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Junior Spencer Clark (right) and senior Mike McCarthy practice their fishing techniques Tuesday evening after placing third in the Forret L. Wood National Guard Fishing Tournament in Iowa last August. Clark and McCarthy started a fishing club at Truman two years ago, and they fund their own activities.

FISH | Two students start their own fishing club, teach about sportsmanship and the outdoors, win cash at national tournament

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be expensive.

"You don't have any coaching," Clark said. "It's all on yourself to do good. Plus you're funding it all, so if you're not cashing checks [or] making money, you're going to be losing a lot of money. So there's also the financial strain in trying to do this."

He said the club doesn't currently receive any funding from the University, but hopes to receive some in the future. Clark has several sponsors who support him, such as Tru-Tungsten and Smack Tackle.

McCarthy said expenses include entrance fees to tournaments, transportation costs, fishing rods, reels and equipment. A good rod and reel can be expensive.

"You're looking at $600," McCarthy said. "It can be very costly."

He said that contrary to many people's opinion, fishing involves a considerable amount of skill and practice.

"People think it's a lot of luck, and it's not as much luck as you think," McCarthy said. "[It's] your skills. Your time on the water, it's gonna pay off."

McCarthy said he and Clark are going to Kentucky during midterm break to spend time on the lake where the regional tournament will be held.

Clark said spending time on the water helps anglers understand what fish do under certain conditions. He also said fishing requires mental strength.

"Most of fishing is mental," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of tournament fishing is mental. Everybody can cast, everybody can throw a line.

"You only have eight hours in a day in order to catch five fish. Time management is critical ... but to really get good you have to spend a lot of time on the water, listen to other anglers who are successful, try to learn from them. And also, a lot of practice."

Jon Gering, dean of the school of science and mathematics and adviser to the fishing club, said fishing can be a grueling sport.

"Fishing for eight hours a day is an exhausting thing to do," Gering said. "When you cast, and you're out exposed to the elements, and you're thinking all the time about where the fish are, what lures to use, what rods and reels to use ... it's very intellectually and physically demanding."

Gering said the fishing club at Truman promotes sportsmanship and the outdoors. He said many colleges are as dedicated to fishing as they are to other sports.

"Schools are very serious about their fishing teams," Gering said. "They have boats and jerseys with their school logos on them."

He said the success Clark and McCarthy have achieved is noteworthy and should be recognized by others at the University.

"Anybody who has ever tried to catch fish understands that what they've done is remarkable," Gering said. "To do this competitively takes a lot of will and a lot of dedication, and they've done that."

GRAFFITI | Four campus buildings spray painted

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"Unfortunately, no there was no connection," Johnson said. "We were kind of hoping there was but there wasn't."

Burden said McNiff had spray painted several places around campus, including the east side and west entrance of Ophelia Parrish and the northwest corner of Blanton Nason Brewer Hall.

"It's not too easy to see, which I'm glad about that, and fortunately we were able to stop him before he did any more so that's good," Burden said. "I think hardly anyone has noticed it."

The message sprayed was, "Google Zeitgeist: Addendum and watch it!" Burden said.

"To me, [the video] appeared to be about capitalism in the United States, and how there's a better way to lead a world order than through a capitalistic society, so not necessarily something I would agree with personally but he's got his own view, just chose a poor way to share it with people," Burden said.

FLU | Drive-thru distributes flu vaccinations to Kirksville residents and students for free last week

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an efficient alternative without sacrificing personal interaction between client and patient, Stewart said.

The drive-thru method became a practical means to distribute influenza vaccinations because patients can be serviced fast and efficiently while they are seated in their cars, he said.

It's ideal in an emergency situation to keep individuals from co-mingling and spreading illness to others waiting to be treated, Stewart said. Coordinating with one of the radio stations in Kirksville is an additional option under consideration. It would to provide general information to people while they are waiting in their cars in case of a real emergency.

"We feel we were successful," Stewart said. "Would we be able to do this in a full blown real emergency? Sure. Can we meet in about [a] 48-hour period of time? We believe we can, as long as we can get some assistance."

It's a community-wide effort that could serve the area if need be, said Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center.

The Department of Public Safety was present and offered their services to aid in traffic control, said Thomas Johnson, director of public safety.

"In case an emergency did flutter up we could respond," he said.

Walk-in patients are still accepted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Adair County health center. Truman's health center is now accepting walk-ins for students interested in receiving influenza vaccinations.

CONCERT | Singer, songwriter Regina Spektor will stop at Truman for SAB concert series in November

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relax and enjoy her talents kind of show."

McManimie said she expects many of the 2,500 available tickets will be sold to general admission.

Beth Katz, a senior at Brandeis University in Waltham Mass., works for Student Events, the organization that brought Spektor to her school in October 2007. Katz said the event sold out a few days prior to the show, and students really enjoyed the concert.

"I thought it was a good concert, but her music doesn't appeal to everyone," Katz said. "The people who liked her music liked the concert."

Sophomore Audra Schickler said she was excited to see Spektor is coming to Truman.

"It's really awesome because I know all her music," Schickler said. "She's not my favorite, but I know my roommate will be really excited to hear that."

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