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Volunteers show support for AIDS victims by packaging meals
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Student room floods



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Grim Hall residents help move items from the floor of freshman Grace Hobbs' room after heavy rains flooded part of the building April 17. Hobbs and her roommate spent the night with friends until Physical Plant employees could clean the water.

Parts of Grim Hall flooded, including a student room

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Heavy rain flooded a student-occupied room April 17 in Grim Hall.

Freshman Grace Hobbs said she and her roommate noticed water leaking into the first-floor room from their building's foundation at about 10 p.m. and eventually covered the floor with about a quarter inch of water. Hobbs said people from the entire residence hall were able to move their belongings off the floor and prevent them from being damaged. Two other

student rooms and two lounges in the building were flooded, but not badly enough to cause an evacuation of the room.

Physical Plant employees arrived the next morning to clean up the water, but Hobbs said they were not there early enough. She said she called the University Fix-It Line and the emergency line, but neither could offer assistance during

the night.

"We pay like \$6,500 to live in a room that you share with another person, and then it floods," Hobbs said. "Nobody was here to help except our friends. Nobody from the University was here to help."

Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider said the Fix-It Line employees wouldn't have been

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Accelerated Nursing Program debuts

BY DAN ROMINE
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The first class of Truman State's new Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing program begins Tuesday, May 28.

The ABSN program will accept 10 to 15 students and last a total of 15 months — two summers and a full academic year — nursing department chair Stephanie Powelson said. She said any student who has taken the 17 prerequisite courses and has the minimum GPA — 2.75 cumulative and 2.5 departmental — is eligible for the program.

Truman's nursing program started during 1960, Powelson said.

"Truman's kind of happy with the size we are and nursing's been happy with the size we are, so this is challenging to add a new program," she said.

The program will incorporate students of the ABSN program into classes with those in the BSN program during the academic year.

"We thought we could accommodate 10 to 15 accelerated students given all the situations in terms of faculty staffing, clinical sites, et cetera," Powelson said.

Powelson said the program consists of three online classes and two assessment classes during the summer, followed by 12 credit hours during the fall and spring, clinical electives during the second summer and 14 credits during the second fall.

There are about 25 other nursing programs in Missouri and many of them have accelerated programs, Powelson said. She said most of the students in the new ABSN program are Truman students. She said Truman nursing students come from a variety of areas, with about 33 percent coming from St. Louis, 25 percent from Kansas City and 15 percent from central Missouri.

"We haven't really publicized as much as we hope to in the future, so that makes sense that most of them have heard about it by being a student at Truman," Powelson said. "I think that in future years we'll have more applicants."

Because of the addition of new students to the program, Truman is opening a tenured faculty position in the nursing department, Powelson said. The new position, in addition to a \$150,000 grant from the Board of Nursing, will help pay for the cost of the program. She said the grant lasts three years, and though Truman failed to receive it during its first year, the University was successful for the second and will try for the third. She said this year it was given to eight Missouri schools, and

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Athletic updates approved

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Student Senate approved two new projects to improve athletic facilities during a meeting April 14.

Senate approved locker replacements in the women's and men's varsity swimming locker rooms and the women's cross country and track locker room. They also voted to replace three hammer cage nets that are part of the track stadium, said senior Dimonique McGruder, Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chairman.

The locker replacements are budgeted at \$50,000 and the new nets at \$20,000, McGruder said. She said the committee budgets more money than necessary to accommodate possible unforeseen issues.

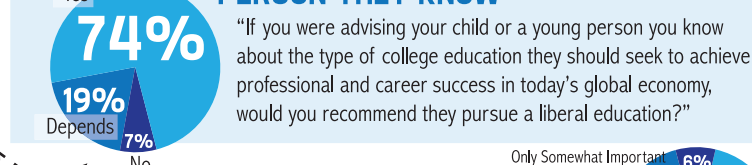
The Athletic Fee Accountability Committee proposed the locker replacements as part of a series of improvements made to Pershing during the past five years, including the bleachers and other locker rooms, McGruder said.

She said lockers in all three locker rooms have rotted bottoms and only are half-usable by athletes. The teams do not have large enough budgets to replace lockers, so the committee took the task on, McGruder said.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A LIBERAL EDUCATION

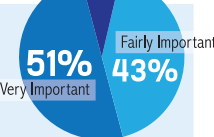
THREE OUT OF FOUR WOULD RECOMMEND A LIBERAL EDUCATION TO THEIR OWN CHILD OR A YOUNG PERSON THEY KNOW



"If you were advising your child or a young person you know about the type of college education they should seek to achieve professional and career success in today's global economy, would you recommend they pursue a liberal education?"

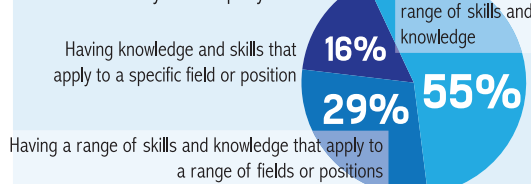
EMPLOYERS ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF A LIBERAL EDUCATION

Employers were asked, "How important is it for today's colleges to provide this type of education?"



A MAJORITY OF EMPLOYERS AGREE THAT BOTH SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND A BROAD RANGE OF SKILLS ARE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS

"Which is more important for recent college graduates who want to pursue advancement and long-term career success at your company?"



*according to a survey by Hart Research Associates

Employers, educators join compact

Truman State is the only Missouri university to sign the LEAP Compact

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Truman State is one of more than 100 public and private colleges and universities across the U.S. to sign the Liberal Education and America's Promise Employer Educator Compact.

This compact, released April 10, is an

agreement between colleges, businesses and nonprofits across the country to ensure students have the necessary skills to succeed in the workforce.

Truman is the only institute of higher education in Missouri to sign the compact.

"It's more than a conversation," University President Troy Paino said. "It's a commitment on both educators and employers to work together to try and ensure that our graduates are competent in the intellectual skills they need to be successful."

Paino said this compact was initiated

by the Association of American Colleges and Universities' LEAP Presidents' Trust during fall 2012. Paino said he is part of the Presidents' Trust, a group of private and public college presidents committed to liberal arts and sciences education.

Debra Humphreys, AACC&U Policy and Public Engagement Vice President, said more than 160 employers from the public and private sectors have joined the compact, ranging from financial institutions and defense firms to nonprofits and manufacturing companies.

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