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Circulation assistant Leslie Motter browses T-shirts Wednesday in the Center for Student Involvement office. Motter said she looks forward to wearing her new shirt Friday. Many reduced Homecoming items remain in the office.

# Apparel, trophies remain in surplus

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Staff Reporter

Barbara Clark, secretary of institutional research and budget, said she normally orders Homecoming apparel when the preorder form floats around the President's office.

But Clark said she was in the Center for Student Involvement office Tuesday buying an Oxford gray-colored hoodie for her sister-in-law, a University alumna.

"She was in town for Christmas, and she was at the bookstore when she heard that Homecoming apparel was on sale," Clark said.

As of yesterday, several boxes of Homecoming sweatshirts, hoodies and T-shirts sit in the CSI, awaiting buyers at reduced prices.

It's a sight that CSI program adviser Amy Currier would like to get rid of.

"We're not sure if [slow sweatshirt sales] are due to cost or the warm weather," Currier said.

At the beginning of the semester, the CSI reduced prices on its remaining Homecoming apparel by \$10, with both short-sleeve and long-sleeve T-shirts going for \$5 each.

Currier said the markdowns came at the same time last year.

"Once our budget is recouped from our preorders and sales that week, that's usually the time we lower prices," Currier said. "We need to make it back up for the office to run the rest of the year."

Currier said apparel sales are not a fund-

raiser for the CSI, and any surplus made goes into activities sponsored by the office, such as college bowl intramurals.

The Homecoming committee spent about \$17,000 on apparel for the weeklong event, averaging a \$10 profit on each item, according to public records. The year before, more than \$26,000 was spent on apparel. At least \$8,000, including most of the T-shirts, were sold before and during Homecoming week.

"Competing organizations have incentives to buy shirts during Homecoming," Currier said.

Organizations competing in Homecoming also noticed some changes in trophies.

Senior Laura Keck, co-chairwoman of the awards committee, said cost-cutting measures resulted in new awards for second- and third-place teams.

"We started giving plaques instead of trophies for second and third place," Keck said. "We priced frames at 10 to 15 different places, and we got them for under \$2 apiece."

Some prizes remain unclaimed three months later. Keck said her committee has dropped notices in organization mailboxes reminding them to pick up their prizes.

A third-place plaque for Alpha Kappa Lambda's float remained in the CSI's workroom Tuesday. Freshman Paul Russo, AKL's Homecoming chair, said his members simply forgot to pick it up.

Fourteen leftover first-place trophies also sit in the CSI, including all five from sand volleyball, which the committee canceled because of the weather. Keck said the com-

mittee has to order five first-place trophies for each event.

Keck said those trophies will be reused.

"We'll just have [the Homecoming emblem and year] replaced," Keck said. "[The trophy maker] only charges us for replacing those two parts."

Currier said planning for next October's Homecoming is underway. Earlier this week, representatives from Office of Advancement, CSI, Multicultural Affairs Office and Publications met to finalize job descriptions and coordinate the interview process.

Applications are available in the CSI and are due Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. Currier said interviews will be Feb. 21 to 22.

"We're shooting to hold our meetings earlier," Currier said. "We hope to start March 6, before midterm break."

Keck said the outgoing chairpersons will meet with or write letters to their replacements to give them suggestions.

"Just get everything done as early as possible," Keck said.

Currier said she hopes the remaining surplus from this year's Homecoming sells soon because storage space will be limited when renovations to the Student Union Building begin in March.

She said apparel quantities for next year will be reduced by at least 30 percent.

"We are hoping we change people's ideas to, 'You need to buy apparel soon, or else it'll be gone,'" Currier said. "We're hoping we don't have to deal with it after Homecoming."

# Letter writers address quality of military care

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Congress might be hearing from Truman students soon after tonight's informative presentation on how to support troops.

Residence Life and Stonewall Group, a political gay rights organization, are co-sponsoring Letters for Lives at 8 p.m. tonight in the SUB Alumni Room.

Sophomore Sam Hodge, president of the Stonewall Group, said many people do not know how to go about writing to their senators.

Letters for Lives will provide envelopes, paper and statistics from major newspapers from very liberal to very conservative, as well as a generic format for a guideline to actually write the letter.

Hodge said that after its presentation

about AIDS awareness last semester, the group wanted to put on another political presentation that would empower people to voice their opinion directly to their legislators.

"We need to do something because there really is a crisis in our military and our armed services that has been addressed by mainstream media, but it is not the focus of it," Hodge said. "I want to make it the focus of our presentation."

Because it's a Congressional election year, Hodge said, students who send letters might receive responses, and representatives are more likely to act on their constituents' desires in hopes of re-election.

Subjects discussed will focus on military issues like proper healthcare for veterans and armor and supplies for troops, Hodge said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is

low on funding and does not have enough facilities while the ones that exist are aging.

"These are the people who fought in WWII, Vietnam and people who have been fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they are getting poor treatment," Hodge said. "These people sacrificed for our country, and I think the least we can do as individuals is write a letter that may cause some sort of change that can save lives in the future and increase the quality of life for veterans."

Not all troops have access to armor around the clock, and it is a problem that has largely been ignored, Hodge said.

A number of student speakers will talk about their experiences of having friends or family that have served or are serving in Iraq, Hodge said. One of the speakers is Chris Copley, a sophomore student adviser in Centennial Hall.

"It is a good way to let people know that there are still people over there, and that they are in dire need of armor and supplies," Copley said.

Copley, whose father was killed in Iraq, said he will explain the importance of supporting people who are serving in Iraq and the family members who are left behind.

"This stuff affects every family," Hodge said. "Maybe if you don't know anyone right now who is in Iraq, [and] we don't have any end in sight, [you] most likely will know someone who is there eventually."

Hodge said his cousin is in Iraq and has been there for three months with no indication of when he will return home.

"At Christmas it was really sad," Hodge said. "My grandfather was leading off our prayer right before dinner, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place because it is really scary

to have someone you love dearly in some place so unsafe."

Freshman Kevin Andert, president of College Democrats, said several of the group's members will attend Letters for Lives.

"We are supporting it to show that though we do not support the war, we do support the troops overseas and care about their safety," Andert said.

Andert also said College Democrats will be involved in a fundraiser later in the semester for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The fundraiser will raise money to buy calling cards for troops who are overseas.

"I think it is important for everyone to take a stand and support our troops and do everything we can," Hodge said. "This issue as we consider it is nonpartisan. It doesn't matter whether you support the war in Iraq or you don't—you should support the troops."

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