**Swordplay clashes on Quad**

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Fighting with giant foam swords is safer than it looks.

The group known as the Historical Swordsmanship Club, or Swords, regularly practices on the Quad at 10 a.m. Saturday. Half the proceeds will go to the Truman Student Recreation Center, while the rest will sponsor a Run-Walk for charity at 9 a.m. Saturday. A second cause is partially sponsored, but the first cause is for the benefit of a Truman student to be as normal as possible.

Although the tumor is gone now, she said she still suffers from some of the same symptoms she had before the operation, and chances are high that the tumor could come back.

"It's really hard," Mattingly said. "I'm just thankful to be able to function normally."

"If you need to worry about anything, just come to my door and knock. I'm willing to help you with anything you need," Ellis said.

"I've been studying swordplay for the last year. I've been doing it for a few years, in college," Ellis said.

"It's been a lot of fun," Ellis said. "I've learned a lot from the people that I've met. I've learned a lot from the history."