

KTRM makes return to airwaves

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Following more than a semester of silence, Truman's 88.7 The Edge finally is saturating the airwaves with music and shows again.

KTRM went off the air at the end of the spring 2007 semester to move from the Student Union Building to Barnett Hall and to upgrade to new equipment. Complications in construction and setup kept the station off the air longer than anticipated.

The station returned to the airwaves Thursday, Dec. 6, but relied on an automated system to broadcast during Winter Break, station manager senior Jessica Wright said.

"We had a difficult time receiving the equipment that was necessary to broadcast, and we had to push pretty hard to get a contracted engineer to set up our equipment," she said.

KTRM broadcasted online during the fall semester, taking advantage of the station's Web stream located at ktrm.truman.edu, Wright said. Despite this, KTRM staff struggled to stay positive through the challenge of working for a radio station that was not receiving actual airtime.

"Last semester I spent a lot of my time trying to keep morale up, trying to keep DJs focused, keep people on management focused on doing their jobs and keep our eye on the prize, which was going back on air," Wright said.

"It felt like we weren't a real radio station at all," said senior Ryan Dalton, chief announcer for the station. "It felt like we were just posing to be DJs. It was



Sophomore Emily Laposha relocates CDs near the end of her Monday afternoon radio shift at KTRM. The radio station is back after relocating to Barnett and taking a semester long hiatus as the remodeling process was completed.

beyond frustrating, really."

The station had difficulty selling advertising while off air because advertisers were not interested in publicizing on an Internet-only station, Dalton said.

Activity at the studio has picked up since the station resumed its normal schedule Monday, which includes live DJs from 7 a.m. to 4 a.m. while classes are in session.

"We've got a full schedule and everything," Dalton

said. "We were able to pick up a lot of new people. I'm pretty excited for this semester. I'm just looking to have fun again."

With the equipment upgrade, the station now is able to use high definition, or HD, broadcasting.

"Radio stations across the United States are slowly moving from analog to digital broadcasting," said Mark Smith, assistant professor of communication. "The HD signal ... is a cleaner, more brighter-sounding signal than

regular radios."

With the HD signal, KTRM is able to send more than one stream of information at a time to receivers. 88.7 is broadcast on two different channels, KTRM-1 and KTRM-2.

"Right now we're just feeding the same audio on the main channel as we are on KTRM-2," Smith said. "So it's just a simulcast, we call it. And then, when we want to do specialty programming, perhaps more sports, whatever it might be, music shows, then we can send that second stream of program."

One downside to HD broadcasting is that a listener must purchase a special receiver to take advantage of it, and HD radios can be expensive. Smith's personal HD radio cost him about \$100, but it

has good sound quality, he said.

Despite the frustrations of the last semester, the time off air was worth the results, Smith said.

"We have a facility that I would stack up against any other institution our size, or even larger institutions in the state of Missouri, regarding student media facilities for radio," Smith said. "That is going to be a huge drawing card, not only for future students but also for student retention, and also to prepare students for what they will encounter in the world when they leave Truman regarding broadcasting. Yes, it took longer than we thought it would, but now that it's here, I think it's going to be very much a treasured thing here at Truman."

Boeing funds will benefit math, science

\$75,000 gift will go toward training high school AP teachers

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They haven't graduated yet, but Missouri high school students might soon be studying for classes made possible by Truman State University — and Boeing.

The Boeing Foundation has contributed \$75,000 to the University's Boeing Math/Science Scholars, a program that will provide training to high school Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics and science teachers.

With this program, both the University and Boeing hope to improve high school students' performance in mathematics and science, said Sam Minner, dean of the school of health science and education.

"There's a lot of evidence that American high school students don't take enough math and science classes, and they also don't take enough high-level math and science classes," he said. "This doesn't bode well for our society and for our nation."

Starting last August, Minner worked with the Office of Advancement to develop and present the program proposal to Boeing Foundation officials.

"We are a recognized leader

in the state for the provision of AP programs," Minner said. "And this generous gift from the Boeing Foundation will allow us to do even more than we've done in the past."

He said the Boeing Foundation contribution will pay for 40 high school math and science teachers to attend a summer institute, where they will learn about the content of the discipline they teach and the most effective ways to teach it.

Minner said the teachers will then return to their schools to begin or enhance existing AP mathematics and science programs.

He said AP courses are more rigorous than regular high school courses and that many districts offer only a few or no AP classes. Minner said this was especially true of districts with a high number of ethnic minorities and poor students.

"The goal is to really promote more AP science and math classes throughout Missouri but particularly in districts that have these special needs," he said.

He said the St. Louis metropolitan area especially will benefit from Boeing Math/Science Scholars but that Truman is also responsible for all AP teachers' training in the northern half of Missouri.

With the contribution, Boeing wants to ensure that teachers are well-prepared to teach these AP

math and science courses, said Randy Maier, Boeing education relations manager.

He said Boeing chose to fund the University's program because of its strength in education.

"As we looked across the state, there's no doubt that Truman has the one of the best education programs around," he said.

Maier said the University's demonstrated ability to provide diverse programs has motivated Boeing to continue to contribute.

"Because of the breadth of success and the breadth of programs, it's easy for us to award funding to many Truman programs," he said.

This most recent Boeing contribution is part of a long-time relationship, said Mark Gambaiana, vice president

for advancement. "It's an extension of their partnership with Truman in appreciation for what we provide the company and what they want to accomplish with their corpo-

rate philanthropy," he said.

Gambaiana said Boeing now is the University's top corporate contributor, giving more than \$360,000 in the past 10 years.

"They have really evolved as a major corporate donor to the University, and we really appreciate that partnership," he said. "And it's definitely a proverbial win-win relationship."

Gambaiana said Truman provides Boeing with high-quality employees. He said Boeing employs 250 Truman alumni in the St. Louis area and regularly recruits Truman students for jobs and internships.

Gambaiana said Boeing recently has funded three other major initiatives, including annual scholarships for students studying math and computer science; TWiCS, a program designed to encourage women students' participation in math and computer science at Truman; and redesigning the Master of Arts in Education curriculum.

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NEWS | In Brief

Long's trial postponed second time

The trial setting for freshman Jake Long was postponed a second time Dec. 17.

Long was arrested in August and charged with a felony count of assault on a law enforcement officer and a felony count of first degree burglary as well as three misdemeanors.

House arrest, a condition of Long's bond, was vacated by agreement of the defense and prosecution in the case.

Mark Williams, Adair County prosecuting attorney, said a possible plea agreement contributed to the postponement of the trial setting.

"We're still having discussions about potential resolutions to the case," Williams said.

He said that in addition, the law enforcement officer who sustained injury in the incident has not completed all his medical treatment.

The trial setting is now scheduled for Jan. 28.

Blunt appoints new Board member

Gov. Matt Blunt has appointed John Hilton to the University Board of Governors to fill the expired term of former member Matthew Barnes, according to a Monday press release.

Hilton will serve as one of two out-of-state non-voting Board members who are familiar with the school and its liberal arts mission. Hilton is an alumnus of the University.

Currently, Hilton works for the law firm Patton Boggs LLP in Washington, D.C. He has also served as a law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City, Mo.

Hilton's appointment is effective immediately and subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate.

Alumni couple donates \$25,000

Dean and Amy Rosebery have donated \$25,000 toward the establishment of a scholarship for forensics students at the University, according to a press release from Monday.

The gift was made through the school's "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" campaign.

The couple made the donation to honor, recognize and perpetuate Amy Rosebery's achievements as a former member of the University's debate team, according to the release.

Both Dean and Amy Rosebery went to the University. Dean Rosebery also worked as a biology professor and head of the science division at the University.

The Roseberys served as the grand marshals for the 2007 Homecoming parade in October.

New bill would allow student vote

A bill, SB 873, has been sent to a committee in the Missouri Senate that would add voting student members to governing boards at several public universities around the state, according to the Senate's Web site.

At the moment, the student members on the governing boards of the University of Missouri, Missouri State University and Truman do not have voting status.

If the bill passes, student members will be able to vote on matters before the board, according to the Web site.

Missouri senator Chuck Graham, D-Columbia, is sponsoring SB 873.

University places in Peace Corps list

The University placed in the Peace Corps top 25 list for the first time in the school's history, according to a Monday press release. The school also experienced an increase from 14 to 20 volunteers in the past year.

Among medium-sized universities, Truman moved up 23 spots to make the list and currently is ranked third behind the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo., and Washington University in St. Louis, also according to the release.

2007 marked a 37-year high for overall Peace Corp volunteers currently serving in the program.

The University's regional recruiter will be on campus at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Student Union Building Conference Room to give a presentation to students who are interested in joining the program.

Student Senate | In Brief

• Student Senate did not meet this week.

DPS | Reports

- 1/13 **Travis Grider was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.**
- 1/7 **Report of theft from Student Recreation Center.**
- 1/3 **Report of stolen property from Student Recreation Center.**
- 1/1 **Report of property damage to vehicle in parking lot outside West Campus Suites.**

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Dr. Whitlock and Cindy have two children, Jeremy and Cassandra, and two grandchildren, Hannah and Emma.

Dr. Whitlock has been practicing in the area since 1997, and we rather expect that he and Cindy will be lifelong residents of the area.

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