About Truman

Truman State University is Missouri’s only state-wide public liberal arts and sciences university and the only public university designated highly selective by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Founded in 1867 as a normal school, Truman State University became the official name of Missouri’s liberal arts and sciences university on July 1, 1996. Formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University, the change in name coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Missouri Legislature’s action which changed the University’s mission from that of a regional comprehensive university to the statewide liberal arts and sciences university. The new name complements the mission and honors the only Missourian to serve as president of the United States.

Now a nationally recognized university, Truman is a leader in its undaunting commitment to assessment and accountability. Truman’s program of assessment allows the University to measure the results of the teaching-learning process and gather critical information on student growth and development to ensure that graduates are prepared for future success.

What’s In A Nickname

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell in 1908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. So far as is known, this term wasn’t used again until the spring of 1915.

At the time, a committee of students, including the late President Emeritus Walter H. Ryle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to fight desperately to the end.

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President

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Jack Magruder became the 13th president of Truman State University on July 1, 1994. Magruder began his career at Truman in 1964 as an assistant professor of chemistry. During his 22 years on the faculty, he achieved the rank of full professor before serving as head of the Division of Science from 1986-89. In 1989, Magruder became dean of instruction and was later appointed vice president for academic affairs, the position he held when he was named president.

Magruder is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Sigma Delta Honor Society, National Association for Research in Science Teaching, National Science Teachers Association, and the Board of Science Teachers of Missouri. He is past-president of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges and the Council on Public Higher Education.

Magruder is a 1957 graduate of Truman State University and is married to Sue Brimer Magruder, a 1955 and 1977 graduate of Truman. Their children, Julie Magruder Lochbaum, Kelly Magruder and Laura Magruder Mann are also graduates of Truman.

After nearly 40 years of service to the University, Magruder has announced that he will retire in June of 2003.

Director of Athletics

Jerry Wollmering

Jerry Wollmering began as Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999. Wollmering served as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio since January of 1998. He was also the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years at BGSU, prior to becoming an associate athletics director.

Wollmering earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master’s degree in physical education and athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993. He is a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.

Before arriving at Bowling Green, Wollmering was an assistant athletic director at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I program, for approximately 18 months. While working on his master’s degree, Wollmering was a graduate assistant to the athletic director at Kent.

A native of Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a varsity letterman in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters, Leah who is 6-years-old, Erica who is 4-years-old and Kate, who was born in February of 2002.
At Truman, we take great pride in the quality of our academic programs. We challenge students to achieve in an environment that supports their growth. The University is committed to excellent teaching, continuing assessment, and a climate that fosters innovation. Excellence is the standard throughout. For example, our General Honors Program recognizes extraordinary achievement, but all students are eligible to participate. We have earned a national reputation for quality, accountability and affordability. That reputation encompasses generations of graduates and our current students. It will also assure that we continue to attract the best students in the future.

Specific academic programs, degrees offered and division heads include:
- **Division of Business and Accountancy**
  - B.A./B.S., M.A. (Accounting)-Dr. James Bailey
  - Accounting, Business Administration

- **Division of Education**
  - M.A.E.-Dr. Sam Minner
  - Students complete a liberal arts degree program (B.A./B.S.) with a pre-education emphasis before applying for admission to the M.A.E. Emphasis options include Elementary, Middle School, Secondary and Special Education.

- **Division of Fine Arts**
  - Art (Art History, Studio Art, Visual Communication), Theatre (Performance, Liberal Arts Concentration, General Concentration with emphasis groups), Music.

- **Division of Human Potential and Performance**
  - B.A./B.S., B.S.N., M.A. (Communication Disorders)

- **Exercise Science** (including Pre-Medicine, -Occupational Therapy, -Physical Therapy, Exercise Physiology, Cardiac Rehabilitation/Wellness, Athletic Training, and Leisure Management), Health (including Pre-Medicine, Community Health, Public Health, Health Administration, and Worksite Health), Nursing, Communication Disorders.

- **Division of Language and Literature**
  - B.A./B.S., M.A. (English)-Dr. Heinz Woehlk
  - Classics, Communication (Journalism, Communication Arts and Communication Sciences), English (including Pre-Law), French, German, Russian, Spanish.

- **Division of Mathematics and Computer Science**
  - B.A./B.S., M.A. (Mathematics)-Dr. Lanny Morley
  - Computer Science, Mathematics.

- **Division of Military Science**
  - Lt. Col. James W. Dirkse
  - Students in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) earn an officer's commission in the U.S. Army in conjunction with an academic degree.

- **Division of Science**
  - B.A./B.S., M.S. (Biology)-Dr. Scott Ellis
  - Agricultural Science, Biology (including Pre-Medicine, -Medical Technology, -Physical Therapy, -Dental, -Veterinary), Chemistry (including Pre-Medical, -Phar-macy), Physics (including Pre-Engineering)

- **Division of Social Science**
  - B.A./B.S., M.A. (History)-Dr. Seymour Patterson
  - Economics, History (including Pre-Law), Justice Systems, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science (including Pre-Law), Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology.

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**Truman Media Information**

**In-season Interview Policy**
Truman’s athletes and coaches will be available to the media throughout the season. Interviews are arranged through athletics media relations.

**Media Area**
Truman’s soccer park has a small press box for media personnel and statisticians. Admission to the press area is by PASS ONLY. Persons wishing to sit in this area must contact athletics media relations prior to the game.

**Media Services**
Athletics media relations will supply rosters, game programs and cumulative statistics to working media personnel before a game. A student assistant will be available to answer any additional questions. The office will FAX final results to opponent media if FAX numbers are provided to the office.

**Photographer Area**
Photographers, with passes only, are permitted to shoot from outside the sidelines only, never to shoot from the press area, and never inside the press area. Photographers will be available upon request for passes to athletics media relations.

**Post-game Interviews**
Photographers, and with passes only, are permitted to shoot from outside the sidelines only, never inside the press area. Photographers will be available upon request for passes to athletics media relations.

Please contact the athletics media relations student assistant before the conclusion of the game to arrange an interview.