

# Krueger signs initiative

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## President Krueger signed Truman's sustainability initiative last week

During the Local Foods Banquet on Thursday, Interim University President Darrell Krueger signed Truman's own Sustainability Initiative.

The Sustainability Initiative grew out of Krueger's Climate Commitment, a nationwide initiative that Student Senate and the President's Environmental Advisory Committee were in support of, but former University President Barbara Dixon never signed.

The President's Climate Commitment asks colleges and universities to reduce their carbon footprint in hopes of eventually becoming zero-carbon campuses. As a liberal arts institution in a rural area, Truman has a unique footprint, Brett Wiley, Truman alumnus and Schweitzer and Associates intern, said.

"[The President's Climate Commitment] was very broad and signed by many universities," Wiley said. "What we decided to do is go through a unique route and establish our own principles and our own vision statement and mission statement."

The Sustainability Initiative outlines nine principles that will be enacted on Truman's campus. The vision for the initiative is to "create an ecologically sound, socially just and economically viable campus and community."

"It is almost like motherhood and apple pie," Krueger said. "It is something that virtually no one could disagree with. It is good for the present and the future."

After signing the Initiative, Krueger also signed a charter to establish the President's Sustainability Action Committee. The committee's first step will be to conduct a sustainability assessment. Although it is not yet defined, the committee will include administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members.

"It is the whole community involvement, I think, that is really dreamt

about," Krueger said. "It is likely that we will see lower costs for energy, we'll see more concern about protecting the University. There will be less use of paper, more practical use and reuse of things, ... Most of us have been involved in this all our lives."

Wiley and seniors Hannah Hemmelgarn and Kelly Hall worked with professor of biology Michael Kelrick to develop the Sustainability Initiative, as well as alumna Judi Schweitzer. Schweitzer, owner of Schweitzer and Associates and real estate consultant for businesses and institutions that are interested in sustainable development, visited campus last fall and became interested in assisting with the Initiative.

"Schweitzer kind of came along and was really a spark plug and helped us to get energized and focused, and she had a lot of good ideas," Kelrick said. "She has been a really great partner. She has provided a lot of really good ideas that helped us to move forward."

Schweitzer said that working on the Initiative was her way of giving back to the place where she was first introduced to natural resource economics and honoring her stepfather, who was a Truman professor for 30 years.

"Now there is a foundation to bring together administration, faculty and students in a way that hopefully can give it some structure, and this is something we can build on," Schweitzer said. "I would like to help elevate this to the state and federal level to attract some funding to do some projects on campus. Also, the idea is to unite the University with the community, potentially with the local government and utilities."

As recommended by President Krueger, the President's Sustainability Action Committee's first meeting is a retreat to take place during this summer or early fall to gather all committee members and form subcommittees to begin working on the nine principles of the Initiative.

"The President of the University made some pretty large commitments here, and I am really hoping that we can follow through on that with broad participation across the University," Kelrick said.



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Interim University President Darrell Krueger signs the sustainability initiative April 23.



### Sustainability Principles

As members of the Truman State University community, we commit ourselves to:

1. Acknowledge the interdependence of humanity and nature.
2. Embrace inter-generational stewardship.
3. Account for triple bottom-line practices.
4. Conserve natural resources.
5. Strive to eliminate waste.
6. Invest in collaborative community-based projects.
7. Develop a closed-loop local food system.
8. Promote multi-modal transportation.
9. Innovate — Evolve — Educate.

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# Truman week loses three days

## Truman week now reduced from eight days to five

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For the Index

Truman Week is no more. Truman Week will be reduced from eight days to five next fall, with regularly scheduled classes for first-year students and upperclassmen beginning Thursday Aug. 27 of that week.

Freshmen will move into the dorms Saturday, Aug. 22, as usual. Upperclassmen will be allowed to move into the dorms Tuesday, Aug. 25.

With classes starting two days earlier, Thanksgiving break will be extended to an entire week.

Associate provost Marty Eisenberg said the week still will be dubbed 'Truman Week' even though regular classes will start Thursday.

"For a lot of students, there was an awful lot of anxiety about how long it was between when they moved on campus and when they actually started the semester," Eisenberg said. "Even though one of their classes started, they weren't getting into those rhythms."

First-year students normally have an eight-day period between moving into the dorms

and beginning regularly scheduled classes, Eisenberg said. They need to assimilate into the Truman community sooner, he said.

"We know what the experience is going to be when we look back [on our freshman year], so we tend to forget that element of the experience of how anxious we actually felt about getting involved and what the semester would actually be," Eisenberg said. "We may like the summer-camp aspect of it better in hindsight than we actually do when we're living through it."

Truman Week will have the same activities as in previous years, including the challenge cup, the Choices program, Montage, a Truman Week class, a library tour, summer reading and discussion, an alcohol safety program and major day.

Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist said she is uncertain about how the new Truman Week will turn out.

"I think we'll see what hap-

pens with the shortened week and see if we can accomplish the same goals in less time," Gilchrist said. "It would be great because it's more efficient and probably less costly if we can find ways to do [Truman Week] more quickly."

She added that Truman now has a summer orientation program in which new students have the opportunity to meet faculty members and develop their fall schedules. Having this orientation repeated during Truman Week would be redundant, she said.

"What I've heard against doing this has mainly come from more the social side than the academic side — that perhaps some students are concerned that [things like] the college cup competition ... might not be that effective in a shorter period of time," Gilchrist said.

She said she has heard mixed reviews from students about shortening Truman Week. Although some students need to have time to get to know the campus, some students think the week is too long and are anxious

to start the regular routine, she said.

She added that she is interested in knowing how students feel about the new Truman Week schedule and welcomes feedback for either her or Eisenberg.

Junior Erin Medin said although a shorter Truman Week leaves less time for freshmen to assimilate, she still was anxious to start the regular semester.

"By the time Truman Week was over, I was ready to get started with school," Medin said. "But [a shortened week] will give [freshmen] less time to get to know who they're living with and get settled into the [college] lifestyle."

Junior Danielle Zimmel, on the other hand, said the social aspect should not be affected too much.

"I think people are motivated to get out there and make new friends and meet new people," Zimmel said. "They're going to do it regardless [of] the difference in Truman Week."

Zimmel said students no longer have a weekend after Truman Week to prepare for classes and go out with friends. Now they have to begin the regular routine too soon. In addition, parents of upperclassmen might have to get out of work during the week to help their children move, she said.

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**Lou Ann Gilchrist**  
Dean of Students

## NEWS | In Brief

### Resident arrested on felony charges

Kirksville resident Ryan Russell was arrested April 25 for charges of the possession of Psilocybin mushrooms, a class-C felony, possession of less than 35 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of intoxicants. Russell was also issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and summons for trespass. Tom Johnson, director of the Department of Public Safety, said police have caught Russell trespassing on campus before. Prosecuting attorney Mark Williams said Russell is in the Adair County jail after his request for bond was denied. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 6.

### Local food drive to take place next week

Property Concepts LLC is hosting a food drive May 4 to 11. They will only be accepting non-perishable foods. Food can be dropped off at 116 E. Jefferson St. and 602 S. Elson St. All food collected will be donated to the Central Missouri Food Bank. The Central Missouri Food Bank distributes food to 71 elementary schools and partners with 145 food pantries, shelters for homeless and abused, soup kitchens and low-income children and senior programs. For more information contact Phillip at 660-341-8567.

### Suspect cleared after arrest

An arrest was made in connection with a burglary that took place April 10 at Woodpushers skateboard shop. Kirksville police arrested Tyler Smith April 14. Smith was identified as one of the suspects caught on videotape during the burglary. After an extensive follow-up investigation, Kirksville police cleared Smith as a suspect in the burglary and identified three suspects involved in the burglary. The three suspects are from Schuyler County and have no known connection to Smith. Kirksville police have not released the names of the suspects pending formal charges of burglary, theft and property damage.

"I have already been in contact with the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney's office and started the process for dropping criminal charges against Tyler Smith," Kirksville Police Detective Justin Jones said.

### 10-minute play festival

The students of Theater 481 Staged Readings will perform six short plays selected from a 10-minute playwriting competition at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. Staged Reading is a senior-level independent studies course where students research, advertise, produce and perform staged readings. For more information contact Dana Smith at dasmith@truman.edu.

### Fall 2009 Activities Fair

The fall activities fair will be 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. September 2. The Activities Fair is a way to gather organizations on campus to distribute their information to perspective members. For more information contact CSI at 660-785-4222 or csi@truman.edu.

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a motion to suspend the standing rules of the Funds Allotment Council to allow them to spend from their reserve fund or their rollover accounts to fund JujiTSU ultimate team.

- Student Senate passed a resolution to create the Standing Technology Committee of Student Senate.

## DPS | Reports

- 4/26 Freshmen Sobodh Tiwari was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/26 Freshman Sudeep Acharya was charged with possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia
- 4/25 Freshman Joshua Roberts was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/25 Freshmen Sarah Foster was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/25 Sophomore Andrew Hellwig was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/25 Junior James Myers was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/25 Junior Caroline Foss was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

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