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## Truman Recognized Again as No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region- Master's Category

For the eighth year in a row, Truman State University has been recognized as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region-Master's Category by *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2005." Truman also was ranked No. 9 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in the top 10 public university-master's ranking. The Midwest region category includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

*U.S. News & World Report* based its regional master's rankings on graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, peer assessments among those institutions whose focus is mainly undergraduate and master's-level programs.

## ITS Announces Updated Portal - TruView

The campus portal (formerly Campus Pipeline) has taken on a whole new look, with greater reliability and new features. This new product, named TruView, is now available for currently enrolled Truman students and will soon be available for faculty and staff. The site provides students with Web-based e-mail, a personal calendar, a customizable portal with many news and entertainment sources to choose from, as well as campus news and announcements. TruView also provides single login and one-click access to register for classes, pay your bills online, view your schedule, view your grades and transcripts and lots more useful information. This new portal has been purchased and implemented in response to student, faculty and staff feedback regarding Campus Pipeline and Banner Web Services and provides a single login

and more seamless access to Banner Web Services.

TruView is accessible by directing your Internet browser to <http://truview.truman.edu>. Students can log on using their user name and their network password. The network password is initially set to the student's social security number and can be changed by either logging onto a Windows computer on the Truman network or by going to <https://secure.truman.edu/password>. Students must change their password before they can log onto TruView.

For additional help or problems accessing the new account, please contact the ITS Helpdesk at 785.4544 or e-mail them at [helpdesk@truman.edu](mailto:helpdesk@truman.edu). Please send any comments, suggestions or concerns about TruView to [truview@truman.edu](mailto:truview@truman.edu).

## Pearce Makes Gift to Foundation Scholarship

R.L. Pearce, a 1949 alumnus, recently visited campus to make a \$10,000 gift to the Truman State University Foundation in honor of his wife, Louise Dye Pearce, a 1949 alumna. The gift will be used for the Louise Dye Pearce Memorial Scholarship he established in 2003.

Louise received a Bachelor of Arts in Music, and played the piano and cello. She was active in many extracurricular activities on campus



and was a member of the string quartet. She had a love for all kinds of music and taught piano lessons for many years, instilling a life-long appreciation of music in many of her students. She passed away in January 2003, and R.L. established this scholarship in fond memory of her, with the hope that it will help someone with the same love for music.

The scholarship will be awarded to a music major with preference given to a descendant of alumni and with preference to a Missouri resident.

R.L. resides in Bevier, Mo., and in Texas for part of the year.

## Truman Has Largest Freshman Class in Seven Years for the 2004-2005 Academic Year

Truman began its annual Truman Week with its largest freshman class in seven years. Although the final enrollment numbers will not be known for several days, preliminary figures indicate that Truman will enroll approximately 1,500 freshmen, an increase of 14 percent over last year.

The 2004 entering freshman class is also one of Truman's strongest academically with an average ACT score of 27.3 and an average high school GPA of 3.76. Seventy-seventy percent scored 25 or higher on the exam with 37 percent scoring in the 95th percentile or higher. In addition, more than 70 percent of the freshmen were in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating classes, and 99 percent had some form of leadership experience. Eighty-two percent of the class had a 3.5 or higher high school grade point average.



**DON'T MISS THE GREAT LINE-UP FOR THE 2004-2005 SEASON!**

**HARLEM BLUES & JAZZ BAND**  
Tues., Sept. 21, 2004 • 7:30 p.m.

**AQUILA THEATRE:**  
**TWELFTH NIGHT**  
Mon., Nov. 1, 2004 • 7:30 p.m.

**DAS PUPPENSPIEL:**  
**SNOW QUEEN**  
Sat., Dec. 4, 2004  
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
*Saturday Matinee & Evening Show*

**ST. LOUIS STOMPERS**  
Mon., Feb. 14, 2005 • 7:30 p.m.

**TONY WAAG'S TAP CITY**  
Tues., March 8, 2005 • 7:30 p.m.

**FELIX JUSTICE AND DANNY GLOVER**  
*Martin Luther King & Langston Hughes*  
Sat., April 2, 2005 • 8 p.m.

All events are in Baldwin Auditorium. Performances are free for Truman students, faculty and staff.

Go to <http://lyceum.truman.edu> or call 785.4016 for more information.

All new and returning Truman students are invited to attend the **Activities Fair**

noon - 4 p.m.  
Sept. 1  
on the Quadrangle

The rain site will be the Student Union Building.

Contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 for more information.

## Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Brings Cultural Experiences to University Community

Since the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series began in 1899 as a lecture course, its aim has been to broaden the cultural experience of students, faculty, staff and the community through speakers, music and drama. Each year the Series brings to the Truman campus a

wide selection of attractions that include professional musicians, professional dance troupes and well-known guest lecturers. This year is no exception, as the Series will bring in Danny Glover and Felix Justice,



*Das Puppenspiel*

The Harlem Blues and Jazz Band and the foot tapping Tap City.

Free tickets to the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events will be available to students with a University ID at the Student Activities Board Office and to faculty and staff with a University ID

at the Center for Student Involvement, lower level of the SUB. Tickets will be available approximately one week prior to each performance.

Call 660.785.4016 for more information.

## Staff Council Referendum and Elections

The Staff Council Bylaws were approved in last week's all-staff referendum. The final vote was 167 yes and six no. Forty-three percent of eligible staff members participated in the referendum.

In accordance with the newly approved bylaws, elections for Staff Council representatives will be held Sept. 23 and Sept. 24.

University staff members interested in running for a position on the Staff Council must submit a candidacy statement of no more than 100 words to the Human Resources Office, McClain Hall 106 or [lpPhillip@truman.edu](mailto:lpPhillip@truman.edu), no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 8.

The following positions are available:

Assignment Area	Job Classification
Academic Affairs	2 hourly, 1 contract
Academic Support	2 hourly, 2 contract
Administrative Offices	2 hourly, 2 contract
Physical Plant	5 hourly or contract
Student Affairs	1 hourly, 3 contract
At Large Representatives	3 hourly or contract

Individuals may declare candidacy for only one position per election, and the interim director of Human Resources will have the authority to verify an individual's eligibility to run for a position on the Staff Council.

If you have questions about becoming a candidate for Staff Council or the Staff Council election, please contact Linda Phillips, interim director of Human Resources, 785.7298 or [lpPhillip@truman.edu](mailto:lpPhillip@truman.edu).

## Tel Alumni Seeks Help

Students interested in a part-time job this semester are encouraged to apply to work the Tel Alumni campaign. Tel Alumni is hiring between 30-40 students to work for 10 weeks.

No experience is necessary, but they are looking for students who have good communication skills, an outgoing personality, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to ask parents and alumni for financial support.

Students must be available to work at least two of the following shifts each week: Sunday, 4-7 p.m.; Monday, 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 6-9 p.m.; Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.; or Thursday, 6-9 p.m.

Tel Alumni offers nightly prizes (gift certificates, clothing, food, etc.); a relaxed, fun environment; paid training; a flexible schedule and an hourly wage of \$5.15. Scholarship and work study positions are also available. Tel Alumni is an excellent résumé builder for students majoring in fields such as business and communication.

For more information, go to <http://truman.erecruiting.com> or pick up an application in the Advancement Office, McClain Hall 101. The application deadline is Sept. 8. Contact Laci Cook, at 785.7432 or [lacicook@truman.edu](mailto:lacicook@truman.edu) for more information.

## Notables

**Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics,** had a book he co-edited with Matt Young, "Why Intelligent Design Fails: A Scientific Critique of the New Creationism," published by Rutgers University Press. Visit <http://www2.truman.edu/~edis/books/id/> for more information.

**John Ishiyama, professor of political science,** has been appointed by American Political Science Association (APSA) President Margaret Levi of the University of Washington to serve a three year term on the Committee for Teaching and Learning of the APSA.

**Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history,** recently participated in the Harvard University International Seminar on the

History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1825, presenting his paper on "Indians in Eighteenth-Century Anglo-America: Indigenous Peoples and Racial Proletariat," and discussing works by other participants. **The Truman State University men's and women's swimming team** have achieved the honor of College Swimming Coaches Association of America Academic All-American Swimming team for the winter/spring semester of 2004. To qualify for this honor the grade point average of the entire swimming and diving squad, including all team members on the eligibility list, must have an average at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. This semester 228 teams met the criteria.

## Personalized Bricks for Magruder Hall Plaza Still Available for Purchase

Due to continued demand from alumni, parents and friends, the deadline for purchasing personalized bricks on campus has been extended. Bricks will be installed in the plaza between the Clock Tower and Magruder Hall in the fall of 2005.

Each personalized brick can have up to three lines of 20 characters per line (including spaces), and bricks are available at the \$100 (4" x 8") and \$250 (8" x 8") level.

Brick inscriptions that were received in the past have already been confirmed, but all new brick inscriptions will be verified prior to placement in the plaza. All bricks must be purchased by Dec. 31, 2004. This is a

unique opportunity to honor family members or other special people with a gift that will be a lasting and permanent tribute.

In addition, "mini-bricks" are now available. You can get miniature replicas of your personalized brick to give to family and friends or to keep for your own memento. Mini replicas of the 4" x 8" bricks are available for \$24, and mini replicas of the 8" x 8" bricks are \$26.

For more information, visit [www.truman.edu](http://www.truman.edu) and click on Alumni and Friends to order your brick online or call the Office of Advancement at 785.4133 for a brochure.

## Residence Life Staff Completes Service Project

As part of the week-long fall 2004 student adviser training, the Residence Life staff had approximately 100 student and professional staff members participate in a lake shore and trails clean-up at Thousand Hills State Park.



Members of the Residence Life staff pick-up trash as a community service project at Thousand Hills State Park recently.

Stacey of Thousand Hills State Park and Michael Houlahan, Grim and Apartments hall director, with additional support from Robin Taylor, coordinator for student involvement at the Center for Student

## Two Faculty Members Named Editors of New Political Science Education Journal

A new journal titled the *Journal of Political Science Education* will publish its first issue in February 2005 with the editorial leadership of John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning.

Ishiyama, professor of political science, has been recently named editor in chief of the journal. Breuning, associate professor of political science, has been named the editor of the journal.

APSA sponsors the new journal, which is published by Taylor and Francis.

This is the only journal in political science dedicated to publishing material on teaching and learning issues in political science.

The journal should give Truman an opportunity to play the leading role in shaping educational curriculum in political science across the country.

### FALL SEMESTER HOURS

#### PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

7:30 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Mondays-Thursdays  
7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fridays  
noon-9 p.m.  
Saturdays  
noon-1 a.m.  
Sundays

#### STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

6:30 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Mondays-Thursdays  
6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fridays  
10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturdays  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sundays

The project was co-coordinated by Brent Involvement.

## Notes

Students living off-campus should update their local mailing address with the University via TruView. Address changes can also be made in the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104. Students are responsible for all information sent to their local mailing address from University offices and personnel conducting University business.

**December 2004 Undergraduate Degree Candidates:** If you have made any changes in your course schedule(s) since you submitted your graduation application and have not yet updated your application with the Registrar's Office, you need to do so immediately. Updates can be made in the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You do not need to complete a new application. To remain on the graduation list, all changes to your degree plan and all required substitutions must be on file in the Registrar's Office no later than Sept. 30.

**Graduation Applications for May 2005 Undergraduate Degree Candidates** are due in the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104, no later than Sept. 10. Applications and worksheets are available at the Registrar's Web site at <http://registrar.truman.edu>. The Spring 2005 open course list is now available via TruView to help you complete your application. Applications must be signed by your academic adviser prior to submission.

Effective immediately, the Registrar's Office will accept undergraduate degree applications only after a student has completed 90 hours of credit. Information about filing a graduation application and upcoming deadlines is available at <http://registrar.truman.edu>.

The University Art Gallery at Truman presents an art faculty exhibit, "The Truman Show," until Sept. 25. A public reception will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 6, at the University Art Gallery.

**Auditions for Franklin Street Singers, Truman's show choir,** will be held from 5:30-7 p.m., Aug. 31-Sept. 2, in Ophelia Parrish 2350. Those auditioning should prepare a 60-second solo (accompanist will be provided if needed) for the Aug. 31 audition. Group quartet auditions will be held during the Sept. 1 audition. Dance auditions will be held during the Sept. 2 audition. Contact Jacqueline Collett at 785.4422 or [jcollett@truman.edu](mailto:jcollett@truman.edu) for additional information.

The Truman State University Division of Fine Arts will present "The Curious Savage," a comedy in three acts, at 8 p.m., Sept. 2-4, at the Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre. Admission is free.

The Writing Center, located in McClain Hall 303, will be open for consultations beginning Sept. 7. The Writing Center hours will be announced at a later date.

## On Campus

### 31 TUESDAY

5:30-7 p.m.-Franklin Street auditions, Ophelia Parrish 2350; see Notes

### 1 WEDNESDAY

noon-4 p.m.-Activities Fair, Quadrangle; see Page 2  
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### 2 THURSDAY

5:30-7 p.m.-Franklin Street auditions, Ophelia Parrish 2350; see Notes  
8 p.m.-"The Curious Savage," Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre; see Notes

### 3 FRIDAY

Last day to add or drop fall 2004 courses without \$15 change of program fee  
8 p.m.-"The Curious Savage," Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre; see Notes

### 4 SATURDAY

8 p.m.-"The Curious Savage," Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Theatre; see Notes

### 6 MONDAY

Labor Day holiday-  
no classes, offices closed  
noon-Women's soccer vs. Missouri Southern, Soccer Field  
6 p.m.-"The Truman Show" art faculty exhibit opening reception, University Art Gallery; see Notes

## City Offers Transit Service

If you do not have a car, Kirk-Tran may be the answer. Kirk-Tran is the public transit service administered by the City of Kirksville.

Kirk-Tran operates weekdays from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kirk-Tran costs \$1 per stop inside the Kirksville city limits and is available seven days a week. Kirk-Tran also is available Monday through Friday inside Adair County within a 15-mile radius of downtown Kirksville for \$2 each way.

The Kirk-Tran system operates on an advanced reservation system. Reservations

may be made by calling 665.8404 in Kirksville, and toll-free 1.877.666.KIRK (5475) outside of Kirksville, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Kirk-Tran is a cooperative effort between the City of Kirksville, the Region II Planning and Coordinating Council for Developmental Disabilities, the Kirksville Regional Center and OATS Inc. and is funded by the City of Kirksville, Kirksville Regional Center, MoDOT, and a grant from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities.

### LABOR DAY HOURS

#### PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1-5 p.m. • Sept. 4-5  
6 p.m.-1 a.m. • Sept. 6

#### STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Sept. 6

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