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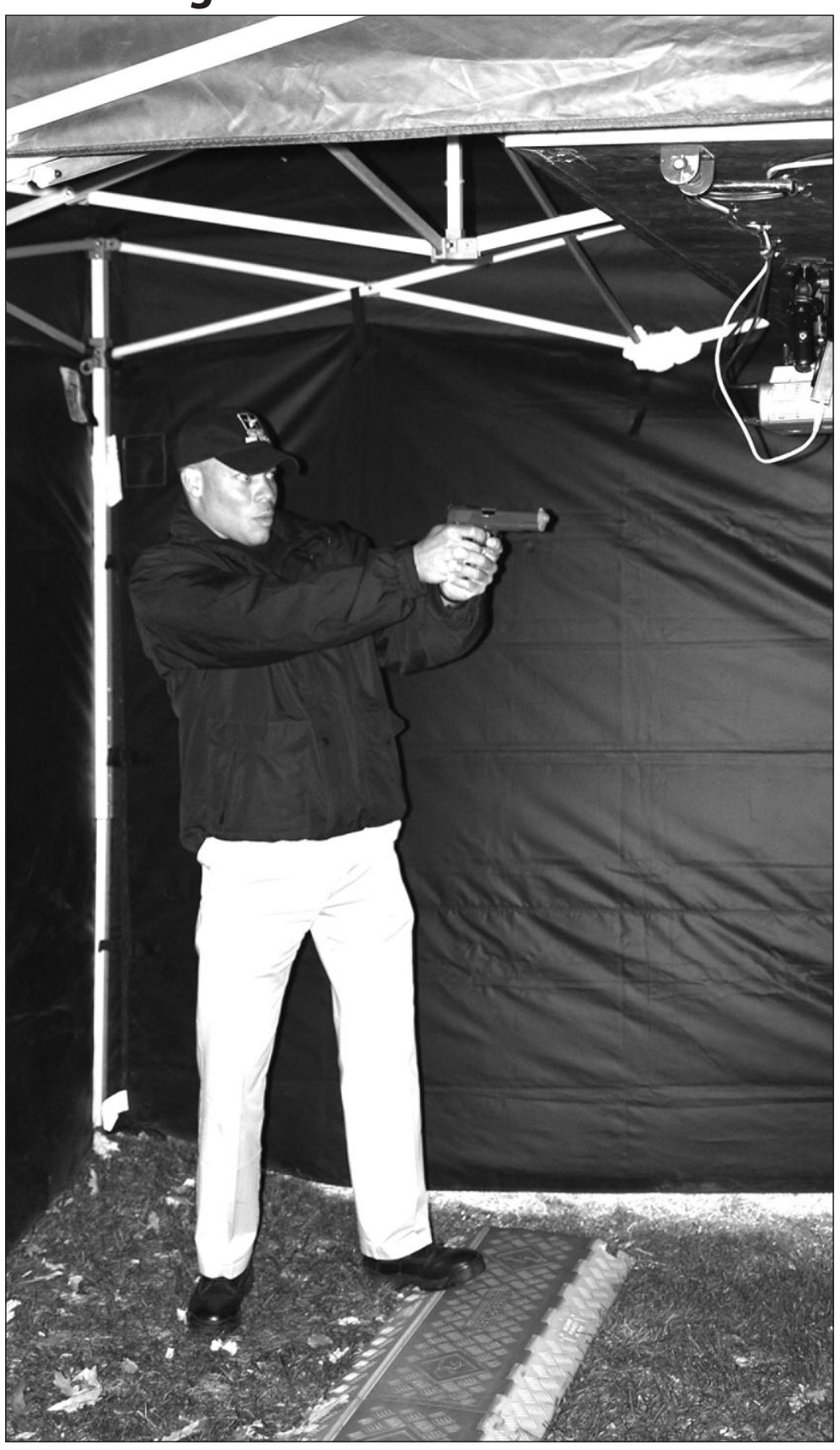

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Sgt. Mark Dehaan, an Army exhibitor based in Fort Knox, Ky., demonstrates the marksmanship simulator on the Quad on Tuesday afternoon. The Army uses the simulator both as a training tool for soldiers and for recruiting demonstrations. Dehaan travels around the country to colleges, festivals and state fairs as a recruiter. In the past several weeks, Dehaan has traveled to Texas, New Mexico, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Truman switches spam firewalls

BY JOHN FLEMING
Staff Reporter

Truman's Information Technology Services has activated a new device for spam filtering for all Truman e-mail accounts.

The Barracuda Spam Firewall, which was implemented Oct. 30, will replace the Sophos PureMessage system. Matt Farwell, technical director for ITS, said the system will take all of the positive features of the Sophos PureMessage and supplemented them with new features.

"The Barracuda Spam Firewall will include new features such as anti-spoofing, anti-phishing, anti-spyware and denial of service protection technology," Farwell said. "... [Sophos] PureMessage was only an anti-spam and anti-virus solution. It did not offer the other areas of protection provided by the Barracuda [Spam Firewall]."

Filtering capabilities were a major reason for the switch to the Barracuda Spam Firewall, but the new system also is expected to save the University money in the long run, he said.

"The cost savings for implementing the Barracuda Spam Firewall was a significant reason for the decision to change products," Farwell said. "The cost to purchase the new Barracuda Spam Firewall was less than one year of software maintenance for Sophos PureMessage."

Although Barracuda Spam Firewall will cost more in the short term to implement than retaining the Sophos PureMessage, Farwell said the initial costs quickly will be off-set by money saved.

"Ongoing maintenance costs for the Barracuda [Spam Firewall] are only about 10 percent of the amount we spent for [Sophos] PureMessage," Farwell said. "So in a very short time period, we will see a significant cost savings along with the superior technology features provided by the Barracuda."

Barracuda Networks Inc. has won several awards for the Barracuda Spam Firewall. In August, the firewall won its second Community Choice Award in the category of AntiSpam Solutions for Business from Windows IT Pro.

Farwell said that even with the Barracuda Spam Firewall's strong reputation, ITS worked to assure the quality of the product before it was put into place for Truman e-mail accounts.

"We tested all of the features of the Barracuda before it came into production," Farwell said.

In spite of ITS' optimism that the new system will be superior to the previous system, some Truman students are concerned that the system change is unnecessary.

"I've never encountered any problems with spam through my TruView [e-mail] account," freshman Andrew Canada said. "The only unwanted e-mail I get is pointless e-mail from the University."

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A nonquarantined spam e-mail received Wednesday

Although Canada said he has not dealt with large quantities of spam, freshman Allison Dunard said that spam still is prevalent at Truman.

"I've only received two or three junk e-mails so far this year, but it still is happening," Dunard said.

Farwell said students previously have complained about spam in their TruView e-mail accounts.

"Spam does impact all e-mail users at Truman," Farwell said. "Each day, Truman receives between 800,000 and 1.2 million e-mail messages. Only about 5 percent of these messages are legitimate e-mail messages that we would consider to not be spam."

If a student decides that he or she does not want to use the Barracuda Spam Firewall, that student has the option to change the settings under his or her account, he said.

"Students are not required to operate behind the Barracuda Spam Firewall," Farwell said. "Any user can log in to their account and disable spam filtering."

Farwell said that although ITS has no way of knowing whether or not the Barracuda Spam Firewall will be popular in the Truman community, he remains optimistic that the firewall will be both the most effective and the most economically efficient means to filter spam from Truman students and faculty members' e-mail inboxes. Farwell said he hopes Truman students will recognize the Barracuda Spam Firewall as superior to Sophos PureMessage.

Student journalists set up site, scoop election

Web site launches one year before Election Day to offer constant coverage

BY MARIAH BOHANON
Staff Reporter

Students who want to voice their opinions on the presidential election now have a national forum in which to do so.

Scoop '08, a Web publication run entirely by college and high school students, launched Sunday, exactly one year before Election Day. This publication is the first student-based national news source that focuses entirely on election coverage, according to a press release.

"We think that Scoop '08 will be able to engage students in a way that they haven't been able to before," site co-founder Alexander Heffner said.

Heffner, a high school senior from Andover, Mass., said he first began discussing the idea for the site with Andrew Mangino, a junior at Yale University, at the beginning of this year.

He said that as politics journalists on their own campuses, they thought there was a void in the 2008 election for student journalism on a national stage.

He said members of Scoop '08's advisory board, which includes the senior editor of Newsweek and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., had a lot of enthusiasm for a student publication that focused on election coverage.

Heffner said he and Mangino launched the site exactly one year before Election Day to provide as much in-depth coverage of the campaign as possible.

"This is a project which we hope will span the entire election year," he said.

Heffner said Scoop '08 is run by more than 300 volunteer student journalists from around the country and abroad. The publication provides an opportunity for both staff members and freelance journalists to provide constant news coverage of the presidential race, he said.

The site seeks to cover every conceivable angle of the election and to provide comprehensive, objective news, Heffner said. Scoop '08 will focus on traditional election coverage but also will provide insight on aspects of presidential campaigns typically overlooked by other news media, he said.

The publication will analyze factors such as a candidate's past career in a historical and academic context, Heffner said.

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> Co-Founder of Scoop '08

Anyone can submit writing to Scoop '08 as either a staff member or a freelance journalist, Heffner said.

Truman junior Casey Millburg is a contributing writer for the site. She said she thinks youth voters are a minority bloc which needs more representation in the media and in political campaigns.

"There are a lot of different aspects of this election that I think are going to appeal to college students," Millburg said.

She said she thinks most Truman students have some idea of what they want in a presidential candidate but that many students do not get involved. There are not a lot of opportunities for individual students to become politically active on campus, she said.

Millburg wrote an article for Scoop '08 that focuses on the need for presidential candidates to change their campaign strategies, she said.

She added that it's frustrating when campaigns are targeted to the lowest common denominator, especially when innovative advertising is a huge part of American culture, she said.

Political candidates are beginning to pay more attention to the opinions of younger voters, especially after the impact of online blogs on the 2004 election, she said.

"We go to college to learn and to show what we learned and to show how we can use what we've learned, and I think there's no better way to do that than an election," she said.

Karon Speckman, associate professor of communication, said research has shown that youth voters increased in the 2004 election and that she expects that trend to continue. The largest influence on increased voter turnout among young people is concern about the war in Iraq, she said.

"I know there are a lot of other issues, but it's just the fact that we are knowing more and more people who are going off to war and coming back either dead or without their legs," she said.

Speckman said there are a number of theories on why young people do not get more involved in politics, particularly presidential elections. One theory is that young people think that they do not know enough about the political scene to vote for a candidate, she said.

"That's why something like this Web site is really good — because it's empowering youth and saying, 'Look: Here's the information. You do have enough. You can make a decision. You can vote,'" Speckman said.

She said research shows that college-aged students usually get their news from online sources, rather than from newspapers or television.

It's important to seek a variety of media outlets to stay informed and involved in the political process, Speckman said.

She said there is a need for nonpartisan forums such as Scoop '08 to get younger voters excited about the election process.

The more news sources that are available and appealing to young people, the better, she said.

If the trend for increasing youth awareness in the political process continues, it will make for a better future, she said.

"The more educated youth we have, then the smarter are the people going to be who will eventually be pushing my wheelchair," Speckman said. "I want smarter people pushing my wheelchair."

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