

Bathrooms gain keypads

Dobson Hall will follow Missouri in reception of pads to open restrooms

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for the Index

Forgetting one's keys can be the worst mistake imaginable for a student stumbling to the bathroom at 3 a.m.

Missouri and Dobson hall residents are issued two keys: One opens the student's room, and one opens the community bathroom door.

Students in Dobson Hall, however, will no longer have to carry their keys to unlock the bathroom door after new keypad locks are installed, Area Coordinator John Mounsey said.

Mounsey said that the keypad locks, which are in the process of being ordered, have been on Residence Life's list for awhile.

"We've been saying it's going to happen now for three or four years," Mounsey said. "Since I've been here, we've had problems with the bathroom doors being propped and people not liking to carry their keys to the bathroom."

Mounsey said he thinks keys were considered an inconvenience because of the auto-lock mechanisms on Dobson doors.

"I think something like maybe 50 percent of the rooms in Dobson are auto-lock," he said. "Those people that didn't have auto-lock would leave their door unlocked and go to the bathroom. They'd leave their keys in their room and have to walk back to get the key to get into the bathroom."

Mounsey said that while students might see locked bathrooms as a hassle, locked doors are for safety.

"The bathrooms didn't used to have to be locked, but we had a stalker, so we went ahead and locked



Freshman Eric Lenny uses a keypad to open the door to the men's bathroom in Missouri Hall. Nick Corich/Index

them down," he said. "The thing is, once you lock something down, you identify it as a security risk, so you have to maintain it."

Mounsey said he thinks the new locks will make the bathrooms safer. "The problem is now people are propping their [bathroom] door, and they're messing with the locking mechanisms on the door so much that we're having a problem keeping them locked right now," Mounsey said.

Each student will receive a code to enter the bathroom, he said.

"The lock also gives us the opportunity to have multiple codes, so we can give each individual person on the wing their own code," Mounsey said.

Then, if vandalism occurs in a bathroom, the authorities can discover who used the bathroom, he said.

Freshman Derek Kaimann, who lives in Dobson, said he is excited about the new locks.

"It's so much easier than having to remember a key," Kaimann said. Sophomore Laura Berkowitz, who also lives in Dobson, said she does not like carrying her key to the bathroom.

"It's pretty inconvenient when you have to go [to the bathroom], and you have to look for your key," Berkowitz said. "It kind of [stinks]."

Senior Rafael Andrade, a Dobson student adviser, said he also supports the new locks.

"It's going to be different be-

cause the last three years, I've lived in the dorms," Andrade said. "We've always had keys, you know, so having the punch locks is going to be a little different, but I think it's better because we're not going to have that much of a hassle."

Kaimann said he agrees that the doors will prevent vandalism.

"I think it will keep the stragglers that don't live here out of our bathroom, which would be nice," Kaimann said. "It might keep it a little cleaner."

The ordering process has begun on the locks. When the keypads are delivered, the Physical Plant will install them on all 11 of Dobson's community bathrooms, Mounsey said.

Students bugged by infestations

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The bugs won. After multiple attempts to get rid of an estimated 200 gnats in their room Thursday night, sophomore Kathryn Martin and her three roommates slept in the lounge.

Throughout campus the same night, small flying bugs were swarming, Centennial Hall Director Mike Houlihan said.

Martin and her three roommates in Centennial Hall laughed about their experience Thursday night, but they said that at the time it was anything but funny.

"It was pretty much like a horror movie," Martin said.

Martin said she was sitting at her desk when she noticed an excessive number of bugs in the light above her. She and her roommate turned on a fan and used a broom to try to sweep the bugs down from the ceiling and lights and blow them out of the room. Unfortunately, this didn't help.

They called for assistance from their student adviser, who told them to hang duct tape in hopes of catching the bugs. That also was unsuccessful. Houlihan told the girls to dim their lights and open their door for a while to see if the bugs would be attracted to the hall lights and leave the girls' room. He also gave them permission to sleep in the lounge that night.

"We opened the door and

turned off the lights for like an hour," said sophomore Emmy Thomson, Martin's roommate. "Some went out, but it didn't really help."

Luckily, when the girls returned to their room after a night in the lounge, the bugs were gone.

"We don't know where they all went," Martin said. "We think they are still lurking somewhere."

Missouri Hall Director Zac Burden said there seems to be a night every year that the bugs come out like that, perhaps because of a change in weather.

"There are tiny little bugs that crawl through the screens," Burden said. "There is really nothing we can do about it."

Burden said he encourages his residents to minimize their light usage so they don't attract the bugs.

Houlihan said the bug problem was mentioned at a staff meeting Monday, but it was not a big issue.

Facilities co-supervisor Tim Maize said an influx of bugs is not a rare occurrence for this time of year.

Maize said to prepare for bugs, the University has pest control spray that the halls use during breaks. He said the bugs come in through the vents in window air conditioning units, small cracks in the building and through the doors.

"We'd like to keep [the bugs] out as much as the students want to keep them out," Maize said. "That's northern Missouri. It's the time of the year. They're looking to get out of the cold weather."

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Kathryn Martin
Sophomore

Schedule conflicts, regional issues postpone tri-state summit

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for the Index

A hurricane, the resignation of a public official and unforeseen scheduling conflicts combined to prevent a tri-state summit.

The Tri-State Development Summit originally was scheduled at Truman on Oct. 14. However, because of several circumstances, the summit's committee members decided to postpone the summit until sometime next year.

The Tri-State Development Summit is presented by the Great River Economic Development Foundation to propose and address issues concerning transportation,

tourism, rivers, workforce development, agriculture and media in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. The committee's initial summit was in 1996, and this was the first year it was scheduled at Truman. The summit includes presentations by guest speakers.

Pat Poepping, steering committee member of the Tri-State Development Summit and president of the engineering and architecture firm Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, said there were several circumstances that required the summit be moved to a later date. The members of the summit had planned to invite members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss river and waterway-related issues, but the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina demanded their aid, he said.

Poepping said each state involved in the summit has a conflict at this time. A state-wide meeting for all Illinois transportation officials was scheduled for Oct. 14 in Chicago, and in Missouri, the Department of Transportation called a highway commission meeting for the same date. Iowa Department of Transportation director Mark F. Wandro announced his resignation effective Sept. 30, disabling the summit from adequately addressing transportation concerns and accomplishments in Iowa, Poepping said.

"Because of the circumstances, we felt a postponement was the best decision,"

he said. Heidi Templeton, Truman director of public relations, said the summit committee contacted her two weeks ago concerning the postponement. Because the summit was scheduled during midterm break when many students would not be at the University, the postponement would not interfere with any campus activities, she said.

Jim Mentesti, facilitator of the Tri-State Development Summit and president of the Great River Economic Development Foundation, said the summit would be rescheduled for sometime next year and likely still would be scheduled during an academic holiday to accommodate the expected large turnout.

"When you bring 450 people, you've got to have a place for them to park," Mentesti said.

Mentesti said the summit still is planned to be at Truman, which he said is an ideal setting to address the transportation achievements of the region.

"When you want to talk about highway success, you want to sing to the choir," he said.

Mentesti referred to the recent tax initiatives passed by Kirksville and Macon to expand U.S. Highway 63. She said the initiative was one of the largest and most innovative transportation projects of its type that has been done in the state of Missouri.

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9:00	Games Begin, Celtic Marketplace, Clan Tents & Livestock Exhibits Open
9:00 - 4:30	Costumed Renaissance Photos, T & A Photography, Heritage Hall
9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15	Ring of Steel Action Theatre, North of Arena - Every Show Different (Sword Play and Combat)
11:00, 2:30	Sheepdog Herding Demonstration, Arena
11:00 - 3:00	Food Court Open, Highland Hall
10:30, 1:30	Birds of Prey Exhibition
5:00	Games End
5:30	Festivities Continue Downtown at Il Spazio

Highland Hall:

9:00 - 3:00	Children's Programs - Children <u>MUST</u> be accompanied by adult.
9:00	Bagpipes of Scotland
9:15	Alex & His Cronies
10:15	The Great Kilt, Scottish Bard
11:00	The Boatrights
12:00	Beyond The Gael
12:45	Bagpipes of Scotland, Highland Dance
1:00	The Boatrights
2:00	Medieval Weaponry, Scottish Bard
2:45	Bagpipes of Scotland, Highland Dance
3:00	The Boatrights
3:45	Alex & His Cronies
4:15	Beyond The Gael

Athletic Field:

8:00	Games of Strength Registration
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- Bagpipes

Heritage Hall:

9:15	Beyond The Gael
10:30	Bagpipes of Scotland
10:45	Alex & His Cronies
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12:00	Bagpipes of Scotland, Highland Dance
12:30	Alex & His Cronies
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