

Tom Thumb showcases art



Adam Antor/Index Above, junior Jackson Tyler performs with his band "GRBAC" during the Tom Thumb Art Exhibition April 13 at the Aquadome. Right, student artwork is displayed in the gallery. The theme for this year's show was "Pulp Art."



Truman hosts Appeals Court

Missouri Court of Appeals conducts hearings at Truman

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The Missouri Court of Appeals convened at Truman State last week as part of the court's outreach program.

A three-judge panel conducted hearings for five cases beginning April 10 in the Student Union Building, according to a press release by the court's Western District. The panel consisted of three members of the Western District court — Joseph Ellis, Lisa White Hardwick and Cynthia Martin — along with guest Judge Robert Clayton from Missouri's Eastern District Court who stepped in for Hardwick during the second half of the proceedings.

The hearings were open to the public and attendees were permitted to come and go throughout the proceedings.

During the court recess, the judges spoke with citizens and answered questions from students.

The panel of judges outlined the appeals process and the role of the court in determining the outcome of the case.

The judges also met with the students studying political science, criminal justice and pre-law by asking about their plans for the future and elaborating about the details of a judiciary position.

"The decision statement we write is about the equivalent

of a research paper for one of your classes," Ellis said.

Criminal justice professor Marty Jayne said the court comes to Truman about once a year. He said it gives his students a chance to observe the appeals court firsthand, making for a great learning opportunity.

Terence Lord, Western District Court of Appeals Clerk, said the court travels to various locations throughout the Western District, convening at about eight public universities including Northwest Missouri State, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Truman.

Lord said this outreach program, nicknamed "The Roadshow," has been a part of the court's schedule for 21 years.

He said the goal of the program is to provide to have access to and learn about the appeals court process by bringing it closer to home.

"One of the reasons we do it is to give people an opportunity to see how the appeals process works," Lord said. "We know it's not terribly easy for people to just sort of come to Kansas City to see that."

Lord said he has been with the court for about 35 years, the last 18 of which he worked as the clerk of the court. He said as the administrator for the Western District Court of Appeals, he customarily travels with the judges during trips for the outreach program.

Looking back at his experience with the program, Lord said he thinks the justices appreciate this aspect of their job and the opportunities it presents.

Student Senate plans to restart glass recycling program

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The Student Senate Environmental Affairs Committee is working to restart glass recycling at Truman State.

After discontinuing glass recycling several years ago, sophomore Valerie Dobson, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, said new opportunities for glass recycling have become available.

Dobson said Truman originally stopped recycling glass because the costs outweighed the benefits — Truman was paying too much for maintaining the glass grinder and for trucks to deliver the glass to Columbia, Mo., because there were no local glass recycling facilities, she said.

That changed, Dobson said, because Ripple Glass LLC, a glass recycling company from Kansas City, Mo., is willing to make the trip to Kirksville to pick up stockpiled glass.

Dobson said for Ripple Glass to make the trip to Kirksville, the City must have more than 20 tons of glass stockpiled, and it must be kept in a bunker, a three-walled structure about eight feet wide and 16 feet long.

To obtain such a large amount of glass, Dobson said she plans to get the entire Kirksville community involved.

"Normally there are a lot of students on campus that would like to recycle glass, but if we involve the community and the faculty then we'll have glass for them to come and collect," Dobson said. "A lot of people really enjoy recycling — especially glass since glass is such a good recyclable material. Its recycling life is endless."

To involve the community, Dobson has been in contact with City officials. She said ideally, the City would agree to build the bunker on City land, and in re-



Anna Grace/Index Recycling bins line a wall of Magruder Hall. The Student Senate Environmental Affairs Committee is researching new options to begin recycling glass again.

turn Truman would provide volunteers to collect glass and coordinate recycling efforts.

Brad Selby, Kirksville Codes and Planning Director, said Kirksville used to recycle glass several years ago, but Veolia Environmental Services had no market for it.

"Veolia, which is our recycling company for residential pickup, does not have any vendors that will accept glass,"

Selby said. "Basically our contract says that the city of Kirksville and Veolia will both work towards finding a way to get glass if there's a market for it."

He said if there's a market in Kansas now, it's possible Veolia will be interested, and building a bunker might not be necessary.

"I believe Veolia will pick up glass in all the residential areas," Selby said. "They'll pick it up if they've got a market

and if the market's in Kansas City — all the recycling goes to Chillicothe, Mo., anyway. They would separate it down there."

Selby said another reason not to build the bunker is the city doesn't have an ideal place for it.

"The problem is who's going to get that glass to the bunker," Selby said. "The only place we have to build that bunker is public works and it's locked after hours and not open on weekends. You've got to have something that's accessible."

Donna Utter, Director of Business Development at Ripple Glass, said she would like to add Kirksville to the list of communities from which Ripple Glass picks up glass. She said Kirksville would not be the farthest community Ripple Glass drives to.

Utter said Ripple Glass uses the glass to make small cullets that can be sold to other companies to make a variety of products, including fiberglass insulation and beer bottles. She said due to the technology Ripple Glass uses, it's not necessary to sort the glass by color, which makes it easier to recycle.

"There's a lot of benefit for manufacturers to use old glass rather than raw materials to make their products," Utter said. "The number one reason is energy consumption — it uses 40 percent less energy than using raw materials."

Utter said if provided a community has more than 20 tons of glass — about one truckload — Ripple Glass will pick it up. She said a city the size of Kirksville should be able to provide three truckloads per year, based on Environmental Protection Agency estimates. She said she's hopeful Truman and Kirksville can work together to recycle glass again.

"We're not going to give up on Kirksville," Utter said. "We're going to find a way."

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