

# Upp under renovation

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A third bar and a renovated upstairs venue will greet Dukum frequenters later this spring.

The additional bar was used as the Dukum's primary bar from the 1930s until 1987, when owner Craig Shorten purchased the establishment. Shorten said he stored the pieces of the bar for years before restoring it and placing it upstairs, an area used primarily to host events. He has not decided on an opening date but expects completion by spring or summer.

The current renovations began in October. Shorten continuously has been remodeling and adding to the establishment since he took charge in 1987, he said.

"It was all part of the plan not to make the Dukum bigger but to put it back in the configuration that it was originally built in back in the early 1900's," he said.

The Dukum became a private bar in the 1930s. Shorten said he strives to maintain relics of the building's history, like the refinished bar. After some sanding and staining, the bar finally is in the upstairs room. Shorten made certain to stay true to the bar's original form, he said.

"We still left the nicks in it, cigarette burns," he said. "We didn't want to take any of that out of it, you see. Still got all the old thumbnail marks, the grooves."

In addition, he said he plans on installing many of the same signs and paraphernalia that decorated the original bar years ago.

New carpeting, re-trimmed windows, a new sound system and additional seating will provide many more comforts to the upstairs room, Shorten said.

Shorten said concerts, poetry slams and private parties such as reunions are common events that take place in the upstairs venue, which also houses a stage.

Before the renovations, customers had to order drinks downstairs during an upstairs event, he said. A new system, put into place with the bar, will make the experience a little easier.

"It will just make things flow smoother because we'll have our cash register system up here," he said. "People can go downstairs and order a drink, swipe their



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The Dukum Upp has been under renovation since October 2008. Improvements include a bar, a new sound system and original decorations that have been in storage.

credit card [and] come up here and get a drink and just run it on their same account."

Kitchen manager Rob Champagne said he often coordinates the events held upstairs. He said he books high school reunions upstairs because the old bar might trigger nostalgia in people who used to frequent the Dukum.

"I could see places where I knew I had stood before in the bar back in the day," Champagne said. "There were different grooves in the bar and notches and stuff that — you sit there long enough, and you remember those spots."

He said the renovated rooms will ensure a more pleasant experience for those attending events, and the upstairs area probably will have a different atmosphere than the two bars downstairs.

"We let them develop themselves," Champagne said. "Each takes a life of their own."

Junior George Koors said he goes to the Dukum about once a week to attend poetry slams and concerts. He said he doesn't think the renovations will drastically change the Dukum's fairly set role within the Kirksville bar scene, although they probably will make the upstairs venue better suited for events.

"It might be a bit more hip, or at least more geared towards events," Koors said. "They might be holding events such as concerts on a regular basis if they update the sound. It will be nice to have a venue that has a nice acoustic range."

The restored bar will add an interesting historical element to the scene, he said.

"The Dukum certainly has an appeal that is sort of reflective of [having] been here for a long time," Koors said. "I guess replacing an older aesthetic is a way to rejuvenate the place."

## Students plan for Midterm Break

### State Department warns about travel in Mexico, students anticipate break

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As the week of mid-term exams winds down at a snail's pace, students and faculty alike excitedly are anticipating the week ahead — Midterm Break.

Students often take advantage of this week-long interim to travel to various destinations across the globe. Those planning on traveling south of the border this year might want to reconsider because of information sent out in a press release by the U.S. State Department Feb. 20, 2009.

The release stated that although millions of U.S. citizens safely visit Mexico each year, there has been a recent increase of violence in the country. According to the release, the greatest increase is occurring near the U.S. border because of an increasing conflict between drug cartels fighting among themselves and Mexican security services.

Group travel coordinator Shane Cassidy of Adventure Student Travel works with college students and often seniors graduating from high school. Cassidy said his agency only offers one package that goes to Cancun, Mexico.

"Other than that we don't send a lot [of people] to Mexico — other than maybe a port call for a cruise ship," Cassidy said.

Cassidy said he sends students

all over the country at this time of year. Popular destinations include Orlando, Fla., Virginia Beach, Va., and New York City, N.Y., he said. Cassidy said it's good to start early when planning vacations.

"A lot of people start a year in advance for those type of things," Cassidy said. "If you are a college student or a high school student wanting to go on a trip you want to start getting all the people interested and collecting deposits — things like that will help it run along a lot smoother."

Another popular destination for vacationers is Panama City Beach, Fla. Junior Alex Santacroce said she went to Panama City Beach for break in 2008 with 22 other Truman students. Santacroce said she and her friends drove 13 hours to arrive at their destination and stayed there for six days and five nights. Santacroce said her group did not use a travel agency.

"One of our friends works at the Marriott," She said. "He organized the whole thing through his company."

Although some might be traveling far and wide, others might have a rather plain week ahead of them. Junior Javae Nelson said she is going home for break Friday afternoon. Nelson said her plans for break weren't too exciting.

"Basically — go home, [job] shadow a dentist, get my teeth cleaned, and I might go to the Ozarks," Nelson said.

Nelson said that in the past she has traveled to the Virgin Islands for spring break, but she has not traveled for break since coming to Truman.

### Destination

# MEXICO

Travel Safe

#### Violence along the border:

- \* Recently, large firefights have been taking place in cities and towns
- \* Drug cartels have been fighting each other as well as Mexican authorities
- \* Cartels have employed automatic weapons and grenades and have been seen wearing police or military-like body armor

#### Areas of concern include:

- \* Tijuana
- \* Baja California
- \* Nogales
- \* Ciudad Juarez

#### If traveling in Mexico, the U.S. Department of State advises:

- \* Travel on main roads during daylight hours and avoid isolated locations
- \* Do not display expensive jewelry, large amounts of money or other valuables.
- \* U.S. citizens should cooperate fully with official checkpoints when traveling on Mexican Highways

Source: U.S. Department of State Press Release  
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## NEWS | In Brief

### Sheriff's Department issues crime alert

Adair and other surrounding counties continue to experience a number of thefts from pole barns, or a roof held up by poles, most commonly used for livestock shelter and hay storage, according to a press release from the Adair County Sheriff's Department. These thefts have primarily been occurring during nighttime hours. The Sheriff's Department asks the public to watch for the following types of activity:

- Vehicles (especially those that are not known to frequent the area) driving slowly or repeatedly through the area
- Vehicle headlights and/or flashlights seen in fields
- Unknown persons seen moving about farm storage structures after dark
- Any suspicious noises or machinery noises coming from fields after dark

The Sheriff's Department asks the public to immediately report any suspicious activity in or around farm storage structures to their local law enforcement agency.

### Financial aid cuts back on service hours

Students no longer will need to complete service hours for academic scholarship renewal if the scholarship value is \$1,250 or less per semester, effective for the fall 2009 semester. The increase is a result of committee work throughout the past year. The amount was increased from \$750 or less per semester, a value that was set in fall 2005. Scholarships with a value of \$1,250 or higher per semester will continue to be renewed with 60 hours of service per semester. Students also have the option to receive one-half the value of their scholarship without performing the service hours. The criterion for scholarship renewal has not changed.

### Offices to relocate during break

Admissions Offices are scheduled to move during Mid-term Break to the Ruth Towne Museum and Visitors Center at 101 E. Normal St. Admissions employees will be available on a limited basis March 9-10 because of the process of physically relocating to the new building. Call 660.349.7644 if immediate assistance is needed.

### Counseling services receives grant

Brian Krylowicz, director of University Counseling Services, recently was awarded a \$2,800 grant from the Missouri Department of Mental Health as part of the Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative. Krylowicz said the money will go toward certifying two UCS counselors and two faculty or staff members in the current suicide prevention program called Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR). Only two staff members at UCS are trained as certified instructors of QPR currently. The QPR program is designed to help educate people about what to do if they come across someone that is suicidal and how to appropriately approach the situation.

### Bike Co-op receives donation

Wal-Mart recently donated \$1,000 to the Truman Bike Co-op. The donation was for the development, use and promotion of sustainable transportation. The Co-op's future plans include the construction of a bicycle garden where students will be able to park their bike and sit on benches made from recycled bike parts. For more information about the Bike Co-op visit <http://bikeco-op.truman.edu/>.

### Lyceum Series concludes

The Duke Ellington Orchestra concludes the 2008-09 Lyceum Series with a performance at 7:30 p.m. March 17 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. The orchestra is led by Paul Mercer Ellington, grandson of Duke Ellington. Lyceum tickets are free for all Truman students, faculty and staff. General admission tickets will be on sale in the Truman Business Office, McClain Hall 105. For more information go online to <http://lyceum.truman.edu>.

### Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate approved a money motion in the amount of \$100 to be spent by Lambda Pi Eta for a keynote speaker during Communications Week.
- Senate approved a resolution to support Team Oskar's efforts to bring exiled Russian pop star Oskar to Truman for a concert.
- Senate discussed Provost Troy Paino's proposed restructuring of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Senate discussed the student conduct code's good Samaritan policy.
- Senate discussed the results of Storm the Capital.
- Senate approved a money motion in the amount of \$25 to provide an incentive for a survey of seniors who participated in a form of experiential learning at Truman.

## DPS | Reports

- 3/2 A hit and run was reported in parking lot 22, south of Centennial Hall.
- 2/26 A bicycle was reported stolen near parking lot 27 between Pershing Building and Ryle Hall.

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