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University Calendar

AUG. 25 Fall semester classes begin

SEPT. 1 Labor Day holiday (no classes, offices closed)

OCT. 4 Family Day

OCT. 10 Midterm Break (no classes, offices open)

OCT. 13-18 Homecoming

NOV. 26 Thanksgiving vacation begins (no classes, offices closed)

DEC. 1 Classes resume

Dec. 8-11 Final examinations

Dec. 12 Residence halls/colleges close

Dec. 12-Jan. 6 Christmas Break

Dec. 15 Commencement

JAN. 6 Residence halls/colleges open

JAN. 7 Spring 1998 classes begin

JAN. 19 Martin Luther King Day (no classes, offices closed)

MARCH 6 Residence hall/colleges close

MARCH 9 Midterm break begins (offices open)

MARCH 15 Residence halls/colleges open

APRIL 10 Spring vacation (no classes, offices closed)

APRIL 30-MAY 5 Final examinations

MAY 6 Residence halls/colleges close

MAY 9 Commencement

Truman Makes *Money's* Top Ten List For Fifth Year in a Row

"There is always this myth in America that only a name college, only a Harvard and only a Yale, provides a great education – it's just not true," said Frank Lalli, *Money* magazine managing editor, when the magazine's Top Ten College Buys were announced on PrimeTime Live, an ABC-TV newsmagazine.

For the fifth consecutive year, Truman State University is ranked among *Money* magazine's Top Ten Best College Buys in the country. Ranking number eight in the nation, Truman is, once again, the only Missouri public institution to make *Money's* "Top 100" list. Truman was also ranked as the number one best value in the Midwest and third among highly selective schools.

ABC's Chief Correspondent Chris Wallace said the key to the list is what you get for your money. "Besides the obvious, rich social life and graduation rates, *Money* looked for other signs of value, such as whether students are serious about their studies," Wallace said.

According to Money, one of the hallmarks of this year's featured schools is the student accessibility to professors.

"In general, faculty members at the smaller colleges on our list, like Truman State, are more apt to reach out to students than are professors at huge state universities. . .," reads the September 1997 *Money* magazine article, "Top 10: What Makes Them Great." "Says Truman State junior Reggi Padberg, who is majoring in psychology: My biggest class had 60 students, but the higher-level classes have only 10 or 15. It's easy to talk to the faculty. When you do have problems, you're not lost in the shuffle. I've probably been to every professor's office at least once. Adds Megan Edwards, a Truman State senior who's also majoring in psychology: I like the fact that all my teachers know my name and give me their home phone numbers."

The affordable price: $3,256 for Missouri residents, $5,736 for others; and room and board charges of $3,992 – makes Missouri's only statewide public liberal arts and sciences university an affordable option for the country's brightest students.

Money's 1998 edition ranks the top 100 schools based on the results of 16 factors that include class rank, high school GPA, freshman retention rates, graduation rates, percentage of graduates going on to graduate and professional schools and student loan default rates.

"Truman's continued presence in *Money's* top ten best buys speaks to the commitment of our University to provide an educational experience of high-quality at a price that is affordable," said President Jack Magruder "Each citizen of Missouri can be proud that one of its state universities has gained nationwide recognition."

10 Best College Values

1. California Institute of Technology
2. Rice University
3. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
4. SUNY at Binghamton
5. Spelman College
6. New College of the University of South Florida
7. College of New Jersey
8. **TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
9. SUNY at Geneseo
10. University of Florida

Notes

Truman Day will be celebrated on campus, Aug. 27. The Kick-Off Celebration will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. in Red Barn Park. A complete schedule of activities will be included in next week's *Truman Today.*

A Student Union open house and an Activities Fair on the Mall will be held from noon to 4 p.m., Aug. 27. Refreshments, entertainment and specials in Mainstreet Market, Second Street and Take Five Games Room will be featured.

The Student Union has opened an Information Center as a new service for the University. The Center is located at the lower level of the Union in the area of the Take Five Games Room and will be open from noon to 11 p.m. on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Center will be staffed by desk attendants, who will serve as resources to members of the University community and guests.

Men's Rugby practice starts Aug. 18 and is open to everyone. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact Coach Bill Sexton at 626.2324 or Mike Arnold via e-mail at Q562. The Rugby Field is located behind the University Tennis Courts.

1997-98 Kohlenberg Lyceum Series

Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra
Sept. 16, 1997

Carmen
Oct. 19, 1997

Gran Folklorico De Mexico
Nov. 4, 1997

Jeane Kirkpatrick
Jan. 14, 1998

Summit Brass
Feb. 4, 1998

Red Star Red Army Chorus & Dance
March 18, 1998

Romeo and Juliet
April 7, 1998

All performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium with the exception of Carmen, which will be held at 5 p.m. Free tickets are available to students, faculty and staff prior to each event.

Family Day

Morning on the Mall, 9:30 to 10:20 a.m., Student Union Mall
Presidential Address, 10:30 a.m., Baldwin Auditorium
Tailgate Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Red Barn Park
Bulldog Football, 2 p.m., Stokes Stadium
Women's Soccer, 3 p.m., Soccer Field
The Passing Zone, 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Auditorium

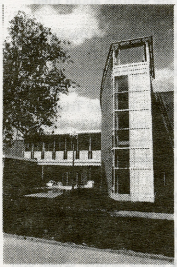
Tickets for the Tailgate Lunch are $4. Tickets must be purchased in advance either by sending the clip-out form from the Family Day brochure that has been mailed to all parents, or by students purchasing the tickets in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Students' lunches are free with presentation of their meal cards. **Football tickets** may also be purchased in advance by students in Pershing Building 201E.

An updated schedule of events will be available on Family Day.

The University Concert Band will perform in Baldwin Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. Admission is free.

The 24th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 4, at the Kirksville Court House Square, just four blocks north of campus.

October 4



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE RECREATION CENTER

AUG. 25, 1997

RIBBON CUTTING: 10 A.M.
OPEN HOUSE: 10:15 A.M.-2 P.M.

On Campus

17 SUNDAY
9:30 p.m.-midnight-**Ice Cream Social on the Mall,** Student Union Mall

18 MONDAY
8-9:15 p.m.-**Montage III "A Show About Everything,"** Baldwin Auditorium

9 p.m.-midnight-**The Not Your Average Dance,** SUB Down Under

9 p.m.-midnight-**Basketball and Volleyball,** Campus Recreation Center

9:30-11:30 p.m.- ***Ferris Bueller's Day Off,*** SUB Activities Room

19 TUESDAY
8-11 p.m.-**Viva Las Vegas Casino Night,** SUB Activities Room

9 p.m.-midnight-**Campus Coffeehouse,** SUB Down Under

20 WEDNESDAY
8 p.m.-midnight-**Karaoke and Cotton Candy,** Quad; rainsite, SUB Down Under

21 THURSDAY
8-9 p.m.-**Singled Out,** Quad, 8-9 p.m.; rainsite, Kirk Gym

9 p.m.-midnight-**Hawaiian Luau Dance**, Student Union Mall; rainsite, Kirk Gym

22 FRIDAY
8-9 p.m.-**SAB Comedian John Heffron,** Baldwin Auditorium

5:30 p.m.-**University Family Picnic,** Student Union Mall

Truman Today is published weekly on Mondays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Truman Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in *Truman Today* are open to the public.