gym with minimal classroom resources. The students have done an excellent job adapting and know exactly what to do as they come into the classroom. Ms. Clemmons reported that they are currently working on clearing out some storage space in a room to accommodate a mobile classroom for health in the near future with access to technology and student laptops.

Thanks to the initial hard work of Dr. Sam Minner and Dr. Jeff Gall in establishing a partnership with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) over a decade ago, the MAE program has been able to provide this excellent internship option for well over 100 students. As the Director of Field Experiences, I began facilitating the program approximately six years ago and have enjoyed seeing the growth and opportunities it provides for our interns to develop as excellent teachers in the field. I am also proud to say that Truman is one of the few participants

in this program who send their own faculty to supervise their interns/student teachers. This is something we have been complimented for time and time again by the mentors and administrators we work with in addition to the quality of the pre-service teachers we prepare. Anyone interested in knowing more about this program is welcome to attend an information meeting, or speak further with me. Informational meetings are held each semester during late March/early April and include a review of the program and opportunity for interested students to ask questions and obtain an application for the upcoming year.

Department of Health and Exercise Sciences

Ms. Siera Ramsey, senior Health Science student and McNair scholar, will present her study, "An examination of the relationship between personality and intended bicycle helmet use among college students" at NCUR in Ogden, Utah, March 29-31. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Jennifer Hurst.

Dr. Roberta Donahue was recognized by Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority as January's professor of the month. Donahue was the first faculty member to be recognized by Alpha's new program "Professor Payday," that will acknowledge one of Truman's outstanding professors every month.

Dr. and Mrs. Jeremy Houser and Ms. Dani Bell, HES student, will visit Italy from March 1 - 11. This seven city excursion is to set up a study abroad class examining "Anatomy in the art and history of Italy".

Department of Nursing

Forty-one senior nursing students and four nursing faculty, Dr. Stephanie Powelson, Dr. Stephen Hadwiger, Ms. Pam Melvin, and Ms. Corrie Willis, attended Missouri Nurse Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on Wednesday, February 22. Ms. Ellie Cavuoti, freshman nursing major, assisted during a poster session in the capitol rotunda to answer questions about service learning opportunities in nursing. The legislative day was organized by Missouri Nurses Association (MONA).

Dr. Stephanie Powelson attended a meeting of a Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN) Articulation Sub-Committee on Thursday, February 23, in Jefferson City. The Sub-Committee is updating a plan for articulation for these programs of study, including L.P.N., A.D.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., and D.N.P./Ph.D.



The Nursing Student Association organized a health awareness week in early February. The activities included health education and several screenings at the Student Recreation Center, a presentation on HIV/AIDS by Ms. Theresa Parrish from Springfield, MO, and screenings for HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis.

Calendar

- March 1, Thursday – Second Block Classes Begin
- March 2, Friday – First-year tenure-track faculty notified of their reappointment status
- March 5, Monday – Deans provide to the Provost a list of all temporary full-time and part-time faculty to be reappointed for the entire 2012-2013 Academic Year
- March 5 – 9, Monday – Friday – Mid-Term Break
- March 12, Monday – Department Chairs send all supporting materials for tenure and/or promotion for eligible faculty members to their Dean with their recommendation for promotion and/or tenure
- March 13, Tuesday – *Faculty Forum Series*, “Fallen Women and Daring Speech: Victorian Devotional Poetry” with Dr. Heather Cianciola, VII 1000, 6:30 p.m., reception following
- March 12, Monday – SHSL Department Chairs Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VII 2351
- March 14, Wednesday – *LAS Speaker Series*, “Form and Function of a Public Liberal Arts & Sciences University in the 21st Century: An Evolutionary Perspective” with Dr. Amber Johnson, SUB Georgian Room A, 7:00 p.m., discussion and social following
- March 17, Saturday – Admissions Visit Day, Senior Showcase
- March 19, Monday – Department Chairs send third-year, fourth-year, and fifth-year faculty recommendations to their Dean
- March 20, Tuesday – Lyceum, American Shakespeare Center’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Hall Auditorium
- March 22, Thursday – Quota Club Quarter Auction Fundraiser for CMDS Department
- March 24, Saturday – CMDS 50th Anniversary Reception and “50 for the 50th” Campaign Launch, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., SUB Alumni Room
- March 30, Friday – Deans send third-year, fourth-year, and fifth-year faculty reappointment recommendations to the Provost
- March 31, Saturday – Giant Garage Sale sponsored by CoDA and CMDS Faculty and graduate students

Check the master calendar for additional events:

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