

# News studio to open soon

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Soon, News 36 will have a place to call its own.

The Barnett Hall studio and control rooms are in the final stages of completion after a semester-long wait. News 36 is a student-run news program that broadcasts a 30-minute show every week at Truman. Senior Dan Rettke, executive producer of News 36, said the first show will broadcast soon, although he could not confirm the exact date.

Rettke said training will begin this Saturday and Don Rooney, the vice president of Engineering at the video equipment company Burst, will coach faculty and some staff in using the new equipment. Training could take several weeks, and then the equipment must be signed off by a consultant, he said.

Rettke said the first show should air before Midterm Break.

The studio's completion likely will occur at approximately the same

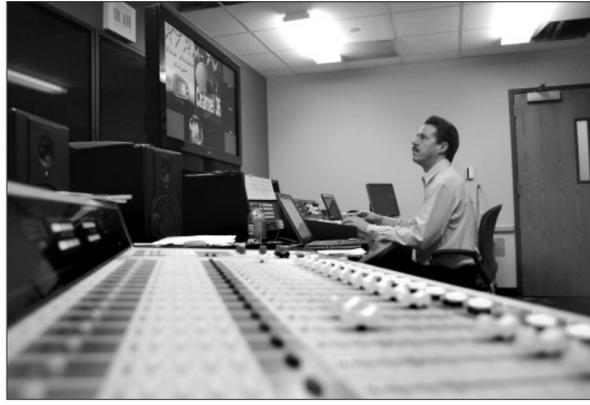
time as the government-mandated switch from analog to digital equipment at all TV stations.

"Pretty soon, Web-based servers are going to want digital as well," Rettke said. "Most things move from a solid medium to the Internet ... if we want to keep with the times, so it just ended up working out that it was the same time."

The new studio was supposed to be completed by August 2008. News 36 has not had a working studio since August 2007.

Without a studio, News 36 has been shooting its shows in a format called "look-live," which is a similar format to a live show but is filmed the day before the broadcast. Look-live shows require the staff to carry all of their filming equipment to an alternate location on campus to shoot, and then edit the footage in Barnett Hall's post production room.

"It looks like a live show even though it's not," Rettke said. "We've been doing that since August '07. We're not going



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**Don Rooney, vice president of Engineering at Burst, sits in an almost-completed production suite in Barnett Hall. Burst is the company installing equipment and training students and staff.**

to do another look-live show until we get the studio."

He said that once the equipment is operational, he intends to have an open house to introduce the new technology to students and also to recruit new staff.

"It's great practice and a great résumé builder because we get to work with industry-leading equipment, which is a plus," he said.

Elizabeth Clark, Communication Department Chair and former News 36 adviser, said changes in technology usually cause delays.

"As you begin to build the system, you

find that you may have to make adjustments to it," Clark said. "Once the actual project began we experienced some of those expected types of delays."

Junior Sarah Moore, News 36 news director, said she is enthusiastic about the changes that will accompany the new studio.

"It's going to make things run a lot more efficiently," Moore said.

With the new studio, the live broadcasts can actually be live. Moore said taping a live show in a studio will take only 30 minutes, but the current look-live editing sessions can take as long

as two hours.

"Loading the look-live footage onto the computers in the production room takes as long as the taping, so a two-hour taping would take two hours to load onto a computer for editing," Moore said.

Moore said that when she spoke with people who have worked in a live studio, they agreed it helped bring the whole staff together. She said it would create a team atmosphere.

"A unique thing about a studio is you're all working together on the show," Moore said. "It's like being part of a team."

## NEWS | In Brief

### Committee accepting submissions

The Women's and Gender Studies Committee is accepting papers for Truman's 14th annual WGST Conference to take place March 26 to 28. The committee is asking for submissions on the topic of men, including masculine studies, personal experiences and observations. The committee encourages submissions from the Truman and Kirksville community. Abstracts are to be sent along with the author's name, return address, phone number, e-mail address and abstract title to Linda Seidel, Department of English, Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. 63501 or lseidel@truman.edu. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 30. The conference is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26 to 27, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 28. All sessions will be in Violette Hall 1000.

### Student Research Conference to take place

The 22nd annual Student Research Conference has been scheduled for April 7. Students are required to submit abstracts for all presentations online at <http://src.truman.edu>. A copy of the submitted information will be sent electronically to the student presenter's faculty mentor for approval, and the deadline for submitting abstracts is Feb. 6. Regularly scheduled classes will not formally meet on the day of the conference. Salima Ikram, professor of Egyptology at the American University of Cairo and a world-renowned expert in mummies, will be delivering a conference-wide address in addition to the student presentations that will occur throughout the day. This year, students are asked to consider two anniversaries when submitting their applications — both Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were born 200 years ago. For questions about Undergraduate Research/Scholarship Grants or the Student Research Conference, contact Sara Orel, professor of art, at 785.4419 or orel@truman.edu.

### Scholarship opportunities available

Truman State University Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship Applications now are available in the Center for International Education (CIE) office in Kirk Building 114. Ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded for summer 2009 faculty-led Truman study abroad programs based on financial need, a statement of purpose and academic achievement. Applications are due in the CIE office by 12 p.m. Jan. 23, 2009 and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

### Residents file for City Council

Five Kirksville residents have filed to be included on the spring ballot in hopes of being elected to the City Council. The candidates are Kevin Alm, Margaret Gregory, Carolyn Chrisman, John Schwarz and Sandy Slocum. The window of application closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Of the five possible candidates, only one will be elected. He or she will replace Mayor Pro Tem Jill McCord.

### Student Senate | In Brief

- Student senate passed a resolution to allow classes to use the Recreation Center under special circumstances.
- Student senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$250 to offer an incentive to students taking the curriculum survey.
- Student senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$1,000 to assist the Nursing Students Association in providing free HIV testing to students.
- Student senate passed a money motion to fund advertising for the Outstanding Research Mentor program.
- Student senate passed a money motion to fund roundtables for Reslife, Athletes, SAB, FAC and the Greek organizations.
- Student senate discussed Storm the Capital, which will take place during the third week of February.
- Student senate discussed a resolution to allow international students to stay in the residence halls over spring and fall breaks.

## DPS | Reports

- 1/20 A hit and run accident was reported in parking lot 4, west of the kennels.
- 1/19 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Ryle Hall.
- 1/14 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Blanton/Nason/Brewer Hall.
- 1/13 A theft was reported in the Missouri Hall cafeteria.

# Libraries face budget cuts

BY MARGARET HOOPER  
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During tough economic times, people visit their local library more often. However, many public libraries are also facing substantial budget cuts, according to a recent press release from the American Library Association.

The ALA reports that 68 percent of Americans now hold library cards, a 5 percent jump from 2006 and the greatest number since 1990.

Glenda Hunt, director of the Adair County Public Library, said the national trend is reflected in Adair County.

"Library use traditionally increases during recessions or during tough economic times, and so I think that we knew that this would probably happen — I guess we almost hoped so," Hunt said. "We want libraries to be a valuable asset to their community ... not that we want a recession, but if we can be helpful during one then we want to be."

Hunt said the Adair County library has seen a 7 percent increase in the number of items checked out and that she expects even larger increases in the coming year as the effects of the recession trickle down to Adair rural communities.

The most popular books at the Adair County library are from the non-fiction section.

"We check out more non-fiction than fiction, and this community checks out a lot of biographies," Hunt said.

Other popular topics include cooking, travel and geography, true crime, medicine, self-help and dogs.

Hunt said computer use also has increased markedly during the past few months and that people visit to search for jobs, take online courses and download Missouri income tax

forms.

"One of the interesting changes in use of the library that we're seeing is people are coming in and updating their résumés," Hunt said. "They're wanting to apply for jobs online — that's where you almost have to look, and they're filling out job applications online."

Adair County residents also are traveling to the library in greater numbers to read newspapers and magazines or check out DVDs.

"If you're not a reader, you can still use the library for other reasons," Hunt said.

Hunt said some Truman students come to the library to present programs or volunteer to shelf read, but few college students have library cards.

"We don't have good hours for college students, but we don't have the funding for that," Hunt said. "I've been talking to Truman librarians and they've said, 'Yeah, they want 24-7 over here too.' That's what we'd like to be someday, but we just can't do it."

Hunt said 650 college students came to the Adair County library in December, but said she would like to see that number increase.

"We have a whole lot more recreational reading [than Pickler Memorial Library]," Hunt said. "I was just telling someone the other day, 'We've got the Twilight series!'"

Although libraries across the country face budget cuts, the Adair County library has yet to deal with a tighter budget. Hunt said that if members of the local community have a difficult time paying taxes next year, the library, which is funded by local property taxes, is in danger of cuts.

"The tax levy rate was approved by the state auditor in August, but it all comes down to whether people can afford to



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**Junior Sean Orth and Freshman Chi Hoang study in the library Tuesday night.**

pay their taxes, their property taxes, or not," Hunt said. "That's the bottom line, for us and our budget, so I'll be keeping very close tabs on that."

Hunt said she thinks the library might face hefty cuts if the economy continues to decline over the next few years.

"I'm hoping that [the budget is] not going to be substantially decreased this year, but if the times stay as tough — or if what we're hearing even from our president on down, that we've not seen the toughest times yet — I expect that to decrease next year," Hunt said. "I don't think we're in this for the short haul."

Pickler also might face budget cuts in the future, as the state of Missouri decides how to fund higher education. However, Richard Coughlin, dean of libraries and museums, said that Pickler has a more captive audience in students and faculty and therefore sees less fluctuation than a public library would.

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