

## Snow covers campus



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Snow collects on the Joseph Baldwin statue by the Kirk Memorial on Feb. 21. The snow caused the University to cancel all classes held before 9:30 Feb. 22.

# Some items should remain personal



**Staff reporter explains what should and should not be shared**

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Wild animals mark their territory to show other animals to stay away. After sharing a room with three other women, I'm starting to think marking my territory sounds like a good idea.

Generally, my roommates and I share our groceries. We all

pitch in to buy necessities like Pop-Tarts, chips and ramen, but some things are off-limits, like foods or treats from care packages from family members.

I came back from classes the other day to discover the mountain of cookies my mom sent me had shrunk to a mere two cookies sitting on the plate. It was then I realized I had to do something.

I'm from a big family. I'm the oldest of seven children, from 18 to 2 years old. In a big family, you learn to hide items you don't want others to take. Writing "Emily's Food: Keep Out," wasn't very effective with the younger kids who couldn't read. Instead, family members tucked certain items they were unwilling to share on the top shelves of cabinets, buried them under "healthy" food Mom bought from the store that no one ever ate or placed them in the farthest corners of the refrigerator.

In a residence hall, however, there are only so many places to hide things. My dresser drawers might be a safe bet, but my cookies would end up smelling like socks. Anywhere else is visible and could be seen as "fair

game" to my roommates.

Of course, I'm only joking. If you're stuck in a situation where your roommates don't understand some things are not meant to be shared, the best course of action is to talk to them about it. If it's a store-bought item, let them know you'd be glad to share with them if they split the cost with you. If you don't want them eating the cupcakes your mom sent with your care package, tell them. Explain you've been looking forward to the package and would rather not share. If you don't mind them eating a few, give them one but tell them you'd like to keep the rest to yourself.

Good roommates will understand. After all, they probably have items that are "off-limits" as well.

Stating what is and is not "share-able" in a clear but not overbearing way can help solve the problem of keeping things to yourself in a small space with many people.

Those are steps I'm going to take. If that doesn't work, I just thought of the perfect hiding spot for my mom's homemade cookies.

# Weather has the power to unite people



**Shared weather experiences help humans bond**

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The other day, it snowed. I saw pictures, Facebook status updates and tweets and heard commentary from everyone I saw, but I didn't mind. I was in the lounge of my residence hall, anxiously waiting for the email that would free me from school the following day.

When we received the text notification informing us we would not have to attend our early morning classes, everyone on the floor shared our excitement through short, jubilant conversations. The snow was a hot topic.

Weather is a great unifier of people because it affects all of us. When it snows here, Truman State students, faculty, and staff wake up and have to trek through it, dig cars out of it or play in it. We are at its mercy, and as we discuss how we will be unable to drive or what will happen to our plans once they're threatened by snow, we are reminded of our humanity. We all are people facing the cold, the hot, the rain or the snow.

No one can control how slick the roads are or if conditions are bad enough for class to be cancelled, but everyone can have

an opinion. The opinions might be opposing, but ultimately, they make no difference in the final result. Unlike other arguments people might have, such as who to vote for or what to believe, no action can be taken that will change the end result. The weather will not change because of what people believe. This means there is no reason for people to get too wound up about who thinks what because, in the end, the amount of support for one side or the other makes no difference.

Weather is a good conversation topic because whether short or tall, young or old, rich or poor, everyone experiences it. Shared weather experiences, as well as unusual ones, make good discussion topics between people.

Missouri weather is particularly good for conversation because, as everyone jokes, wait a few minutes if you don't like it and it will change. If it's a beautiful day, everyone can celebrate and enjoy it. If it's rotten out, everyone can bemoan it together.

Some people like snow and some people don't, but everyone that lives in an area that receives snow can experience and talk about it.

A weather emergency also unites people. When a hurricane or terrible snowstorm strikes, there often is a great push for relief efforts. Again, the natural destruction by a non-human source unites us all together as humans, not against one another, but to recover together from something much bigger than us.

The feeling of powerlessness in relation to weather can make us feel small and not so different from any other human. During a weather tragedy, a person can turn to any other human and find a fellow person who is on their side.

Whether it snows, sleets, hails or the sun shines, take a minute to ask the person next to you, "How's the weather?" and I bet they'll have something to say.

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