

# History month spreads ideas

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Using a round rock, a moose antler and a slab of mahogany-colored flint stone, master flintknapper Tim Murphy brought to life traditional Native American arrowheads and stone knives in a flintknapping presentation last week.

"The fact that someone could take a rock and make it into a knife blade - that's neat," sophomore Amanda Carroll said.

This presentation was one of many events hosted by the Multicultural Affairs Center in celebration of Native American Heritage month.

In a crowded room full of curious students, Carroll

watched as pieces of the flint stone were chipped away using ancient Native American

tools made from moose and deer antlers and a process Murphy called "percussion flaking."

"I have a general fascination with history, so it was interesting to see how to make tools from ancient times," Carroll said.

Carroll and the other students learned about how to carve the stone in Murphy's demonstration. Murphy described flintknapping as simply the process of making ancient tools. Along with creating a stone knife out of a large piece of flint for his audience, Murphy also shared some of his own knowledge of and experience with the Native American culture.

"Back then, this was necessary to maintain life," Murphy said. "They had to have tools. It's not just survival, there's an artistic part

of it, physical part of it, mental part of it, emotional part of it and spiritual part of it."

Finishing his stone knife creation, Murphy passed it around the classroom full of students.

"Seeing the whole thing and feeling it - I thought, 'Wow,'" Carroll said.

As the program coordinator for the Multicultural Affairs Center, Sunnie Hughes said she and the MAC crew worked hard for weeks to bring many different kinds of activities to the campus to help celebrate the Native American culture.

"Besides presentations, we had forms of artwork," Hughes said. "We had music and all different types of ways to express the culture."

The musical performance to embrace the Native American culture was a jam session conducted by Howard Lyons. Lyons has performed at Truman in past years and drew a large crowd.

"This year we even had younger kids and community members come to see his per-



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Flintknapper Tim Murphy demonstrates how to make tools from flint as part of Native American Heritage Month events hosted by the Multicultural Affairs Center last week.

formance," Hughes said.

Some of the other activities included a presentation by Daniel Mandell, associate professor of history, on how Americans view Native American life and culture; a slideshow put together by Mike Davis, professor of anthropology, showing his-

torical photographs of Plains Native Americans; and a planned presentation by Stanley Holder from the U.S. Department of Education on the history of the Native American culture.

To make sure all the events came together for the month, Hughes said she

worked for hours on setting up performances and planning before and throughout the month.

"I think the hardest would have to be Stan's [presentation] because he had to cancel," Hughes said.

Even though not all the events that were planned

worked out, Hughes said she still hopes the activities and events of the month gave students a new perspective on Native American culture.

"I hope they gain appreciation of the culture and understand the importance of why we should be learning about it," Hughes said.

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He said his own Office of Administration is creating a scenario to account for up to a 20 percent decrease in funding.

"It is a serious endeavor, and we expect a serious answer, and I'm sure [colleges] will come to the floor with what the implications are," Keathley said. "They've been through this before."

David Rector, University director of institutional research and budgets, said Truman has seen similar warnings before.

"We've taken some cuts in the past, but every time you take a cut it gets harder," Rector said. "You don't want to say that you cut out unnecessary expenses because they were things that we felt were important, but you just keep trimming back things that are nice to do, or are good for students, until you get to the point where there's not much left."

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He said that in 2002, the University saw a 12.2 percent decrease in funding and has not yet had a chance to recover. Truman is functioning at the same level of funding as it did in 1999, Rector said.

If the cuts actually occur, it could set Truman back to the early 1990s, he said. That has the potential to affect the University in a variety of ways, Rector said.

"A piece of it would obviously be faculty and staff cuts, which we would try to do through attrition, retirements, resignations and not filling vacant positions," Rector said. "We're really saying that it would definitely result in an increase in tuition, we'd have to eliminate a number of faculty and staff positions, and we'd probably cut library support, travel and technology."

In response to the 2002 budget cut, Truman students were each asked to pay a \$100 surcharge regardless of scholarship status, and the following year tuition increased 11 percent, Rector said.

Because Truman receives half its

yearly budget from state appropriations and half from student tuition and fees, the projected 10 percent to 12 percent cut comprises only 5 or 6 percent of Truman's total available monies.

"You can do the math," Rector said. "If half of our money comes from the state, and you're wanting to make up the difference with tuition, you're going to have to raise tuition [the same amount]."

He said he encourages students, parents, faculty and staff members to let their representatives know how devastating the effects of the cuts would be.

"It's really puzzling because you put 15 to 20 campuses in a turmoil about this," Rector said. "We're all diverted, our guys get diverted, so it's surely serious or else just kind of testing the political water, will there be an uproar."

University President Barbara Dixon said she was a little surprised by the request.

"The external environment is pretty unpredictable and while there seemed to be an upswing in the state's economy and the revenues, we didn't know how much that would be and it seems it's not as much as we needed it to be," Dixon said.

She said Truman's administration had planned to reallocate \$4 to \$5 million within the University budget to increase faculty and staff salaries, among other things, but now if the cuts were to occur, that money would virtually disappear.

"That is basically equivalent to the amount we would have to cut," Dixon said.

She said that because of the request from Commissioner Fitch, she participated in a conference call with the presidents of all of Missouri's four-year institutions.

"All 13 presidents were on the phone," Dixon said. "The part that's so discouraging is that we really, all of us in public education, are trying to keep tuition costs so that it's affordable for students. And it has to come from somewhere. And if it's not going to come from the state, it's going to have to come from somewhere else. We're about bare bones."

She said Gov. Blunt would give some kind of indication as to whether the potential cuts will become a reality in his State of the State address in January, but nothing will be certain until the state's budget is completed in May.

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could become witnesses at any trial if different information was provided at a trial," Williams said in the e-mail. "Thus, the mere potential of both of us being a witness in the case causes a legal conflict of interest."

The case file will be sent to the attorney general's office for review, and it will decide whether or not to refile the charges, Williams said. It can be refilled any time before Jan. 21, Williams said.

He said that if the attorney general does refile the charges, he doesn't know how long it will take to go to trial.

"We were ready to present the case on Nov. 15," he said. "If the attorney handling the files agrees with what we did, then the case will be ready for trial much quicker than normal. Where the case will end up will be between the attorneys and the court."

Jim Gardner, Missouri attorney general's office press secretary, said that at any point

in time, the attorney general's office sees about 30,000 cases. He said appointing a special prosecutor happens often.

Gardner said he couldn't say for sure whether the attorney general would refile the charges because he hasn't seen the papers for the case, but things should proceed like normal.

"It would be just like if it would be in the county prosecutor's office, only in this case ... when a prosecutor excuses himself, ... it would be the attorney general's office acting in that manner, so it just proceeds like a normal trial," Gardner said.

Kirksville Police Chief Jim Hughes said the Police Department conducted a second formal investigation into the stop. Hughes said he could not reveal the issues being investigated or the officer who provided inconsistent information because the internal affairs investigation is under way.

Scott had no further comment. He stepped down from the council Oct. 17.

## HALL | Cafeteria lack causes issues

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from a residence hall cafeteria in the near future," he said.

When Missouri Hall is back online after the renovation, Truman will have three functioning cafeterias again, Burden said.

O'Brien said Residence Life has not determined what furniture will be used in the new hall. Two lounges on the north side of Missouri Hall are each test-driving a different set of potential furniture for the new residence hall, O'Brien said. She said Residence Life also is testing new room furniture, which has a more contemporary look and feel.

"It is designed so you have just as much furniture, if not more, but it's spaced ergonomically so it's more contemporary and multifunction-

al," O'Brien said.

Burden said one lounge has furniture from Cale and Steel, and another has furniture from Southwest Contract.

"We wanted to really give the furniture a good workout to see how it held up," he said.

Burden said the furniture has held up well. He said the old furniture was too low to the ground and awkward for residents to get in and out of.

"It's some really neat-looking furniture," Burden said.

Two sophomores are testing the furniture from Cale and Steel, and two freshmen are testing the furniture from Southwest Contract, he said.

Burden said a lot of the current furniture in Missouri Hall could be used next year in the new residence hall.

## ASSAULT | Female student alleges that man wearing hooded sweatshirt pushed her down Ryle stairs

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as this one], we contact DPS to alert them and to bring more help to the table," Ryle Hall Director Mike Lueder said. "They can help assess if medical attention is needed and [we can] utilize them to figure out who the assailant is."

He said the Residence Life staff also can assist Public Safety in getting the information needed for the investigation and can assist the victim if he or she needs medical attention or someone to talk to.

Whittom said the woman was transported to the hospital following the incident, but

Lueder said she is fine now.

Lueder said the Ryle Hall staff will discuss the incident in its weekly staff meeting.

"We will make sure we are all aware of what is going on and decide how to address the situation," he said.

Whittom said the assault is under investigation, and he could not comment as to whether Public Safety has any suspects in the case. However, he said officers are following up on all of the leads they have received so far.

"When these things are under investigation, DPS and Res Life work together to whatever degree is possible to utilize resources,"

Lueder said.

Whittom said hanging fliers is part of Public Safety protocol and is required by the federal Jeanne Clery Act.

"We are required by law to post timely notices of incidents that meet a certain set of criteria," Whittom said. "I think the purpose behind it is to notify the community of a possible problem so that they can be more alert."

He said the fliers also generate information and possible leads, but more important they notify the public of the incident. Whittom said he personally distributed the fliers regarding the assault in Ryle, posting them

on almost all exterior residence hall doors and at the on-campus apartments.

Whittom said Public Safety has made an effort to enhance safety in response to the assault.

"We've been more vigilant in terms of possible problems in that area," he said. "We do a regular foot patrol of all the residence halls and we are following up on all of our leads. We always try to promote safety tips that can help, and we try to promote our escort service."

Lueder said that in order to stay safe, it is important for students to be aware of their

surroundings and base their actions on their comfort level. He said it is beneficial to use the company of other people, have a cell phone and know what safety procedures are in effect on campus.

Whittom said it is imperative that students call Public Safety when they notice something suspicious. He said they would rather hear about an issue that turns out to be nothing than have to deal with a bad situation later.

"People are pretty good at noticing things out of the ordinary," he said. "Give us a call. We'll check on it. It's not going to be putting someone out."

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