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Tom Sauk member Cody Mitchell plays acoustic guitar and sings for the band. Tom Sauk has performs often in Columbia, Mo.

Tom Sauk, Dubb Nubb to play at Aquadome

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Before they were a part of Dubb Nubb's national tour, senior Trent Dickerson and his band Tom Sauk were just a few high school friends getting together to make music for fun. But everything changed during October 2011 when Dickerson's friends joined him in Kirksville for a show at the Aquadome. From there, Tom Sauk has taken off, playing in multiple cities, touring with bands and playing music festivals, Dickerson said. They will be playing with friends and national touring band Dubb Nubb Oct. 6 at the Aquadome. The band got their name from Taum Sauk, the highest peak in Missouri, Dickerson said. He said the band chose and tweaked this name to personify the landmark and describe their high aspirations.

Tom Sauk is made up of Dickerson, two friends from Cape Girardeau, Mo. and the most recent addition, Jeremy Morton, a Truman alumnus Dickerson met through a mutual friend. Morton was first introduced to the band when the original drummer could not make their show at the Aquadome. Morton filled in, and Dickerson said the four have been making music ever since.

As the band gained momentum, Tom Sauk started making weekend trips to Columbia, Mo. to open for bands at a venue called Mojo's. He said it was here that Tom Sauk made valuable connections with members of touring bands that were passing through.

One of these connections was the band Love Drug, which has opened

for bands such as Red Hot Chili Peppers and Plain White T's, Dickerson said. Through this connection, Dickerson was able to get Love Drug to play at the Aquadome.

Tom Sauk's future plans include putting together their first album and starting to tour, Dickerson said. While the band has gained success, he said Tom Sauk would need to be taken on by a well-established tour for him to consider leaving school.

Dubb Nubb has expressed excitement for their return.

"We had the best time ever playing at the Aquadome last winter break tour," Dubb Nubb member Delia Rainey said. "The space itself is a haven of artwork and coziness. ... Overall, it was one of the most well-attended and pleasant shows of our tour, and we were so excited to come back."

Although Tom Sauk has experienced great success, Dickerson still is a student. Dickerson said to successfully be a student and a touring musician requires him to look ahead and prepare for classes in advance. Even so, he said, there always seems to be a "perfect storm" of projects and tests every time Tom Sauk makes an out-of-town trip.

Dickerson said even when he manages his time, he still falls prey to the same challenges as full-time students.

"One time I was three hours late to a show in Columbia because I was trying to pass the online trig test," Dickerson said.

As Tom Sauk continued receiving invitations from clubs in Columbia, they began planning a trip during spring break to the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. The band played during "film week," the week before the event where hundreds of unsigned bands play for labels and producers, Dickerson said.

After the band returned from Austin, Dickerson attended a show at the Aquadome by the band Dubb Nubb. He said Tom Sauk became interested with Dubb Nubb's sound and contacted the band about opening for them. Dubb Nubb agreed, and Tom Sauk was soon the opening act for the Missouri stops of their national tour.

Dubb Nubb, a band from St. Louis, is comprised of three sisters — Hannah, Delia and Amanda Rainey. The band describes their music as "Indie Twin Folk."

"Their sound is really developed and mature, but they still make their songs silly and fun," Dickerson said. "They are the cutest band alive."

Aquadome president Hannah Copeland also is excited for Dubb Nubb to return to her venue, she said. Copeland said the Aquadome was created to be a safe place of expression for local bands to perform their works, and having its own PA system would allow the Aquadome to better serve that purpose.

The necessary sound system would cost about \$600, an amount Copeland hopes to reach during the show Oct. 6.

Tom Sauk and Dubb Nubb 8 p.m. Oct. 6 Aquadome Tickets \$5



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Left, Dubb Nubb poses with their instruments. Above, the band performs during their national tour. Dubb Nubb is returning to Kirksville Oct. 6 to perform with Tom Sauk at the Aquadome.

Community walks to battle hunger

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The Truman State Lutheran Student Fellowship is having their fifth annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty Hunger Walk Saturday. LSF has partnered with the co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and service sorority Tau Lambda Sigma to give students and the community a chance to fight hunger.

Seventy-five percent of the proceeds of the group walk and 5K race go to CROP and the rest will be invested back into Kirksville food pantries, Nora Moeller, Director of Service for LSF said.

Proceeds from the race will

be split up between different charities. A quarter of the donations will go to local food banks, Moeller said.

"With them donating what they raise, it would be very helpful because we have seen an influx of new families coming in for assistance," Salvation Army Lt. Brian Bump said.

New families come in on a weekly basis, most simply trying to make ends meet, he said. In addition to local help, CROP Hunger Walks provide aid abroad.

"Haiti is one part of the world where CROP Hunger Walks are making a difference," Moeller said. "After the earthquake, church world services helped families and communities to re-

build homes, food supplies and livelihoods."

CROP Walks have been happening since 1969 with the first occurring in Bismarck, North Dakota, according to churchworldservice.org. The LSF hasn't had a CROP Walk every year since then, but this year's event gives LSF a distinct record amongst other participating organizations.

"We have the longest consecutive [streak of] annual CROP Hunger Walks in the nation," Moeller said.

LSF and APO will continue to accept sign-ups Thursday and Friday. They also will accept registrations from anyone who shows up during race day.

"APO will be helping out by

working registration tables, directing people throughout the race and working at the after-race tables," Kristin Grimsley, Public Relations Officer for APO, said. "We are really excited for the opportunity to help out with this awesome event. It's a great cause."

LSF President Nathan Klein said the 5k, with its \$7 entrance fee, is convenient and accessible while still serving others.

"It is an opportunity for Truman students to give back and fight against hunger locally and globally," he said.

This year's route begins on Franklin St. between Cen-

tenial Hall and the Student Union Building. The race will be through Kirksville, a different course than previous years. The route begins toward the Square before returning back to the start line on Franklin St.

The original route traveled to Thousand Hills State Park, but wanting community participation has compelled the LSF to bring the race closer home, Moeller said.

"I think having the race around Kirksville will make it easier for students to commit to the race if they have other things they need to get done," she said.

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