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Night club raises scrutiny

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Staff Reporter

A new business in town usually causes excitement. But a proposal for a new business downtown has caused some concern among Kirkville residents.

Jeff Newton, president of Kirkville Downtown Improvement Committee, said business owner Louie Keen approached the KDIC about the new location of a nightclub Sept. 20. Newton said Keen did not specify what the business would include, but the business would be similar to the Columbia, Mo., novelty store Cool Stuff.

Newton said he was suspicious when he searched Keen's name online and found a strip club called Big Louie's and other businesses Keen owned. When Newton confronted Keen about Big Louie's, Keen said he sold it and was hoping to find a place to raise his family, Newton said. However, Newton said the Missouri Secretary of State's Web site indicated he didn't sell Big Louie's.

"My concern was that [Keen] was not straightforward with us when he came to town and, given the nature of his past business, has made everyone that I've come into contact with in this town really leery of him," he said.

Keen could not be reached for comment.

Newton called Keen on Sept. 24 and asked him to contact City Manager Mari Macomber to check whether ordinances exist regarding strip club regulations in the city, he said.

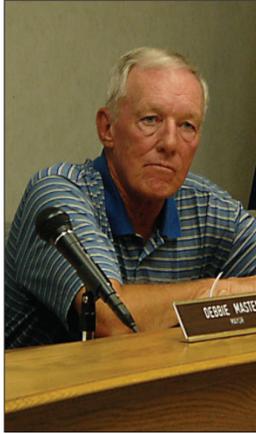
"Keen got a little indignant and said that he had tried to work with the City Council," Newton said.

Newton said he wanted to be sure Keen would work with the City Council to ensure ordinances restricting nudity were in place before Keen bought real estate downtown.

Newton said he told Keen he had problems being on the KDIC and

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Scott taken into custody



Councilman Richard Scott

Police allegedly find city councilman intoxicated in public

Alan Reininger
Assistant News Editor

Kirkville City Councilman Richard Scott was placed in protective custody early Sunday morning, according to a police report.

Several officers reported noticing Scott multiple times Saturday night staggering in the streets, according to the report. Kirkville Police Officer Steven Albertson monitored Scott in the parking lot next to Il Spazio until someone arrived to pick up Scott, according to the report.

Scott did not return calls for comment.

The police gave the following report of the evening: Police officers first observed Scott coming out of the back entrance of TP's Office, a bar on Elson Street.

"[He] approached the wall behind TP's and began fumbling at the fly area of his pants," the police report said.

The report said Albertson shined a flashlight on Scott and told him to return to the bar to use the restroom. Scott went back in the bar, and officers saw him entering the men's restroom. Later, a Kirkville Police officer observed him entering the Dukum Inn.

Albertson noticed Scott walking south of TP's after the bar had closed, according to the police report.

"Due to his apparent balance problems, I felt Mr. Scott might be in danger of getting hit by a vehicle as he walked or might try to enter a vehicle and drive from the area," Albertson said in the report.

The report said Albertson followed Scott to the northwest corner of the city parking lot behind Il Spazio. He walked toward Scott from the alleyway behind Il Spazio as Scott was opening the driver's side door of his 1999 Ford Ranger. The report said Scott closed the door without entering when he noticed Albertson approaching and told the officer he planned to walk home after obtaining his coat from his vehicle.

"On making contact with Mr. Scott I observed his eyes were

red, watery and bloodshot," the report said. "He had a very strong odor of intoxicants on and about his person, and he swayed as he stood."

Albertson said because of the traffic, he did not think Scott could safely walk the eight to 10 blocks to his residence and asked him if someone could come to pick him up, according to the report. Scott gave him Mike Beets' number. The police dispatch contacted him, and Beets arrived later to pick up Scott.

"I advised him that he appeared intoxicated, could not walk a straight line and might stumble into the path of a vehicle," Albertson said in his report. "Mr. Scott replied, 'And you could?'"

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Debators welcome British invasion



Chris Waller/Index

Senior Ben Holley and sophomore Mariam Savabi debate members of the British National Debate Team.

Union hosts overseas opponents

Timothy Long
Staff Reporter

Members of the British National Debate Team came to Kirkville on Oct. 3 to debate Truman's own.

The debate was part of Truman Speaks, a series of public debates funded by a mini-grant issued by the International Debate Education Association. This is the second year Truman has hosted these events.

"The program is designed to get as many public forums, debates, discussion groups going on topics related to the U.N. as possible," said Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication and director of forensics.

The topic debated was whether or not U.S. soldiers should serve under the command of non-U.S. leaders when participating in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

The debate featured two sides — the government and the opposition.

The government consisted of Oxford law graduate Si6n Owen,

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Error in bill delays passage

Jessie Gasch
Assistant News Editor

Even the state legislature makes mistakes. This time, a simple proofreading error postponed the efforts of an entire session.

A divided Missouri Senate narrowly passed a comprehensive reform of the workers' compensation system in March. The bill, effective Aug. 28, contained dozens of provisions tightening restrictions on compensable illnesses and injuries. However, a phrase that made its way through scores of drafts jeopardized the entire bill.

"At last count we had over 20 drafts of the conference committee report," Majority Floor Leader Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) said. "There were just these five little words. We spent all of this time reforming and creating a workers' compensation system, and we potentially excluded the individuals we created the system for."

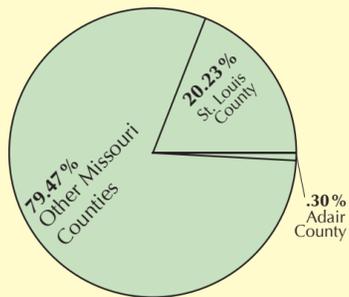
Crowell said he could not identify exactly what the passage was, but its potential impact could be great.

"No one in the Senate caught [the error], no one in the House caught it, no one in the Governor's office caught it," he said.

Crowell filed a bill during the Senate Special Session to correct the problem, which passed but failed to receive enough of a majority to enact an emergency clause. Instead, there will be a three-month waiting period before the changes become effective Dec. 15.

During that time, workers might have to turn to civil

Compensation by the numbers



143,244 total injuries reported to Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation

Source: http://www.dolr.mo.gov/wc/forms/2003_Report.pdf
Designed by Roger Meissen

lawsuits instead of the workers compensation. "If workers don't have access to workers' comp and employers will be open to civil lawsuits, it's much harder to prove negligence," Crowell said. "It's a huge delay in getting medical bills paid, whereas with workers' comp, you get 100 percent paid right away."

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ATO swindles hundreds

Social fraternity uses condemnation hoax to attract party attendees

Alison Bowen
News Editor

Thirteen men faked their own death last week.

In an effort to promote a Friday night party, social fraternity Alpha Tau Omega convinced about 200 partygoers that, because of a lost charter, their organization would be forced to disband.

Smoking pipes and sitting in the front room of the ATO house on Mulanix Street, with composites of past pledge classes accenting the blue walls and four couches, sophomore ATO members Franklin Cline and Harry Burson described how they swindled hundreds of people.

"We told people that our house was condemned, and because we couldn't have a fraternity house, we couldn't have a fraternity," Burson said.

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Jessie Gasch/Index

Students enjoy what was advertised as ATO's last party.

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Columnist Chris Matthews gives his take on troubling administrative situation.



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Teachers, students share their love of traditional Irish dance.



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Law and Order

Department of Public Safety report details all the crimes on campus.



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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High 53 Low 34	High 61 Low 36	High 65 Low 36