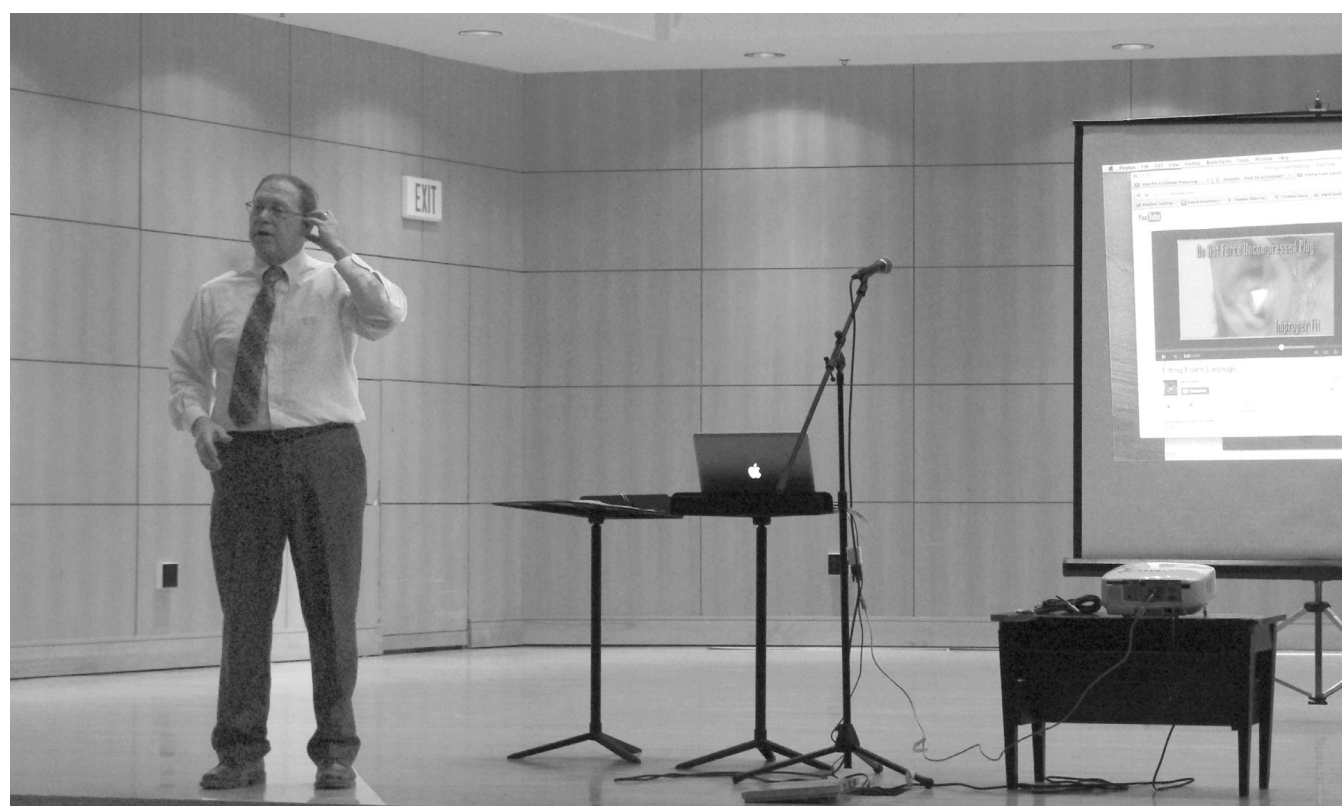


## Professor discusses hearing health



Calli Lowry/Index

Music professor Jay Bulen gives a presentation for music students on the importance of auditory health Jan. 14. Bulen suggested students use high-fidelity earplugs to protect their hearing in loud situations.

## NEWS

IN BRIEF

### Local woman killed in murder-suicide

A Kirksville man and woman were found dead in their home in an apparent murder-suicide Jan. 6.

Local lawyer Kristen Campbell Johnson, 33, and her husband Riley Johnson, 36, were found dead after authorities responded to calls about gunshots around 1 a.m. at Burk Trail. Adair County sheriffs entered the locked home and found two adults and three young children belonging to the deceased inside.

Adair County Coroner Brian Noe said the preliminary autopsies show Kristen was shot seven times and Riley was shot once, which indicates Riley was the shooter. Noe said toxicology reports of the bodies are pending.

### Kirksville R-III to announce new leader in February

The Kirksville R-III school district is currently accepting and reviewing applications from candidates for the open superintendent position, but plans to name the new superintendent during February.

The Board is receiving applications through the Missouri School Boards Association and will narrow down their choices during a Jan. 22 study session. According to the replacement schedule, the Board will begin interviewing candidates during the final week of January and announce their hire during early February.

The search for a new superintendent was prompted by Superintendent Patrick Williams' retirement after 31 years with the district.

### City Council approves water bill hike

The Kirksville City Council approved a rate hike for water utility services provided to commercial and residential buildings during their last meeting.

The Council voted unanimously to increase the water rates except for Councilman Jerry Mills, who was not present during the Dec. 6 meeting. No one in attendance spoke in favor of the rate hikes.

The average household will see a four percent increase in their bill, while the heaviest water consumers could see up to 10 percent higher rates. The city estimates the new rate hikes will raise over \$1 million.

The city is required to raise the water rate after it approved a bond issue to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility last year.

The first increase will become effective during February and the city will continue to increase the rates during the next five years.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Parabole**  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 17  
Sunday, Jan. 19  
Sunday, Jan. 20  
SUB Down Under

Truman's Independent Performance and Art Coalition will perform "Parabole," a student-directed one-act play about love and humanity. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on. Admission is free.

**Delta Sigma Theta Rush**  
10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18  
Barnett Hall 2209

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invite all female Truman State students to learn more about joining the organization. Business attire is required for admittance. No late students will be allowed to enter.

**Pre-MMEA Concert**  
8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20  
Ophelia Parrish

Students in the pre-Missouri Music Educators Association program will perform a percussion concert. Admission is free.

**MLK Challenge**  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20  
Violette Hall

The Multicultural Affairs Center invites students to participate in the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Collegiate Challenge. Participants will serve the community by completing service projects. Students must register at [serve.truman.edu/truservice.asp](http://serve.truman.edu/truservice.asp) to participate.

**Apocalyptic Art Exhibition**

Wednesday, Jan. 22  
University Art Gallery

The University Art Gallery will premiere "Apocalyptic: Artwork, Poetry and Thought about the End." The gallery is curated by art students. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4:30 p.m.

**Peace Corps Information Table**  
Wednesday, Jan. 22  
SUB

Representatives from the Peace Corps will be available to answer questions about joining the service.

**Bill Van Patten: Second Language Acquisition**

Thursday, Jan. 23  
SUB Alumni Room

Bill Van Patten, languages professor at Michigan State University, will present a talk titled "What Everyone Should Know About Second Language Acquisition." Van Patten is internationally known for his work in second language acquisition and instruction. The presentation is sponsored by the School of Arts and Letters and the Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

**Illusion DANZ Team Clinic and Tryouts**

7 to 9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25  
Recreation Center Aerobics Room

Illusion DANZ team invites students interested in joining the team or learning a dance routine to attend a clinic Jan. 24, where members of the team will teach a short hip hop dance routine. Students interested in joining must go to the event Jan. 25 ready to perform the routine from the clinic.

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## CRIME REPORTS

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- 1/12 Ryan Carman arrested for animal abuse
- 1/12 Robert Pearson arrested for receiving stolen property
- 1/12 Burglary reported at the 2200 block of E. Normal Ave.
- 1/12 Stolen property recovered at the 600 block of N. Franklin St.
- 1/12 Burglary reported at the 1 block of Chelsea Dr.
- 1/12 Burglary reported at the 10 block of Leisure Dr.
- 1/11 Vandalism reported at the 1900 block of N. Osteopathy St.
- 1/11 Harassment reported at the 600 block of N. Main St.
- 1/11 Vandalism reported at the 1000 block of W. Locust St.
- 1/11 Theft reported at the 600 block of W. Illinois St.
- 1/11 Laura Mann arrested for speeding
- 1/11 Theft reported at the 1700 block of S. Baltimore St.
- 1/10 Burglary reported at the 800 block of E. Randolph St.
- 1/10 Theft reported at the 2200 block of N. Baltimore St.
- 1/10 Child pornography found at the 110 block of E. McPherson St.

## Years gone by

Check out what made headlines during years past

### 23 years ago

Phi Sigma Kappa charter suspended

1991

Truman State's chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa had its charter suspended after the Interfraternity Council found the organization guilty of hazing. One member of the IFC, who wished to remain anonymous, said former IFC President Don Seiler was forced to resign from his position because he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. IFC also notified the Phi Sigma Kappa national organization of the chapter's misconduct. The investigation stemmed from a report filed by the Kirksville Police Department, who found several Phi Sig pledges wandering Thousand Hills State Park after hours. The students said they were dropped off in the middle of the forest and told to find their way home. The chapter appealed the ruling, claiming that a representative from their national organization visited the chapter and cleared them of any wrongdoing.

### 13 years ago

Winter stats soar with hard snows

2001

Early snowstorms and cold temperatures hit Kirksville and drained the city's reserve of supplies. Former Public Works Director Mark Gaugh said his department had already used 756 tons of salt and 309 tons of sand to combat the snow, which was the average for the city's winters. Gaugh said the city would not run out of supplies, but would struggle paying overtime to workers, who accumulated \$16,123 of overtime pay during the winter. Students said the streets were plowed when they returned to campus after winter break, but traffic remained slow during the rest of the winter.