Truman Earns High Honors in Multiple Publications

In the past few weeks, Truman has been recognized by several high-profile publications.

Washington Monthly recently listed Truman in the top 10 for its “2010 College Rankings,” rating the University as the No. 6 master’s university nationwide. Truman was the only Missouri school ranked in the top 50 and was the No. 1 public school on the list. Washington Monthly rates schools based on their contribution to the public good, with student service as one of three criteria.

Truman students’ reputation for community service was a large factor in this ranking. This past March, 1,800 Truman students volunteered their service for the Big Event.

Truman was once again listed as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region by U.S. News & World Report’s 2011 edition of “Best Colleges.” Truman has received this No. 1 recognition for the past 14 years.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked Truman No. 8 overall in the “Best Regional Universities” category among both private and public institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs. In addition, Truman received a No. 2 ranking in the Midwest Region for “Strong Commitment to Teaching,” which is based on surveys that identify schools where the faculty have an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.

The University’s Undergraduate Research Program was also highlighted by U.S. News & World Report in its “A Strong Focus on Student Success” section, which lists schools that are recognized for outstanding programs aimed at enriching the college experience.

Truman was included as the No. 2 school in the Midwest Region on the list of 68 top 50 and was the No. 1 public school on the list. Washington Monthly rates schools based on their contribution to the public good, with student service as one of three criteria.

Zito Named to Truman Board of Governors

Michael A. Zito is Truman’s newest member of the Board of Governors following his appointment in July. He succeeds Dr. Peter T. Ewell who served on the Board for 16 years.

Zito manages the Washington, D.C., law office and commercial receivables practice group of Lathrop & Gage. His practice specializes in creditor’s rights litigation with a focus on commercial debt recovery actions.

Since 1991, he has served in the United States Army Reserves. He currently holds the rank of Major in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

A 1992 alumnus, Zito graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a minor in military science. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1996 from the University of Missouri School of Law in Kansas City.

While at Truman, he was involved in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Delta Theta Phi historical honor society and Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Commercial Law League and Truman State University Alumni Association.

Ewell served three terms on the Board of Governors and his history with the University dates back almost 30 years. Ewell’s involvement with the University began in the early 1980s with his evaluation of the assessment program, his numerous consultancies and his editing of the Five-year Planning Document of Northeast Missouri State University. His talents and expertise proved invaluable as he assisted with the planning for the University’s mission change to become Missouri’s only statewide liberal arts and sciences university.

Ewell is known worldwide as a leading authority in the field of higher education, and through his good work he has brought prestige and recognition to the Board and to the University.
Major Jim Tenpenny Leads Truman ROTC

Maj. Jim Tenpenny is the new head of Truman's ROTC Program.

Tenpenny began his duties as professor of military science in June. He comes to Truman from Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the Operations Officer for the 1st Cavalry Division's Assault Helicopter Battalion. In April, Tenpenny completed a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

While on campus, Tenpenny will oversee Truman's ROTC Program, which will be recognized later this year for producing the most commissioned officers to the National Guard for the state of Missouri.

"As the new guy coming in, I don't want to change anything that has already made this the best program in Missouri," Tenpenny said. "We want to keep it flowing smoothly and improve it as well."

A member of the military since 1986, Tenpenny has occupied posts in Italy, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan, where he served as aide to the commanding general, who is now the current U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan.

Tenpenny was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Missouri Western State University in 1995 and recipient of the George C. Marshall ROTC Award. He earned a Master of Science in adult education from Kansas State University in 2008.

A native of the Kansas City, Mo., area, Tenpenny and his wife Lora have two sons, Christopher, 15, and Matthew, 13.

IT Services Among Relocated Offices

As part of the Learning Commons initiative, the IT Service Center has moved to Pickler Memorial Library.

The idea of a Learning Commons is to provide a central space where staff members from Library Reference, IT Services, the Writing Center, etc., can coordinate to provide one-stop, on-demand assistance in many areas related to teaching and learning.

The IT Service Center includes Help Desk support, AV equipment checkout and Telephone Services. The new office location for walk-in service is Pickler Memorial Library, Room 203.

Hotline Numbers: Help Desk support, 785.4544; Equipment checkout/reservations, 785.4545; Operator Assistance, 785.4000.

Noted Service Change: Because of budget and other liability issues, the IT Service Center can no longer provide antivirus or spyware assistance for personal computer systems.

Other Campus Office Location Changes

ID Office Relocated

The ID Office has moved to Missouri Hall 1100.

DPS Relocated

The Department of Public Safety has been relocated to the Grim-Smith Building at the corner of Franklin and Patterson streets. The entrance is on the west side of the building.

Textbook Rental Program Now Available

The University Bookstore’s Textbook Rental Program for the Fall semester is now available in the store or online at http://truman.bkstore.com.

Follow all of Truman’s athletic teams online at http://gobulldogs.truman.edu.

2010-2011 Kohlenberg Lyceum Schedule

Sept. 29 - Golden Dragon Acrobats
Oct. 19 - St. Percussion
Nov. 30 - Axiom Holiday Brass
March 3 - “Bus Stop” by the Montana Repertory Theatre
April 5 - Leonard Suarez Paz’s “Romance de Tango”

All events take place at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. For more information, contact the Public Relations Office at 785.4016.
The Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi was recently honored with the Outstanding Risk Management award at the 2010 National Convention and Awards Banquet. This award is given each year to the one chapter that has most strongly exemplified the establishment and implementation of proper risk management techniques to keep its Brothers safe. Phi Sigma Pi is a national co-ed honor fraternity founded upon the ideals of scholarship, leadership and fellowship. For more information about the Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, visit http://psp-beta.truman.edu.

Derek Daschke, chair and associate professor of philosophy and religion, in July saw T&T Clark publish “A Cry Instead of Justice: The Bible and Cultures of Violence in Psychological Perspective,” a collection he co-edited with Rev. D. Andrew Kille. The collection includes his essay, “A Destroyer Will Come Against Babylon’; George W. Bush’s Oracles Against the Nations,” which looks at the influence of Old Testament prophecy on the former president’s war rhetoric.

David Wohlers, professor of chemistry, traveled to Bon Accord, Tobago, in July and conducted a hands-on science experiment demonstrating how blind students can collect and manipulate laboratory data. The R. W. Torres Foundation for the Blind of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, sponsored the summer camp, known as Camp Can Do, for blind youth of the Caribbean. The camp provides blind and low-vision youth with positive and motivating experiences to enhance personal growth and development through a series of workshops and activities. For many of the students this was the first time they were ever allowed to personally and independently participate in a laboratory experience. Ancil Torres, the camp organizer, tries to focus the campers on what they can do as blind individuals and not on what they cannot do because they are blind.

Sigma Delta Pi Chapter and Adviser Earn Awards

Truman’s chapter of Sigma Delta Pi was named an “Honor Chapter” for its outstanding activities in 2009-10 during the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society’s Triennial Convention in Guadalajara, Mexico, in July. The chapter also received the prestigious Octavio Paz Award that was granted to only six chapters nationwide for maintaining “Honor Chapter” status for the complete triennium of 2007-10. This was Truman’s third consecutive Octavio Paz Award.

In addition, Lucy Lee, Truman professor of Spanish, was awarded the prestigious Minaya Álvar Fáñez Award, granted yearly to the country’s most outstanding chapter adviser. Each May, all 575 chapters of Sigma Delta Pi are asked to submit an annual report detailing their numerous activities and projects from the academic year. Based on these reports, the National Executive Committee chooses approximately 10 “Honor Chapters” annually. This recognition is based upon the caliber of chapter projects that reflect the Sigma Delta Pi mission of honoring excellence in the study of the Spanish language, contributing to cultural understanding and upholding the goals of the Society. Lee was instrumental in earning the “Honor Chapter” status, which was awarded to only 12 chapters in 2010. Her impressive involvement with Truman’s chapter distinguished her among the hundreds of other chapter advisers considered for the 2010 Minaya Álvar Fáñez Award.
The Study Abroad Office will host a visitor from Edge Hill University in England, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union Building. He will discuss the programs offered. All interested students should attend.

The Advertising and Public Relations Organization will host an informational meeting at 5 p.m. Sept. 1 in Barnett Hall 2225.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the University Club House, located at 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The Women’s Club Lacrosse Team will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 in the West Campus Suites Multi-Purpose Room. No lacrosse experience is required.

Applications for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Peace Fellowship will be accepted until Sept. 10. Fellows will be provided with access to funds, resources and mentorship through the American Friends Service Committee in order to be strong peace and justice leaders on their campus. For complete details go to http://trumantoday.truman.edu/Uploads/AFSCPeaceFellowship2010-11Fall.pdf.

Student Activities Board applications are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 10 in the SAB office in the Student Union Building. Applications are available online at http://sab.truman.edu or in the SAB office from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Missouri-London Program will host an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. This program allows Truman students to attend Imperial College in London, one of the most prestigious schools in the United Kingdom, with other students and teachers mostly from other Missouri public universities. For further details on course offerings and other information, go to http://programs.capa.org/mlp/.

Cardinal Key and Blue Key will co-host a blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sept. 14-15 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms. Register on campus at one of their tables or go online to http://www.redcrossblood.org. All presenting donors will receive a complimentary t-shirt. Pizza, cookies and a drink will be provided.

### Apply Now for the 2011-2012 Fulbright Student Program

For more than 60 years, the federal government-sponsored Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided future American leaders with the opportunity to study, conduct research and teach in other countries.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor’s degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant.

Truman students should contact campus Fulbright Program Adviser Maria Di Stefano at mdistefa@truman.edu for more information. Applications must be submitted electronically by Sept. 21, 2010. Additional details are available online at http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org.

### FULBRIGHT ALERT:

In preparation for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil, the U.S. Embassy and the Fulbright Commission will be implementing a comprehensive plan to increase the quality and quantity of English teaching in Brazil. In addition to the current 30 English Teaching Assistantship awards for March 2012, an ADDITIONAL 20 ETA awards are available for March 2011.

Candidates with degrees in English, applied linguistics or foreign languages and certification or significant coursework in teacher education or TESOL are strongly preferred.

Interested students should contact Maria Di Stefano at mdistefa@truman.edu, 785.4109 or at McClain Hall 203. More information is available online at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/program_country.html?id=16.

### 2010 Activities Fair

12-4 p.m.
Sept. 1

During the Activities Fair, representatives from campus organizations are available to speak with prospective members and inspire campus involvement. This is a great way to attain a well-rounded Truman experience.