

VISIT | Student gives comfort to detained El Vaquero employees

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the other people who was talking to somebody else — there was two people in another booth ... one person who wasn't talking to them just kept giving me dirty looks because I was speaking in Spanish. I was talking to a Spanish person, and so it was really uncomfortable," she said.

Reavey said her friendship with the El Vaquero employees came as a result of having taught many of them English through Hablantes Unidos. Her visit to the jail, however, was an endeavor she decided to pursue separate from the campus organization.

"I went just to pretty much say bye, see how they were all doing, and let one of them know that his brother had already went home," she said. "After it all happened, his brother decided to go home too, just so he wouldn't worry about his little brother."

Although Reavey said she was mainly interested in letting the detainees know that people in the community were thinking about them, she also was joining a friend of hers who had a more specific purpose. Reavey said that her friend — who does not attend Truman and whose name she declined to give — worked with some of the El Vaquero employees, and many asked him to get their possessions together either to sell or ship home.

"[The detainees were] telling him addresses and phone numbers he needed to memorize because we couldn't really take anything in there," she said.

Reavey said she talked to three individuals during her visit, all of whom are generally very happy people.

"The first one I saw, he really didn't want to talk or anything," she said. "He just kind of sat there and was like, you know, 'I'm so glad you came.'"

Another of Reavey's acquaintances uttered a line in Spanish that stuck in her mind: You really know your friends when they visit you in jail.

Reavey said the third man she spoke with was attempting to maintain a cheerful façade by tell-

ing jokes and even said he wanted to invite her to his brother's wedding.

"He was trying to be funny, and for the most part he was, but you could still tell that it was affecting him too," she said.

Reavey said she thinks the detainees are destined to go back to Juarez, Mexico, a border town, and that she thought they were going to be sent back during the weekend. She said some live in other towns near the U.S.-Mexico border, but others are from areas like Vera Cruz and Michoacan, which are farther south in Mexico.

"So that means once they get into Mexico, they still have to make it halfway across Mexico," she said.

Reavey said that from this point, there is not much else she can do to help the detainees because the friend she visited with was in better contact with them and knows what to do now. She said if he needs help, he will ask other people who know them.

Reavey said she thinks it was unlucky for some of the El Vaquero employees who were arrested as a result of the raid March 28, especially because some of the employees arrested are normally late to work and might have avoided the situation if they had not been on time that day. She said another just stumbled into the situation.

"One person actually doesn't even work [at El Vaquero]," Reavey said. "He just went with his brother."

The Montgomery County jail referred the Index to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in St. Louis, which did not release specific information about the detainees' current status.

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement official who declined to give his name said the individuals arrested would have had a few different options upon arriving at the jail.

"They are made aware of their rights, and they have the option of asking a judge to return to their country as quick as possible, or they have the option of going to see a judge and pleading their case and trying to stay," the official said.

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Jessica Reavey
Sophomore

Fire Show



A fire dancer from San Francisco, Calif., performs on the mall Monday night. Photo by Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

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"There's nothing that we've found that would lead us to believe it would have anything to do with that."

Police also aren't sure if the incident has any relation to the recent burglary of Kirksville's Small Animal Hospital, according to the release.

King said anyone with information about the incident should contact the Police Department at 660-785-4449 or the Dispatch Center at 660-665-5621.

SENATE | Esfeld and Wiley elected as next president and vice president, students pass four measures and increase Student Activity Fee

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Esfeld will serve as next year's president with running mate senior Brett Wiley serving as vice president.

David Hayes, with 486 votes, beat out Kristel Givogue, 477 votes, and Philip Gilmor, 432 votes, in the race for Senior Senator.

"I didn't come to the decision to run for president lightly because I knew that it probably meant I was going to be at Truman for an extra year," Esfeld said. "I can't possibly take the course load that I would need to take in the next year."

Esfeld said she worries students are not represented the way they should be, and she has big plans for next year's Senate. She hopes to bring about a more unified student body, change perceptions of the Senate, initiate better outreach to the student body and become more involved than ever before, she said.

"I am so pumped for next year," she said. "We're going to get so much done, and I'm ecstatic to be able to represent the students over the summer and next year. It's going to be a great year on Senate."

Esfeld said she would rather have faced an opponent in the election, but her party's campaigning efforts did not change despite running uncontested.

"Being uncontested means that getting more votes is important, just to add legitimacy to the entire presidency," Esfeld said.

One issue on the ballot called for the creation of a vice president position. This issue passed, and Esfeld said the new position will allow more opportunities for the Senate to become involved on campus.

Wiley said a former Senate removed the position of vice president because of internal conflict when candidates who ran on separate tickets came into office with contradicting viewpoints. The Senate has functioned without a vice president for four or five years, he said.

"The role of the Student Government is to try to represent every student on campus, and it's really hard for

one person and one body to do so," Wiley said. "My job would be the internal structure of Student Senate, to make sure that we are a functioning body, and secondly, making sure that I'm going out and talking to student organizations, handling student problems on campus and really being the face of Student Senate."

Other elected officers include sophomore Austin Underhill as Funds Allotment Council member with 573 votes, junior Elizabeth Andrew as Funds Allotment Council treasurer with 569 votes and junior Jac-

queline Blume as Funds Allotment Council chair with 589 votes. Eleven students were elected Senators at Large: junior Lindsay Allan with 461 votes, freshman JoEllen Flanagan with 442 votes, senior Suzanne Russell with 430 votes, sophomore Enato Esangbedo with 421 votes, junior Hallie Lambert with 400 votes, sophomore Tom Hogan with 391 votes,

senior Joey Risch with 389 votes, junior Jamie Menown with 389 votes, senior James Hladky with 354 votes, senior Larry Crump with 353 votes and freshman Tina Schutter with 343 votes.

Three other issues appeared on the ballot, all of which passed. The first issue requested a \$2.80 per semester increase to the Student Activity Fee. The money from the increase will be allotted to the concerts and comedians and films committees of Student Activities Board, according to the ballot. This passed by a vote of 571 to 303.

The second issue requested a 70-cent per semester increase to the Student Activity Fee to be allotted to the Funds Allotment Council, according to the ballot. This passed by a vote of 470 to 395. FAC funds events such as Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Spring Showcase Dance and Step Show, Squirrelfest and Gaddyfly magazine, according to information posted online with the ballot. FAC also funds Inter-Collegiate Activities such as Academic Competition Organization, Ultimate Frisbee, Iron Dogs and Mock Trial.

The third issue asked for approval of a Student Activity Fee inflation adjustment, which passed by a vote of 470 to 395. The Organizational Activity Fee Review Committee suggested this issue, which will simplify fee increases that result from inflation, according to information posted online with the ballot.

Freshman Ben Pecher and sophomore Chris Schranck said the fee increases seem reasonable and that they enjoy the events SAB hosts. Pecher said he plays for the roller hockey team, funded by FAC, and supports the FAC fee increases because they will help the team with gas money and equipment.

However, Pecher and Schranck said they were shocked the inflation adjustment issue passed.

"I feel like we have spoken for the people that are coming after us," Pecher said. "They don't get a chance to vote. It's not fair at all."

Only 15 percent of the student body voted, with 905 votes cast.

"Maybe next time we should vote," Schranck said. "I just didn't know."

INDICT | Seven individuals targeted with charges

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to court documents. Enrique Teodoro Xolio, Emilio Miquel Florentino and Espiridion Lopez Hernandez were detained but not indicted, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement has "instituted removal proceedings," according to the documents.

The indictment alleges that from late June 2004 to early March 2008, Lopez and one other person whose name was redacted hired the six indicted men knowing they were in the country illegally, told their employees to "obtain false and fraudulent Social Security cards and resident alien cards" and gave their employees information about distributors of those falsified cards.

Among the charges is the knowing use of Social Security numbers not issued to the defendants but to someone

else by the SSA. Taly and Zoraida Lopez also falsely certified IRS documents, the indictment charges.

If convicted, each of the charges carries the following maximum penalties: conspiracy to defraud, five years in prison and/or fines of up to \$250,000; aggravated identity theft, mandatory two years in prison consecutive to other prison terms and/or fines up to \$250,000; Social Security fraud, five years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000; identity theft, 15 years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000 and harboring illegal aliens, five years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000.

Lopez's attorney, Clayton, Mo.-based Bret Rich, declined comment, and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's office did not immediately return phone calls.

BOARD | Incumbents agree to end tie by drawing name from hat Tuesday

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who received an equal number of votes may decline to have his name put into such drawing," according to chapter 115, section 517 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

"As much as it's hard to believe, the statutes do not provide for a recount," McManis said. "If you're tied, you didn't win but you didn't lose. You weren't defeated."

McManis, Kirksville Superintendent Pat Williams and others sought advice on the tie from a variety of administrative groups around the state.

"Everybody gave us the same advice," McManis said. "... We thoroughly investigated this over the last few days."

He said ties are infrequent but not

unheard of, and the secretary of state's office already had heard from another municipality when it got a call from Kirksville the day after the April 8 election.

"As far as anybody can remember, it hasn't happened in Kirksville," McManis said.

Collop will pull a name next Tuesday before a school board study session.

"Our tentative plan is to put [each] name on a slip of paper and then to put each name in a capsule of some sort, so that they're identical and opaque," McManis said.

He said the capsules will be drawn from a hat or container. The first name to be pulled will win the seat, but Collop will remove the second name as well, to demonstrate that both names were available.

Senior Kathleen Redmon, who voted April 8, said that because both candidates agreed, she is satisfied with the "casting of lots" solution.

"In an ideal situation it would be great if we could have a revote, but it would cost ... so much to have a special election, and with the budget already so tight, it's not applicable to do something like that," Redmon said.

Bailey, whose children are in sixth and eighth grade at Kirksville Middle School, said she is optimistic that she'll win the seat, but if not, she plans to become involved with the school board in the future.

"Hopefully, my luck will change, and my name will be pulled in the drawing," she said. "But ... if a seat comes open again in the future, I'm going to run. I'm not going to give up."



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