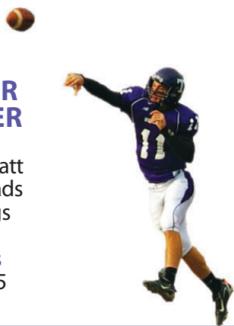


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Health center implements new TB policy

BY MARGARET HOOPER
Staff Reporter

The Student Health Center implemented a new tuberculosis testing policy for international students this semester and currently is in the process of following up with students who were at risk for exposure to TB after a student contracted the disease last spring.

Brenda Higgins, Student Health Center director, said the new policy was not a result of last semester's TB case, but rather had been in development for the past three years.

"When we had the TB case last year, we already had the policy written and ready to go to the President [Barbara Dixon]," Higgins said.

Prior to this semester, international students were not required to undergo testing for TB, although domestic students were. In developing the new policy, the health center consulted national groups and other area universities such as the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The new policy employs a process of targeted testing outlined by the American College Health Association guidelines. International students from high-risk countries, defined as having greater than or equal to 20 cases per 100,000 people, now are required to undergo a QuantiFERON-TB Gold test (QFT-G) at their own expense. The test costs \$100 and about 100 international students were required to take the test either Tuesday or Wednesday of Truman Week.

"People from high-risk areas often receive a BCG vaccine," Higgins said. "The vaccine is not real effective, but is better than nothing in high-risk areas, but having had the vaccine will cause a reaction to the skin test."

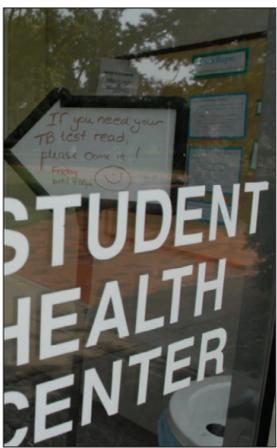
Higgins said the more expensive QFT-G blood test eliminates false positives caused by a student having had the BCG vaccine and saves students from having a chest X-ray and taking antibiotics for nine months if they do not actually have the disease.

Higgins said the health center looks at each case individually to determine whether a particular student needs to complete a skin test or the QFT-G blood test.

"We don't want to place any undue burden on our international students," Higgins said.

Melanee Crist, director of the International Students Office, said her office assisted in the testing process Tuesday and Wednesday. Crist said the process went smoothly

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Former sushi restaurant owners arrested for fraud

BY JESSICA RAPP
News Editor



Kimberlee Smock



Alexander Brooks

Kirkville's square has undergone a fishy transition.

Kitigawa, the sushi restaurant that opened last spring, served its last plate earlier this summer. Former operators Kimberlee Smock and Alexander E. Brooks recently were arrested in Surprise, Ariz., for fraud.

Seven victims of fraud have come

forward to the Adair County police, but Detective Justin Jones of the Kirkville Police Department said he thinks more victims will come forward still.

Smock has been charged with passing a bad check, and Brooks is charged with felony stealing, both in Adair County. Jones, who currently is heading the investigation, said the warrant for their arrest was issued in

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Gaping geyser behind C-Hall



At 6 p.m. Wednesday, a water main broke behind Centennial Hall, leaving a gaping hole in the cement. Crowds gathered soon after the explosion to watch the tower of water. The high pressure sprinkled water as far away as the houses on the corner of Dobson and First streets, raining on the rooftops and through open windows. The geyser, started between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. lasted until 6:15 p.m. Police arrived to the scene to clean up debris. West Campus Suites is now under a 48 hour boil order because of the main break.

Mike Solomon/ Index

Turf ready for Stokes

Pershing floor ready for install, team awaits a finished field

BY JOE BARKER
Managing Editor

The new playing surfaces for two athletic department venues have arrived. Now they just need to be installed.

Rolls of the new artificial turf are sitting in the Stokes Stadium parking lot while bundles of the new wood floor fill the gym in Pershing Arena. After a summer of things going wrong, it looks like things are beginning to return to normal for the athletic department.

The field at Stokes is moving closer to completion and should see game action before the Pershing Arena gym does. Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said he has been told the football team might be able to have a night practice Sept. 4 and should be able to



Mayank Dhungana/Index

New turf waits outside in Stokes Stadium parking lot. Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said he hopes the field is ready by the season's second game on Sept. 6.

host Southern Arkansas University on Sept. 6.

"I actually feel good about it," Wollmering said. "I feel like there is an end in sight."

The project was supposed to have substantial completion by

July 18 and full completion by Aug. 2, according to the contract between the University and GeneralSports Venue. University General Counsel Warren Wells said the company is nearly at the significant level of completion.

Because of the delays, GeneralSports Venue is looking at fines totaling more than \$77,000.

"The contract provides for what people in the construction business call liquidated damages," Wells

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Crime News

Feldman receives probation

A former Truman student received five years of probation July 7 after pleading guilty to assault in the second degree.

Gabriel Feldman was charged in February 2007 with forcible rape, but the charge since has been amended to assault in the second degree.

Feldman was granted a suspended imposition of sentence, meaning that if he successfully completes five years of probation, he will not have to serve a prison sentence and the conviction will not appear on his record. Prosecuting attorney Mark Williams said the suspended imposition of sentence was granted at the request and approval of the victim and that the offer would not have been made without her acquiescence. Williams also said Feldman will not be required to register as a sex offender.

Forcible rape carries an authorized term of life imprisonment, or a term of not fewer than five years, according to the Missouri Revised Statutes. Had Feldman pled guilty to this charge, he would not have had the option of a suspended imposition of sentence, according to statute 566.030.

Feldman withdrew from the University during the spring 2007 semester, according to the March 22, 2007 issue of the Index. The case has been ongoing since the original charge in February 2007, and Williams said

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