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ITS fixes registration issues

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Students experienced temporary registration issues Tuesday morning because of a delay with the banner system's recovery after a routine data backup.

Donna Liss, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology Services, said ITS became aware of the problem at 6 a.m. and by about 7:35 a.m. the Blackboard system had been restored and students were able to register.

Liss said the system paused and did not relaunch like it should have after the routine nightly data backup that takes place from 3 to 5 a.m. The database system has problems relaunching less than once a year, and Liss said she does not expect the problem to interfere with registration again.

Students with 107 to 124.9 credit hours were eligible to register for spring 2013 classes for the first time Tuesday morning. These students, such as senior Alec Sydlow, had trouble registering.

Sydlow said when he logged on to TruView at 7 a.m. and attempted to register, "Access Denied" popped up on his screen. When he tried to log into DegreeWorks, he said the completed class list was "completely blank" and it didn't show any of his classes or credits.

When he saw other Truman students posting about issues with registration on Facebook he said he didn't worry because he assumed the issues were affecting the whole system and not just his.

After attempting to refresh the pages, Sydlow logged off and when he came back an hour later he said he didn't have any problem registering. Sydlow said this was a minor inconvenience for him because he didn't have trouble getting into any of his classes because it was only the second day of Spring registration.

"I was pleasantly surprised that the issue was fixed as quickly as it was," he said.

During registration, Liss said ITS keeps a careful watch for any problems so they can fix them as soon as they come up. If students have problems registering, Liss said they should not hesitate to call the ITS help line. Students also can register to receive service notification from the ITS site so they can keep up to date on any service or problems with their Truman accounts.

"We always have people who watch our systems and are alerting us to make sure everything for registration is up and working okay, especially during the first half hour of every morning so we're able to intervene if there's something going on," Liss said.

Benefit packages change for University employees

Faculty and staff will see changes in health insurance packages next year

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University employees can expect a change in cost with their health benefits starting during January 2013.

An email was sent to all employees last week from University President Troy Paino, which notified Truman State's approximate 750-person staff of the changes that are being implemented to the majority of the health insurance benefit packages to help combat a potential 20 percent increase in insurance rates.

"Since 2006, the University's health insurance premiums have increased almost 34 [percent]," Paino

said in the email.

"The national average is closer to \$90 or \$100, and we're moving to \$20 per month," he said. "If you put that in the larger context, you can see that we're still holding the line pretty well here."

The \$20 cost, Paino said, applies to "Plan A," which is one of the three plans. Within each plan there are four categories: employee only, Please see INSURANCE, Page 7



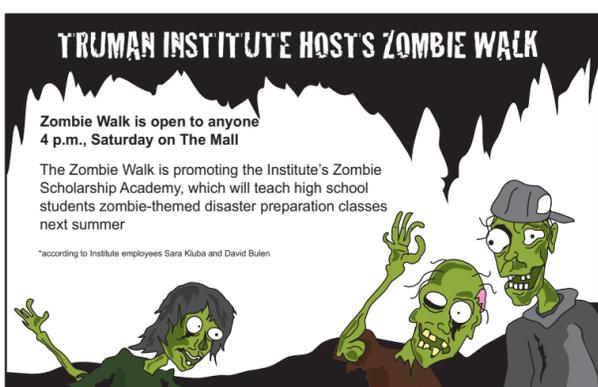
Institute to hold Zombie Walk to benefit charity

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The Truman Institute and the Zombie Scholars Academy are teaming up Oct. 27 to organize the first annual Kirksville Zombie Walk.

The Zombie Walk will raise money for the United Way and promote the new Zombie Scholars Academy, a summer youth academy slated to take place during July 2013 and designed to foster critical thinking and problem solving skills within the confines of a hypothetical zombie apocalypse, according to a press release from the Truman Institute.

To participate in the Zombie Walk, a donation of two non-perishable food items or cash is requested, and anyone younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will meet on The Mall at 4 p.m. for music, "zombifying" and a performance by Illusion Danz. The "zombifying" process is free and entails free touch-ups to zombie costumes by volunteers, said Sara Kluba, Truman Institute graduate



assistant. She said the Truman Institute will provide make-up to the volunteers who come from Truman's theatre department and various volunteer organizations.

"It's really all volunteer-based," Kluba said. "We're asking anybody — from the theatre department to service organizations — whoever wants to be involved."

From The Mall, zombies will walk to Pickler's Famous, where several prizes will be given, Kluba

said. She said the "best-dressed zombie" will receive an iPod Shuffle.

After the prizes, there will be a performance by True Men, followed by a showing of the movie "Night of the Living Dead" at 6 p.m. at Pickler's Famous, Kluba said. The movie will be free to those who donated. Zombie-themed concessions will be sold.

Kluba said the Zombie Walk was inspired by online videos of other Please see ZOMBIE, Page 7

Meeting addresses options for downtown

A group working to improve downtown presents its research

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An open forum to discuss the seven goals and 49 recommendations of the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri initiative occurred Tuesday night at A.T. Still University.

About 15 people gathered to hear a presentation about the results from the DREAM initiative's research in Kirksville, which began during 2007 and ended this week. Kirksville was selected to be one of the 39 DREAM developments during 2007.

DREAM has worked the last five years with city officials to gain perspective about the history and structure of downtown then hosted multiple public forums and organized different random samples and focus groups to better understand what downtown needs the community has, according to the presentation from PGAV associate

director Michael Hemmer Tuesday night.

After years of collecting data, the DREAM group organized a list of different suggestions for the community, which was based primarily off of a list of seven central goals. The goals include developing a downtown organization to spearhead revitalization, forming a university partnership committee, starting a branding effort for the downtown area, creating a gateway to downtown, promoting building revitalization and restoration, conducting a parking study and strengthening the retail base.

During the presentation, Hemmer discussed the different comments from the focus groups and random samples about improvements they think could be made, such as more reasonable business hours and general façade improvements such as the removal of the metal awnings.

He discussed different options for funding the City or business owners could take advantage of, including a façade loan program and the opportunity to pursue another Community Improvement

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