

# Community anticipates inauguration

Students and local residents prepare to travel for a chance to witness history

BY KELLY KIESEL  
Staff Reporter

With less than a week until the Presidential Inauguration, a select few ticket holders are packing their bags for Washington, D.C. Truman's own Jill Graves, Associate Director of Recruitment, leaves Monday for the event. The 2009 Presidential Inauguration takes place at 12 p.m. Jan. 20, on the steps of the Capitol Building.

"I was just hoping to find some time to watch it on TV," Graves said. "Then my Dad called me with an extra ticket through his work, and I couldn't pass it up. This opportunity sort of just fell into my lap."

Graves received a Congressional ticket for the ceremony and will be in the second section, which will contain about 20,000 people. There are two other sections of people according to the color-coded tickets: The front section will have 1,600 people, and everyone else will be in the last section on the Mall.

"I don't care about the lines and waiting — I'll be expecting it," Graves said. "I'm just happy to be a part of the culmination of hard work and efforts of the campaign and to feel the energy and excitement of the people."

Graves worked as a team coordinator for the Team Leaders of Kirksville, making phone calls and canvassing throughout the community. She also organized volunteers.

Graves worked for the campaign for four months and helped organize more than 100 people. On Election Day, her work monitoring polling places in Adair County began at 3:30 a.m.

"The best part about working for the campaign was feeling empowered to do something bigger than oneself," Graves said. "Involvement helped me to understand that true change comes from the bottom up — it's a grass roots effort."

Vicki and Jay Benson, who work in the Kirksville community, also will be at-



Jill Graves reads a book about Washington D.C. She, along with a few others, will soon be going to see the Presidential Inauguration.

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tending, as well as Andrea Gleaves, who was the Kirksville field organizer for the Obama campaign.

"Right after he won, I called my state representative's office in Utah and asked for tickets," Gleaves said. "I heard that it's best to try for a Republican state, and when I finally got an e-mail, they told me they had two tickets."

Other events on Tuesday include the Inaugural Parade before the ceremony and the Inaugural Ball after the ceremony. Gleaves also plans on doing some sightseeing and some job interviews on Capitol Hill.

"It is one of the bigger inaugurals we will have seen," Gleaves said. "They're opening up the Mall and expecting so many people. I am excited to be a part of something that people worked for years on and that I worked on for months finally happen."

Unable to make it to Washington, D.C., others are watching the inauguration on TV or via Internet streaming. The online video can be seen on Facebook or the CNN Web site.

Back at home, the College Democrats will be hosting their own informal inauguration watch party. The party will start at 11:30 a.m. in Blanton-Nason-Brewer Hall's main lounge and everyone is welcome. College Democrats president junior Jaime Diaz estimated that the club had more than 75 volunteers during the months of the campaign and at least 30 volunteered on Election Day.

Freshman volunteer Daniel Giddings helped three to four hours a week for three months doing phone banking and canvassing and became a campus director for the Get Out the Vote campaign. He is hoping to watch the ceremony with friends since he cannot be present in Washington, D.C.

"I plan on watching the inauguration no matter what, and I'm sure a lot of other students will be doing the same," Giddings said. "It's a historic moment that people will be talking about for a long time. Given the nation's situation, it's important that our leaders get to work and start implementing policy."

# Senate committee investigates possible classroom technology

BY MICHELLE MARTIN  
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Get ready to say goodbye to the traditional classroom.

Members of the Student Senate Technology Committee have been working on a Smart Classroom, which will have cost-efficient technology. Student Senate Speaker Tom Hogan said Truman professors might eventually incorporate this technology into their classrooms.

"When [President] Krueger started here, one of the things he was really interested in was meeting with the student government to take a serious look at how technology is functioning on campus and to reevaluate that," Hogan said.

The team aimed to find cost-effective but practical technology to keep Truman technologically up to date. Hogan said the team visited other campuses, such as Kansas State University and A.T. Still, to gain ideas for the Smart Classroom.

"There's a lot of cutting edge classroom technology out there, and a lot of them are very expensive," Hogan said. "What we wanted to do was to think big. Cost was not a factor whatsoever. [We focused on] what would be really cutting edge technology that would help teachers instruct students."

The classroom technology particularly includes a Smart-

Board and a form of classroom TiVo called Lecture Capture which automatically records class lectures for future use, he said.

"The professor could set up a system and get it going and teach the rest of their class, do the presentation, and at the end of the class, the machinery would have taken the video and the sound and correlated that with stuff that was written on the board," Hogan said.

The idea of online classes raises a few ethical questions about how far students would take the idea of online lectures, he said.

"If all of the lectures were online, why would anyone come to class?" Hogan said.

Professors can choose the number of lectures they put online and the benefits of capturing lectures, including recording lectures for future classes, might outweigh the possible costs.

"If a lecturer came in to discuss a specific topic, if the topic is still relevant even two years or so later on, professors would have access to that lecture and would be able to assign [it to]

their students," Hogan said.

The Smart Classroom, recently unveiled to members of ITS and the Student Senate Technology Committee, will encourage students and faculty to begin thinking about which of these technologies they would like to see in future classrooms, Hogan said.

"For right now, we want to do an educational campaign," he said. "We want to meet not only with students to show them what we've been working on and what the technology is capable of doing, but we also want to seriously sit down and talk with the instructors."

Professors often have technology available for classroom use, but they might not use it. Hogan said he wants to start a dialogue with the instructors about which technologies will be practical.

"You can spend as much money on this computer stuff as you'd like to but at the end of the day, if the professors aren't going to make any use of it, that's just a waste," Hogan said.

Jim McNabb, interim technical director for ITS, said he

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Student Senate Speaker

## NEWS | In Brief

### Visiting scholar to lecture on Darwin

The Delta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the Office of the Provost, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Biology will be hosting scholar Betty Smocovitis from the University of Florida Jan. 26 to 27. A professor of zoology and history, Smocovitis will address biology, anthropology and history of science classes as well as meeting with students informally. She then will lead a public lecture of Charles Darwin's legacy in our time titled, "Singing his Praises: Darwin and His Theory in Song, and Musical Production." The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

### Truman celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Multicultural Affairs office has coordinated events to take place Jan. 19-23 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. The MLK Service-Learning Community Challenge debuts Jan. 19. Students can perform various service "challenges" for the greater Kirksville community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual Unity Luncheon is Jan. 21 in the Georgian Room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The highlight will be a 20-minute staged reading presented by students of Dana Smith, associate professor of theatre. One Voice will perform gospel selections.

Tickets are \$8 per person, and students can R.S.V.P. to the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 by Jan. 16. For a complete schedule of events go to: <http://mac.truman.edu/MLK/MLKHome.asp>.

### Global Issues Colloquium returns

The Global Issues Colloquium will resume at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 in Magruder Hall 2001 with "Local Responses to International Financial Crises: Past and Present," a presentation by Wolfgang Hoeschele, associate professor of geography and Ma'ikwe Schaub Ludwig of the Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage. Hoeschele will present on theoretical perspectives on the economy, while Ludwig will share some of her experiences living in a local eco-village, where residents maintain an ecologically-friendly lifestyle.

The Global Issues Colloquium is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Other events scheduled for the spring semester include: "Writing Colonial History under Postcolonial Conditions: The Unfinished Study," by Julie Flowerday, assistant professor of anthropology, Feb. 12, "The Immigration Debate Reconsidered: A Global Perspective," by Jason McDonald of the history department March 19, and "Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua," by Jennifer Leigh Disney of Winthrop University April 16.

### Study abroad meeting to take place

An informational meeting on studying abroad in China will be held Jan. 22 in Violette Hall 2351 at 4:30 p.m. Fifteen MAE and pre-MAE students will travel to Hong Kong and Shuizai during the May interim to assist teachers and interact with students in English and mathematics classrooms. The trip offers three hours of credit and involves studying China in the 20th century in addition to working in classrooms. For more information contact Dr. Janice Grow at [jgrow@truman.edu](mailto:jgrow@truman.edu), Michelle Pickens at [mkp1141@truman.edu](mailto:mkp1141@truman.edu), or Mrs. Mona Davis at [monad@truman.edu](mailto:monad@truman.edu).

### Novinger man sentenced

Nathan J. McFarland, 22, of Novinger, Mo. was sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to five felony drug charges. McFarland received a possession with intent to distribute charge in November 2005 and again in May 2008. McFarland was denied probation and ordered to enter an intensive two-year drug-treatment program within the Department of Corrections.

### Library adds new collection

Pickler Memorial Library recently announced the creation of a new collection called "Alumni Publications" to acknowledge the scholarship and creativity of former students. The oldest title in the new library collection dates back to 1891. The location of the new collection in the library's catalog is under "Truman Sp Coll Alumni."

## DPS | Reports

- 1/11 Robert Glen Gunn III, 19, was arrested and charged with sexual misconduct in the first degree.
- 1/12 Christopher A. Dozier, 19, was arrested and received a charge for trespassing in the first degree.

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Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009  
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Tickets will be available Jan. 20. Free tickets for Truman students with a Truman ID will be available in the Student Activities Board Office. Free tickets for faculty and staff with a Truman ID will be available at the information desk. Both are located in the Student Union Building.

General Admission tickets may be purchased at Edna Campbell's on the Kirksville Square and at the Truman Cashier Window in McClain Hall.

For more information, call 785.4016 or visit the Lyceum website at

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