

CUTS | President plans to eliminate CDC to save money

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distributed back into various departments to be determined later.

"It's not being cut from our budget," Dixon said. "It's like taking it from this checkbook and moving it into the other. It's all within the University."

She said the University will evaluate both faculty and staff salaries based on national, regional and local figures and most likely will not raise all salaries by one set percentage.

"I suspect very strongly that, in terms of staff, it would not be across the board because we need to look at the market outside," she said.

The first decision to cut a program definitively was made with the Child Development Center, slated to close in May.

The CDC, in its 38th year at Truman, employs two full-time and two part-time employees, who were informed Monday of their imminent layoff and offered severance plans. The employees have worked at the CDC for seven, five and three years respectively, and one was hired recently.

Dixon said the University's severance plan includes full salary and benefits for one month per year of employment.

The CDC enrolls about 20 children, about 15 of whose

parents are employed at the University and receive free childcare through the CDC.

Dixon cited unsuitable building facilities as a reason for cutting the program.

"We have a building that is not in good shape, is the best way to say it," Dixon said. "The building needs significant renovations."

To construct a new building, Dixon said the University would need to spend as much as \$500,000. The University also provides an annual subsidy of \$120,000 to the CDC.

Jo Agnew, professor of early childhood development and director of the CDC, said the building is not in suitable condition, including plumbing and mold problems.

"[The building] was really made for a family of four or six, and we have like 80 to 90 people running through there every day," she said.

Agnew said the CDC also provides a place for about 75 students each year, including scholarship workers and nursing and communication disorders majors.

She said she thinks the closing of the CDC will be a loss not only to the employees but to those in the region as well.

"The CDC is probably one of the best, if not the best, early childhood education center in northeast Missouri," she said.

Agnew said CDC enroll-

ment numbers have dropped from about 35 to about 20, with parents citing rumors of the impending closure as reasons for withdrawing children.

Junior JoAnn Jorgovan is in her third semester with a scholarship job as a CDC teacher and said she thinks it is the best place for childhood development in the area.

"It allows a very free and open environment for the children to learn and really encourages development at their own pace while still challenging them to further learn," she said.

As a CDC teacher, Jorgovan assists with activities such as reading, tumbling, art and playing outside. She said she will need to find a new scholarship job when the CDC closes in May.

Also in her plan, Dixon addressed re-evaluating the University's athletic programs because of inadequate facilities and funding. In her letter to the faculty, she wrote that the University's Athletic Committee is reviewing various solutions, "including the possible elimination of some sports."

Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said planning still is in the early stages, and the committee is not yet looking at any one sport in particular to eliminate. He said the committee will research several options,



Chris Waller/Index
President Barbara Dixon announced plans at a press conference Wednesday to recapture \$4 to \$5 million.

which might include switching athletic conferences or dropping from the Div. II to Div. III level.

"So basically, they're looking at the overall programs to see how does athletics fit into the mission of the University," Wollmering said. "There are many different possible scenarios."

However, Wollmering said no decisions have been made. The committee will report its recommendations

in March, according to Dixon's letter.

Wrestling head coach Dave Schutter said he is not worried about his program being eliminated even though his athletes already don't have their own practice facilities, and only 42 Div. II schools in the country still have the sport, according to the NCAA Web site.

"One of the key words that they keep using in meetings is viability," Schutter

said. "They're looking at the viability of every athletic program. How do you define viability? If you define viability as cost effective, as bringing recognition to the University, ... wrestling is one of the most viable programs we've got right now."

Truman's wrestling program also has a \$19,282 operating budget, compared to \$114,737 for football, according to the Department of Higher Education's Office

of Postsecondary Education Web site.

Other programs slated for consideration are the staff and faculty health insurance plans, all graduate programs and technology services.

Dixon also plans to return the student-faculty ratio to 16-to-1, as established in the University's Master Plan in 1997.

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SENATE | Appeal of Kirtland's veto fails despite heavy student support

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Reformation of Marijuana Laws and organizations that expressed opposition to the resolution.

At the start of the three-hour meeting, speaker senior Michael Pierson advised the gallery and senators to stick to a proper level of decorum.

Kappel then moved to suspend the agenda, but Kirtland objected, allowing Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist to present. Before Kappel made his appeal, Kirtland nominated sophomore Daniel Poindexter to a voting senator position, resulting in a closed session of three minutes. Poindexter voted against the appeal.

In his opening speech, Kappel refuted Kirtland's veto by attacking each of his 11 points from the veto letter.

"It's true that only 1 percent of students are affected by this law, but that's 175,000 students that could be here," Kappel said. "A lot of people don't apply because of this law."

Kappel said the cost of overturning drug convictions and entering rehabilitation programs, which would allow students with prior convictions to regain financial aid, is prohibitive.

"The cost of outpatient treatment is \$1,040," Kappel said. "If you don't have money to go to school, how then can you afford this?"

In response to the appeal, Kirtland released a letter to the student association explaining the rationale behind his veto and read it aloud to the gallery.

Kirtland wrote that students who want to better themselves will take

the initiative.

"After you take this step towards improvement, the government will further help you by providing funding to attend an institution of higher education and further pull yourself to a better place in our society regardless of your race, class or economic ability," he wrote. "This is the system we have now, and it is, in my opinion, the best way to truly eliminate the drug problem in America."

Organization representatives from Alpha Sigma Gamma, Beta Theta Pi and Prism expressed their support for the veto.

Junior Greg Wisa, Prism social chairman, said his organization thinks Senate has lost sight of the issue.

"There is a large problem with crystal meth in the gay community across the nation," Wisa said. "People who have a drug problem should seek help from a treatment program before seeking higher education."

Junior Grant Tower, parking appeals chairman, expressed the Betas' support for the veto. Tower and Kirtland both are Betas.

"Mark Kirtland, with this veto, did what the student government failed to do," Tower said. "Represent the student association, not just the 30 people in the gallery. The majority of students support this veto."

Kirtland and Kappel both earned their positions with milestone margins. In April, Kirtland won the presidency against junior David Bonner by a 3-to-1 margin. In September, Kappel received the most votes, with 351 out

of 677 students voting for him.

Former senator sophomore Eric Wooten said Truman looks at a prospective student as a whole and not just at one negative incident.

Wooten said the law punishes one mistake.

"If someone's in a rut, the government says, 'You're in the second rate of society, you can't go to college, good luck with finding a job, good luck with your life,'" Wooten said.

Wisa said students who receive federal money should follow the rules.

"What it comes down to is if you go to school, you have to follow the rules, and no one should be exempt from those rules," Wisa said.

Two of the three senators absent from last week's meeting voted in favor of the appeal, with senior Parviz Jabarov abstaining. The lone abstaining senator from last week voted for the appeal while two senators who supported the resolution voted to sustain the veto. Members of the gallery snapped their fingers as each senator cast his or her vote.

"I'm greatly offended that Mark Kirtland doesn't trust me and 10 other senators to go out and talk to students," said sophomore Mindy Maness, external affairs chairwoman. "However, he went out and talked to his constituents. I'm in favor of this veto and this resolution."

Kappel said he has not planned for next semester yet.

"I hope more open-minded people will run for Student Senate in the next election," Kappel said.

HOUSING | Board of Governors raises housing costs

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Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, said that next year when the new hall opens, the cost will be higher than the other residence halls at \$7,020. At that point, many of the halls will have different prices, she said.

"It's getting a little bit complicated," Gilchrist said.

She said the new hall is more expensive because of things including larger living quarters, air conditioning and climate control. The new hall also will have a Sodexo convenience store, she said.

"This is going to be our premium housing option," Gilchrist said. "We're look-

ing to make more of a variety for students."

Gilchrist said the committee looked at other schools to determine the new cost. The University of Missouri-Columbia priced a hall with similar features to Truman's at \$8,100. She said Truman hopes to remain competitive.

Gilchrist said students choosing to live in the new hall would have to pay what their scholarships would not cover.

"We recognize there is a change for students because there are more options," Gilchrist said.

She said she hopes students will enjoy the new options. "I'm excited about it [be-

cause] in the long run it will give people more living options," Gilchrist said.

Sophomore Emily Kiddoo, student representative to the Board of Governors, said that a week before the meeting, she received notification that the costs of the residence halls were set to increase. The new hall would be about \$1,500 more expensive.

"The problem is in the future is it going to be that big of a price gap between those because that's quite a big difference," Kiddoo said. "You don't want to get into something where there is an elitist dorm."

HARDWICK | Officer reveals information in Scott case

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investigation might lead to a lawsuit on Hardwick's behalf.

"Right now there's an investigation," he said. "It may ultimately lead to public action, but right now we have to deal with the administrative part of this."

Shumaker said he could not confirm or deny if Hardwick has been suspended by the Police Department following the incident.

"He has not been terminated or anything," he said. "He is still being paid by the department."

The arresting officer Jan. 21, whom Shumaker identified as Faren Lindsey, has quit the Police Department since, he said.

Kirkville Police Chief Jim Hughes confirmed the internal affairs investigation with the Police Department is ongoing. "[The investigation] ad-

resses personnel matters," Hughes said. "As such, the department is restricted in the information that can be released at this time."

Personnel data includes information about suspensions, he said.

"It is a personnel matter, and it is not unusual in the field of policing, based on the levels of public trust and the authority officers have," Hughes said. "... A suspension does not imply guilt or innocence. I'm not acknowledging whether there was or wasn't one."

He said the first investigation pertaining to the Jan. 21 incident resulted in a policy change.

"We did in fact add to one of our policies," Hughes said. "That's what it's for, to identify some kind of shortcoming in training or policy provides a remedy so that can be fixed. Any issues that

were identified that were related to the actual stop, they were resolved at that time."

Hughes said this second investigation, like all inquiries, is focused, not general in scope. He said he does not know when an outcome will be reached.

"We want it to be fair and impartial," he said. "We don't want to rush the investigation."

Hughes would not comment on Hardwick's standing within the department.

Shumaker said he has sent a letter to Sergeant Steve Farnsworth, whom he identified as the conductor of the police department internal investigation. In the letter, he said he requested a polygraph test for both Hardwick and Williams.

Hardwick was a candidate last year for Adair County Sheriff.

BURGLARY | Police detain local men in connection with alleged crime

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Residence Life called Public Safety about 1:15 a.m., and Public Safety sent an officer there, Johnson said.

Johnson said the suspects are being detained at the Adair County Sheriff's De-

tention Facility. The alleged burglary is a class-B felony, which is punishable by 10 to 20 years of imprisonment.

Debra Yarrington, Darrell Yarrington's mother, said her son told her he did not steal the items but rather entered Centennial Hall

to warm up.

"Somebody told them that they couldn't stand [inside] because he wasn't a resident," she said. "It's all a bunch of bogus stuff. I'm aggravated about it."

Johnson said Public Safety does not know how the resi-

dents were able to enter Centennial Hall, but Public Safety still is trying to discover that information. He also said there were no drugs or alcohol involved.

The stolen items have not been recovered yet, Johnson said.

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