

SPECIAL EDITION TRUMAN



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New Members of the 93rd General Assembly Visit Campus

(front row, l-r) Nathan Cooper, Leonard Hughes IV, Jerry Nolte, Don Wells, Bob Nance

(second row) Bob Behnen, Michael Brown, Mike McGhee, Will Kraus, Scott Muschany, Joe Aull, Martin Rucker, Jeanette Mott Oxford, David Sater

(third row) Sally Faith, Charlie Denison, Billy Pat Wright, Barney Fisher, Ray Weter, Kathy Chinn

New Members in the 93rd General Assembly

State Senators

District 3Kevin Engler
 District 9Yvonne Wilson
 District 11Victor Callahan
 District 13Timothy Green
 District 17Luann Ridgeway
 District 19Chuck Graham
 District 21Bill Stouffer
 District 25Robert (Rob) Mayer
 District 27Jason Crowell
 District 29Larry Gene Taylor
 District 31Chris Koster
 District 33Chuck Purgason

State Representatives

District 8Kathy Chinn
 District 15Sally Faith
 District 24Ed Robb

District 25Judy Baker
 District 26Joe Aull
 District 29Martin Rucker
 District 33Jerry Nolte
 District 34Tim Flook
 District 36Bob Nance
 District 37Sharon Sanders Brooks
 District 39Beth Low
 District 42Leonard (Jonas) Hughes IV
 District 48Will Kraus
 District 50Michael Brown
 District 59Jeanette Mott Oxford
 District 64Rachel Storch
 District 68David Sater
 District 70John L. Bowman Sr.
 District 72Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
 District 87T. Scott Muschany
 District 102Jeff Roorda

District 103Ron Casey
 District 106Steven Tilley
 District 107Brad Robinson
 District 112Tom Loehner
 District 115Rodney Schad
 District 117Kenny Jones
 District 122Mike McGhee
 District 125Barney Fisher
 District 133Mike Parson
 District 135Charlie Denison
 District 138Sara Lampe
 District 142Raymond (Ray) Weter
 District 146Darrell Pollock
 District 147Don Wells
 District 148David Day
 District 151Ward Franz
 District 158Nathan D. Cooper
 District 159Billy Pat Wright



Truman Continues Its Commitment to Accountability Through Assessment

Higher education must continuously evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of students and the public. At Truman, we understand the importance of assessing the education we are providing and making changes that benefit our students.

Truman has changed greatly during the past two decades, making the transition from a regional university to Missouri's statewide liberal arts and sciences university.

We have modified our curriculum, expanded our activities and events and provided new resources to students based on our assessment results. With the help of our students, we are able to monitor the quality of the learning environment on campus. For example, seniors take a national test in their majors and submit a portfolio. Students at all academic levels are asked to participate in surveys or interview sessions to gather student opinions about the University.

The Assessment Program provides information about what students have been able to learn in their majors, how their writing skills have developed and the quality of our programs. The comparisons between our academic programs to those at other schools help ensure that we are providing a top quality educational experience for our students.

Graduate School Placement Equals Strong Economic Future

A record number of Truman graduates, more than 44 percent of the graduating class, are enjoying the benefit of high acceptance rates in prestigious graduate school programs across the nation. Truman students are attending professional and law schools like Chicago, Harvard, Notre Dame, Duke, Northwestern and George Washington. Medical students are attending Dartmouth, Georgetown, Washington University and Loyola. The other 55 percent of graduates obtain full-time jobs, 60 percent of those in Missouri.

Truman's Institutional Values:

Centered on Students and Student Learning—A clear emphasis on students and their academic development.

Academic Excellence and Intellectual Challenge in a Nurturing, Diverse Environment—A challenging and supportive environment that prepares students for their next step in life.

Affordability—Financial access to an exceptional liberal arts education comparable to leading private sector colleges, but at a public sector price.

Commitment to Assessment—A self-reflective culture which seeks and promotes continuous improvement and accountability.

Benchmarks for Quality Improvement

Fiscal Years	1985/86	2004/05
Number of Programs Offered		
Undergraduate	140	45
Graduate	38	6
Total Enrollment	6,515	5,862
Enrollment in Foreign Language Classes	427	2,319
Geographic Origin of the Student Body		
<i>Missouri Counties Represented</i>	80	107
Number of States Represented	35	39
International Students	195	256
Foreign Countries Represented	39	48
Undergraduates Involved in Research with Faculty		
	96	1,200*
Total Full-time Faculty	265	347
Student/Faculty Ratio (FTE)	21:1	15:1
Average ACT Scores/First-time Freshmen	22.2	27.3
High School Rank in Top 40%	79%	96%
Enrollment of Multicultural Students	209	445
Degrees Granted		
Undergraduate	1,092	1,114 ¹
Graduate	312	162 ¹
Graduation Rate** (6 year cohort)	44%	72% ²
Graduate School Placement Rate	13%	44% ²
Freshman Bright Flight Scholars	67	359
Number of Students Studying Abroad	--	540 ¹

* Estimated

** Includes students who successfully transferred to other Missouri public institutions.

¹ = FY2004 ² = FY2003

Athletic Accolades

Volleyball Team National Runner-up in NCAA Division II



The team also won the MIAA volleyball title. They were 37-1 for the season.

Women's Soccer Clinches Sixth Straight MIAA Crown

The Truman Women's Bulldog soccer team continued its reign over the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association by winning its sixth straight title. Truman is the only conference school that has won the MIAA crown.

Women's Swimming Wins Fourth Consecutive NCAA Division II National Title in 2004 Season

Truman's women's swimming team claimed its fourth straight national title this past spring.



Short Clips

Merrick Meyer, junior business administration major from St. Charles, Mo., became the second ever Truman national champion wrestler when he took the NCAA Division II title at 141 pounds this past spring.

Truman **finished third** in the final NCAA Division II standing of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Director's Cup for the 2003-04 season.

Truman was **ninth among the Division II schools** in the USA Today/NCAA Academic Awards for the 2003-04 season.

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U.S. News & World Report Ranks Truman No. 1 Again!

For the eighth year in a row, Truman 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 either 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 rankings on graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and peer assessments among those institutions whose focus is mainly undergraduate and master's-level programs.

Truman Recognized as Ninth on Kiplinger's 100 Best Public Colleges

The November 2003 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine listed Truman as ninth on its exclusive survey list of public colleges and universities that combine great academics with reasonable costs. The magazine also ranked Truman as the second best educational value for out-of-state students. Other Midwestern campuses in the top 15 included the University of Illinois (No. 8) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (No. 13).

Kiplinger's Personal Finance based its rankings on several different factors such as academic quality; admission rates; student-faculty ratios; the percentage of faculty with the highest degrees in their field; how much each school spends on its library facilities; four- and six-year graduation rates; and cost and average debt at graduation. In addition to doing its own reporting, the magazine used data provided by more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities.

Consumers Digest Lists Truman as a Top Educational Value

Truman was ranked No. 8 in the May/June 2004 *Consumers Digest* magazine as a top educational value in the nation. The ranking blended academic excellence of first time freshman and the institution's educational quality with the estimated cost of attending.