Doug Ludolph, University painter coordinator, applies a layer onto a campus well Thursday during his daily rounds of wall painting.

Painter brushes up campus

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There is a man behind all the work that goes into keeping Truman's residence halls ready, bathrooms and lounges freshly painted. Doug Ludolph and his crew make sure that looks good as new before moving to Arkansas with their trusty student sidekicks.

Ludolph was born in Freeport, Ill., in 1951. He moved to the University of Wisconsin for the next 15 years. In 1985, Ludolph moved to the Kansas City area, where he has lived ever since and plans to stay. He and his wife, Debra, have two children, 13-year-old Bekka and 10-year-old Dillon. Ludolph has a family to take care of and has been working at Truman since 1988.

Outside of his job at Truman, Ludolph said his favorite part of life is fishing and watching football. Ludolph also said he enjoys hunting, working with his dog, and has been working at Truman since 1988. Ludolph and his crew take pride in a job that may be the most important job when it comes to keeping Truman's residence halls ready, bathrooms and lounges freshly painted.

"It's a little bit harder in the summer," Ludolph said. "I give a pretty good rate and I hope they're satisfied. They always make them up," Dooley said. "It gives me a satisfaction to know that it looked good when I started, and it looks a whole lot better when I'm done."

Ludolph said he and his crew are responsible for all the facilties on campus and basically make sure that the paint is up-to-date and not faded, chipped or peeling. In the summer, they paint everything. "The summer is a little bit harder but it's also a lot of fun, but Ludolph and his crew of student workers certainly make the best of it," he said.

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