

Snow closes area schools

For the third time during the past 40 years, Truman State closed its campus due to snow

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Truman State and other area schools cancelled classes because of winter weather last Tuesday.

Budget Director Dave Rector said factors contributing to the cancelation of classes include the amount of snow expected, if there will be ice and what time the snow will fall. When classes were canceled Tuesday, the decision was announced at about 5 p.m. Wednesday. The Kirksville School District cancelled classes Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

Rector said many people are consulted when making the decision to close down the University. The Department of Public Safety consults with the National Weather Service and the City of Kirksville to predict the state of the roads, Rector said.

Rector said University President Troy Paino makes the final decision.

"When we think about closing or not, we think about how much disruption it's going to cause for students," Rector said.

Technology makes it easier to spread the word that classes are canceled, Rector said.

Director of Public Relations Heidi Templeton said students are contacted by the emergency text messaging system and by email. She said a school closing message also is posted on Truman's website.

Rector said the school only has closed three times during the past 40 years. He said other colleges quickly cancel because students have to commute, but Truman is mainly a residential university. Rector said concern for the faculty and staff and their ability to get to Truman in the weather conditions is a major concern when deciding to close.

DPS Police Chief Thomas Johnson said he communicates with KTVO for updates about the weather.

Patrick Williams, Kirksville RIII School District Superintendent, said deciding to close schools can be made during the early morning or late evening, depending on when the weather comes. Williams said he makes the final decision. He said parents and students are informed of cancellations by announcements on



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Snow is piled up along the sides of First Street. Anticipating snow and ice on the roads, Truman State cancelled classes last Tuesday. While many University officials were consulted, University President Troy Paino made the final decision to cancel classes.

the radio, the TV stations and the school's website or by text message.

Grounds Supervisor Luke Mudd said the first priority after a large snow storm is clearing the roads that the delivery services use. He said another top priority is getting the main perimeter and main sidewalks cleared on campus.

Mudd said they had 400 bags of salt at the beginning of the last storm with some left afterward. He said the sidewalks get salted but the effectiveness depends on the area of campus.

The north side of Ryle Hall get less sunlight than the south side, said Mudd, and the snow melts faster on the south side.

Mudd said if somebody does have a concern they can call the Physical Plant and Mudd will investigate the situation. He said they clean up after a few days when the snow is melting.

"We want everyone to be safe," Mudd said.

1. 18" 1967
2. 12" 1971
3. 9.5" 1937
4. 8" 1958, 1982
5. 7.6" 1940
6. 7.5" 1959
7. 7.4" 1979
8. 7" 1929, 2003
9. 6" 1927, 1948, 1960
10. 5.6" 1997

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