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Truman students fill out their ballots in the SUB down under Tuesday afternoon.

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The 63 bypass was a good thing to solve a lot of traffic problems on Baltimore," Kleinsorge said. "However, I do believe it's going to take business away from fast food chains and Wal-mart. I can't see it hurting local businesses much."

Novenda Hartsock, assistant manager of Pancake City, said she thinks the bypass will relieve traffic congestion on Highway 63, but she also is worried about the businesses on Baltimore.

"If people go around us, how will they stop?" Hartsock said.

"If they don't know about Pancake City or Taco Bell, El Vaqueiro or whatever business, how are they going to stop? I'm worried about the economic effects it will have."

Another ballot issue was the Kirksville school bond, in which bonds would be extended for eight years to fund Phase Two construction and renovation of Kirksville schools. It passed by a margin of 1,463 votes, with a total of 3,494 votes cast about the issue.

Proposition 1, which will provide more funds to the Adair

County Sheriff's Department, passed with 2,183 votes cast in favor, winning by 461 votes.

In other election news, a tie occurred in the vote for three new school board members in the Kirksville R-III School District. Judy Duden and Todd Wheeler received the most votes, but candidates Kimberly Bailey and Jason Denslow tied for third place with 1,968 votes. In the event of a tie, if neither candidate concedes, a special election will take place or the winner will be determined by drawing lots, according to Missouri law.

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the vice-presidential slot. Ethics Justice senior Daniel Poindexter said the creation of the position also will appear on next week's ballot, and a vice president's election will be dependent on the passage of that amendment by the students, according to a provision made to Senate standing rules.

"The proposal to create that decision kind of came out of discussions that Senate had about creating more outreach to the community as well as providing more of a daily operational manager for the Student Senate itself so that the president would be able to attend more to duties of the campus community," Poindexter said.

Esfeld and Wiley, who are running on the Bulldog party ticket, said they have four major campaign platforms, the first being environmental sustainability.

Wiley said they support clean transportation - like the Bike Co-op and getting student passes for Kirk-Tran - and also would like to see President Barbara Dixon sign the President's Climate Commitment (see the Jan. 31 issue of the Index).

Wiley said another platform is community, which would focus on getting Truman students involved in the community and eliminating the perceived divide between Kirksville and the University. One specific idea they have is creating lofts for students to live in above businesses on the Kirksville square, which he said also will benefit business owners by providing them with another source of revenue.

"The idea is that we're creating alternative housing for students so that when you go off campus to look for housing, it's not always the old house that needs to be renovated," Wiley said.

Esfeld said academics also is an important issue to her and Wiley, and Senate already is working to provide students with as much information as possible about classes prior to registration. Other goals include extending the deadline for declaring to take a class for credit or no-credit and creating student-initiated courses in which a student proposes his or her own syllabus.

"It would be a great interaction for students to learn through teaching and other students to learn purely from students because that's just not an interaction you see very often," she said.

Esfeld and Wiley's final platform issue is health

and safety on Truman's campus.

"We were a little bit upset to find out that the committee on campus safety hadn't met for two years, ... which is a huge oversight on the University's part," Esfeld said.

Esfeld said she and Wiley intend to push for exterior card swipes on all residence halls, as well as to work to make sure students are aware of what services are provided by both the Department of Public Safety and the Student Health Center.

Wiley said that if he is elected as vice president - and if students approve the amendment to create this position in next week's election - his role on Senate would be to make sure Senate is visible and transparent to the student body and would make it Senate's job to have one campaign a month, much like October's rally for the Bike Co-op.

"During September we'll have one issue, the next month we'll have another," he said. "Students have a voice on campus - it's got to be collective, not individual."

Esfeld said that if elected president, she would like to see students better represented to the administration through campus committees and also to encourage communication between Senate and other organizations.

"The really big organizations that represent a lot of students and do a lot of things on campus, I want us to have direct interaction with them," she said. "Rather than waiting for them to come to us, I want us to go to them."

Scott Alberts, Senate faculty adviser, said he thinks some of the biggest issues for the new crop of senators elected next week will include the annual review of the student conduct code, the safe rides program, the Bike Co-op and curriculum.

"The curriculum commission has been coming along, and I think next year is when actual proposals will start coming out, so I think next year will be important in what the new curriculum looks like," he said.

When it comes to the ballot measures, Alberts said he thinks students should keep in mind that if the inflation measure is passed, Senate still will monitor the fee.

"I think that [increase] will become a necessity because of the tuition cap," he said. "It's just going to be hard to have a big boost every three years. Having a small one every year makes sense."

DOBSON | University begins hammering down specifics for next residence hall renovation, tries to make space more comfortable for students

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can see daylight through the roof," Schultz said. "I've got to replace the roof."

The single-glazed, non-thermal break aluminum windows on the exterior envelope of the building do [no] good to keep out a light breeze, much less a heavy winter wind. There is no

insulation in the building currently, not one piece. So we're trying to increase thermal efficiency in the building to help reduce our utility costs."

Dobson Hall Director Stephanie Chrissotimos said water and electricity are problems for Dobson. Chrissotimos said Dobson lost hot water once last semester, and

a steam pipe broke this semester, but the Physical Plant always has been good about fixing problems as soon as possible. The renovations will improve the atmosphere of Dobson, she said.

"Having a C-Store will be helpful for students," Chrissotimos said. "... It will give students more options if they can't go

to the cafeteria or if it is closed."

She said she thinks having two lounges on each floor will be more conducive to better communities.

Sophomore Jeff Banks said he thinks the money could be better spent elsewhere.

"I think that Truman is focusing too

much on renovating residence halls and not educational buildings," Banks said.

"Baldwin Hall has been falling apart for years, and nothing has been done about it. If there are going to be three freshly renovated dorms next year, I think Truman can take a break from the residence halls and work on Baldwin."

ENERGY | University officials identify energy guzzlers on campus

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A high of nearly \$3.6 million was spent during the 2006 fiscal year, largely because the price of natural gas spiked after Hurricane Katrina.

The increasing cost of gasoline and diesel forced a 71 percent budget increase since 2001, when University vehicles compiled a gas bill of \$47,000, according to the State Fleet Report. The 2007 fiscal year cost more than \$66,000.

Lighting up campus

Lighting is the largest energy user on campus, but Schneider said campus is reducing energy wasted on lighting. Florescent lighting was installed nearly everywhere on campus in 2001 and 2002.

He said occupancy sensors also will be installed and the lights will be off enough to save enough electricity to pay back the cost of the sensors in a reasonable time.

"We installed a system [in the restrooms in Kirk Building] in the fall, and it seems to be working fine," Schneider said. "Fine enough that we're looking to put more in on campus. ... We don't have the budget to install sensors everywhere on campus, but they will be installed over time."

Schneider said new lighting systems on campus are being designed to be as energy-efficient as possible.

Lights left on constantly in the main corridors of buildings waste energy. Schultz said this is largely a matter of when the buildings were designed and built.

"Most of campus was built in the '60s, when energy was extremely cheap," Schultz said.

He said the design of corridor lighting means the lights are either all on or all off. As buildings get renovated, this is being fixed, allowing individual control and permitting fewer lights to be on

at night.

New Installations

Truman has installed more energy-efficient appliances throughout renovations. However, some of these appliances are not being used to their full capacities.

When Magruder Hall was renovated, high-efficiency cooling towers and chillers were installed. Schultz said these could be used better, but Truman's current design leaves Magruder unconnected to nearby buildings.

"We have a much greater capacity than what we need for the building, but we have no way to pump that excess off of that site," Schultz said.

Schultz said it has been a struggle sorting out up-front costs versus long-term costs. Missouri Hall was renovated on an up-front cost basis due to budget considerations. A life cycle cost analysis was done before the construction on BNB.

"We determined in that life cycle analysis that we really did have the wrong system installed for Missouri," Schultz said. "It's cheap up-front, but it has maintenance and energy costs downstream that prove to be more expensive than the system we're putting in BNB."

Schultz said that because of the way it was installed, the system cannot be replaced.

Schultz said the BNB project contains room for three chillers in the basement of BNB. Only one is being installed at the current time. That chiller is sufficient to provide cool water for BNB and Dobson. Space and electric for the installation of a second chiller is already allocated in BNB and will provide for all of Ryle Hall.

Schultz said Pershing will receive a new cooling tower in its renovations to replace the old, inefficient system, which is on its last

legs. He said he wants to hook that into Magruder and the residence hall system.

A project was completed this week on the cooling tower on top of the library. Schultz said the re-building of the tower leaves it more efficient than when it was installed 10 years ago.

Residential Life

Underground pipes currently feed heat and hot water to Dobson and Ryle Hall. Schultz said the steam lines are in very poor condition. They are old, no longer insulated and lose a lot of their heat, evidenced by the lack of snow above the pipes in the winter.

"It's very inefficient to generate heat at the steam level, take it to a building, then convert it back down to the hot water level so we can reuse it," Schultz said.

John Mounsey, Residence Life coordinator for facilities and process design, said students should be aware of the temperature outside.

"It's a complete waste of energy for students to have the air or heat on and have their window open," Mounsey said.

He said they try to keep the temperature in the residence halls a few degrees below 70 in the winter and a few degrees above 70 in the summer. Fresh air is and will continue to be pumped into the renovated buildings all the time.

Hallie Lambert, junior and secretary of Truman's Environmental Campus Organization, has been involved in helping the environment since high school. She said she asks students to be aware of consumption, such as refilling a water bottle instead of getting a new one.

"Recycling is good and all ... but the three Rs are most important," Lambert said. "Reducing first, reuse second and then recycle what you can't reduce and reuse."

FEE | Three measures regarding Activity Fee will appear on ballots

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Rector said the Board of Governors approved an across-the-board increase of 4.1 percent for next year's tuition and fees last Saturday. Rector said the increase means each student will pay at least \$3 more annually for the Student Activity Fee, but a student vote could drive the fee even higher - adding as much as \$7 to the fee, for a total increase of \$10 per student each year.

"This was sort of the compromise we worked out,"

Rector said. "At the Board meeting, the Board went ahead and approved a small increase in the fee which basically covers inflationary increase. Then in the Board agenda item it said [the fee] would be further adjusted based upon results of a student vote."

For the 2007-08 school year, each student currently pays a \$36 per semester Student Activity Fee. Mozaffar said the OAF analyzes the budgets of the Student Activities Board, the Funds Allotment Council, Student Senate and the Collegiate Readership Program and divvies up the funds among them every three years. However, Mozaffar said the OAF hasn't raised the Student Activities Fee since 2002, and the combination of inflation and the results of the Art & Science report has created a need for a substantial increase.

"We talked to Lou Ann Gilchrist ... because she's in charge of the Spirit and Fun committee, and she felt that the Student Activities Fee needed to be increased, even if it was by a small percentage just because of inflation, if nothing else," Mozaffar said. "But the OAF wants to raise the activities fee even more. ... We specifically feel that the Student Activities Board and the Funds Allotment Council need more money."

Mozaffar said OAF could circumvent the fee cap outlined by SB 389 if Truman students vote to additionally raise the activity fee rather than including it in the annual tuition increase.

"We decided that by the April 15 and 16 ballot, we will be putting ballot questions about increasing the fee," Mozaffar said. "After Saturday's fee increase, SAB and FAC got a little bit more money. ... Then pending student approval, there's going to be an additional increase."

According to Sunday's Student Senate minutes,

Senate has approved three ballot questions regarding the Student Activity Fee for next week's elections. Two of the items call for a total of a \$3.50 increase per semester, with \$2.80 allotted specifically to SAB Concerts, Comedians and Films committees and \$.70 allotted to FAC. The third item asks if voters support an annual adjustment of the Student Activity Fee according to the CPI, allowing for increased budgets in years when the OAF doesn't meet.

SAB president senior Bonnie Treichel said she's in favor of passing all three initiatives but that increasing funding for SAB concerts and comedians seems especially important for both students and the University.

"Especially in light of the [Art & Science] report, we feel like there is a demonstrated need for additional entertainment and better entertainment," Treichel said.

Treichel also said that in the last three years, SAB has sold out tickets for each of its large-scale comedian events. However, she said climbing entertainment production costs have made booking top-tier performers more difficult.

"We just looked at production costs [for staging concerts] and since fall of 2002, the price was \$4,500 for the concert, and this past fall it was \$14,000," Treichel said. "The problem we face, and the reason why we are advocating the increase, is unless we continue to get more money, our entertainment will start a downward spiral."

Treichel said that if the funds increase initiative passes, the additional \$2.80 allocated to SAB per semester would be earmarked for concert and comedian budgets as requested by student surveys.

"I believe approximately 60 percent of the students said they'd be willing to pay more if it went to concerts and comedians," Treichel said. "To us, that's an indication that, hey, we're bringing what students want, but we need to do more. ... The intent from the SAB is we're not planning to divert any of the funds that are already [set aside for comedians and concerts] and then bring in the earmarked ones. We're listening to the students' voice that they want the concerts and comedians, and that's what the surveys show."

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