



Poker Face
Students play a round of Texas Hold Em at a charity poker tournament in the SUB Georgian Room on Wednesday evening to benefit victims from Hurricane Katrina.
photo by Lisette Metz Grulke

NEWS | In Brief

Sen. Jim Talent visits Kirksville to discuss new federal Medicare bill

Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo. had a town-hall meeting Oct. 3 in Kirksville to discuss the Medicare Prescription Drug law. The meeting focused on the benefits to local senior citizens. Talent serves on the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

On Jan. 1, every Missouri Medicare beneficiary can have prescription drug benefits. Starting Nov. 15 senior citizens can take part in the Medicare Prescription Drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan. Seniors will be required to pay a monthly premium and a portion of the cost for their prescriptions.

The new law also includes a one-time initial wellness exam to be taken during their first six months of Medicare assistance. The exam includes tests for breast, prostate and colon cancers, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Rep. Bob Behnen announced candidacy for Missouri Senate seat next term

Rep. Bob Behnen, R-Kirksville of District 2 announced his plans to run for the 18th District State Senate seat on Oct. 5 at the Adair County Courthouse. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2000.

The seat is currently held by Sen. John Cauthorn, who is ineligible to run for another term in the Senate.

Kirksville man sentenced to 15 years in prison for three counts of statutory rape

Sullivan County Judge James G. Spencer sentenced Kirksville resident Madison Milton Jr. to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Milton pleaded guilty to three counts of statutory rape in the second Degree on July 26.

Spencer denied Milton probation, according to information released by the Prosecuting Attorney of Adair County.

Adair County Sheriff's Department busts 51-year-old for methamphetamine

The Adair County Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call Tuesday about a problem between a female and her husband.

Deputy Mike Miller located about 2 ounces of crystal methamphetamine in 17 small baggies and loose in containers, according to information released by the Sheriff's department.

Joyce Moots, 51-year-old Kirksville resident, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, a Class B felony and possession of a controlled substance, a Class C felony.

She currently is at the Adair County Detention Facility on a \$75,000 cash-only bond. The North Missouri Drug Task Force assisted the Sheriff's Department.

Gov. Matt Blunt visit's Kirksville to discuss new after school programs for children

Gov. Matt Blunt visited Kirksville on Tuesday in conjunction with his series of After-school Summits, which were presented in cooperation with Missouri After-school State Network, to talk to business leaders about how they can participate in developing and supporting after-school programs in their communities. They also promoted existing successful partnerships.

The summits were a part of Blunt's This Is Your School initiative. Thirty-three percent of children in Missouri working families don't have supervision after school, according to information released by Blunt's office.

Majors and minors fair planned for Oct. 12

The fair will take place in the SUB Activities Room and will run from 1 to 5 p.m.

Faculty will be available to discuss prospective majors and minors, research opportunities, careers, internships and study abroad opportunities.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate removed junior Eric Wooten from senate for exceeding limit of unexcused absences.
- Senate passed a resolution establishing a study abroad committee.
- Senate passed a resolution extending the student government's condolences to John Ware's family.
- Senate passed a resolution supporting a written policy for Reading Day.
- Senate passed a motion to spend \$150 for an ITS dinner with members of the technology committee.
- Senate passed a motion to spend \$50 for posters and supplies for a table at Community on the Quad.
- Senate discussed a proposed study abroad survey.

DPS | Reports

- 9/26 Report of bicycle theft from McClain Hall.
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E-mail system crashes

Technical director says workers still are unsure about problem's cause

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Index Staff

TruView crashed Sunday night, forcing Information Technology Services personnel to pull an all-nighter so students could have access by Monday morning.

Morning was too soon. "It was hard, but that's part of our responsibility," ITS Network Manager Jim McNabb said. "The buck stops here. You have to correct the problem."

The server experienced hardware difficulties in a Microsoft service pack called Service Patch I. ITS Technical Director George Beshears said ITS still is uncertain about the cause of the malfunction.

Beshears said when ITS attempted to patch the hardware, the server went into a failure, requiring ITS to reinstall the entire operating system.

"[Monday] morning we anticipated that ... [reinstalling] would take a couple of hours," Beshears said. "Of course, it

stretched out a little further than that. It took us about four hours."

Web developer Greg Marshall said he noticed technical problems with one of the servers at about 9 p.m. Sunday. Affected Web sites included Truman's homepage, admission, athletics, ITS and the TruView login. Wireless network connectivity also was affected, according to the ITS Web site.

Marshall, who maintains TruView, said he called Web Internal Manager Diane Richmond and Sequel Database Manager Liyan Liao as soon as the problem occurred. Liao went directly to the ITS office, and Marshall immediately posted a technical difficulty note on TruView, the Truman homepage, the ITS page and the admission page from his home computer. Marshall then installed the link on TruView to opal.truman.edu about 10 p.m. so students could reach their e-mail.

McNabb said he discovered the crash at home while evaluating the system. He joined Liao at the ITS office, and they began working on the problem. Liao helped McNabb for two hours, but McNabb's work continued until 1 p.m. Monday, totaling 16 hours.

"In every organization there are go-

ing to be certain jobs that have responsibilities that if something breaks, you have to come in no matter what time, what day, and you have to fix the problem," McNabb said.

Beshears joined McNabb on Monday morning along with Liao, and together the group rebuilt the server and restored the databases by 1:30 p.m. The wireless network was unavailable until about 3:50 p.m. because of an issue related to the earlier database problem, according to the ITS Web site.

Once Marshall and Richmond arrived at ITS Monday morning, they asked Public Relations Director Heidi Templeton to e-mail all faculty and staff at about 8:45 a.m. to inform them of the problem. The e-mail listed the affected Web sites, an apology and a contact for questions. It also stated that all services were expected to be restored by noon.

Students did not get the e-mail because TruView still was not working. Faculty and staff could receive e-mail because they are connected through an alternate server. Marshall said he now is considering a backup method for students when technical difficulties occur.

Sophomore Mary Pund said she noticed TruView was down.

"I thought, 'All right, this is fantastic,'" Pund said.

Even though she could access her e-mail through the alternate link, Pund said she was not able to compose or reply to e-mails. Instead, Pund sent e-mails through her Hotmail account.

"It was annoying to have to e-mail through Hotmail since I didn't know anyone's e-mail right off-hand," she said.

ITS workers thought they could reinstall the sequel and have the system boosted almost instantly, but they had to reinstall the original service pack because the system reset itself.

"It's kind of like the foundation of your house being gone," McNabb said.

Beshears said ITS has not seen a crash like this since the 2003-2004 academic year, when they installed new hardware and updated software from Pipeline to TruView. He said the new hardware has greater stability and additional storage.

Beshears said the only instance where students had problems with TruView was during registration for the 2005 spring semester. The system received a known bug, which has since been corrected in the software.

Summer enrollment increases

More students signed up to study last summer, but this doesn't mean more revenue for Truman

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Kirksville might not seem like an exotic place to spend a summer, but for many students, summer offers an opportunity to take classes they are unable to pick up during the regular school year.

Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, said that for the third summer in a row, enrollment increased. The increase for summer 2005 was nearly 10 percent, up by 141 enrolled students from the previous year. The increase was 13.9 percent in 2004 and 6.4 percent in 2003.

However, more students taking classes does not translate to more revenue for the University. Although more students were enrolled, they took fewer classes, said David Rector, executive director of institutional research and budgets.

"The results have been, I would say, mixed," Rector said. "We have more students enrolled this summer, but the actual credit hours generated have kind of went up and down, and from my perspective the credit hours are the money."

Students enrolled in 340 less credit hours than the previous year, according to data from the vice

president of academic affairs office. That translates into more than \$65,000 less income at the \$192 per credit hour charged from summer courses, according to the summer 2005 schedule of classes.

Even with a boost in enrollment, most of the increase can be targeted to a specific program, Rector said. An elevated number of graduate students took courses this summer because of an advanced-placement certification program. Those classes are targeted at high school teachers to train them to teach advanced placement classes.

In addition, 263 students were enrolled in study abroad programs for summer 2005, according to the study abroad office. These students increase the enrollment but might never be actually on campus.

Yet the increased number of students enrolled these past three years coincides with a change from a 10-week summer session to an eight-week session that premiered in 2002 after the change in structure, Rector said.

"Students were having trouble putting together a schedule in the summer," he said. "A student might have needed two classes, and one was offered five weeks and the other 10, so you ended up having to stay 10 weeks, but the second five weeks you would only be taking one class."

The University works to make summer classes more feasible and offers students incentives to take summer courses, Rector said. A discount of 10 percent was offered for summer classes in

2004 and 2005.

"The idea was to add a little enticement, and since we were raising tuition fairly significantly each year, that would be a way students could pick up some classes, help themselves graduate on time, and it wouldn't cost as much," Rector said.

The number of courses offered also increased to 142, Cupelli said. This was an attempt to reduce the number of students in classes. In 2004, 135 courses were offered, and the average number of students in each class was 15.1 and needed to be closer to 12, he said.

However, these incentives did not increase student hours. Sophomore, Stephanie Howard took summer Spanish courses to reduce her course load during the semester.

"I didn't take more classes because I had to balance work and class," Howard said. "I just wanted to get some courses out of the way."

The vice president of academic affairs office already is preparing for next summer. The first proof of summer schedules is due Nov. 1, Cupelli said. The vice president's office is trying to consider more of what students want and need in the summer.

"The deans are supposed to look at what their majors need, and we try to look at LSP courses and JINS courses, too," said Cupelli. "We try to look at what classes the previous summers the students had good enrollment in. The goal is to try to offer classes that students will take."

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