

# KC Star leaves empty bins

**Newspaper cuts service to Kirksville because of high cost**

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Sneaking the Kansas City Star into a long lecture period is no longer an option for Truman students.

The Star cut service to many small towns, including Kirksville, effective June 30. Residents who received daily deliveries to their front doors or picked up a copy of the Star throughout the week at local businesses now only have access to the Sunday edition. The paper also no longer will participate in the Collegiate Readership program on campus where it has been available since the Spring.

Chris Christian, vice president of audience and circulation for the Star, said in an e-mail that stories still are available to read online in an electronic edition that is set up exactly like the printed paper.

"The decision is unfortunately a matter of the expenses continuing to grow while the revenues haven't kept pace," Christian said in the e-mail. "As fuel and newsprint prices continue to soar, it is much more expensive for us to print and deliver a paper today than it has been ever before, and unfortunately we spend more delivering the paper to some areas than we make on the subscription fees."

He said just more than 5,000 customers were affected by the delivery change.

Marty Eisenberg, dean of the residential college program, said he is disappointed that the Star will disappear from the Collegiate Readership Program so soon after its arrival last spring.

"The addition was responding to student requests," he said. "It's a little sad that we had it for one semester and immediately they pulled out of this area."

Eisenberg said USA Today,



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The last of the Kansas City Star newspapers rest at the bottom of the bin in HyVee Friday afternoon. The Star is no longer delivering newspapers to Kirksville residents.

who runs the Collegiate Readership Program, tried to figure out a way to keep the Star in the program but was unable to do so. He said he thinks students from the Kansas City area will feel the effects of the loss of that paper as they try to keep track of news like election coverage from a standpoint that is local to them.

As it stands, the program will return to offering only the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, USA Today and the New

York Times. Junior Philip Gilmor, Student Senate treasurer, said he is unsure what changes might happen once the semester gets underway.

"We have not talked about it being that Senate is all at summer vacation," he said. "We will definitely be talking about what we're going to do about it the first few weeks."

The Truman community might not fully realize the Star's disappearance until the Collegiate Readership

Program bins are stocked again after a summer of emptiness, but Kirksville residents already have dealt with the Star's absence for a month.

Brad Neely, manager of store operations at Hy-Vee, said the store used to stock 20 or 30 copies of the Star each day and would sell most of those. The store will continue to stock the Post-Dispatch, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today and the Kirksville Daily Express on a daily basis and will stock the Star as well as The Des Moines Register on Sundays. Despite the change, Neely said he has heard few complaints.

"I think a lot of the people knew what was going on anyway," he said.

"It's a little sad that we had it for one semester and immediately they pulled out of this area."

Marty Eisenberg  
Dean of the Residential College Program

# Blunt vetoes bill for Mizzou board

**Student gains no voting power on Board of Curators**

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On July 9, Gov. Matt Blunt vetoed Missouri Senate Bill 873, which would have given the student representative on University of Missouri-Columbia's Board of Curators voting power.

According to a letter written to Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, Gov. Blunt identified six reasons why he vetoed the bill. First, Blunt said it would create a "stakeholder" representative and that the other nine members of the board currently do not represent a group of university stakeholders. Second, Blunt said that as written, the bill would make it difficult to find student representatives in the future.

Other reasons he cited were that the student representative position is "transitional" and the student's two year term "experiences a much greater turnover" than

the other positions on the board and that this policy would be inconsistent with the other institutions within the University of Missouri system.

Gov. Blunt stated that additional voting power would create potential for conflicts of interests by giving one area of student life a stronger vote over other areas. Gov. Blunt went on to state that the legislation was also "fiercely opposed by many members of the higher education community."

The bill passed 31-2 in the Senate and 100-47 in the House of Representatives. Twenty-three Senate votes and 109 House votes would be necessary to override Gov. Blunt's veto.

Following Gov. Blunt's veto, the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) launched the "Students For Overriding Gov. Blunt's Veto" group on Facebook, which currently has 1,027 members supporting its cause.

Meghan Gardner, a junior at University of Missouri-St. Louis and member of the group, e-mailed her local Representative Belinda Harris and posted the response on the discussion board.

"I met [Rep. Belinda Harris] when I was in high school," Gardner said. "She told us if we ever needed anything or ever wanted to know more about a political issue to write her, and when I saw the Face-

book group I immediately thought of her."

Gardner said students are taking an interest in this issue because they realize that it affects not just the Board of Curators at Mizzou, but the entire University of Missouri system. She said it is very important that the voice of the student body be heard.

"The administration understands what's going on because they've been through it before," Gardner said. "However, at the same time, they don't because they aren't going through it right now."

Rhonda Rollins, former member of Truman's Board of Governors, said she is indifferent on the issue.

"Voting power has never been brought up as an issue before because we've always had a substantial amount of input from the student representative," Rollins said. "Everyone was pretty much in consensus in the way things were run."

She said relationships with student representatives have been so good

in the past that the board has invited them into closed sessions. Rollins said the only issue she sees with the bill is if the student representative gains voting power, there would then be an even number of votes cast, which could result in ties on certain issues.

Truman's current student representative on the Board of Governors, Cody Sumter said he is in favor of SB 873. Sumter said that currently, 35 states have student representatives with voting power and are successful. Sumter said student representatives typically are responsible and well-informed students who would be able to handle voting power. He also said that if the veto were over-ruled, Mizzou would set a precedent for other schools to follow in the future.

"And it's not so much that the representative would be a voting power," Sumter said. "For example, I'd only represent 1/8 of the total vote, but it would help to have more of a voice on the board."

## NEWS | In Brief

### HelpDesk now open around the clock

ITS has changed its services to better accommodate students' needs at any time of the week. Students and faculty can now call the HelpDesk 24 hours, seven days a week during the school year, which includes holidays. A joint venture between ITS and SunGard Higher Education Managed Services made this availability possible. ITS has now reformed its system that allows students to go online to keep track of the status of their computer repairs and evaluate the quality of ITS services. Users can call the HelpDesk, extension 4544 or toll free at 866-520-2412, to acquire an account.

### Index publishes special edition

Today is the special Truman Week edition of the Index, the University's student-produced newspaper. The Index comes out Thursdays and publishes 14 issues per semester. This year the Index will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The Index office is located on the first floor of Barnett Hall.

Following the Sunday, Aug. 17 edition, regular publication will resume Thursday, Aug. 28.

### DPS Officers may gain local authority

The Kirksville Police Department recently has recommended to the City Council that Truman DPS officers receive authorization to write Municipal citations in addition to writing state citations. This would allow DPS officers to make stops and issue tickets both on and off campus. The City Council has not made a decision and will further discuss the issue at its next meeting Aug. 18.

### Board approves balance machine

Truman State University's Board of Governors approved the purchase of a NeuroCom Balance Master — Balance Master System at its June 13-14 meeting. The equipment will be used for instruction and student and faculty research in the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences, according to the Board of Governors Meeting overview.

According to resourcesonbalance.com, the Balance Master "provides objective assessment and re-training of the sensory and voluntary motor control of balance with visual biofeedback." The equipment, designed around sensory and motor components, allows operators to design effective treatment or training programs focused on the specific needs of the patient, according to the Web site.

### Kirksville roads see improvement

During the summer interim, several Kirksville roads were improved around town, the most noticeable being Jefferson Street. Concrete and pavement work was completed Aug. 15, and the road is set to open up to limited traffic during the next week. Work still is set to be done on the streetlights and landscaping along Jefferson Street. Kirksville Public Works Director John Buckwalter said that in the next few months Northtown Road, Lewis Street and West Missouri street will see construction. Buckwalter also said that concrete and pavement work will take place outside McClain Hall.

### Man sentenced for sexual assault

Kirksville resident Anthony W. Arbogast, 19, was sentenced to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Arbogast plead guilty on June 17 to charges of sexual assault, a Class C Felony. Arbogast was denied probation and ordered to be placed in the Sex Offender Assessment Unit within the Department of Corrections. According to a press release from Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams, Arbogast admitted to having sexual intercourse while the victim was too intoxicated to consent in January.

## DPS | Reports

8/10 Report of bicycle theft in Barnett Hall parking lot.

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