

ROTC runs camp at active duty post

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This summer, for the first time ever, an active duty army post hosted a college football training camp.

Head football coach Shannon Currier has sought out military influence, personnel and facilities to support his annual training camp each year. This year, the Bulldogs teamed up with the Truman State University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Missouri Army National Guard and the United States Army Recruiting Command to run the 2008 football camp, which took place Aug. 11 through 16 in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

ROTC and MONG have supported the Bulldogs' football camps — which previously took place at Camp Clark, southwest of Kansas City — for years, said Lieutenant Jacob Condon, senior military science instructor. Condon said that although these camps always have been successful, they lacked the true vision of Truman football and the amenities were not up to par.

"Captains and coaches were expected to mow and stripe our own fields before playing on them," Condon said.

Condon said Currier wanted to relocate the football camp to an alternate site with a more definite military presence. Because of this, USAREC became involved in trying to find a site to meet Currier's needs.

"We looked at a variety of choices within a three-to-four hour travel time from Kirksville," said Captain Bill Gardner, TSU Military Science Department Operations Officer. "We had to consider available facilities, training areas, logistics, funding and — equally important — the sense of community the site could provide in order to meet Coach

Currier's intent. In the end, our analysis pointed to Fort Leavenworth."

Gardner said that getting the approval from Fort Leavenworth's leaders was simple.

"We presented our plan in detail to the Deputy Garrison Commander, Mr. Jack Walter," Gardner said. "And he graciously opened the installation's gates and fields for the team to practice in an environment built on the foundation of leadership and teamwork."

Junior defensive end Graydon Gaines, a member of ROTC, said the amenities at Fort Leavenworth were significantly better than those at Camp Clark and that the entire experience was memorable.

"I thought the camp was great because the guys got their eyes opened to the military," Gaines said. "We saw a lot of inside stuff that was cool, and we also heard a lot of speakers. A Congressional Medal of Honor winner spoke while we were there, and it was pretty awesome to listen to a real-life hero."

Gaines said he also enjoyed the free camp the Bulldogs put on for local elementary and junior high school students interested in playing football.

Gaines said the players did drills with local children at 10 different stations for three minutes each but that the exercises weren't too tough.

"We really just tried to keep it fun for them," Gaines said.

Condon said the University's participation with an active duty army post was a move that could potentially begin a trend with other universities.

"This basically means that Truman is steps ahead of other universities," he said. "We are setting the standard for other army posts and teams to do the same thing."



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Napoli's Italian Cuisine will open officially this Saturday, but on Wednesday night, diners hungry for a taste of authentic cuisine filled the spacious restaurant. Students can eat at Napoli's with a special 10-percent discount.

New Italian dining in town

Napoli's Italian Cuisine adds pasta, other traditional dishes to Kirksville's palate

BY MARK HARDY
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An expensive flight to Sicily is not necessary for Kirksville residents and students to enjoy genuine Italian cuisine.

Owner Vito Morina plans to officially open Napoli's Italian Restaurant this Saturday, though diners looking for a sneak preview during normal business hours have not left with an empty stomach.

The restaurant is located on South Franklin Street where Salamander Grill once was.

Customers trickled in Tuesday afternoon, and Morina promptly welcomed them, seating a single resident near a table of four other guests while Italian music played over the building's speakers.

Morina said he opened his first restaurant in Bartlesville, Okla., nine years

ago, and a chance encounter led to his decision to open in Kirksville.

"My family, we have restaurants in Italy and Germany," Morina said. "We had some folks from here, they come to our restaurant and they say, 'Hey guys, come to Kirksville, we need an Italian restaurant. So now we [are] here.'"

Morina follows in the footsteps of his ancestors by providing the option of homemade Italian cuisine to his customers.

"We Italians, we like the restaurant business," Morina said.

Vito's brother Adam said Napoli's is a family business, and they have spent nine years in the restaurant industry.

Vito Morina said the menu includes everything Italian — from pasta, pizza, chicken and seafood to veal dishes.

"We stick to what we know," he said. Morina said dishes are reasonably

priced, with at least a dozen beginning at less than \$7.50, tax included. A number of desserts also are available. For students, Morina has added the incentive of a 10-percent discount.

Kirksville resident Maria Kaess sampled what the Napoli's had to offer Tuesday.

"I ordered the Heaping Combo Special," she said. "I was impressed. The food was very good. ... It was reasonably priced."

Kaess said she thinks Napoli's compliments Kirksville's other restaurants by offering a greater variety of dishes.

Napoli's restaurant is open to customers from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. In addition to dining in, the restaurant also caters special events.

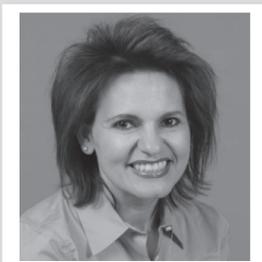
If this restaurant is a success, Vito said he has a simple plan.

"Just open another one, another one," he said. "Yeah. Keep going."

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Maria Kaess
Kirksville Resident

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Student Recreation Center To Be Used Temporarily As Back Up For Athletic Teams Due to Flooding of Pershing

Due to the recent flooding of the Pershing Building that ruined the basketball floor, the Student Recreation Center will need to be used temporarily by the Truman volleyball and basketball teams while the Pershing floor is replaced.

The basketball teams will be using one court in the main gym Monday through Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and one court on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Volleyball will be using two courts in the main gym from 2:30 - 4:45 p.m., and one court in the main gym from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. They will be using one court in the main gym on those Fridays when there is a game scheduled

If all goes as planned, the Pershing floor replacement should be complete by Oct. 1st and the teams will return to Pershing for their team workouts.

The Truman Athletic Department greatly appreciates the patience and cooperation of the entire campus over the next 6 weeks.