

# Chariton Reporter

Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Association

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Dr. Robert E. Cowan and  
Phi Beta Kappa Secretary,  
Dr. Douglas Foard.

## Ninth Annual Phi Beta Kappa Lecture

### Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness

Dr. Robert E. Cowan, professor of Psychology at Truman State University presented the ninth annual Phi Beta Kappa lecture at Truman State University on Wednesday, April 26, 2000. The

lecture was held in the Alumni Room in the Student Union at 12:30 p.m.

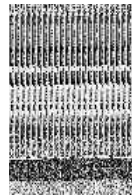
Dr. Cowan's lecture was entitled "Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness." He discussed an alternative to happiness as defined in Western society and included excerpts from the writings of Joshua L. Liebman, Max Collins, Stuart Alsop, Alison Lurie, William Blatty, Charles Darwin, Ernest Becker, Lewis Thomas, William Shakespeare, Omar Khayyam, Gordon Allport, D.L. Shephard, and Michael Fordyce.

Past Phi Beta Kappa lectures have included

presentations by Godfrey Muriake, a visiting Fulbright scholar, Dr. David Burrell, a Phi Beta Kappa lecturer, as well as past presidents of the Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Association Robert Bates Graber, Cole Woodcox and Stephen Pollard.

A few years ago the Association started a new tradition and extended an open invitation to its members to deliver the annual lecture. Dr. James Przybylski delivered the lecture entitled " Political

Change" in 1999. Dr Lloyd Pfleuger and visiting professor Peter Pruum have also been Association lecturers. ■



### Dues Notice

If you haven't paid dues for the calendar year 2000, please forward \$5.00 to Carol Race, Truman State University, 133 Kirk, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Voluntary contributions to the awards fund are always welcome and can be forwarded the the same address. ■

### Phi Beta Kappa considers Truman State University

When the Phi Beta Kappa Society convenes at its 39<sup>th</sup> Triennial Meeting in Philadelphia next October one of the items on its agenda will be to approve new chapters.

The Phi Beta Kappans on the campus of Truman State University have applied for a chapter and are hopeful that their application will be approved.

The application process takes three years and begins with a preliminary application which, if selected, is followed by an extensive self-study, and a campus visit by a team of Phi Beta Kappans.

If the Committee on Qualifications recommends that a chapter be granted the Phi Beta Kappa Senate

then votes on the application. The final step in the process requires that two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Triennial Meeting must approve the application.

The Association is eligible to send one delegate to the Meeting. We must name the delegate and an alternate and forward their names to the Phi Beta Kappa Society shortly. If you are interested in serving in that capacity please forward your name to Carol Race, secretary of the Association. Her mailing address is: Truman State University, 133 Kirk Building, Kirksville, MO 63501. ■

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Steve Pollard and Bob Graber with the "tee game."

Once again it is our pleasure to recognize the scholarly and service contributions of our membership.

**Robert Bates Graber** organized and chaired a session at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21, 1999, in Chicago. The session was entitled "Fertility Decline in Our Time and Anthropological Time: Can Described

Places become Explained Cases?" and included a paper co-authored with Michelle Watson entitled "Hutterite Fertility: Not What it Used to Be?" His new textbook, *Meeting Anthropology Phase to Phase* has just been published by Carolina Academic Press, and was co-authored with Randall Skelton, Ralph Rowlett, Ronald Kephart, and Susan Love Brown.

**Chad Mohler**, assistant professor of philosophy, presented a paper titled, "Can we Consistently Doubt our Beliefs?" at the annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference.

**Paula Cochran**, associate professor of communication disorders, had a chapter "Technology for Individuals with Speech and Language Disorders," published in the third edition of *Technology & Exceptional Individuals*. She had a paper "Technology Applications in Intervention for Preschool-Age Children with Language Disorders," published in *Seminars in Speech and Language*.

**Betty McLane-Iles**, professor of French, presented a paper titled, "Portraits of Women in Franco-Vietnamese and Cambodian Cinema," at the University of Wisconsin Women's Studies Consortium and Institute of Peace Studies joint conference. She presented her paper, "'Faithfulness and Transformation,' Poetry and Song in Franco-Vietnamese Film: Expres-

sions of the Legend of the Waiting Stone," at the M/MLA Convention.

**Kevin Minch**, assistant professor of communication is the college advisor to the National Federation Interscholastic Speech and Debate Association. He has also been appointed associate editor of the association's journal, *The Forensic Educator*.

**Bryce Jones**, professor of business administration, had his manuscript, "Maximum Vertical Price Fixing: Making the Rule 'Right'" accepted for publication in the *Midwest Law Review*.

**Tom Capuano**, professor of foreign language, had several of his transcriptions republished on the CD *Electronic Texts and Concordances of the Madison Corpus of Early Spanish Manuscripts and Printings*.

**Carol Race**, director of instructional technology, presented four animation and internet workshops at the Missouri Technology Conference. She is the co-writer and executive producer of the film, *Truman State University, Building for the Future*.

**Patricia Burton** presented a paper on St. Augustine's theory of ongoing conversion entitled "Turning and Turning in the Narrowing Gyre" at the Twentieth Annual Medieval Forum (Plymouth State College; Plymouth, New Hampshire; April 16-17, 1999). ■

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### Member News

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#### From the editor

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Association since its formation in 1993. I have also edited and produced the Chariton Reporter since 1995 but all good things must eventually come to an end.

I have elected to retire in January 2001 and will be leaving Northeast Missouri, therefore the Association will need a new editor for the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for someone.

If you are interested in taking on the task please contact Carol Race, Truman State University, 133 Kirk, Kirksville, MO 63501 or email [crace@truman.edu](mailto:crace@truman.edu) ■

The General Honors Program Medal Ceremony will be on Friday 12 May 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sunken Garden. This is the seventh year that the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri has sponsored this award presentation. General Honors medal recipients wear their medals with their academic regalia during their graduation ceremony. There will be a procession beginning from McClain Hall foyer to the Sunken Garden. In the case of inclement weather, the medal ceremony will occur in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building.

This year, there are fourteen candidates for General Honors. The students' names, majors and minors are as follows: Heidi Kathleen Atwell (B.S. Biology), Anne Marie Baum (B.A. Communication), Michael Kenneth Daming (B.A. Political Science/English, Minors in French and International Studies), Michael Leandro Heien (B.S. Chemistry), James Tennyson Hubler (B.S. Political Science, Minor in History), Kate Kathryn Koenig (B.A. English, Minor in Psychology), Kevin Bruce Martin (B.A. Philosophy and Religion/English, Minors in Medieval Studies and International Studies), Janell Rebecca Neulinger (B.S. Chemistry, Minor in Statistical Methods), Aaron Paul Nord (B.A. Mathematics/English), Kristin Rebecca Orf (B.A. Psychology, Minor in General Communication), Timothy Allen Sandfort (B.A. and B.S. Mathematics/Sociology and Anthropology, Minor in Biology), Robert Sebastian Scnellbacher (B.S. Biology/ Psychology, Minors in Chemistry and Military Science), Christine Soriea Sheikh (B.A. Biology, B.S. Sociology and Anthropology), Kerry Ann Shipley (B.S. Chemistry/Business Administration(Marketing), and Aggeliki Zorbas (B.S. English).

Truman State University's General Honors Program offers outstanding students the opportunity to select rigorous courses in the liberal arts and sciences component of their programs. General Honors in Arts and Sciences will be awarded to graduating seniors who have completed five approved courses, with at

least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, natural science, social science, and humanities, with a grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in those five courses. Students who complete a single undergraduate major may not satisfy General Honors requirements with any course in their major field. All Truman State

University students are eligible to pursue General Honors in Arts and Sciences by taking the courses designated by the respective disciplines as being those courses whose successful completion by a non-major is especially noteworthy.

The medals feature the lamp of learning and are hung from purple and white ribbons. They will be presented by members of the Truman State University Community. Dr. D. Cole Woodcox, will

serve as Master of Ceremony. Dr. Woodcox is Associate Professor of English at Truman State University, is a former President of the Phi Beta Kappa Association, and is a member of the General Honors Committee. He will be assisted by Dr. Todd Hammond, President of the Phi Beta Kappa Association and Chairman of the

Truman State University General Honors Committee. ■

## General Honors Recipients



Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Association Awards Medal



General Honors December 1999 Graduates

## Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association

The Northeast Missouri Phi Beta Kappa Association met on October 14, 1999 for a dinner and business meeting.

Items on the agenda included a business meeting, a report on the status of Truman State University, a discussion of the awards given to students at Truman State University, who graduate with general honors, and the election of officers.

Election results: Todd Hammond, president, Robert Graber, first vice-president, Patricia Burton, second vice-president and Carol Race, secretary-treasurer. A nominating committee will be appointed this spring to propose a slate

for next year. If you would be interested in serving in some capacity next year please forward your name to any of the officers.

A carry-in dinner was held on Friday, February 18, 2000 at the Faculty Club on the campus of Truman State University. The event was well-attended and the consensus was we should have them more often.

Welcome to our new members: Elizabeth Kraemer, Sara Mohler, and Nancy Miller. Also to new Truman State University faculty: Chad Mohler, Tom Tegtmeier, James McCormick, Kevin Minch, Stephen Grollman, Roberto Salgado and Dana Vazanna and to Judge Duane Benton of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

**New arrivals:** Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baughman, are the parents of a son, Evan James Baughman, and Tony and Dana Vazanna are the parents of a daughter, Audrey Marie, born March 29, 2000. ■



Audrey Marie Vazanna

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