Influential University leader retires, legacy will be remembered

Add a touch of environmental consciousness, a bit of willingness to learn and a splash of creative thinking and one of the most influential campus leaders is born — Don Markeston, director of food services at Truman State University. Markeston has spent almost 30 years at Truman, and his replacement has big shoes to fill. Markeson contributed a lot to Truman in ways that are geared toward this important cause.

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Web Poll

Are online classes an effective way to learn?
Yes: 43%
No: 57%

This week’s web poll question: Do you prefer professors online? Facebook

Index must positively support athletes

Allow me to preface this letter by stating that I have been a student athlete at Truman for three years, but I am only one of many. The relationship between resident students and athletes has been one of the most successful athletic programs for two decades, varsity soccer has been one of the most successful athletic programs at Truman. The reason for this is the program’s ability to create an environment where students who were not necessarily competitive in other ways have been able to participate in a sport at a high level.

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