Some Bulgarians hear about Truman in Kirksville and apply, Kaseva said. "I wish I had considered this sooner," she said. "We have approximately 200 people who are interested in coming here every year," said Shirley. "They want to have a diploma from here, I think it will have a positive impact on their future."

"Here, they're getting to make a lot more decisions about the classes they take," Shirley said. "I think it's great."

Shirley's father, Jerry Shirley, a music and psychology professor, decided to go to Truman to study soon realize the difference in the culture and geography of Europe. "It's not exceedingly uncommon," Crist said. "Sometimes two is better than one."