Senior quarterback Matt Ticich (above) finished his career second all-time in Bulldog history in total offense with 8,509 yards as the Bulldogs played on a new surface installed at Stokes Stadium.

The Bulldogs made a strong run in the NCAA tournament finishing their season in the Elite Eight. Five women’s players were named to the all-region team.

The Bulldog volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the second time in five seasons and finished with a 33-8 overall record.

The Bulldog wrestling team won their third straight Academic National championship and fifth academic title overall.

Lindsy Blair (above) finished 22-8 as the women’s team was 16-5 last season while the men finished 8-6. Both Blair and Peter Bracha earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.
Senior Danna Kelly (above) earned All-America honors as she placed 24th in the Division II Championships.

Danna Kelly, Shaina Dochterman and Katrina Biermann all earned All-America honors at the 2008 Outdoor Championships while Biermann and Dochterman were All-Americans in the indoor season.

Senior Georgia Mueller (above) capped off her career second on the Bulldog all-time scoring list with 1,897 points and earned her third consecutive all-conference selection. The team won four of their final six games to finish eighth in the conference.

Junior Kate Aherne (above) won her second individual national championship in the 2000 IM as the team extended their streak of finishing fourth or better in the nation for the past 12 years.

The Truman Athletics Department was recognized with the Highest Academic Success Rate of any school in the MIAA with 95% of student-athletes graduating. Truman also had the highest increase in the success rate, up 3% from last year’s data.
The training room is home base for the sports medicine program at Truman State University. The purpose of the program is to work toward the prevention of athletic injuries and to treat those that do happen. The program works under the supervision of three full-time experienced trainers and two physicians. If an athlete is injured while participating in a sport, they will be evaluated by a highly competent training staff and treated as needed or referred to necessary medical personnel.

The main training room is on the lower level of Pershing Building just off the northeast corner of Pershing Arena. The head athletics trainer's and assistant athletics trainer's offices are located in this area. The student trainers assigned to each sport also use this as their main area of contact. The room contains 7 treatment tables, 2 taping tables, two whirlpools, muscle stimulation, ultrasound, and a variety of other modalities are available to treat injured athletes. This athletic training room also contains a rehabilitation room containing a variety of rehabilitation equipment.

A secondary training room in the football kennels, located south of Pershing Building, is mainly used during fall and spring practices because of its proximity to the football practice field and outdoor track. It contains eight treatment tables, four taping tables, and three whirlpools. This facility is equipped with modalities and rehabilitation equipment similar to that in the Pershing athletic training room.

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.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 90 years ago. It's not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the "Bulldog." The name has been evident through the modalities and rehabilitation equipment in the training room.

Director of Athletics

Jerry W. Wollmering named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999. Since coming to Kirksville, Wollmering has helped Truman be one of the top athletics departments in NCAA Division II -- both athletically and academically.

The Bulldogs have finished in the top-10 in the Directors' Cup standings in each year that Wollmering has been at Truman. In 2003-04, he led the athletics program to a third-place finish in that national program, the highest ever for a MIAA school.

Academically, Truman regularly ranks among the top schools in the MIAA and in the nation in graduation rates.

Prior to coming to Truman, Wollmering served as associate athletics director 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 his becoming an associate AD.

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 also 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, Erica and Kate.
BULDOGS IN THE COMMUNITY

Division II is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences. Our community engagement objective is bringing community to campus to experience Division II collegiate events.

Through community engagement, student athletes can direct the energy and spirit of winning to positively change society.

Truman is committed to this Division II philosophy through many activities aimed at assisting local Kirksville and campus organizations, including the following:

- Working w/ United Way
- Cub Scouts & Northeast Missouri Food Bank
- Bulldog Buddies
- Spring Clean-Up
- Freshman Move-In Day
- YMCA Programs
- NEMO Fair Parking
- Bank of Kirksville Ice Cream Social
- Box Scout Camps
- Mentoring Program
- Pizza Delivery for Kirksville Public Schools
- Make A Wish Foundation
- Raise money for Parkinson’s Disease Research (Bill Cable Purple & White Game)
- Think Pink!! WBCA’s Fight on Breast Cancer

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Truman State University is one of the top schools in all of the country in producing Academic All-Americans.

The Bulldogs have had 87 Academic All-Americans since the programs inception in 1952 by the College Sports Information Directors of America which is 24th overall and second in Division II.

To be eligible for the Academic All-America honor, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 GPA and earn first-team all-district honors that are voted by the district's sports information directors.

Truman Academic All-American’s since 2000


Truman Athletics Hall of Fame


Truman State University continues to be lauded as one of the country’s most prominent public liberal arts and sciences institutions. Recognized for educational excellence, Missouri’s only highly selective public university has been listed in national publications such as Consumer’s Digest, The Fiske Guide to College, and The Princeton Review. U.S. News & World Report’s 2008 edition of “America’s Best College” featured Truman for the eleventh consecutive year as the #1 public university in the Midwest awarding bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Complete information for prospective students can be found at http://admissions.truman.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Truman is based upon high school curriculum; high school grade point average and rank; standardized test scores (ACT or SAT); special abilities, talents, or achievements; and an essay. Students planning to enroll at Truman should complete the following high school core curriculum: four units English, three units mathematics (four units are strongly recommended), three units social studies/history, three units natural science, one unit fine arts and two units foreign language (same language).

Under guidelines for highly selective institutions from the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the students who receive the strongest consideration for admission to Truman will have a 140 combined ability. The combined ability is determined by adding the high school class rank percent to the national percentile on the ACT or SAT college entrance exam.
Students wishing to be considered for all scholarships and financial aid programs are strongly encouraged to apply for admission by December 15.

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There is no application fee.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Truman has been a member of COPLAC since 1988. COPLAC is an organization of publicly funded colleges with a strong dedication to the liberal arts.

COMMITMENT TO FOUR CORE VALUES

- A strong focus on students and student learning
- Intellectual challenge in a nurturing and diverse environment
- Affordability which promotes financial access to educational excellence
- A commitment to assessment for continuous improvement and accountability

ACADEMICS

- 50.4% of Truman grads go immediately to pursue advanced degrees.
- Missouri's premier public liberal arts and sciences university.
- Missouri's only high selective public institution.
- Highest overall graduation rate among Missouri's public colleges and universities.
- Student to Faculty ratio of 16:1
- 31% of 2007 Freshman from Missouri have been awarded Missouri's Bright Flight Scholarship

RESIDENCE LIFE

- Freshmen live on campus for their first year with about half of all Truman students live on campus.
- The Residential College Program helps bring the University learning community inside the residence halls.
- Truman's entire campus is wireless.

CAREER PREPARATION

- Firms that hire Truman grads: Boeing, Cerner, Edward Jones, Children's Mercy Hospital, Peace Corps, Macy's Midwest, Walgreens, Ernest and Young and many others.
- Offers internships through the Truman in Washington (D.C.) Program
- Nearly 99% of Truman graduates reporting post-graduation plans enter graduate/professional school or gain employment within six months of graduation.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Alumni Chapters help connect Truman alumni, families and others to the University. Members receive a variety of benefits.

Their are currently 10 chapters nationwide and membership is open to all Truman alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends.

Membership benefits include:
- Discounts or Free admission to chapter events.
- Campus perks including free admission to Bulldog home games.
- Travel Discounts
- Kirksville-Area Discounts
- Theme-Park Discounts
- Alumni Connection Newsletter

For more info visit http://alumni.truman.edu
TRUMAN FACILITIES

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PERSHING ARENA - HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

Named in honor of General John J. Pershing, the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces to France during World War I and one of Truman’s most distinguished alumni, Pershing Building is a two-story red brick and stone structure located on the south end of campus.

In 1967, a north wing was added to the building. The addition featured another gymnasium, a dance studio, classrooms and offices. Also included in the south wing are indoor racquetball courts and offices.

Pershing features a variety of athletics equipment, including a newly remodel weight room, an indoor rubber track and complete athletics training facilities.

In 1976, the south wing was added, which houses the Natatorium, with a six-lane, 40-yard swimming pool.

Pershing has one main wood parquet floor, the center court, that was replaced in 2007 and two red rubber floor courts located on either side. Originally, the court ran east-west, but was moved and now runs in a north-south direction, with wooden bleachers on the east and west sides. Students at Truman traditionally sit on the west bleachers, while visitors and those with reserved tickets sit on the east side.

For volleyball matches, a press section is provided, upon request, above the east bleachers. The locker rooms are located on the northeast (visitors) and west (home) sides of the facility.

WEIGHT TRAINING FACILITIES

Truman has three weight rooms that are at the disposal of the athletes. The largest is the free weights room which is located on the west side of the Pershing Arena on the third floor. This room was renovated during the summer of 2000. The renovations included new ventilation and equipment, and general refurbishment of the interior.

Approximately 2,600 square feet, it accommodates 40-45 athletes at a time with eight separate power stations complete with platforms and bumper plates for a wide variety of strength training and rehabilitation.

The Nautilus room is located on the east side of the arena near the ramp that leads to the natatorium. The third weight room is the aquatic weight room and is located at the bottom of the ramp on the east side.

ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

Director of Athletics-Jerry Wollmering .....................................4236
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Athletics Secretary-Katie Miley ...............................................4236
Sports Information Office
  Asst. Director of Athletics/SID-Kevin White ..........................4276
  Athletics Communications Assistant-Tyler Madsen ......................7778
Volleyball Head Coach-Ben Brineny ........................................4468
Assistant Coach-Megan Wargo ................................................7751
Baseball Head Coach-Dan Davis ..............................................6003
Men’s Basketball Head Coach-Jack Schrader ..............................4171
Assistant Coach-Tim Deedrick ..................................................4272
Women’s Basketball Head Coach-Michael Smith ..........................4459
Assistant Coach-Taira Roth .......................................................7362
Cheerleading/Showgirls Head Coach-Brandi Keller .......................5404
Football Head Coach-Aaron Vicko .............................................4233
Assistant Coach-Ryan Nourse ..................................................4170
Assistant Coach-Marty Costello ................................................4012
Assistant Coach-Matt St. Germain .............................................7494
Assistant Coach-Thomas Kearney ..............................................4262
Assistant Coach-John Thomas ...................................................4235
Assistant Coach-Walker Graber ................................................4235
Men’s Golf Head Coaches-Tyler Madsen/Jim Berrey ........................7778
Women’s Golf Head Coach-Sam Lessig .....................................4090
Men’s Soccer Head Coach-Duke Cochran ....................................4168
Women’s Soccer Head Coach-Mike Cannon .................................4463
Assistant Coach-Martin Clayes ..................................................7260
Softball Head Coach-Erin Brown ..............................................4343
Assistant Coach - Cathy Monroe .................................................4343
Swimming Head Coach-Mark Gole ............................................7219
Assistant Coach-TBA .................................................................6040
Tennis Head Coach-Pete Kendall ..............................................7258
Track & Cross Country Head Coach-John Cochran ..........................4341
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Assistant Women’s Track & Field Coach-Leslie Hardesty ...............6039
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