Police investigate four sexual assaults

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Two men are in jail and police are searching for a third man involved with four unrelated sexual assaults that occurred earlier this week. All the alleged incidents took place at Truman State University.

First Incident

The first incident occurred sometime between noon Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. on a local trail near Jugtown. Hughes said the incident involved a reported sexual assault against a 45-year-old woman resulting from alleged sexual intercourse. No arrest has been made.

Second Incident

A police officer found a 19-year-old girl crying at 2:48 a.m. on Aug. 8 near the jugtown on Franklin Street. Hughes said the police officer was seeking to make an arrest. The suspect, Roedrick High, of Kirksville, 22, was later arrested and is awaiting a probable cause hearing. Hughes said the suspect is due in court Wednesday. The officer was able to gather evidence from the scene and make the arrest.

Hughes said there are currently four sexual assault cases being investigated by the police. The cases include alleged sexual assault against a 21-year-old whose absence still appears to be suspicious.

Students will swap IDs for new debit-capable cards in the spring

Jim Hughes Staff Reporter

Students’ IDs will be more than just a piece of artwork and pass to the Student Recreation Center in the future. Starting next semester, students will be able to use their student IDs as debit cards. The cards, said David Hoffman, assistant director of student affairs, “will be set up and ready by January of 2006.”

Students will not be required to pay for the new cards, as long as they have their old one. The Student Recreation Center, the Student Union Building, and the Student Union will still accept the old cards for cash transactions when it came to banking on campus, including access to a national bank.

“The way students can “show off” their ID on a credit card or debit card, and back home,” said Mullins. 

Friends find hope in T-shirt memorial

In a show of unity, friends and relatives of the late Spencer Wilkes wore T-shirts that read “In Memory of Spencer Wilkes.”

Scott Koons was among those in attendance.

Koons, who is a fellow student and friend of Wilkes, said he was “shocked” by the incident.

“I’m just sorry that something like this had to happen to someone,” he said. “I just hope that something good can come out of this.”

Professor devoted energy to students’ needs

Mark Nembhard

Mark Nembhard is an assistant professor of chemistry at Truman State University. He is also the associate dean for student affairs.

Nembhard said the incident involving the death of Wilkes “is a loss that none of us can understand.”

“We have to continue to try to understand and move on,” he said.

Nembhard added that he and his colleagues are working to make sure that students who may be struggling with personal issues are given the support they need.

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Student’s card can be used as a student ID card in the future.

Spencer Wilkes drowned Aug. 17 in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., while working on a boat owned and operated by Paradise Parasail. His family said he was extremely helpful to his parents and was a hard worker.

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