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Agents cite 3 city bars

Ruby Tuesday, Too Talls Two: The Inferno and Il Spazio sold liquor to minors Friday night

BY MARGARET HOOPER
Staff Reporter

The Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control conducted six compliance check investigations in Kirkville on Friday, issuing citations to three establishments.

Employees at Ruby Tuesday, Too Talls Two: The Inferno and Il Spazio were arrested, issued citations for sale of liquor to a minor and released on their own recognizance.

The establishments face possible fines and/or suspension of their liquor licenses, according to an ATC press release. Ruby Tuesday declined to comment on the incident, as did Too Talls Two owner Ken Page. Il Spazio owner Jeff Newton also was unavailable for comment.

Senior Pat Pisani, a bartender at Il Spazio, was working the night of the investigations. At the time he was cited, he was working by himself at the bar. He said he normally checks IDs, but when the bar is full, mistakes are easy to make.

"Every bartender's supposed to card, and I usually do, but as any bartender in the town will tell you, once it gets busy, sometimes you slip up because there's 50 to 100 people in there, and someone just looks old enough," Pisani said.

Pisani began working at Il Spazio in August and said this is his first time receiving a citation. Graduate student Jessica Reschly of Too Talls Two and Marcy Rolfs of Ruby Tuesday also received citations, according to an ATC press release.

Sophomore Nick Hopkins said he does not think any businesses in town are purposely negligent.

"I don't think anyone intentionally sells to minors," Hopkins said. "I do think people are intentionally [implementing] kind of a don't ask, don't tell policy because it's better for business."

Mike Schler, deputy supervisor of ATC, said the investigations Friday were part of routine checks conducted throughout the state. Schler said college towns are checked more often because of the high concentration of underage individuals who try to purchase alcohol.

"Compliance checks are a very effective way for us to do compliance work," Schler said.

A compliance check generally consists of three agents and an underage individual, usually

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Kirkville Police Chief Jim Hughes, left, Ray Jagger, president of the Adair County Fire Chiefs Association and State Park Ranger Roger Moore, far right, install reflective mile-markers at sites along a 9.2-mile stretch of trail in Thousand Hills State Park, to help hikers find their way.

Unmarked trails lead to fatigue for hikers, bikers

Officials add markers, aim to improve efficiency of rescue team

BY JESSICA RAPP
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At 4 p.m. on Feb. 7, senior Megan Robison and her friend Jordan Braun set out for Thousand Hills State Park, prepared for a casual hike. After nine hours of trekking through the woods — Robison in a pair of flip-flops and both without food or water — Braun called 911.

Somehow they veered from the trail, Robison said, and ended up on a path of brush close to the lake. They kept going instead of turning back, thinking they were close to the end, she said. By 1:30 a.m., they were scratched up and lost, with merely a

cell phone for a flashlight and creek water to drink.

"Ray [Jagger] found us, and he had his flashlight out and his big old boots and led us out of there to some four-wheelers that took us all the way out to the end of the trail and gave us a ride back to our car," Robison said.

Jagger, president of the Adair County Fire Chiefs Association, with the assistance of Police Chief Jim Hughes and State Park Ranger Roger Moore, said they aim to improve the efficiency of their rescue team by putting up mile markers alongside the blue trail, a 9.2 mile stretch that starts at the park's shelter kitchen and ends at Rainbow Basin.

On Saturday morning, they piled their equipment into a motorboat and began putting up markers at sites that Jagger identified using his GPS. They constructed the markers using PVC



Photo Submitted
Ray Jagger rescued senior Megan Robison and friend Jordan Braun, who underestimated the time it would take to complete what turned out to be a 9.5-hour hike in Thousand Hills State Park.

pipe, funded by the State Park Department, spray painting them bright blue and sticking on a reflective mile-marker number. The markers, located every half mile, stick out four feet from the ground a couple of feet from the trail.

"I don't know if it's going to help people from getting lost, but it'll definitely help us get to them faster,"

Moore said. "Our new maps will also have the mile markers on them. We're getting ready to put them on."

The maps, which will be available and easily accessible to 911 dispatch, the rescue team and all hikers, will provide clear markings of each of the trails, including each of the mile markers on the blue trail. This way, Please see TRAIL, Page 9

Midwest pact cuts tuition cost

Administrators look to reduce out-of-state tuition

BY SARAH SCOTT
for the Index

Truman soon might be more affordable for some out-of-state students.

The University is considering possibilities that would reduce tuition for out-of-state students who bring diversity to Truman, said Regina Morin, associate vice president of enrollment management.

"As a part of the financial-related working group, what we're doing is really a variety of things," Morin said. "We're trying to look at the work service requirement — I know that that was enhanced a couple of years ago."

Morin said her committee primarily is concerned with

strategically placing money to benefit the greatest number of students.

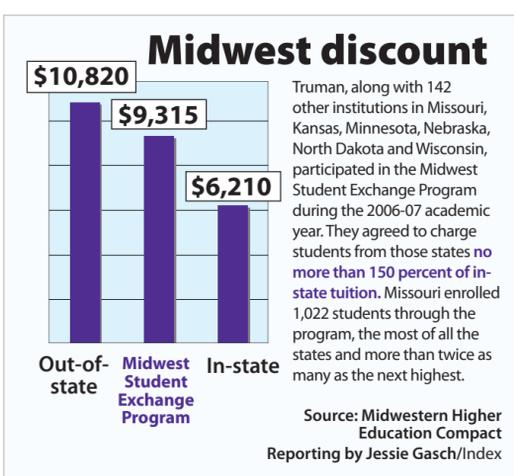
Morin said a committee also has been looking at what other institutions are doing with their institutional aid.

"We're really trying to get a mix of institutions: big, small, public, private," Morin said.

Morin said programs already in place at other schools include tuition reduction for students from counties near the border of the state.

"Western Illinois University, for years ... has had an out-of-state waiver for any county that's along the eastern border of Missouri," Morin said. "That's the kind of thing we're simply looking at — what other state schools are doing as far as out-of-state tuition reduction."

Morin said Truman is considering participating more fully in the Midwest Student Exchange



program, which is administered by an interstate group called the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. She said the Midwest Student Exchange, which Truman does voluntarily, is an agreement between several states that allows students to attend schools in partnering states at 150 percent tuition, which is lower than tuition for students from states who are not part of

the agreement. According to the University's Office of Admission Web site, in-state undergraduate tuition currently is \$6,210 per year, and out-of-state undergraduate tuition is \$10,820 per year. Out-of-state students who benefit from the Midwestern Higher Education Compact pay \$9,315 per year.

Morin said Kansas, Missouri, Please see TUITION, Page 9

Police nab man after standoff

Resident is accused of pulling a gun on local cab driver

BY JULIE WILLIAMS
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A simple cab ride turned into a 2 1/2-hour standoff Sunday night when a man pulled a gun on the driver.

Tim King, deputy chief for the Kirkville Police Department, said John A. Tatman, 33, was dropped off at his home on McPherson Street on Sunday evening by a local cab driver, then went inside the residence to get money for the fare. King said that when Tatman returned, he also had a gun, which he put to the cab driver's head.

"There was a struggle that ensued over the gun, and the cab driver got his hand injured and required some medical

treatment for that," King said.

The driver suffered no other injuries and was able to escape, drive to the police station and get officers to the scene a little after 8 p.m. King said that once officers arrived, they closed off the perimeter around the house and attempted, unsuccessfully, to make contact with Tatman.

King said eventually Tatman's girlfriend emerged from the house with her dog, and the officers began talking to her. King said it was not until 2 1/2 hours later that officers finally took Tatman into custody.

"We didn't do a full tactical call-out," King said. "We just brought in four officers. Two of them were already on-scene, so we just had them get their equipment, and then we called in two more, and they went inside to get [Tatman]."

When officers did find Please see GUN, Page 9

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Daniel Glossenger lists 10 things about Truman that should change



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