

Council meetings to be filmed

KTRM finalizes contract to broadcast biweekly meetings

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A student surfs through channels while taking a study break. There's an American Idol rerun, an old Brad Pitt movie and a recent Kirksville City Council meeting.

News 36 finalized a contract Monday to begin filming the bi-weekly Kirksville City Council meetings. The meetings will be aired later in the week on the city's station, cable channel 3. News 36 filmed a meeting for the first time Monday evening and will film the next two meetings on a trial basis.

If both News 36 and the councilmembers like how things are going after the first three meetings the news team will become a permanent fixture, City Manager Mari Macomber said.

The meetings deal with a variety of issues that pertain to all Kirksville residents — from committee appointments and contracts to citizen concerns and how to spend tax money. The meetings always have been open to the public, but Macomber said the Council has been looking for a way to further publicize its meetings so that more citizens know what is happening in the community.

Macomber said filming the meetings is an option the Council has been discussing for years but that in the past, some councilmembers have been wary. Now, however, all five councilmembers are willing to try it out, at least on a temporary basis, she said.

Dan Rettke, executive producer for News 36, said this project provides valuable experience for the news team while giving the Council the exposure it seeks. The project will cost about \$170



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Junior Alex Halfman conducts an interview as junior Richard Lally mans the camera. They are seen here covering the election at the Republican Headquarters.

per episode, and although it will be funded by the Council, News 36 will provide all the camera people, crew and equipment.

News 36 agreed to return an edited tape to the Council within three days of filming, and in return, has permission to air the footage on channel 3 with the goal of raising student awareness about community issues. The same contract also applies to any other meetings or events the Council might want filmed, he said.

Rettke said he hopes this exposure will get more people, par-

ticularly students, involved in local government.

Councilmember Todd Kuhns said he thinks this contract is beneficial to everyone involved. Currently, the Council does not have a budget for filming meetings so using Truman's services provides a low-cost alternative to creating a program themselves.

At the end of Monday night's meeting, Kuhns thanked the news team for giving the Council the opportunity to "open up meetings to citizens who would like to be here but otherwise can't." He said peo-

ple who don't see the meetings — often for reasons such as distance and timing conflicts — will benefit from this program.

Kuhns said having copies of the meetings on file might lead to fewer disputes about what happens during the meetings: Instead of just going through the minutes, one could actually view the meeting, leading to a much higher degree of clarity.

The meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Monday evening of each month at City Hall.

Campus parking gets attention

BY CAITLIN DEAN
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Construction projects around campus extend beyond residence halls and campus buildings.

Two parking lots recently have received a little extra attention. One project marks the beginning of the Pershing Building renovations, the other focused on smaller, but much-needed, improvements to drainage systems under the lot.

New Pershing Lot

As part of the anticipated Pershing renovations, a new parking lot has been constructed across Franklin, opposite Pershing. Proposed Pershing renovations include the addition of a new wing that will stand where the building's current parking is located. The new lot serves as the first step in the Pershing project, Campus Planner Mark Schultz said. This lot also will become the parking for the large venue space, such as during basketball or volleyball tournaments at Pershing, he said. Once building renovations happen, the lot will be easily accessible from Pershing.

"We're going to put a new west primary public entrance door onto Pershing eventually," Schultz said. "Staging was the first way



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Physical Plant workers conduct repairs on the parking lot between Ryle Hall and Pershing. The original drain was being replaced because it was sunken and cracked.

of getting there."

Truman began construction on the lot over the summer, and a final inspection will be done this weekend to finalize the lot, Schultz said. He said the new lot will hold about

250 cars, the same number of spaces Pershing will lose from its current lot upon building expansion.

Funding for the Pershing renovations is still uncertain. Schultz said it is a 50/50 toss-up right now as

to whether or not Truman will receive the expected funds this spring. He said Truman probably will have to go to the state and ask for other funds.

"We know the building definitely needs a lot of work, and it's just a matter of getting funding together to make it happen," Schultz said.

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said the new lot is useful now, even with the old lot still intact.

"If you come here on a Wednesday night for basketball games, there's nowhere to park out here, so I think that'll be a place for people to park on week-night athletic events in Pershing," he said.

With a new main entrance on the left side of the building, Wollmering said he thinks the new lot will be in a perfect spot, and also will save the hassle of fighting student traffic.

"Last Saturday, I think I saw people who came to the football game use [the new lot]," Wollmering said.

Ryle Hall Lot

Orange construction fencing and wooden barriers have diverted traffic in the Ryle Hall lot since last week, leav-

ing two parking spaces out of commission.

Greg Brown, building trades supervisor, said the problem isn't with the actual parking lot but with the drainage system underneath.

"There's a storm water drain there," he said. "The base had given away and consequently the concrete had settled and broken in that area."

Physical plant workers tore out the concrete and will put new fill and base material under the lot, where the drain grate also has been raised, Brown said.

"This time we're going back and compacting each layer as we lift on the fill," Brown said. "Hopefully that'll alleviate the problem and we won't have the settling issue from now on."

Settling problems seem to be somewhat common in this area, Brown said. The physical plant has been aware of this problem at least since May, when Brown arrived at Truman, he said.

Brown said the missing section of the lot was re-poured Wednesday morning. He said the area probably would be re-opened within a few days for driving and parking.

NEWS | In Brief

Truman ranks high on affordability

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine recently ranked Truman 20th out of the 100 best public colleges when combining economic value with top-notch education.

The top 100 schools were selected from more than 500 four-year colleges and universities. The rankings were based on factors such as admission rates, freshmen retention rates, student-faculty ratios, ACT/SAT scores and, four- and six-year graduation rates.

Truman was also ranked as the fifth best educational value for out-of-state students in the December 2007 issue.

To view the entire list visit <http://www.kiplinger.com/money/collegevalues> or pick up the December issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance on Nov. 11.

Tom Carnahan named keynote speaker

Global Entrepreneurship Week will kick off with a keynote address given by Tom Carnahan, son of late Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and former U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan, at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Violette Hall 1000.

The Kauffman Foundation sponsors Global Entrepreneurship Week, which runs from Nov. 17 to 23. Formerly a real estate developer and lawyer, Tom Carnahan is most recently the founder and president of Wind Capital Group L.L.C., the first wind energy developer in Missouri.

Conference to be held

The 19th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference will take place Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Spanish Room. The conference will feature results from philosophical and religious studies from across the nation. Gregory Pence from the University of Alabama at Birmingham has been selected as the keynote speaker and will present "How to Build a Better Human" during a luncheon address. For more information contact Mike Bova Conti at mjb439@truman.edu or Mike Ashcraft at washcraft@truman.edu.

Lincoln author to visit Truman

Author Timothy Good will be on campus Nov. 5. Good will be visiting history and justice systems classes to discuss his two books, "We Saw Lincoln Shot: One Hundred Eye Witness Accounts" and "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Making of a President." Good will also be signing books from noon to 1 p.m. at the Truman State University Bookstore in the Student Union Building. At 8 p.m., Good will host a fireside chat in the first floor lounge on the south side of Blanton Nason Brewer Hall to further discuss and answer questions about his Lincoln studies.

Benefit concert to take place

Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent and her band The Rage will perform at the Silver Rails Event Center in La Plata, Mo., on Sunday. The concert is in support of National Hospice Month, and all net proceeds will be donated to Hospice of Northeast Missouri in Kirksville and Missouri River Hospice in Macon, Mo. The event will take place at 3 p.m.

Vincent has received seven consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association and has multiple Grammy nominations as well.

Student Senate | In Brief

•Senate approved \$400 for travel and lodging to be used no later than November 16 for the Missouri Higher Education Compact

DPS | Reports

- 11/4 A theft was reported from Barnett Hall.
- 11/2 A theft was reported from the Missouri Hall Cafeteria.
- 11/2 Hector M. Garcia Garcia was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 11/2 Alexander B. Portis was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants by consumption.
- 10/31 Randal T. Gaines was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants by consumption.
- 10/31 A theft was reported in Missouri Hall.
- 10/31 Max Loren Stroup was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 10/30 A theft was reported from Ryle Hall Cafeteria.

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