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2005 MIAA All-Conference Team

**Most Valuable Offensive Player:**
Germaine Race, RB, Pittsburg State

**Most Valuable Defensive Player:**
Dave Tollefson, DL, Northwest Missouri

**Co-Freshmen of the Year:**
Roger Allen, OL, Missouri Western
Adam Hinspeter, QB, Missouri Southern

**Wilson/Coach of the Year:**
Craig Schurig, Washburn

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Truman has the distinction of being Missouri’s only highly selective public liberal and sciences university. It has a long-standing tradition of excellence and achievement and is an outstanding learning community of scholars, artists, and professional educators dedicated to the success of its students.

Undergraduate education is the top priority of the institution. With a total enrollment of less than 6,000 students and a student/faculty ratio of 15:1, Truman is large enough to provide a diverse experience, but small enough to provide all of its students personal attention to their needs and interests.

As a nationally recognized university known for its strong student learning outcomes and its commitment to assessment and continuous improvement, Truman is a place where students learn to excel. Truman has the highest graduation rate of any public university in Missouri, as calculated by the Coordinating Board For Higher Education. In addition, more than 43 percent of these graduates are entering graduate and professional school after graduation. The faculty and staff are here not only to provide academic challenges, but also to foster a supportive environment that enables students to meet these challenges while learning about themselves and the world around them.

Truman believes that the best preparation for the future, regardless of a student’s ultimate career choice, is a strong liberal arts and sciences education. Truman also expects each student to develop an in-depth knowledge and mastery of a discipline chosen from one of more than 45 programs in six academic divisions. Students are encouraged to expand their horizons and explore many different fields of thought as they work closely with the exceptional faculty and other academically talented students. Since learning occurs outside the classroom as well as inside, Truman students are encouraged to undertake research projects with faculty, to participate in study abroad programs, and to develop their leadership capacity through active participation in student organizations.

The University seeks well-prepared, motivated students with broad educational interests who desire the advantages of a residential college experience. Our students come from virtually every county of Missouri as well as more than 39 states and 49 countries. Truman's reputation is built on the ability of its faculty and staff to help students achieve academic excellence while developing their full potential for responsible citizenship in the 21st century.

Truman is committed to the advancement of knowledge, to freedom of thought and inquiry, and to the personal, social and intellectual growth of each of its students. The University strives to maintain a recognized standard of excellence in all of its educational endeavors and a responsible stewardship of the resources provided by the people of Missouri.

Truman State University is located in Kirksville, Mo., a city with a population of approximately 17,000. Kirksville offers a safe and friendly environment that is intertwined with many advantages of a larger city.

Truman students enjoy spending their free time at Kirksville’s Downtown Cinema 8, or the new community Aquatic Center, featuring a 6-lane indoor pool, an outdoor pool, and an incredible water slide. You will also find Truman students enjoying the outdoors at Thousand Hills State Park. This 3,252 acre park just 2 miles west of Kirksville offers many recreational activities including camping, hiking, biking, swimming, motor boating, sailing, water skiiing, and fishing.

Kirksville is within a three-hour drive from several large cities, including St. Louis, Kansas City and Des Moines.

- Ranked for nine consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest among schools offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees and No. 8 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either ranking. U.S. News and World Report’s America’s Best Colleges,” 2006 Edition
- Listed as one of the nation’s best universities for undergraduate education and ranked 5th in the category “Students Happy with Financial Aid.” The Princeton Review, “The Best 361 Colleges,” 2006
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**Campus Facts**

- Location: Kirksville, Missouri
- Kirksville Population: 17,000
- Undergraduate Enrollment: approximately 5,800
- Graduate Enrollment: approximately 250
- International Enrollment: approximately 250 students from 50 different countries
- Male/Female Ratio: 41:59
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1
- Average Class Size: 22 students
- Average ACT Midrange: 25-30
- Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.76/4.00
- Percentage with GPA of 3.25 or higher: 93%
- Percentage of Freshman Courses
- Taught by Full-time Faculty: 95%
- Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 85%
- Graduate Placement: 99%
- Percentage of Graduates Immediately Entering Graduate School: 44%
- Academic Year: 15-week semesters
- Average Cost of Books: $500-600 per year
- Number of Organizations on Campus: over 200
- Percentage Involved in Greek Sororities and Fraternities: 20% women/30% men
- Size of Campus: 140 acres

Complete information for prospective students can be found on the web at: http://admissions.truman.edu
Individual success included 32 athletes earning all-American honors and 62 receiving all-MIAA accolades.

One coach, swimming’s Mark Gole, earned national coach of the year honors, while men’s basketball coach Jack Schrader was coach of the year at the conference and regional level. Truman athletes also get the job done in the classrooms. In the latest release, Truman student-athletes had a 77% graduation rate, the highest rate among MIAA schools and higher than any NCAA Division I or II athletic program in the state of Missouri. That rate was 10% higher than the Truman student body rate and 23% higher than the Division II national average.

Since 2000, Truman has had 37 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. No NCAA Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Just last school year, six Bulldogs earned academic all-American honors.

Swimmer Brittany Anderson and soccer player Jared Atwood were first-team selections.

Baseball player Randy Beilsmith and swimmer LiJa Kaleps-Clark were second-team honorees.

On the third-team were wrestler Gregg Nurrenborn and soccer player Lauren Cepicky.

Two of those award winners, Atwood and Nurrenborn, also won NCAA postgraduate scholar- ships.

A former Bulldog athlete, swimmer Sarah Dance, added to her lengthy resume last winter when she was named a NCAA Top VIII. That award is handed out to the top eight senior student-athletes from the past school year, regardless of sport or division.

Another big individual honor last year went to volleyball player Sarah Shearman. The first-team all-American was a finalist for the Ken B. Jones award, the highest honor given by the MIAA. The award recognizes the top junior or senior student-athlete in the conference based on athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community service. Shearman was one of just two juniors to be nominated for the award.

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2006 NCAA Swimming National Champions

The Truman State University athletics department has a rich history of success and recently, has become one of the top all-around athletics departments in NCAA Division II - both for their student-athletes achievements on the field and in the classrooms.

Truman athletics can be traced back to 1900 when the school’s football team played its first official game. Since then, some of the top Division II athletes in the Midwest, and even in the country, have displayed their skills in Kirksville, including a Basketball Hall of Famer (former NBA star Harry Gallatin), an Olympic Gold Medalist (track athlete Ray Armstead) and numerous other Bulldogs who played profession- ally in their respective sports.

Today, the athletic programs at Truman are having more success than ever before. During the 2005-06 school year, 13 of the school’s 21 teams earned bids to the NCAA Tournament or had individuals participate at the NCAA Championships. Highlighting the school’s national success was the women’s swimming team, which broke a NCAA Division II record by winning its sixth straight national title.

The women’s swimming team also won a NSICC conference championship in 2006. In the MIAA, the women’s soccer team won their seventh consecutive conference title, and remains the only program to win a MIAA crown.

Volleyball also brought home a MIAA trophy by winning the postsea- son tournament for the third straight year.

Men’s basket- ball was one of the school’s biggest stories in 2005-06. The Bulldogs won 20 games for the fifth time in school history and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Besides women’s swimming, volleyball and men’s basketball, the Truman men’s cross country, men’s swimming, wrestling, women’s indoor track, men’s and women’s outdoor track, men’s and women’s golf and men’s and women’s tennis teams experience a taste of postseason play in 2005-06.
Bulldog football games are played at Stokes Stadium, named in honor of James S. Stokes, the Truman professor who helped design the stadium. The Stadium opened in 1930, with Central Methodist spoiling the first game by defeating the Bulldogs by a 12-7 score.

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