

# Museum at A.T. Still receives grant

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The Museum of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University received a \$142,776 grant earlier this year from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to finish cataloging the museum's artifacts in an online database, which will allow researchers to access information more easily.

"This grant is phase two of full inventory," museum curator Debbie Summers said. "Digitalized, scans, photo updates, measurements and reports, are going to be placed into the museum software system Past-Perfect. With everything being able to be online, it will be easily accessible and researchers will be able to post online as well."

Summers said the museum applied for the grant for assistance last year. Applications for grants have to be reviewed by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, which takes at least a year to process and award, she said.

Summers said the grant money will be used during the next two years. She said she expects the museum to receive donations to complete the project as well.

The purpose of these new museum adaptations is to better serve the osteopathic community, she said.

Museum curator Barb Magers said A.T. Still University has the only osteopathic for professionals, and the archive system is used by researchers worldwide.

"Professionals come to us if trying to construct a thesis or write a



Skulls are on display at the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University. The museum received a \$142,776 grant in August to catalog the museum's artifacts in an online database.

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book or for an article or for a medical journal," Magers said. "Our museum is a widely used and helpful historical resource."

The museum's collection began in 1934 and has more than 30,000 historical items including art, documents, photographs, osteopathic

artifacts, osteopathic journals, books and textiles dating back as early as the 1800s, according to the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services website.

Georgia Walter, 87 is an example of a researcher who used the museum's archives in her re-

search. Walter is the author of three osteopathic books including "Osteopathic Medicine: Past and Present." She said the museum definitely has evolved since she was writing her books.

"As a budding author, I had to conduct lots of research," Wal-

ter said.

"I would visit the museum and go through journals page by page. I would go to Pickler's Library and sort the micro-film and newspapers. The museum has completely changed and expanded tremendously."

## Accounting students look to work for firms

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Large accounting firms from Kansas City and St. Louis are on campus to recruit accounting majors for jobs and internships this month.

Recruiters from firms such as Ernst and Young, BKD and Brown Smith Wallace travel for a few weeks during the fall, with an application date usually a week prior to their campus visit, said Polly Matteson, assistant director of the Career Center. Eleven companies recruited this year.

Seventy-seven percent of accounting students have participated in at least one professional internship, which is higher than many of Truman's other offered majors, according to the Career Center's website.

Matteson helps student prepare for job interviews.

"The first thing the students need to do is to make sure their résumé is top notch," Matteson said. "We offer assistance with critiquing those. Our website has tips for interviewing, and we give classes and presentations as well. We have mock interviews. By all means all students should do those before they go in for a real interview."

Senior Anna Tramelli, an accounting student applying for one of the internships, said she has high hopes for her future in the accounting field.

"I applied for Ernst and Young," Tramelli said. "It's a big-four company but they have offices in St. Louis. I want to get my Certified [Public] Accountant Degree. Truman has a five-year program so four years [undergraduate] and then the last year is [graduate] school, so I want to go to grad school and pass the CPA Exam."

The Career Center's online job board, Experience, helps students begin their internship search. Recruitment dates, job offerings and other opportunities are offered at Truman, along with interviewing tips and résumé builders.

"It's a website and they basically post job offerings, applications that are coming up and stuff and I looked up the accounting ones,"

Tramelli said. "They had different internships like tax and audit."

Accounting students upload their résumé to Experience with a deadline a week prior to the campus visit. On the deadline date, the companies receive all of the applications and they decide who they want to call back for an interview.

Senior accounting major Norah Friel is in the process of applying for a BKD internship.

"Every business needs an accountant," Friel said.

She was called back for an interview with BKD on Wednesday, she said. There was a pre-interview happy hour at the Wooden Nickel the previous night.

Friel said she took a behavioral test and had her interview with the person she met at the BKD happy hour. She now will wait for a response from the firm.

"Our accounting department is highly respected both regionally and nationally so our students really do not have trouble finding opportunities," Matteson said. "We compete extremely well within these companies."

KC Baugh, Ernst and Young's campus coordinator, visited Truman this month recruiting accounting majors.

"We look at criteria when the students are applying, how many students are applying, how strong a student's GPA is, their leadership and work experience — that sort of thing," Baugh said. "Looking at all of these aspects, Truman came out as one of the strongest schools. The accounting department is very high performing, very well prepared from faculty and Truman's program."

Baugh said interns are not only a huge investment for the firm, but are a great experience for both the firm and the intern.

"They're an important piece of what our process is, helping them to feel really comfortable in whatever work they are doing," Baugh said. "They take ownership in the work they are assigned. I always tell my interns, once you're here and in the door you're treated the same as everyone else. You have responsibility. You might be meeting with the CFO. You're not just getting us coffee."

## Truman hosts renewable energy summit

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Students and community members can weigh in on the future of green technology in northeast Missouri at the day-long Renewable Energy Summit on Friday at the Student Union Building.

Sponsored by Zachary Wyatt, Adair County's representative in the Missouri House of Representatives, the conference will bring policy-makers and renewable energy companies from across the state to campus.

The event will be divided into two sections, Wyatt said.

"The morning, from 9 to 11, is going to be mostly just policy," Wyatt said. "What needs to happen? What would we like to see happen in the renewable energy field?"

It will begin with opening remarks by former Missouri Lieutenant Governor Joe Maxwell. The rest of the morning will be spent with the legislative panel, which includes Missouri House Representatives T.J. Berry and Jason Holsman.

Representatives will discuss their views and goals for renewable energy, and at a later point, the floor will be opened for questions from the public, Wyatt said.

Members of Renew Missouri, a non-profit organization, will also speak about what direction Missouri should head in renewable energy, according to the Renew Missouri website.

When the organization was founded in 2006 to promote and advance efficiency and renewable energy, Missouri ranked 49th in Missouri efficiency. Missouri now ranks 43rd, according to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy website.

During the afternoon several biodiesel, wind energy and solar energy companies from across Missouri will be setting up booths in the SUB Activities Room to showcase their projects and information about renewable energy.

Truman's President's Sustainability

Action Committee will have an informational table at the event.

Donna Liss, the chair of the President's Sustainability Action Committee, said that the conference is an opportunity for the committee to learn from companies that will showcase at the event.

"We are very interested in renewable energy alternatives," Liss said. "I want to look at [the conference] and say, 'What are some of these alternatives we might be able to use?'"

Wyatt said the conference's goal is to educate people about renewable energy options in Missouri and to inform them about the legislative and legal aspects of the renewable energy process. One of his personal goals for this conference is to reinitiate the wind farm movement in northeast Missouri, he said.

Wind farms in Adair and Sullivan Counties were expected to already be running, but legal and legislative issues have halted the project, Wyatt said.

An additional goal of is to move Missouri toward producing its own energy, instead of relying on surrounding states, Wyatt said.

"My goal, and this will be the goal until I'm old and gray, is that Missouri will produce its own power," Wyatt said.

Wyatt chose Truman State's campus for the conference because he thinks Truman students, and college students in general, are going to be the ones making the important renewable energy decisions in the future.

He said he wants to take the conference to other universities in the state.

"I really think that having the discussion on a college campus facilitates people to think," he said.

Freshman Emily Bledsoe is excited to attend the conference and thinks that it is important for all Truman students to attend.

"I find that our generation should focus more on renewable energy because the past generations didn't look out for us," Bledsoe said.



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