

# Governor cuts book program

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Students searching for library resources will find less information at their fingertips this year.

MOBIUS, a statewide collaboration among libraries of Missouri colleges and universities, received a 100 percent funding cut for the current fiscal year, according to the MOBIUS Web site. This cut translates to added individual costs for member universities.

Gov. Matt Blunt eliminated the \$649,530 appropriation MOBIUS normally receives in the current budget for the state, according to the MOBIUS Web site. This will impact Truman directly with an increased cost of \$4,203 and reduced services, said Richard Coughlin, chief information officer and dean of libraries and museums.

"The governor said MOBIUS is such a good, valuable service that the colleges and universities, even without state funding, would keep it going," Coughlin said.

MOBIUS, the Missouri Bibliographic Information User System, began in 1998 and consists of 60 member colleges and universities. Library users at member institutions use an electronic catalog to search for any library materials in their institution or in member libraries. Users also can make an interlibrary loan without the help of a librarian. Truman was a net interlibrary loan borrower in 2004-05, borrowing more than 15,209 books and loaning 6,682, Coughlin said. This is nearly a 30 percent increase in borrowed books in the past year and means the

benefit to Truman is greater than its cost, Coughlin said.

"We made some changes in our licensing agreements that if we hadn't made, our costs would have went up \$18,000," Coughlin said. "The rise in cost is fairly significant, particularly because in MOBIUS there are a lot of small schools that have under 2,000 students that really don't have a lot of money. This means less money those libraries will have to buy materials."

One significant service eliminated is the inclusion of the table of contents in electronic records, Coughlin said.

"For instance, if it were a book of readings, and you don't need the whole book, what you would see is this [index] ... it's a lot more precise information," Coughlin said.

However, students initially might see a difference in the service because this only applies to new books, Coughlin said.

"It seems that it would be unfortunate if this affects my ability to research books and find what I need for classes, but I haven't ran into a problem searching yet," junior Andrew Skelton said.

The table of contents service would cost nearly \$7,000 to replace, Coughlin said. He said he expects another increase of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the 2006 fiscal year.

The library implemented other cost-cutting measures to reduce the increasing MOBIUS cost. It shrank the total number of electronic searches that can be completed at the same time to further reduce costs, Coughlin said.

The library periodical section also is feeling the impact of a thinner bud-



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Sophomore Erin Lueker picks up books ordered from the MOBIUS system Wednesday night in Pickler Memorial Library.

get. It will drop 43 print periodicals to even out costs, said Daisy Rearick, head of periodicals and microforms. The library now subscribes to most of these online, which reduces the total cost and adds additional journals,

Rearick said. The library has seen an increase of 80 online journals from 2004 and only a net decrease of 40 print journals, she said. Most of these journal additions come with Project Muse, an online service that offers ac-

cess to journals through Johns Hopkins University, said Karen McClaskey, head of public services for the library. Yet this might affect access and ease of use to certain journals.

"I think those that are used to browsing through the print version will find it a little bit harder to do that electronically," Rearick said. "We're hoping that many people prefer the electronic because they can access it without actually coming to the library, over the print."

## DEBATE | Union hosts members of British National Debate Team in Truman Speaks series

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who acted as the prime minister, and Glasgow University graduate Kenneth Flemming, who acted as the member of government. The government said the quality of U.S. troops could improve if soldiers work alongside other internationally recognized troops. The government also

proposed countries that do not agree with United States' policies simply would look the other way if U.S. troops were to serve under UN command.

"The U.S. has got something of an image problem," Owen said.

The opposition consisted of senior Ben Holley, who acted as

the leader, and sophomore Mar-iam Savabi. The opposition said the U. S. does not have an obligation to send troops to serve under the United Nations. Instead of sending troops, the U.S. gives the United Nations money.

"It's unconstitutional for U.S. troops to do this," Holley said. "The president is the com-

mander in chief. He cannot just delegate his duty away to other people."

The next Truman Speaks event will be at 8 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. The topic for the debate will be "The U.S. Should Urge the Security Council to Expand its Permanent Membership."

## SCOTT | Police place councilman in protective custody for allegedly stumbling around drunk

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The report said Albertson asked Scott what he meant, but he did not answer the question and instead smiled at Albertson. After calling dispatch to procure a ride for Scott, Albertson stayed with Scott, the report said.

"Scott expressed the opinion he was being harassed," the report said.

According to the report, Albertson told

Scott he was concerned for Scott's safety. Albertson offered Scott his business card with his name and badge number, but Scott refused it.

Scott talked about past hunting experiences until Beets arrived to help Scott enter the vehicle, and the two left the parking lot.

Kirkville Police Chief Jim Hughes said a protective custody detainer is not an arrest. He said the police department attempts to

treat every event in the same manner.

"It is not unusual for [a foot patrolman to assist citizens in finding a safe way home]," Hughes said.

Earlier this year, the Adair County grand jury indicted Scott on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Mark Williams, Adair County prosecuting attorney, said Scott's trial will be Nov. 15 and 16 in Shelby County, Mo.

## ATO | Fraternity hoodwinks hundreds to attract attendees to recent social gathering

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After spreading the rumor to all their friends, the men made numerous fliers publicizing the last-ditch party at their house Friday night.

Cline said that about four years ago, members of ATO attempted the same thing during the summer to increase the usual number of partygoers.

"We thought it was a good idea, but that it wasn't extreme enough," he said. "So we decided to do it and do it right."

The men obtained yellow caution tape from the fire department

and put it around the house to make it seem legitimately condemned. Burson printed off a condemnation notice from the Internet and signed it himself, posting it on the door for the party.

"It was probably illegal," he said.

The entire thing was a ruse.

"I know a couple people that still believe it," Cline said. "I lied to someone about it today."

Cline said he has lost friends over the hoax.

"I have actually had two confrontations with people in which they have not made eye contact

with me, specifically because I lied to them," he said.

Burson said he estimated the members lied to hundreds of people, including those at the party.

"Everyone at the party, we told, 'Yeah, yeah, we're shutting down, so have fun while you're here,'" he said.

Sophomore Laura Lasher said she found out about the party through Burson. She said she wasn't surprised to find out about the hoax and thinks of as funny.

"The house is really disgusting, and it looks like it's going to fall

down, so I think you can believe it without all the caution tape," she said.

Lasher went to the party at about 11:30 p.m. for about five minutes, and said that when she returned later, many more people were there than on other nights.

"It was packed," she said.

Burson said the ATO members did not mean to make anyone upset - they considered the plan more of a party theme.

"We hope people can appreciate the joke now, more than, hey, we're being jerks to our friends," he said.

## BILL | Workers' compensation bill is stalled

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He said the solution is to delete this extraneous phrase, but he cannot predict what will happen over the next three months. He said the delay was caused legislature partisanship.

Sen. Victor Callahan (D-Independence), who spearheaded the effort to oppose the emergency clause, said the original bill needs more help than the deletion of a few words.

"The workers' comp bill that was passed this spring was a bad piece of legislation," Callahan said. "We had hoped the governor would expand the call to readdress some of those issues [during the special session] ... Why would we want an emergency clause to enact a bad bill?"

Some of the problems with the bill include an undue burden on health care providers, partial treatment of employers over workers and dangerous cost shifting, Callahan said.

"Now if a worker is up on scaffolding and removes his goggles to wipe

sweat from his eyes, he can be denied a claim," he said. "And ironically, the bill now removes the necessity of posting regulations like those."

Callahan said the uncertainty in the next few months is not something to be worried about.

"It's not so unclear it's going to wreak havoc on the system," he said. "I don't see workers being denied claims."

Warren Wells, general counsel at Truman, said the workers' compensation system uses the general principle of no blame.

"It doesn't have to be anybody's fault that you're sick or injured," Wells said. "When a worker is injured on the job, they're covered without regard to whether anyone is at fault."

Prior to this drafting error, this was the only way workers could expect to receive medical treatment and benefits, he said.

He said he can't predict the effects of taking this condition away.

## CLUB | Some debate possible downtown club

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allowing Keen to build a nightclub because he thought the market was too small.

"He was polite, but he told me that they know what they are doing, and they are showmen," Newton said.

Newton said he did not have a problem with a nightclub in town, but he wanted Keen to know the difficulties of opening a nightclub in Kirksville.

Mike Liebig, CEO of Keen's

umbrella corporation, B & K Property Investments, said Keen plans to open two retail stores downtown in addition to the nightclub.

Keen's businesses in Saint Robert, Mo., 23 miles west of Rolla, Mo., also sparked rumors among residents, Liebig said.

"There are people making up things," Liebig said. "We have spent a large amount of money on inventory for the retail stores. None of that has anything to do with adult entertainment."

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