

Counseling overflows

Students wait-listed for a week to meet with a counselor

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for the Index

Students shouldn't worry if they cannot get into the University Counseling Services immediately. The UCS still wants people to come in.

UCS Director Brian Krylowicz said that this year, the UCS has seen a 15 percent increase in students' use of services, creating a waiting list for students wanting to make an appointment.

Krylowicz also said the numbers fluctuate every year, but this year the center has been busier than usual. He said this is also because one of the counselors left Oct. 14 to accept a position at another university. As a result, he said there could be a waiting list for the entire semester.

"Those students meeting with the resigning counselor Frank Kuo have already been assigned to someone else, so that's taken care of," Assistant Director Joe Hamilton said.

The waiting time for students about a week before initial assessment, which is where they meet with a counselor for about an hour. At that time a full evaluation is done, and the counselor and student talk about the reasons for making the appointment.

Although it can be frustrating for students who are put on a waiting list, some students think that it is still worthwhile to see the UCS.

"I went to the UCS last semester," senior Cathy Clark said. "I think that they were pretty good at helping me as much as I could be helped. A lot of that kind of thing is more just guiding you and figuring out where you're going."

Clark said she waited about a week for the initial assessment but thinks it was reasonable.

Krylowicz said the UCS still wants people to come in.

"We're going to be respectful to students and let them know what's going on," he said. "But we just don't know how long a person will be on a wait list."

Both Krylowicz and Hamilton said they had speculations as to why there was an increase of students coming in.

"When I came here, one of the first things I wanted to do was decrease the stigma for certain groups," Krylowicz said. "Certain groups have always been very good about coming forth. Other groups have been a little less so. However, this also makes us really busy."

Hamilton also said he thinks the view on the social stigmas of seeking counseling is decreasing for students.

"Some of the stigma with counseling is not there like it used to be, and a lot of students



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University Counseling Services Building, north of Pershing building, has about a weeklong waiting list for students wishing to see a counselor.

have already been in counseling before," Hamilton said. "We've also made more of a connection with parents."

A study done in spring 2005 by the American College Health Association and the National College Health Association showed statistics stating that of 1,126 students who participated in this study, 18.2 percent had depression, and 11.8 percent had an anxiety disorder. Of those students, 18 percent said their condition had affected their individual academic performance, which

included dropping a course or receiving a lower grade in the class, an exam or a project.

"The concern about the large number of students struggling with suicidal thoughts and behaviors is obviously disturbing and worrisome, but I am also really bothered that almost half of our students are impacted by stress," Krylowicz said.

He said a temporary solution to the waiting list is prioritizing students.

"People who are very, very depressed and having some se-

vere problems with their basic life functions or have increased suicidality are our highest priority," Krylowicz said.

Next on the waiting list are the people who have been waiting the longest.

Krylowicz said the UCS also strives for confidentiality. "This is a professional and confidential place," Krylowicz said. "I think that's become really clear because we're becoming more utilized."

The UCS also offers group programs, which can have five to eight students at a time.

NEWS | In Brief

Resident allegedly attacks pregnant woman, will appear in court Nov. 9

Kirksville resident Jonathan P. Dovin was charged with one count of class-B felony of attempted murder in the first degree, one count of class-A felony of domestic assault in the first degree and one count of class-C felony of felonious restraint.

Dovin allegedly attacked pregnant Roseanna Perkins with the intent of murdering her unborn baby on or about Oct. 4 according to information released from the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The first amended felony complaint filed by Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams said Dovin stomped on Perkins, threw her around the bathroom and forced her to lie in cold bathwater.

According to the report, the count of domestic assault occurred sometime between Oct. 1 and Oct. 4 in Adair County where Dovin allegedly choked Perkins, sprayed household chemicals in her face and broke a mirror over her face.

The third count of felonious restraint allegedly occurred between Oct. 1 and Oct. 4.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 9 in the Associate Division of the Adair County Circuit Court before Judge Kristie Swaim.

Parking lots close for Homecoming

Parking lots located west of the Bulldog Kennels will be closed for Homecoming activities until Monday.

The parking lot between McClain Hall and the Student Union Building will be closed Friday through Saturday.

Career Expo vendors will be using the parking lot at the southwest corner of Patterson and Franklin streets Oct. 26.

The Magruder Hall parking lot will be closed for construction crews for both Magruder Hall and the Student Union Building renovation.

Fine arts division seeks a pianist to accompany spring musical production

The division of fine arts is looking for a pianist to accompany next spring's production of "Violet." The music is by Genanine Tesori, and the book and lyrics were written by Brian Crawley.

Becky Becker, associate professor of theatre, said the accompanist would need to attend the majority of rehearsals, beginning Feb. 26. The production will be April 18 through 22. To apply and for more information, contact Becker.

Police confiscate man's guns, marijuana

The Kirksville Police Department arrested Kirksville resident James St. Jameson on a Macon County warrant and impounded about 4.5 pound of marijuana and two firearms Oct. 19.

Bricks sold to commemorate Magruder

The Truman brick plaza is open for viewing at the north end of Magruder Hall. Bricks are still available for purchase until Monday through the Truman Alumni Store, online at <http://store.truman.edu/alumni>.

The bricks are available in 4-by-8 inches and 8-by-8 inches and cost \$100 and \$250, respectively. Those who already have purchased bricks can check where their brick is located at <http://alumni.truman.edu/bricklookup.asp>.

For more information, call the Office of Advancement at 785-4133.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate appointed and swore in junior Abbi Howe as Senate secretary.
- Senate appointed junior Samuel Edeh as associate senator.
- Academic affairs chairwoman junior Angela Crawford said the communication major will merge the communication arts and science emphases into a public communication major next fall.
- Senate approved a motion to spend \$75 on candles for the memorial vigil tonight.
- Staff adviser and registrar A. Kay Anderson said that President Barbara Dixon will announce her plans for University restructuring Oct. 25.
- Senate approved changes to its standing rules. Previous meeting minutes must be approved at the next meeting, and Senate struck the clause for the representative to the defunct Student Association of Missouri.

DPS | Reports

- 10/17 Report of property damage at the Student Recreation Center.
- 10/14 Report of property damage at Grim Hall.
- 10/11 Report of bicycle theft from Ophelia Parrish.
- 10/11 Freshman John Brengle was issued a Missouri Uniform and Summons and complaint for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

Students cannot reserve rooms

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Students living in the residence halls no longer have the option of squatting to reserve a room for the 2006-07 school year.

Andrea O'Brien, director of Residence Life, said that while students no longer have the option to squat, students who renewed in previous years generally didn't have problems obtaining a room of their choosing.

"I know a lot of the people that didn't do squatter's rights did still get their same room back, or the suite next to it or the room next to it," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said Residence Life removed squatter's right for the entire campus because it would be unfair to all students to give an entire hall an advantage.

"The main thought is that it's re-

ally difficult to give special privileges to basically a whole hall because then there would be an inherent unfairness that other people will feel for them," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said Residence Life reserves about 1,500 beds for incoming freshmen. When Missouri Hall is taken off line next fall Residence Life will lose about 200 available beds.

O'Brien said Residence Life has 1,100 beds on campus reserved for upperclassman use for the next school year. She said students who wish to live on campus should preregister between now and Nov. 28.

"We're taking them first come, first serve," O'Brien said.

She said the first 1,100 students who complete the form would re-

ceive a lottery number and priority for next fall. O'Brien said everyone else will be put on a waiting list. After the housing fair in February, if rooms are still available, O'Brien said they will assign students on the waiting list a second round of lottery numbers to fill the remaining beds.

"Last year we had a waiting list of students throughout the summer," O'Brien said. "And we ended up placing all of them."

O'Brien said the distribution of lottery numbers, however, hasn't changed, and the numbers will be assigned based on academic standing for the first 1,100 people to preregister.

She said students unsure about their plans should preregister now and later

can remove their name from the list or not go through the renewal process.

"There is no penalty from withdrawing your name from the preregistration list for renewal," O'Brien said. "However, once we do renewal, the same rules apply."

Students who sign a contract to reserve a room and later cancel will be charged a fine, O'Brien said.

Junior Brandon Foster, a Ryle Hall resident, said although he is moving off campus next fall, he would be angry about the removal of squatter's rights.

"If I wanted to keep the room, it would be a pain," Foster said.

Sophomore Danielle Clark said she didn't use squatting rights for this school year.

"I think it's completely and totally fair that if you remove squatter's rights for one building, that you do it for everyone," Clark said.

Bright Flight headache to be resolved soon

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for the Index

The delays in Bright Flight are coming to an end.

Job cuts and a switch in loan servicers by the Department of Higher Education delayed the payment of Bright Flight scholarships to students.

Melinda Wood, financial aid director, said these problems almost are resolved and payments will arrive around Nov. 1.

Wood said the University needed to complete forms certifying student enrollment by 5 p.m. Friday.

Once these forms are filed with the Department of Higher Education, the money can be distributed to students waiting for the funds.

Students who scored a 30 or higher on their ACT receive the scholarships in payments of \$1,000 each semester, usually available at the beginning of the semester.

All interest charges on money owed from Bright Flight were removed toward the end of September.

Sophomore Lauren Miller said the delayed funds have affected more than just student accounts.

"I have a lot of friends who are here on full rides and who have Bright Flight and usually get a \$1,000 check," Miller said. "I know that it has caused problems with a lot of people who have bought books with their Bright Flight money."

Joyce McVay, student accounts

supervisor, said very few students applied for emergency loans.

"There was a small clump at the beginning," McVay said.

Senior Laura Williams said she needed the Bright Flight money to pay for her books.

With the delays, Williams said she paid for the books out of money she saved during the summer.

After spending the money on books, Williams said she had to borrow money from her parents to make other payments.

She said she normally does not borrow money from them.

Williams said it was unnecessary to wait so long for the Bright Flight money.

She said she also was angered that the state did not inform students

that payments would be delayed.

Williams contacted her state representative at the beginning of October.

State Rep. Jerry Nolte, R-Gladstone, called Williams, informing her of the delay, and told her the money would be in soon.

When the money still had not arrived, Williams said she called Nolte. She said he returned her call Oct. 17 and said Truman should have the money by Oct. 26 and to allow a few days for processing.

Although some students, including Miller, expressed concerns that the required ACT score would rise, or the allotted money awarded to students per year would decrease, Woods said neither of these are likely to happen.

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at 7 p.m. Tuesday October 25 in the Student Union Building, Activities Room
Open to the Public

Watts, a professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will speak about the role Henry Ford played in shaping twentieth-century America. The talk will be based on his most recent book, *The People's Tycoon: Henry Ford and the American Century*, published by Alfred A. Knopf.

"Steven Watts portrays Ford-convincingly-as not just a business genius but a cultural pioneer who heralded and exploited as no one had before the rise of an America that valued mobility, consumerism, leisure, and image making."

- New York Times Book Review

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