Alberts Serves As Interim Director

Scott Alberts, professor of mathematics, has been appointed as interim director of Interdisciplinary Studies for a one-year period. His appointment began June 25.

During his 11 years at Truman, Alberts has served as the director of the Truman Portfolio Project and been active with the Center for Applied Statistics and Evaluation. He also served as the student government advisor for several years.

Alberts will work within the Provost’s Office to coordinate initiatives and programs that cross department and disciplinary boundaries.

Truman Students Excel on CPA Exam

According to recently released statistics, Truman students were among the most successful in the country at the Certified Public Accountants (CPA) examination.

The National Association of States Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) has released the summary statistics for candidates taking the CPA examination during 2011. Truman graduates performed exceptionally well during this exam period.

NASBA classified institutions by the number of candidates taking sections of the CPA exam and published rankings by classification. Truman was classified as a “large” program having 80 individual candidates complete a total of 256 CPA exam sections.

The candidates passed 78.9 percent of sections taken with an average score of 80.4, placing fourth in the nation among large programs.

Among all institutions with 10 or more reported candidates, Truman ranked ninth in the nation. Truman graduates had the highest success rate of all universities in the state. Other Missouri institutions ranked in the top 40 were: Washington University at No. 11; the University of Missouri-Kansas City at No. 22; and the University of Missouri-Columbia at No. 30.

Truman is one of only 178 universities worldwide accredited in both business and accounting by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Founded in 1916, AACSB is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

Cyclists Need to Follow Campus Guidelines

Bicycling is a popular mode of transportation for many to and from campus. As the school year begins, the Office of Public Safety wants to remind all cyclists of the campus guidelines.

Anyone operating a bicycle must obey the same traffic control regulations that apply to cars and motorcycles, such as stopping for stop signs and riding in the right-hand portion of the roadway. Bicycles which are ridden after dark must be equipped with a headlight, large red reflector on the rear, and white or amber pedal and spoke reflectors.

Bicycles parked on campus must be left in bicycle racks, which are provided in convenient locations. Bikes are not to be left in buildings, entrances, ramps or any other hazardous location.

They should not be attached to any trees or light poles. Bicycles which are illegally parked are subject to parking tickets and/or confiscation by the Department of Public Safety. Bicycles should be ridden on streets, not on sidewalks, lawns or parkways that are property of Truman.

Students are strongly encouraged to register their bikes with Public Safety. Registration permits are issued free of charge. More information on the biking policies may be found at police.truman.edu/parkingservices/parkServ.asp.

The Bike Co-op, located near Grim Hall on Patterson Street, is a student organization that runs a bike workshop equipped with tools to do most repairs on bicycles. Its purpose is to teach people how to repair their own bikes.

New Student Welcome

5-7 p.m. • Sept. 6
Downtown Kirksville
Show current Truman ID for free food.

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants Committee and Kirksville businesses are inviting all Truman, A.T. Still University and Moberly Area Community College students downtown for a Kirksville welcome. Businesses, churches and organizations will have tables set up on the courthouse lawn offering coupons, product samples and more. There will be live entertainment and free food. Contact the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce at 660-665-3766 for more information.
Students Study Abroad in Salamanca

Several Truman students spent eight weeks this summer studying abroad in Spain.

The program included 12 credit hours for work done on a trip to Salamanca, Spain. During their six-week stay in Salamanca, the students lived with a Spanish family and studied at a renowned language school.

The remainder of the time was spent traveling to Madrid, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Malaga, Ronda, Toledo, Segovia, Avila, La Alberca and Sierra de Francia. As part of their cultural experience, the students attended a bullfight and a Flamenco show, as well as a variety of music recitals, fiestas, regionalas and drama events.

Dr. Cristina Borreguero Beltran, professor of early modern history at the University of Burgos in Spain, has been on campus since Aug. 20 in an effort to build stronger relationships between the University of Burgos and Truman.

Formerly the director of international relations, Beltran has travelled extensively in Europe and North America as a visiting scholar and lecturer on 16th, 17th and 18th century Spanish and European History. The author of five books and scores of scholarly articles, her most recent work has been recognized and promoted by the Spanish government in Castilla for bridging the relationships between academic and cultural heritage in this region.

Beltran will continue her visit to Truman through Sept. 1.
Student Research Grants Now Available

The Office of Student Research (OSR) is now accepting Grants-In-Aid-of-Scholarship and Research (GIASR) applications for research and creative activities to be conducted during the Fall 2012 semester.

The purpose of these grants is to promote a culture of research, scholarship and creative activity at Truman while providing flexibility to accommodate different research styles and requirements. Projects supported by this program should involve original ideas but may encompass a variety of activities including obtaining preliminary data or information, exploring new topics and continuing ongoing projects. The OSR anticipates awarding five to eight GIASR grants (up to $750 each) per semester depending on availability of funds.

Students must be current Truman undergraduates or graduate students and be mentored by a Truman faculty member. Grant applications may request up to $750 and can cover student stipends as well as supplies and travel to conduct the research. Complete guidelines can be found at the Office of Student Research website, osr.truman.edu.

All students that wish to be considered for GIASR Fall 2012 funding should submit applications online at secure.truman.edu/osr-s by 11:59 p.m. Aug. 30. Email any questions about the OSR programs to osr@truman.edu.

Guidelines for Using the University Logo

During the school year, many Truman offices and student organization will want to create Truman State University related memorabilia with the name of the University or one of the University logos. The University does have a Logo and Style guide that contains standards for consistency for the Truman identity system and if anyone is interested in using the name of the University or its logos, those specific guidelines must be followed at all times. Because the name and logo are licensed, it is best to work directly with the Publications Office on how the name or logo might be used. Information on the main variations of the logo can be found online at publications.truman.edu/logoUsageGuide.asp. For questions concerning use of the Truman name or logos, contact the Publications Office at 785.4692.

NOTABLES

W. Michael Ashcraft, professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper entitled “Church/Sect Theory and the Pioneer Scholars of New Religious Movements Studies” at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion on Aug. 18 in Denver, Colo.

Curtis Blakely, assistant professor in justice systems, recently had a chapter that he co-authored with John Smykla published in Walker and Bohm’s, “Demystifying Crime and Criminal Justice.” Blakely’s chapter is entitled “Correctional Privatization and the Myth of Inherent Efficiency.”

Six members of the Truman Women’s Track & Field team were named All-Academic by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The team as a whole was the top MIAA squad among the seven that earned All-Academic team status by the association. Karen Grauel, Lisa Kucharski, Rachel McCarroll, Karen Zweifel, Jennifer Ratermann, and Dimonique McGruder each earned All-Academic honors by having at least a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average while achieving a provisional or automatic qualifying mark for either the NCAA Division II Indoor or Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The Truman team had a 3.61 cumulative GPA, which was the fourth-best in Division II, tops among the seven other MIAA schools to make the list. There were 83 women’s programs to earn the team award with Cal Poly-Pomona having the top team GPA at 3.8.

The Truman Men’s Track & Field team posted the second-highest cumulative grade-point average among Division II programs this past year to earn All-Academic team honors from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. In addition, seniors Derek Atwood and Joey Walls were listed on the USTFCCCA All-Academic squad list. The men turned in a 3.36 GPA to place second out of 41 Division II teams earning the All-Academic team status. Bentley University (Mass.) had the highest GPA at 3.42. The Bulldogs were just one of two MIAA teams listed. To be named to the individual list, a student-athlete must carry a 3.25 GPA and posted either a provisional or automatic qualifying time or mark during the indoor or outdoor season. Arwood competed in the NCAA Indoor Championship meet in the shot put where he finished 12th. With an 11th place finish in the men’s 1,500 meter run at the Outdoor Championships, Walls earned his spot on the All-Academic team.

ITS Updating Campus Computers

This fall the ITS managed academic computer labs and classrooms will be running Windows 7 as the default, not Windows XP. Microsoft is ending support for Windows XP soon so ITS has started changing campus computers.

Windows 7 is now available as a choice in the Pickler Memorial Library 312 computer lab or the Windows 7 virtual lab desktop may be accessed by using the VMware view client. Instructions for the VMware view client are at secure.truman.edu/its-s/viewclient/index.asp.

Faculty and staff that would like to upgrade an office PC to Windows 7 can contact the ITS Service Center at 785.4544.

McNair at 20:
Two Decades of Excellence

20th Annual McNair Research Presentations
1-5 p.m. • Sept. 7
Student Union Building Activities Room

Careers Outside Academia for Ph.D. Degree Holders
10-11:30 a.m. • Sept. 8
Student Union Building Conference Room
Led by alumni Ph.D. holders currently employed outside academia, the panel will focus on determining between careers in or outside of academia, how to prepare for a career outside of academia and the various research and career opportunities outside academia.

“Meet and Greet” Social Hour
4-5 p.m. • Sept. 8
Adair Building Lounge

Closing Banquet
5:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 8
Student Union Building
Georgian Room
Cost: $10 per person
RSVP to mcnair@truman.edu by Aug. 30.
Order Tickets Now for
Family Day Sept. 15
truman.edu/familyday

Truman Baseball Scrimmage
10 a.m.
Truman Baseball Field

Library Tours
10 a.m.-Noon
PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Tours will begin every 10 minutes.

University Art Gallery Exhibit
Lampo Leong: Retrospective
12:45 p.m.-3 p.m.
University Art Gallery; Ophelia Parrish

Annual Festival Centennial
1-4 p.m.
Centennial Hall Courtyard
Free food, games, contests and music

Student Activities Board Presents:
The Hypnotist Sailesh
4 p.m.
Baldwin Auditorium
Free tickets will be available for students to pick up at the SAB Office in the Student Union Building several weeks before the performance. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, go to sab.truman.edu.

Barbecue
5:30-8 p.m.
Student Union Mall
(Rain site: Student Union Building)
$8.50 per person
Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be purchased online at store.truman.edu. If a student has a meal plan, they do NOT have to purchase a meal ticket. Seating is limited so participants are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets.

Bulldog Football vs. Northwestern Oklahoma
7 p.m.
Stokes Stadium
General admission tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and those K-12. Admission is free to Truman students with a Truman ID. Tickets will be available at the ticket windows before the game. For more information, call 785.4276.

EXTRAS
FRIDAY, SEPT. 14
Women’s Soccer vs. Missouri Western
4 p.m.
Truman Soccer Field

Women’s Volleyball vs. Washburn
7 p.m.
Pershing Arena

Fireside Friday Preview
8 p.m.
Student Union Building HUB
Come and enjoy musical entertainment provided by the Busted String Band, as well as popcorn and complimentary lemonade. The Busted String Band is an Americana band that formed at Truman in March 2011 and is made up almost entirely of current students and recent alumni. Since their birth in Kirksville, the BSB has made a reputation throughout northern Missouri and southern Iowa as a high-energy, entertaining live act. Over the last year, the members of the Busted String Band have shared the stage with a variety of nationally touring acts like Iron & Wine, Jason Boland & the Stragglers, Brandon Jenkins and many more.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15
Red Barn
Arts & Crafts Festival*
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Downtown Kirksville
*The festival includes an antiques show, which will take place in the Arts Center at 117 S. Franklin. For more information, visit kirksvillearts.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16
Women’s Soccer vs. Northwest Missouri
1 p.m.
Truman Soccer Field

To purchase tickets, go to store.truman.edu. For more information about Family Day, call 785.4016 or go online to truman.edu/familyday. Tickets can be picked up in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 202 beginning Sept. 4.

2012 TruScholars Research Symposium
Aug. 25
Student Union Building Alumni Room
This past summer, students from a variety of disciplines participated in faculty-mentored research projects through the TruScholars Summer Undergraduate Research Program. Students wrote proposals last spring, carried out research this summer and will present their progress at the 2012 TruScholars Research Symposium.

The entire Truman community is invited to attend some or all of the presentations and learn more about the diverse ways in which research, scholarship and creative activities are being conducted across Truman’s campus. The complete schedule can be found at osr.truman.edu.

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES
The following are 2012 campus deadlines for several nationally competitive fellowships:

Marshall: Sept. 7
Rhodes: Sept. 14
Fulbright: Sept. 18
Gates Cambridge: Sept. 24
Goldwater: Oct. 15

Students interested in any of these fellowships should contact M aria Di Stefano at mdistefano@truman.edu. For further information, visit gradstudies.truman.edu/fellowships.asp.

NEW LIBRARY SERVICE DESK

Over the summer, Pickler Memorial Library combined the Reference and Circulation desks to create a one-stop service area. The new desk, now known as the Library Service Desk, is where library users can check out materials and ask all of their questions. For inquiries that cannot be handled at the Library Service Desk, patrons will be connected with the on-call reference librarian for further assistance. Members of the Reference Department will be constantly on call to assist patrons with using the library catalog, locating materials, searching online databases and other research related questions.

By using an on-call system, the library can provide the same reference services as in the past without having to be tied to a physical desk. In fact, the Reference Department has gone “mobile” and will be roaming throughout the library on a regular basis to provide assistance to patrons in other locations.

With new iPads, librarians will have constant access to the library catalog, article databases and the Internet from anywhere in the building. The former Reference Desk has become the space for the laser printer and copiers as well as other office items like the paper cutter, pencil sharpener, stapler and comb binder. Stop by the new Library Service Desk or call 785.4051 with any questions.

Next Issue
The Next Issue of the Truman Today will be available Sept. 4. Submissions can be sent to tmiles@truman.edu.