

# News 36 waits for new studio

BY ROBERT WILLIAMS  
Staff Reporter

The campus TV news show is accumulating a long list of revamps.

Senior Kyle Magee, assistant news director of News 36, said he recalls former News Director Andrew Richmond talking about a plan — a new studio for News 36. By the end of 2006 Richmond's vision became a reality. Now, a second round of bids for the studio are due tomorrow.

The project initially was supposed to be finished last August but suffered from numerous setbacks, said Elizabeth Clark, former News 36 adviser.

"A project of this size is always going to encounter delays," Clark said. "It's been procedural delays, . . . budget delays and technical issues."

Magee said that when the Board of Governors originally approved the budget, News 36 was to receive a total of \$400,000 to build the studio and buy equipment based on University curricu-

lum. The funding and the way the studio received the money changed, which caused the total funding to drop. The engineer also does not have a workshop.

In expectation that the studio would be finished, News 36 left its previous location in Kirk Building and began the move to Barnett, Magee said. The space they used in Kirk now is occupied and leaves no room for News 36.

News 36 will broadcast this semester despite not having a studio. With a staff of about 20, the normal 15 to 20 hours each employee puts in per week will increase to continue

producing the weekly broadcast, Executive Producer senior Dan Rettke said. News 36 airs at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday on Station 36. The program runs again on Wednesday for the rest of Kirksville on Station 3.

Every show News 36 airs includes news, sports and features just like a professional nightly news program, Magee said. All videos are posted on YouTube and the News 36 Web site.

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Elizabeth Clark  
Former News 36 Adviser



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News 36 has a new studio in progress in Barnett Hall. The station hopes to reach more students by bringing a relaxed atmosphere to its show by introducing a lounge set-up instead of a formal news desk.

Because of limitations caused by the unfinished studio, Rettke and Magee said News 36's focus currently is on the Web site.

The Web site has not been updated this school year, but it is scheduled to be updated by the end of next week, Magee said. The Web site eventually will have a star rating system, like YouTube and other popular video sites, but it also will allow students

not involved in News 36 to post response videos. The goal is to get students to show other points of view on the same story, he said.

In an effort to make the program resonate with college students, News 36 plans to divert from the nightly news feel and make the newscast more like a morning show, Magee said. The program also will include features like cooking and comedy.

He said News 36 plans to do away with the typical news desk arrangement and convert to a lounge setting. He said this should give the show a similar feel to "The Morning View" and make it feel as if the anchor is talking about the news with, not to, the audience.

News 36's first broadcast for the year is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 30.

# Superheroes pedal through town next week

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Staff Reporter

Its headquarters is in La Plata, Mo., but a group of superheroes is headed for Kirksville.

The Haul for Justice members tour the country on bicycles while dressed as superheroes and provide community service to people in need. The group is coming to Kirksville Sept. 24 or 25.

Christian Shearer, known as superhero Compashman, said the group performs all kinds of service depending on what's needed in the community.

"We do everything from singing music in elder homes, to cleaning up parks, to bucking hay for a farmer, to stacking wood for an individual, to flipping burgers at a Coast Guard appreciation ceremony," Shearer said.

Shearer said the group generally doesn't call ahead to its destinations and that on most rides they set up the first few stops and then go wherever they're needed.

"We just hop on our bikes, and we ride from town to town offering our service," Shearer said.

Shearer said the group has had more than 500 people bike more than 12,000 miles in 23 states and six countries. He said the Kirksville ride is the 15th ride for the group.

"We estimate that we've done over 50,000 hours of community service as capped heroes," Shearer said.

The group's next ride will be Thursday, Sept. 18 to Rutledge to serve at Dancing Rabbit and Sand Hill Farm. He said that after that, the group will head toward Kirksville. Shearer said that as of right now, they

don't have any specific service lined up in Kirksville but that the group's service is totally random.

"I feel very confident that as we ride in and we fan out over the city and say, 'We're here to help,' . . . we'll find something to do," Shearer said.

Shearer said the riders bring their own supplies and camping materials and don't plan where they're going to stay but usually get put up in places like city parks or volunteers' backyards. He said the superhero dress helps break down barriers and makes people more willing to let the group help them.

The Haul for Justice is a subset of the Possibility Alliance, an experiment in living a lifestyle without cars or electricity that has its headquarters in La Plata.

Shearer said the Haul for Justice came to La Plata after creating a list of 20 character-

istics the group wanted in a piece of land, including loose building codes and proximity to self-sufficient communi-

ties. He said the land in La Plata has 18 of the 20 characteristics the group was looking for.

"They said this is basically a call from the universe, let's dive in," Shearer said.

Ethan Hughes, also known as The Zing, is one of the founders of the Haul for Justice. He said the idea behind the superheroes is to make service a celebration.

Hughes said the Haul for Justice is trying to redefine superheroes. He said that instead of a hero who uses guns

and works for the government, the group want to show superheroes who are mindful of the earth, ride bikes and serve whomever they see.

He said the superheroes not only ride their bikes around the world doing service, they also search

out local superheroes.

"People who every day of the year are working at a homeless center or the com-

munity garden, and we actually have badges that we hand out to celebrate them as superheroes," Hughes said.

Les Stitt, a Truman graduate now living at the La Plata headquarters, said he has committed to stay for a year and will decide what he wants to do when that year is finished.

Stitt said he thought the environmentalism he experienced at Truman was only part-time.

"It was meaningfully integrating help and environmentalism and social justice and political activism into all aspects of my life," Stitt said.

He said he will spend at least a month of his year in La Plata doing some kind of activism off-site.

"The idea is to build a community here that's not isolated from the rest of the world," Stitt said.

"I feel very confident that as we ride in and we fan out over the city and say, 'We're here to help' . . . we'll find something to do."

Christian Shearer  
Haul for Justice Member

## Are You Interested in a Minor in Disability Studies?

The School of Health Sciences and Education (SHSE) is exploring the possibility of developing a minor in Disability Studies. The Disability Studies minor would be of interest to students from many different academic areas. Students interested in the arts, law, medicine, social work, health, nursing, architecture, education, communication disorders, and other liberal arts and sciences disciplines may have a special interest in applying their study to focusing on the needs of disabled populations.

A minor in Disability Studies would provide the opportunity to study the nature, meaning, and consequences of disability in global culture from an integrated perspective. Students interested in interdisciplinary academic work would be provided with rich avenues of new scholarship in fields throughout the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

If a minor in Disability Studies interests you, please attend an informal discussion on Friday, September 5, at 12:30 p.m., in Violette Hall, room 1320. The purpose of the discussion would be to generate ideas and gauge student interest.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Janet Gooch at [jquinzer@truman.edu](mailto:jquinzer@truman.edu) or at 660-785-4672.

## Student Recreation Center To Be Used Temporarily As Back Up For Athletic Teams Due to Flooding of Pershing

Due to the recent flooding of the Pershing Building that ruined the basketball floor, the Student Recreation Center will need to be used temporarily by the Truman volleyball and basketball teams while the Pershing floor is replaced.

The basketball teams will be using one court in the main gym Monday through Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and one court on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Volleyball will be using two courts in the main gym from 2:30 - 4:45 p.m., and one court in the main gym from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. They will be using one court in the main gym on those Fridays when there is a game scheduled

If all goes as planned, the Pershing floor replacement should be complete by Oct. 1st and the teams will return to Pershing for their team workouts.

The Truman Athletic Department greatly appreciates the patience and cooperation of the entire campus over the next 6 weeks.