

Physical Plant tables vanish

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While it is widely known that tables have legs, no one believes they use these legs to disappear into the night.

The rampant disappearance of University tables, which were intended for students to use during organizational events, has created such a shortage that the Physical Plant office no longer can leave the tables out in the open for students to use whenever they need them. Campus mover Harold Reeves said the Physical Plant is considering phasing out the program. He said the Physical Plant used to have about 200 tables, but now it only has about 50.

"We started acquiring a better grade of tables when we got the white ones with the hard plastic tops," Reeves said. "These were tougher tables that were lighter, stronger and disappear faster."

Reeves said the Physical Plant originally had about 100 of the newer tables but now only has about 10. He said it's not too late for people to bring back the tables, no questions asked.

"Just kindly place them somewhere on campus where we can find them," Reeves said. "No retaliation would be taken. Students could also help us by keeping their eyes open for these tables off campus and, if they see any, notifying the people to please bring them back."

Reeves said that if the missing tables continue to be a problem, any

student caught with tables who was not supposed to have them would be reported to the Department of Public Safety and the Kirksville Police Department for theft.

Facility plant purchaser Theresa Lancaster said the newer tables cost about \$85 each.

"I hate to say that it is just the students who are taking the tables because I know it's not just them," Reeves said. "I am sure there are some faculty members as well. Nonetheless we know students are involved because we've heard from DPS that they have seen students running around campus with the tables, but without probable cause, they can't approach the students and turn the tables over to see our labels under them."

Reeves said that because of this, the Physical Plant is considering putting Truman logos on top of the tables.

On April 18 and 19, the week of student elections, Reeves said the Physical Plant provided half a dozen tables and 50 chairs so that students could campaign. By April 20, four tables already had disappeared. When other students came around looking for tables for their events, Reeves said the Physical Plant didn't have enough to provide them with.

Junior Angela Crawford, Student Senate president, said that on her second day of campaigning, the tables she had been using were nowhere to be found.

"I went out to set up, and our table was not there," Crawford said. "So



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Junior Michelle Riley moves a table outside the library Wednesday.

I went to talk to the Physical Plant, and they told me two tables had been stolen the night before."

Reeves said organizations such as SAB depend on the availability of tables, sometimes 40 to 50 of them, for many of their events.

He said the Physical Plant is debating entirely phasing out the tables.

Jane Story, utilities/work order clerk, said that in the meantime, the Physical Plant will begin tak-

ing student ID cards when people use tables.

"They will have to have a table and chair checkout form filled out 24 hours in advance, or there will be no tables," Story said. "We just don't have enough tables to give out on an immediate notice anymore. They'll be responsible for putting them back in a building closest to wherever the event they had was held, and we will involve Public Safety for any tables that end up missing."

Mumps outbreak arouses student fear

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Staff Reporter

Students feeling a little under the weather might not have a cold or allergies but a virus spreading throughout the Midwest like an airborne wildfire: the mumps.

In Iowa, 630 confirmed, probable or suspected cases of mumps have emerged as of April 19, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health Web site. Because of the rapid spread of mumps and the proximity of Iowa, Missouri has been declared an outbreak state, and the University staff is taking necessary precautions to protect faculty and students, said Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs.

One suspected case went to the Student Health Center to get tested for mumps, and the student is waiting for the lab results, she said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, mumps is an acute airborne virus contracted through sneezing, coughing or breathing. Symptoms

include fever, headache, muscle ache, extreme tiredness and eventual swelling of the salivary glands. If left untreated, mumps can damage hearing, cause swollen testicles and cause severe headaches. Gilchrist said students should check their immunization records to see if they have been immunized and get immunized if necessary.

If students have been exposed, they should get immunized and leave the community for 12 days, Gilchrist said. "That is not a very good thing to happen right at finals week, so we are just taking a precaution to remind everybody that they need to get updated on their vaccinations," Gilchrist said. "Most of the students are OK, but we are mostly worried about the faculty and staff."

She said most students can just go home if they become infected.

"The issue is that people become contagious a few days before they develop symptoms," she said. "So if a person has a roommate, then they become someone that we have to make sure is immunized so that they don't develop [the virus]."

Josh Lemmer, Residence Life area coordinator, said there is not really a threat of an epidemic at Truman this spring, but Residence Life is planning ahead.

"This is very new for us," he said. "We're just going to see where it's going."

Lemmer said student advisers are being encouraged to educate their residents about mumps.

But some students are unconcerned.

"I haven't heard a whole lot around campus, but I've just heard by word of mouth that something's going on," sophomore Maggie Eichwald said. "I don't know anyone who's gotten it."

She said she only would be nervous about contracting the mumps if her roommate had it, and she would try to stay somewhere else if that happened.

All Truman students, faculty and staff were sent an e-mail Wednesday alerting them to the mumps virus outbreak, its symptoms and risks. In the e-mail, the health center advises readers about exposure to mumps because of the close proximity of a large population of people on campus. The faculty also is advised to refrain from punishing an infected student if they are unable to attend class because of the contagious nature of mumps.

Most mumps victims in Iowa are between the ages of 18 and 24, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health Web site.

"This is nothing to panic about," Gilchrist said. "This is just a precaution, but certainly when you are in a college environment, we have a way of really passing germs."

If students have these symptoms, they are encouraged to get tested at the health center.

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Largest donation to benefit scholarships

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Staff Reporter

Truman recently announced it has received a \$3.4 million donation – the largest the University has ever received from one individual.

Truman received notification of this donation from the estate of Lyle Ingraham last fall. Because of legal matters and a state attorney request, Truman did not formally announce the amount of the donation until April 11. The donation will be used for need-based scholarships as requested by Ingraham in his will. Students can apply for the scholarship until May 7.

Depending on the investment returns, the Office of Advancement hopes to make \$120,000 to \$140,000 available to students each year from the Lyle Ingraham Scholarship Fund. However, only about \$95,000 will be available for the 2006 year, said Mark Gambaiana, vice president for University advancement.

"We only spend the interest," Gambaiana said. "Since it didn't have a full year to earn interest,

there will be a partial distribution for this year."

The Office of Advancement has been meeting to decide on how to distribute and award the scholarship, said Becky Pike, manager of foundation scholarships and stewardship. By Ingraham's request, the maximum scholarship awarded to an individual is \$4,000 per year. Next year's scholarships from this fund will amount to \$2,000 to \$4,000 per student. The scholarship will be open to upperclassmen as well as freshmen and, like most foundation scholarships, only can be applied to the fall and spring semesters.

"We expect this will increase our total dollars awarded to students by one-third," Gambaiana said.

Students can begin applying for this scholarship May 1. The No. 1 criterion is financial need, Pike said. Good academic standing, leadership and potential for success also are considered. The students to receive the scholarship will be chosen by a general scholarship committee including staff from the financial aid office and the advancement office. Students can renew the scholarship with a 2.5 GPA.

About \$100,000 more is available in foundation

scholarships for the 2006 school year than for 2005. Every year there are an average of 300 named scholarships and about 12 to 15 new scholarship funds.

"Any time that you can get the chance to cut down your tuition, it helps," freshman Catherine Stuart said.

This donation is the third Truman has received that is close to or more than \$1 million, and it is by far the largest. Truman received two donations that almost reached \$1 million. Ruth Towne, a long-time member of the Truman faculty, made the first donation in 2000, and Lydle Staggs made the second donation in 2002.

Ingraham graduated from a high school in Browning, Mo., in 1923 and attended Kirksville Normal School, now Truman. He taught until he changed his career to banking and eventually became president and CEO of Citizens Bank. He retired in 1976 and moved to Kansas City, Mo. Ingraham passed away July 3, 2005, at the age of 99.

"We are absolutely elated to receive this gift from Mr. Ingraham," Gambaiana said. "It's a fabulous legacy, and it's a wonderful way to impact students for generations ahead."

NEWS | In Brief

Department charges four sex offenders

The Adair County Sheriff's Department announced Tuesday that it has filed charges against four registered sex offenders in Adair County for failure to register as an offender. Paul Attebery, 54, of Lincoln, Ill.; David Colyer, 29, of Kirksville; Ronald Liebeck, 53, of Kirksville; and Ernest Gotham, 55, of Kirksville were charged with the class D felony. Liebeck is in the Adair County Detention Facility on a \$10,000 cash-only bond, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Department.

Fifty sex offenders are registered in Adair County, according to the release. If a member of the public has reason to believe someone is in violation of the Registered Sex Offender Statute, the Sheriff's Department recommends contacting Chief Deputy Larry Logston at 665-4600. The Sheriff's Department recommends two Web sites to check your area for registered sex offenders: www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov and www.familywatchdog.us.

House votes, MOHELA sale progresses

Sale of Missouri's student loan agency got one step closer to reality Monday when the House approved a preliminary plan outlining how to spend the profits.

The House voted 110-45 to adopt the most recent of four spending plans by giving initial approval to the bill, but it needs a final vote before moving to the Senate.

The approved bill allocates the \$450 million it hopes to receive from the partial privatization of the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority.

More than \$300 million would go toward construction projects to enhance life sciences research at state universities and community colleges, including \$22 million for the Pershing Building renovations.

Additional profits would go toward paying down the state's higher-education debt and the establishment of a new scholarship endowment.

Sirens will commemorate 1899 disaster

The Kirksville Police Department announced that Kirksville, in cooperation with the Adair County Historical Society, will sound the Kirksville emergency sirens in observance of the 1899 Kirksville tornado, which killed about 30 residents. The sirens will sound tonight at 6:15, which is the time of day in which the tornado originally occurred. The test will take place instead of the regular monthly test, which would normally happen Friday.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Technology chairman senior Ashley Young was absent from Sunday's meeting.
- Treasurer junior Cory Kessler announced that Senate will roll over at least \$11,000 into next year's budget.
- Student affairs chairman junior Grant Tower moved discussion time about recent developments with the food service committee.
- President junior Mark Kirtland swore in Angela Crawford as President of the Student Association.
- Outgoing Senate adjourned, and recently elected Senate was called to order.
- Senior senator junior David Bonner, senator junior Becky Hadley and senator senior Linda Schulte were absent from the new Senate meeting.
- Senate re-appointed sophomore Joe VanAmburg as speaker.
- Crawford administered the oath of office to 12 recently elected senators.
- Crawford appointed junior Abbi Howe as secretary pro-tem, senior senator junior Cory Kessler as treasurer pro-tem and sophomore Stephen Emlund as webmaster pro-tem.
- Kirtland was appointed to an associate senator position.

DPS | Reports

- 4/23 Sophomore Johnathan Cobb was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- 4/22 Sophomore Ryan Robinson was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/19 Report of theft from Kirk Memorial Building.
- 4/19 Sophomore Crystal Suniga was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- 4/18 Report of bicycle stolen from McClain Hall bicycle rack.
- 4/17 Report of burglary from the Pershing Natatorium.
- 4/17 Report of theft from a construction site.
- 4/13 Report of fraudulent use of a credit/debit device.
- 4/12 Report of theft from the Fair Apartments Convenience Store.
- 4/11 Report of property damage/vandalism at Pershing Building.
- 4/11 Report of theft from Parking Lot 27.

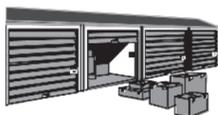


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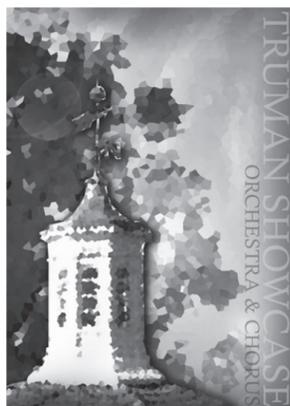


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