

Dobson radio returns

After several moves, the student-run station is back

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Students were able to tune in to the first broadcast of the re-opened 107.5 FM Dobson Radio on Sunday evening.

Dobson Radio is a self-funded, independent radio station run by students. Truman provides the room for the station to use, but the equipment is supplied by students. The signal is mostly contained on campus but can sometimes reach as far as Wal-Mart.

Senior radio manager Adrian Zimbelman said the station previously broadcast online, but had to stop because of user fees, restrictions and mandatory music documenting.

The 107.5 station originally was located in the Dobson residence hall before the renovations in 2009. Once renovations started it was re-located to a small room in Ryle Hall that had been the home of the Women's Resource Center. Ryle Hall renovations in fall 2009 moved the station again to a temporary location on the second floor of the building.

When broadcasts began last semester, the station ran into

some problems. All the equipment had been moved to the new location, but the station's transmitter was not connected to the antenna. Without the connection, the broadcast range was limited to Ryle Hall residents.

Zimbelman said that when he became manager, he was not given very much information about the situation.

"I didn't even know what room we were in at the beginning of the semester," Zimbelman said. "Basically, I had to start from scratch."

Zimbelman sought help from Information Technology Services on campus to fix the antenna problem. He thought the antenna might have to be moved closer to the room the station was in.

Jim McNabb, technical director of ITS, said his department was asked to help with the antenna relocation in October. He referred Zimbelman to the Physical Plant because ITS was not allowed to move the antenna due to the ongoing construction.

John Gardner, director of Residence Life, said he was the communication tool between the station, ITS and the Physical Plant.

"I've been trying to facilitate it just to get it to happen," Gardner said. "I've been trying to help out the radio station so they could participate in the activity."

Building trades supervisor



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Adrian Zimbelman works at the Dobson Radio. The station switched locations several times due to construction.

Greg Brown said the antenna did not need to be moved. The Plant helped to run the necessary cabling over the roof and into the room through the window, but ITS connected it.

Brown said the Ryle Hall construction caused delays for the station. The antenna was taken down by the contractors during construction in that area, but recently was put back up.

"It took awhile, but finally everything came together," Brown said. "We did our part and whatever we could to help."

The antenna was finally connected during the second week of this semester. After fixing problems with their computer playlist, the station was able to broadcast.

Zimbelman said he is glad the station is up and running again, but the original obstacles were especially frustrating.

"We went two or three weeks with our DJs doing shows," Zimbelman said. "You could listen to yourself on the radio in the room we were broadcasting in, but when you went outside of Ryle anywhere, you couldn't get it. It was frustrating having DJs come in and not have their friends hear them."

Zimbelman wants the radio station to be open to anyone who wants to participate.

"We want to keep it that way to let average Joes who are just interested in playing music be able to have a place to do that," he said.

Senate supports smoking ban

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No more butts on campus. Cigarette butts, at least. If Student Senate has its way, smoking will no longer be allowed on campus as of Fall 2012.

Senate voted 10 to nine in support of a resolution against smoking on campus at its meeting Sunday night. Two senators abstained.

Senate supports the implementation of designated smoking areas beginning Fall 2010, as well as signs informing visitors, students, faculty and staff of the areas, according to the resolution. This would lead to an eventual campus-wide smoking ban in Fall 2012.

Senate tied seven to seven when voting on a resolution stating people must smoke 20 feet away from buildings in October 2009.

Sophomore Isaac Robinson, Senate vice president, wrote the resolution. He said Senate debated the issue for more than an hour at its meeting Sunday.

Robinson said the discussion among the senators was nerve-wracking.

"I'm glad that the Senate took action on it and decided to be pro-active on an issue and not be timid about it," he said.

Robinson told Senate that a smoking ban would save the University \$300,000 in health insurance because premiums would decrease with a smoke-free campus. He said this would save approximately four faculty positions or give a 1 percent raise to all faculty.

Senior senator Dan Heagney voted against the resolution, saying it disenfranchises smokers and international students.

"I recognize that it does impact some people, but on the flip side, stopping smoking, as bad as it is for someone's health, that's a right that they have, and I don't think we should be telling them when and where they should do it, especially when it's public property," he said.

Heagney said he was upset that Senate spent time discussing the possible savings because it was not in the resolution, and he



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Senator Dan Heagney (right) outlines his reasons for not supporting the smoking resolution at the Student Senate meeting Sunday night.

doesn't think DPS would be able to enforce a smoke-free campus.

Heagney said he hopes to get 300 signatures on a petition to have the issue placed on the Student Senate ballot in April. He said once students have a chance to make the direct decision, the issue finally will be resolved.

Judy Mullins, chair of the Benefits Committee, said her committee oversees benefits Truman employees receive. She said the committee recommended a non-smoking policy to Interim President Darrell Krueger.

"We are recommending non-smoking in whatever format works best for the University," she said. "We thought the people that had to enforce it needed to be involved, and we thought Physical Plant needed to take a look."

Krueger said he is in support of a smoking ban on campus.

"I think it would help the University refocus on wellness," he said. "We are a green campus. Part of being green is to consider the costs of unhealthy living."

Krueger said that once constituency groups, including Staff Council and Fac-

ulty Senate, submit their recommendations, the president at the time could create a policy proposal that would then be submitted to the Board of Governors. The Board would then vote on the policy. Krueger said this would not happen while he is in office, and he is unsure whether the Board would support a ban.

"You have a right to smoke, and you have a right not to smell smoke," he said. "So two rights come opposed to each other."

Provost Troy Paino said he would be willing to listen to constituency groups about a smoking ban on campus.

"I want to do everything possible to promote a healthy lifestyle on campus, and if smoking cessation is the best way to get there, I would be supportive of that," he said. "But before I support that, I would also want to hear those who think it is possible to do all of those things but allow people the freedom to smoke in designated areas. I think that is a viewpoint that is out there that I want to hear."

NEWS | In Brief

Student Senate hosts census event

Student Senate will sponsor an informational session about the importance of the 2010 Census from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight in the SUB Georgian Room C. Guest speakers include a U.S. Census Representative, Mayor of Kirksville Martha Rowe and President-Elect Troy Paino. Prizes and food will be provided.

Forensics team wins state title

The Truman Forensics team won the state title for the first time since 2004. The team also won the Bob Derryberry Overall Award and the Harold Lawson Overall Debate Award. Several individuals also won awards. For more information about the team, contact Director of Forensics Kristi Scholten at kscholten@truman.edu

DPS provides shuttle service

The Department of Public Safety will provide a shuttle service to the La Plata Amtrak station at 9 a.m. March 6 and back at 7 p.m. March 14. Shuttle reservation is \$5 and is due by March 4. For reservations or questions e-mail joycecook@truman.edu.

First Book raises money for literacy

First Book will be selling buttons from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 17 in the SUB to raise money to buy books for Kirksville Children. Buttons will be one dollar each and for every two buttons bought, the organization will provide a local child with one book. For more information contact cub6875@truman.edu.

Student Senate hosts forum

Student Senate will host a forum and rally for the Google Fiber for Kirksville project from 8 to 10 p.m. tonight in Violette 1000. Senate will provide information and address questions about the project.

Counselor applications available

Students now can apply to be a Scholastic Enhancement Experience Counselor. The counselors will spend two weeks in August teaching students about Truman and its resources. Applications are due by 5 p.m. March 12 and can be found at <http://mac.truman.edu>. E-mail bthomas@truman.edu for more information.

Students can apply to be counselors

Phi Kappa Theta will host a Children's Miracle Network PlayStation 2 Game Drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the SUB. Students are invited to donate new or used games to benefit hospitalized children. Only E rated games will be accepted. For more information contact Thomas Faust at 314-686-2507.

Fraternity hosts game drive

The Nursing Student Association will sell Harvard of the Midwest T-shirts from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Friday in the Student Union Building. Students can order the T-shirts for \$10 each, in colors including teal, pink, green, maroon, purple and grey.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a resolution supporting the Vision Document.
- Student Senate passed a resolution to provide \$2,061 for the Vision Document Banquet.
- Student Senate passed a resolution to create designated smoking areas on campus and eventually create a smoke free campus in Fall 2012.
- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$200 to buy reusable containers for the SUB Mainstreet Market.
- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$1400 to print copies of the Vision Document.

Crime | Reports

- 2/27 Ashton Cassmeyer was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- 2/22 Less than \$500 was stolen from a car in the parking lot outside of Grim-Smith hospital.

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