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Hip hop parody performers Turquoise Jeep are performing at Truman on Dec. 9. The group has gained its notoriety from YouTube videos such as "Lemme Smang it" and "Fried or Fertilized," which have millions of views.

Turquoise Jeep to perform at Truman

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Because of increased cost and lack of availability of performers slated on last semester's entertainment survey, the Student Activities Board fall concert will feature the YouTube sensation Turquoise Jeep on Dec. 9. The main concert this year selected with student input will be in the spring. The slated artists are on a TruView survey that will close the same day as the fall concert. "We had various artists surveyed last year to perform this fall such as Kid Cudi and Jason Mraz, but the artists either increased their price or were not available," said freshman Caity Biberdorf, SAB concert committee member. "We had heard about Turquoise Jeep and that sparked our interest and we decided 'why not?'" She said SAB usually chooses the performer based on top-voted choices of students in the entertainment survey, as well as

what artist is affordable and available. This year's fall concert costs similar to a SAB coffee house event, SAB President senior Joanna Leath said. She said SAB is not required to gather student ballots for events that cost less than \$15,000. The spring concert will be more expensive and students will vote on the artist, she said. Because more bands tour during the spring, it likely will be less expensive and easier to book the student-selected performer for next semester, she said. Some students are opposed to Turquoise Jeep performing because of their controversial lyrics. "Being a woman and older sister I don't think it's entertaining to attack and degrade a group of people," junior Fallyn Lee said. "It's interesting to me that all the songs seem to degrade women. If it were a religious or ethnic group it would ruffle more feathers." She said she thinks SAB has sponsored

great events in the past, but she thinks it's irresponsible and a poor use of funds to bring a group to campus she called vulgar. Biberdorf said the performance is simply for entertainment value and should not be taken so seriously. Sophomore LaMesha Brown said she thinks Turquoise Jeep is criticized because its lyrics could be considered inappropriate and it is a less well-known group than previous performers. Turquoise Jeep CEO Flynt Flossy said they are excited to perform and meet their fans after the show. "We're just expressing ourselves and believe in creative freedom," Flossy said. The group consists of artists Flossy, Whatchyamacallit, Pretty Raheem, Yung Humma and Slick Mahony. On their Facebook fan page the group cites some of their influences are New Edition, Lil Kim and Outkast, their motto being "If you ain't down ... you out."

Fraternity raises AIDS awareness

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In honor of today being World AIDS Day, Phi Beta Sigma has partnered with other organizations to inform students about HIV/AIDS and safe sex practices. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Student Union Building, Phi Beta Sigma, in partnership with the Women's Resource Center and Delta Sigma Theta, will have tables set up with information about HIV/AIDS, pamphlets about safe sex practices including condom use, and approximately 75 free condoms. Phi Beta Sigma has been accepting donations to the American Foundation for AIDS Research at their tables in the SUB all week and has collected approximately \$200 for the foundation. Senior Shawn Glispie, Phi Beta Sigma President, said part of their organization's national objective includes promoting awareness and combating HIV/AIDS, which takes place this week during their week of service. "People should feel free to stop by our tables or come to the vigil and it's completely free," Glispie said. "Any donations that people are willing to and can give are still really appreciated." Senior Corrinne Schwarz, Women's Resource Center director, said they are contributing the free condoms and safe sex brochures. "I think that [HIV/AIDS] is something that you don't hear a lot about on campus and I think it's important to constantly remember that even though we think that it's something that doesn't affect us as college students, it actually can," she said. Schwarz said she hopes students won't feel awkward about taking condoms or information because they want to raise awareness for World AIDS Day for students' health. The National AIDS Trust, a charity from the United Kingdom, created World AIDS Day in 1988 "to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died," according to the World AIDS Day website. The website states that 90 percent of people with HIV/AIDS were infected through sexual contact, which is a reason why Schwarz said it's important to understand safe sex practices. For more information about World AIDS Day, visit www.worldaidsday.org.

Student-athletes rank first in MIAA

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The academic success rate of Truman's student athletes ranks the highest among all institutions in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association, according to the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Graduation Rates Report. The report, released by the NCAA this October, represents the graduation rates of student athletes who entered college between 2001 and 2004. Every year, each institution submits academic data to the NCAA. Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said the MIAA conference consists of 11 institutions in the Midwest area. Truman ranks the highest among 11 institutions with a 95 percent graduation rate. The national rate is 72 percent. Northwest Missouri State University is second with 83 percent, followed by Pittsburg State University with 79 percent and University of Central Missouri with 75 percent. Wollmering said Truman sports teams have been ranked the highest in terms of Academic Success Rates for seven years in a row.



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Freshman Janae Fritze, who plays for the womens soccer team, Tuesday night for her five mandatory study hours. Soccer players are required to her spend five hours studying per week their first semester and maintain a 3.0 GPA after or they must continue those hours.

Every sport at Truman had an Academic Success Rate above 80 percent, with all but two above 90 percent, according to an Athletic Department press release. Seven of Truman's 10 womens programs had a 100 percent Academic Success Rate. Mens basketball's 83 percent and football's 88 percent were top among all programs in the MIAA. Matthew Woodley, mens basketball head coach, said being an athlete means traveling a lot during the season and missing class-

es. However, the department lets athletes know ahead of time what the schedule might be and how many days of classes they might miss during the semester. The athletes usually have to spend 20 hours a week practicing, which does not include travel time, Woodley said. Most receive athletic scholarships from the Athletic Department. He said the athletes have to maintain a certain GPA to stay on the team, depending on what year and major they are. Woodley said the athletes have to be self-disciplined and aware of what they are going after. During the recruiting, the department will choose students who are capable of doing well in both the sports field and the academic field. Sophomore basketball player Marek Bush had an overall GPA of 3.46, which was the highest among his team last year. Bush said tough at times, but he just needs to be focused and engaged. He always tries to catch up with homework and reading while he is traveling, he said. Bush said the team has group study sessions every Sunday and Monday night where upper classmen give advice to the freshmen.

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