According to newly released data from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Truman State University’s accounting students have ranked eighth in the nation for the percentage of its students passing all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination on the first attempt in 2007 (the most recent period of compilation). In four of the past six years, Truman students have ranked in the top 10 of participating schools in the nation.

In this particular testing period, 65 percent of the Truman students passed all four parts of the exam on the first attempt. The national pass rate for first-time candidates for all exam sections is 7.5 percent. Missouri was named again one of the top 10 honor roll states. This designation is reserved for states whose candidates achieved pass rates higher than the national average.

The School of Business’ accounting program is well known for its history of assessing and monitoring educational processes to ensure student success.

Faculty members attribute strong student performance on the CPA exam to a “perfect storm” of factors which come together to create consistently high achievement values including bright students, a rigorous curriculum and an emphasis on student learning.

Truman’s School of Business is one of only 167 business schools in the world accredited in both business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the foremost worldwide accrediting agency for schools and programs of business.

Christopher Girouard, a senior political science and communication double-major from Chesterfield, Mo., has been selected to represent the United States on a tour of Japan.

Selected as one of only two students for this honor by the National Communication Association’s Committee on International Discussion and Debate (CIDD), Girouard will tour Japan for approximately a month this June as a member of the U.S. team. He joins a master’s degree candidate from Cornell University and a supervisor from the CIDD on the trip.

In order to be selected from the competitive pool of bachelor and master students from around the country—including some active graduate student debate coaches—Girouard was first selected by a screening committee in November, then completed a live interview in Dallas, Jan. 9-10, during which he had to demonstrate skills in debate, argumentation, instruction and intercultural and diplomatic adaptability.

The CIDD has sponsored international debate exchanges since 1922 and has sponsored students to tour the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the former Soviet Union, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and the Baltic States. Each year the CIDD also organizes tours of the U.S. by the British national team, as well as tours by the Japanese national team every other year. The costs of the delegation’s travel are underwritten by the CIDD and host institutions abroad.

With the American delegation, Girouard will visit several Japanese universities and cultural associations for demonstration debates and guest lectures on American academic debating. Past tours of Japan have included debates in front of Japanese business leaders, high school teachers and media representatives.
Truman Forensics Students Capture Sixteen Awards in a Two-Tournament Weekend

Eleven students from Truman's Forensic Union braved the arctic chill of Seward, Neb., Jan. 16-18 for the “Sleet and Sun Swing,” a weekend of two tournaments co-hosted by Concordia University of Seward and Bethel College of St. Paul.

Truman won second place overall team in debate at both halves of the tournament and third-place overall team of four-year colleges in attendance at both halves. The team also secured a new qualification for the national championships and racked-up an additional 13 awards. Sixteen colleges and universities, from as far away as Louisiana, were in attendance.

At the Concordia-sponsored half of the tournament, freshman Andrew Grojean from Blue Springs, Mo., took third place in prose interpretation, qualifying him for the National Forensic Association Championships in April. This is his third event qualification for the national tournament in only four months of collegiate competition.

Debaters at the first half of the tournament secured numerous team and speaker awards. The parliamentary debate teams of freshman Ben Reid from Kansas City, Mo., sophomore Barbara Gillard from Jackson, Mo., freshman Emily Wagman from Springfield, Mo., and freshman Elizabeth Hatting from Omaha, Neb., each reached the semifinals of their portion of the tournament. Reid reached the semifinals of the Lincoln-Douglas debate portion of the tournament. Gillard was ranked fourth-best speaker in the Lincoln-Douglas division and seventh in the parliamentary division. Wagman was the top-ranked speaker in the parliamentary division, followed by Reid in fourth, and Hatting in sixth.

During the second half of the tournament, hosted by Bethel, Gillard and Reid reprised their role in semifinals of the second parliamentary tournament, while Gillard was ranked second speaker and Reid, third. Hatting reached the finals of the competition in persuasive speaking, where she took sixth place.

Students will travel next to the Gorlok Gala, hosted by Webster University, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, in St. Louis. The Truman Forensic Union is open to all interested students regardless of previous interscholastic or intercollegiate speech and debate experience. Students interested in entering competition for the 2009-2010 season should contact a member of the coaching staff at 785.5677 or kminch@truman.edu.

Eisenberg to Serve as Acting Registrar

Martyn Eisenberg, associate provost for academic affairs and dean of new student programs, has agreed to serve as acting registrar. He will assume this role in a temporary capacity in addition to his current duties on campus.

Eisenberg succeeds Nancy Asher, who has served as interim registrar for the last year and a half.

Asher is returning to her position as the coordinator of testing and reporting, as well as assuming a new responsibility as the University’s associate budget director.

Experience Campus Town Jan. 30-31

Campus Town is a two-day program designed for college students that promotes diversity, tolerance and inclusion, sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians in conjunction with the Funds Allotment Council.

It is a peer-to-peer cultural immersion and leadership development experience. The first day of Campus Town will begin at 4:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building Activities Room and continue at 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

All students are eligible to participate and all meals will be provided. There is no cost for participation. Please RSVP to ccc237@truman.edu.

Teri Heckert, professor of psychology, had her article, “Alternative Service Learning Approaches: Two Techniques that Accommodate Faculty Schedules,” accepted for publication in the journal “Teaching of Psychology.” This research was partially supported through a Truman State Faculty Summer Research Fellowship.

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French, was interviewed on “The Writer’s Voice,” a radio program on KRUU in Fairfield, Iowa, regarding her book “Dieppe Crossing.” The interview aired Jan. 16 and was rebroadcast Jan. 19.

Matthew Tornatore, associate professor of foreign languages, had his article “Trilce LXXV: los muertos natos,” an exegesis of a debated œuvre of César Vallejo’s Trilce, published in “Texto Crítico” (Vol. 16: 79-96) by the Instituto de Investigaciones Lingüístico-Literarias of the University of Veracruz, Mexico.

Alpha Phi Omega Wins Four National Awards

Between Dec. 27-31, 25 members and four alumni of the Truman chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon, traveled to Boston, Mass. to attend the fraternity’s national convention. At the conference, the co-ed service chapter earned four awards, including Chapter of Excellence, Pledge Program of Excellence Diamond Level, National Leadership Award and an honorable mention for the National Scouting Award.

Both the Chapter of Excellence and Pledge Program of Excellence recognize Epsilon as a chapter whose programs of leadership, friendship and service promote growth, retention and stability for the active chapter, as well as providing a positive and educational environment for prospective and new members.

Epsilon was awarded the National Leadership Award for its extensive leadership involvement in other campus organizations, the integration of pledges into leadership positions and involvement in leadership programs.

The honorable mention for the National Scouting Award was given due to the organization’s involvement in Boy Scout events such as Klondike, Merit Badge College and Camp Thunderbird.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

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All information, rules and registration requirements are online at http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains’ Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room.

Educator of the Year Nominations

Nominate your favorite professor for Educator of the Year.

Nominations can be made online at http://senate.truman.edu/EOY-nomination.html. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Jan. 30.

Applications Being Accepted For 2009 SURE

Students considering a degree in a science, mathematics or computer science discipline can apply for the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) through the Next STEP Program.

Apply online at http://step.truman.edu/apply. Applications are due by Feb. 1. For questions contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and be interested in becoming a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Deadline for the fellowship is Feb. 6.

For more information go to http://www.woodrow.org/.

Interested in joining the Romance Language Wing?

The Coin Français and the Casa Hispánica, located in Missouri Hall, are accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

For more information, or an application, contact Timothy Farley, tfarley@truman.edu, for the French wing, and Carol Marshall, carolmar@truman.edu, for the Spanish wing.

Deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 15.

Applications Being Accepted For Molecular Ecology Research For 2009

Students can apply for this 10-week program online at http://molecular.ecology.truman.edu. Students will be conducting research in Kirksville and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a $3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board.

For questions contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or step@truman.edu.
Van driving classes are scheduled for 2 p.m. Jan. 27-28 in the Public Safety Building. Class sizes are limited. People may reserve a space by calling 785-4177. Please allow two hours for the class.

The Pre-Dental Club will hold its first open meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Magruder Hall 2080 for students interested in a career in dentistry.

Betty Smocovitis, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, will give a lecture “Singing his Praises: Darwin and His Theory in Song, and Musical Production” at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

The Prim Roses will continue recruitment at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. More information can be found at http://primroses.truman.edu.

Alpha Sigma Gamma rush will be Jan. 27-29, with events taking place at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room for those interested in learning more about the local service sorority.

Sigma Chi Delta, a local sorority, will continue to host recruitment meetings at 7 p.m. Jan. 27-28 in Baldwin Hall 251.

The Center for Teaching and Learning’s Weekly Lunch Series returns at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. Dave Leaton will speak as part of a series called “Faces of Truman.” Leaton is the new director of the Writing Center. A $3.50 credit is given to attendees for their lunch.

Cardinal Key rush applications should be turned in by 5 p.m. Jan. 28 to the mailbox in the CSI, located in the Student Union Building. Rush applications can be found online at http://cardinalkey.truman.edu. Cardinal Key will conduct a rush meeting, “Are You Inspired (red) for Service?” for females interested in joining the honor/service organization. The first session, for individuals with last names A-M, will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room C. A second session, for last names N-Z, will follow at 7:30 p.m. Dress for this event is casual.

The Professional Development Institute (PDI) will hold its first open meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Magruder Hall 2080 for students interested in a career in dentistry. The Pre-Dental Club will hold its first open meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Magruder Hall 2080 for students interested in a career in dentistry.

SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Student Union Building 3201. Sigma Lambda Gamma is a multicultural sorority committed to diversity, friendship and the empowerment of women.

Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication National Honor Society, will host a game night at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the University Club House.

Roger Craik, a scholar of English renaissance literature and professor of English at Kent State University, will be reading poetry at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the University Club House.

Alpha Gamma Delta will host an evening of “Burn and Brain Food” at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Recreation Center. A second session, for last names N-Z, will follow at 7:30 p.m. Dress for this event is casual.

The campus will become a haven for students in the Professional Development Institute (PDI) events visit http://pdi.truman.edu.

In joining. Requirements include 60 total credit hours, with at least 12 in communication courses, and a 3.0 cumulative GPA with a 3.25 communication GPA.

RUSH APPLICATIONS can be found online at http://rush.truman.edu. Cardinal Key rush applications are limited. People may reserve a space by calling 785-4177. Please allow two hours for the class.

“State of the U.S. Economy and Implications for the Federal Budget: hearing before the Committee on the Budget,” House of Representatives, Dec. 5, 2007