

**Kirksville Annual Crime Report**

Year	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Burglaries	56	63	81	85	90
Rape	14	11	6	5	3
Aggravated Assaults	34	47	43	36	47
Simple Assaults	108	120	114	105	212
Driving While Intoxicated	44	45	47	49	70
Minors in Possession of Alcohol	78	68	65	114	67
Use of Force Reports	28	30	36	40	37
<b>Total Misdemeanor Citations</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>1147</b>
<b>Total Arrests*</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>1048</b>

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The Kirksville Police Department issued its official statistical report Tuesday. In addition to recording numbers of each crime reported, the police department also noted that its crime clearance rate is about 41 percent, which is double the national average. \*Not all crime categories are included in this chart.

**PRACTICE | Senate decides rec center should open early for football team**

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established precedent for the future in case the situation arises again.”

Captain Bill Gardner, ROTC scholarship enrollment officer, declined comment.

After seeing the initial resolution pertaining to ROTC, the football team came forward with a request of its own during Sunday’s Senate meeting. Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said they would not have proposed the request if Senate had not supported them.

“Before, it would only work if there was a school-wide event being held in Pershing, such as a concert,” Wollmering said. “So it was breaking ground when the Senate came forward as students supporting students.”

Wollmering said the football team would only be doing conditioning, which means they will be wearing tennis shoes and will have no equipment, like ROTC.

“They would be doing organized drills with the coaches,” Wollmering said. “It was really just because of the weather — January and February are when a lot of sports are requesting space inside of

Pershing.”

During the meeting, Senate discussed potential problems with the resolution. The two major problems in the rec center were having people available to open early and the wear and tear on the gym. Sue Limestall, director of campus recreation, directed the Index to senior Jake Cushing, one of the building supervisors who currently opens and closes the rec center.

“We are not, as a staff, being made to come in that early because that falls out of our job description,” Cushing said. “Eventually we will be responsible for opening if this continues, which is not ideal for anyone.”

The members of the football team who attended the meeting, including sophomore Aaron Tjarks, were happy for the support.

“We are just really glad the Senate gave us the opportunity to hear our case,” Tjarks said. “We are grateful for the rec center letting us do this and hope this will bring us some success during the football season.”

**NETWORKING | Pew Internet study shows increased use of online social networking by adults, including professors and parents**

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“It’s a way for me to message everybody really quickly,” Krebs said. “If I have to cancel clarinet studio class, rather than e-mail [the students] on this huge list ... then I just ‘Facebook’ the group, and it’s a really convenient way. In fact, I think a lot of students check Facebook quicker than they check e-mail.”

The number of adults using social networking sites has quadrupled since 2005 from eight percent to 35 percent, according to a study by Pew Internet and American Life.

The Pew study found that younger adults still are more likely to use social networks. The study said 75 percent of adult Internet users ages 18 to 24 use social networking sites, and it shows the percentages steadily decreasing as the users in the survey get older.

MySpace is the most popular social network site for adults, according to Pew’s study. Twitter is another popular site for sharing information through a news feed. But, Facebook stands in the limelight.

Amanda Lenhart, the author of the Pew study, said Facebook can help professors connect with students.

“Professors that I’m aware of joined as [a way] of get-



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Professors are among the increasing number of adults who have accounts on Facebook and other social networks.

ting in touch with students, and because it was a sort of a university community to be a part of,” Lenhart said.

Elizabeth Bauer, career coordinator at the Career Center, said professors could use their profiles to exhibit their professional life by posting pictures of events

that they have sponsored.

“[Professors could] take it a step further than just being appropriate — they could make it professional,” Bauer said. “That would mean gearing the information on that site to their professional world.”

College professors also

could show their more personal side by posting family or vacation photos, she said.

“A lot of times students appreciate understanding all aspects of their professor, if the professor is willing to put that out there,” Bauer said. “For instance, a lot of students mention, ‘I enjoy

the small class sizes at Truman, and I really enjoy seeing my professor active in the community.’”

Interim University President Darrell Krueger said Truman currently does not have a policy or precautions for professors who post social network profiles, but

said that they are expected to keep their profiles professional.

“That’s why they’re professors, and my experience with professors is they do act [professionally],” Krueger said.

Professor of English Anna Preussner said she is new to the site and prefers e-mail to Facebook when communicating with her students. She has found it useful, however, for contacting old friends, classmates and former students.

“I don’t have current students on my list,” Preussner said. “I would rather really keep that [student/professor] relationship clear of Facebook.”

Although she said she has not yet used it for communicating with colleagues, she said it could be an opportunity to contact friends from graduate school and inquire on their current research.

“I think it can provide a really interesting linkage, especially given the search capacity of finding new people who might ... share interests that you might want to pursue,” Preussner said. “The downside is that it’s a total time sink. I think you could spend your entire life doing Facebook.”

**GLEASON | Chris Koster will not file charges in fatal shooting of Rogelio Johnson**

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He then turned the case over to the attorney general, pending a final decision on whether Gleason should be charged.

“The case was polarizing a lot of people in the community, so I felt that the attorney general’s opinion would be proper at that time to get an independent review of the facts and an independent opinion about the application of the castle doctrine,” he said.

In the Aug. 18 issue of the Index, deputy fire chief Ray Jagger said that it also was unclear whether the castle doctrine had been fully explained to the jurors. Williams expected the attorney general to take a closer look at the case because of the ambiguity of the new legislation.

Williams sent the attorney general a complete and detailed file regarding the facts of the case, including a transcript from the coroner’s inquest.

“The file basically consists of all the investigatory materials and all the written reports,” he said. “We did a schematic of the house — a drawing of the interior. It includes roughly 200 pictures of the scene. ... It includes video of the crime scene and then all the interviews.”

Gleason no longer is employed as Adair County jail administrator. Sheriff Robert Hardwick declined to comment on the case.

**ENROLLMENT | Fewer high school graduates means competition among Missouri universities**

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public and private high schools, and other states are expected to lose even more.

“The only states around us that are projecting any growth are Illinois, and they project a two-percent growth, which is mainly Chicago, and then there is some projected growth in Arkansas, which is probably northern Arkansas and the Wal-Mart effect,” Morin said.

Truman currently enrolls between 1,300 and 1,400 students per year. Morin said this number has remained relatively static, but the University has lost students who scored between 24 and 30 on the ACT, because private schools have done a better job of providing scholarships to those middle-tier applicants. Missouri students who score above 30 and are eligible for Bright Flight predominately attend either Truman or the University of Missouri-Columbia, but more of those scoring just below that mark have found alternatives.

“Although we’ve held on to the great students — and that’s wonderful, we want to keep doing that. We need to pick up some steam again in these areas, because these are students who can come and be very successful at Tru-

man,” Morin said.

Truman students have an average ACT score of 27 and an average grade point average of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Morin said the University wants to maintain that average, but some capable students might simply score low on the ACT.

“The studies show that [grade point average] is a better predictor of college success, so we’re certainly not afraid to admit someone with a lower ACT who has demonstrated skill in other ways, or [has shown] deliberation, determination — those are the things that really cause someone to be successful,” Morin said.

To attract more students for the fall 2009 freshman class, the University has made adjustments to some scholarship allotments, increasing the amount of money students receive on the combined ability GPA and ACT scale, as well as making the formerly competitive alumni and Boys or Girls State scholarships automatic. Morin said she hopes these changes will generate more students in that middle demographic without taking anything away from the higher-achieving pool.

“We’ve already done some things that I

think will impact that middle tier, or that’s what our hope is, and yet we’ve not done anything to damage, and maybe even helped, this upper tier that we’ll get as well,” Morin said.

Director of Admission Melody Chambers said the admissions office continues to contact students through traditional channels, such as college fairs and mailings, but the University is experimenting with alternative options.

Truman has established a blog-like newsletter, which publishes answers to questions posed by prospective students, Chambers said. She said that although this user-driven format has not been as effective as she had hoped, students have been more responsive to an experiment in Facebook advertising.

“We tested a small dollar amount and ended up shifting a little more in that direction because the pay-per-click account drained faster than we were expecting,” Chambers said. “It’s too early to know if it has an effect, or if it’s just curiosity.”

She said the University has looked into using text messaging as well as a more traditional approach to recruitment.

“We’re shifting some efforts to actually have more direct contact with parents, because they’re so actively engaged in the college selection process for students, and parents, maybe, are a little more likely to read the print materials and students tend to prefer things in an electronic format,” Chambers said.

**“We’re looking at some software that will make it more friendly to work with students and communicate with them.”**

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