

Newman resets budget, blueprints

Center meanwhile receives outside support, donations

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The students and staff at the Newman Center are closer to making their dreams of a rebuilt center a reality – with a little help.

At a recent budget meeting, \$600,000 was shaved off the contractors' estimate, keeping the center's budget at the more manageable amount of about \$1.6 million, instead of the previous estimate of almost \$2.2 million.

Bettie Lesczynski, director of the Newman Center, said only \$800,000 of the necessary \$1.6 million was provided by the payout from the insurance company.

"The policy was on a set amount," Lesczynski said. "... To build [Newman Center] back as it was."

Lesczynski said that when it came time to draw up the plans for the new Newman Center, students and staff wanted to improve the original building. They decided to increase the chapel size, and the overall square footage grew from 8,000 square feet to 14,000 square feet. She said that after the architectural firm employed by Newman to draw up plans, Killeen Studio Architects, submitted drawings with those specifications, the contractors' bids came back at the \$2.2 million mark.

A recent meeting of the building committee – which consists of Kirksville community members, a Truman student, a faculty member and Newman staff – took place in order to reduce the bud-



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On Monday afternoon construction equipment sits on the site of what will be the University's new Newman Center. Administrators recently adjusted the Center's rebuilding budget from the initial estimate of \$2.2 million to \$1.6 million.

get to a more manageable amount. Lesczynski said many ornamental parts of the design were taken out. The proposed metal roof was nixed in favor of cheaper shingles.

"The fake beams in the large multi-purpose room were taken out," Lesczynski said. "... No more stained glass windows."

The next challenge facing Newman is raising the about \$600,000 left over after the fire insurance payout and received donations estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000, Lesczynski said.

Senior Mary Niehaus, vice president of internal affairs at Newman, said the fall mailing campaign undertaken by Newman accounted for much of the money that was do-

nated. She said the Newman Center sent out about 4,000 letters and has received \$50,000 in funds.

"We wanted to appeal to two groups: Truman alumni and parents of current students," Niehaus said.

She said the Newman Center has had support from other Centers all across the country but that the most support has come from the Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Angelle Hall, director of Campus Ministry at Mizzou's Newman Center, said each year a different organization or charity is chosen by Mizzou Newman students to be the recipient of the funds they gather at their annual Newman Week. Hall said the students felt the need

to support the Truman Newman Center because Mizzou students could put themselves in Truman students' shoes.

"They felt pulled to support," Hall said. "They wanted to support students like them. ... They felt solidarity."

Newman Week lasted more than a week, Hall said. Festivities began Feb. 1 with a visit from a Catholic cardinal from Rome. A semi-formal dance attended by 75 students at \$10 a

ticket also was a success, Hall said. A campus competition with the theme "Make Truman's House a Home" led one group to make pillows students could sit on while at church services.

The crowning event of Mizzou's Newman Week is a musical opening Thursday night and running through this weekend. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged.

"All profit [from Newman Week] is going to Truman," Hall said. "Our budget for Newman Week is nothing, ... and the great response from sponsors we've gotten [is necessary]."

Hall said she was excited that students from both Truman and Missouri University of Science and Technology were going to attend the musical Friday night. Niehaus is one of those students.

Lesczynski said that, for now, Truman is expecting between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in donations from Mizzou's Newman Week proceeds. As other fund-raising efforts continue, she said the mood was hopeful at the Newman Center.

"We're just optimistic," Lesczynski said. "God's going to help us with money stuff ... getting all the pieces together for \$600,000 because important work is being done up here."

Bettie Lesczynski
Newman Center Director

Rush T-shirts spur controversy

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See students question Dick.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's parody of the popular "Dick and Jane" readers for children on its spring recruitment shirts might have offended some students. The shirts read "See Dick go to college," "See Dick rush," "See Dick join Sig Ep," "See girls love Sig Ep Dick" under four pictures printed on the back, according to a statement released by the fraternity.

Although it appears the fraternity will face no repercussions from the University for this design, the shirts have caught the attention of students and have spurred conversation around campus.

Sig Ep president Ryan Farrar declined to comment.

Beth Tuttle, director of Greek life, conferences and special events, said all campus organizations, from Spanish clubs to fraternities, are responsible to uphold a student organizational code of conduct.

Sig Ep is not in trouble with the University under this code, she said.

"If it was an actual University violation, then the conduct office here would take care of that situation," Tuttle said.

Tuttle said this situation is difficult because students cannot be told what they can and cannot wear.

"I think it's a question of what you consider to be poor taste, and I think that is a very hard thing to define," she said. "It's just up to that particular group of men what they decide to do."

Martin Jayne, associate professor of justice systems and adviser to the Interfraternity Council, said those unfamiliar with specific Greek organizations might see the shirts and associate them with the entire Greek population.

"I was disappointed in the shirts, particularly in the image overall of the Greek community," he said. "I just don't think that's an appropriate image for us."

At a recent meeting, the Panhellenic Council read a statement to the IFC about its view on the shirts. The IFC then opened the floor for discussion of the issue, Jayne said.

"There wasn't any discus-

sion, so that's as far as it went," he said. "Nobody discussed the propriety of the shirt beyond the [Panhellenic] statement."

Junior Kevin Andert, president of the Interfraternity Council, said the IFC executive board has discussed making changes in rules and regulations on matters such as posters or shirts created by Greek organizations. The Council as a whole will determine what changes it will make.

Another Greek organization attempted to use this same slogan a few years ago on a recruitment poster, Andert said. However, the posters were not approved by the Center for Student Involvement. The IFC was not involved in that situation because the CSI prevented the group from displaying the posters, he said.

The IFC currently is working to alter the Greek image, but these adjustments do not result directly from the Sig Ep T-shirts, Andert said.

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Martin Jayne
Interfraternity Council
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NEWS | In Brief

Health events planned for Feb. 21

The Student Recreation Center will host the Health Awareness Fair from 1-6 p.m. Feb. 21, according to a Monday press release.

Community health professionals will be on site. Screenings for blood pressure, depression and HIV will be available, as will information on eating disorders, nutrition and massage therapy, among other topics.

Door prizes donated from area businesses will be awarded at random to health fair participants, also according to the release.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Eduardo Crespi, R.N. will speak in Baldwin Auditorium on the subject of global health and the health of Latin America.

Also Feb. 21, from 1-6 p.m. in the SUB activities room, there will be free HIV screening and testing for Truman students and Kirksville residents.

Senate adds Star to newspaper bins

The Kansas City Star will be added to the Collegiate Readership Program beginning Monday, Feb. 18.

Sophomore Philip Gilmor, Student Senate treasurer, said Senate chose to include the Star in the program because of student interest expressed in multiple surveys.

He also said copies of the Star will be available on a trial basis so Senate can determine the cost efficiency of providing a fourth newspaper to students.

"It's kind of an experiment," Gilmor said. The Star will not be replacing any of the current newspapers in the program. The newspaper will be available in all bins that do not read student ID cards, he added.

Reserve Bank president will visit

William Poole, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, will deliver the annual Joseph Baldwin Lecture on Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building, according to a Monday press release.

Poole's lecture will include a luncheon open to the general public at the cost of \$10, and tickets will be available at the door.

Poole also will give a presentation to economics and business finance classes Feb. 19, according to the release.

The University and Alliant Bank are sponsoring Poole's visit, which is the first by a president of the Eighth District Federal Reserve Bank.

ATSU names Magruder as president

Jack Magruder stepped in as A.T. Still University acting president today after former President James McGovern was granted a medical leave of absence last weekend. Magruder served as the president of Truman from 1994 to 2003.

Magruder previously was a member of the Board of Trustees at ATSU, but he stepped down from that position in order to temporarily assume the role of president, according to a press release issued Monday.

Stephen Kardos, chairman of the Board of Trustees at ATSU, said the transition should not affect the University, according to the release.

See next week's Index for extended coverage of Magruder's new role as ATSU president.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate appointed junior Cindy Finney as scholarship chairwoman.
- Senator junior Chris Miller gave a first reading of the Darfur divestment resolution. Senate then voted to waive standing rules in order to vote on the resolution immediately, and the resolution passed.
- Chris Miller gave a first reading of a raffle policy resolution.
- JoEllen Flanagan gave a first reading of a refund request resolution stemming from the recent budget review discussion.
- Senate approved a money motion for \$150 to fund food for a Residence Hall Association Roundtable.
- Senate approved a money motion for \$35.60 to reimburse Rachel Hanks for lunch at the spring retreat.
- Senate approved a corrective money motion from Sept. 30, changing \$660 to \$725.80.
- Senate approved a corrective money motion from Feb. 3 changing the \$80 request for the Missouri Higher Education consortium to \$125.
- Senate discussed funding and participation for a program called Campus Town, a two-day diversity and prejudice prevention program. Senate also approved \$500 to help fund the program.
- Senate discussed the issue of campus security, and President Matt Szweczyk reported back with information from Tom Johnson, director of the department of public safety, regarding DPS response time to Dobson Hall when a man got past the front desk Jan. 20. Senate also discussed the meeting of a campus safety committee.
- Senator Brett Wiley led a discussion on sustainability statements.

DPS | Reports

2/6 Report of property damage in Baldwin Hall

2/8 Report of theft from West Campus Suites

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