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# Athletes might pick classes early

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Early registration might be in the future for Truman athletes.

The administration, athletics department and Student Senate are discussing the possibility of athletes being able to register for classes before other students.

"This is already happening at several other universities," said Jeff Gall faculty representative of the NCAA Athletics Board.

Gall said early registration would be helpful to athletes because they could schedule their classes around practices and game times.

This would give athletes the ability to get into courses required for graduation and also would ensure the athletes would be able to avoid missing class because of tournaments and other athletic events.

Gall said Truman athletes asked the University if implementing such a policy would

be feasible.

Gall said the issue is worth looking at and that the athletic committee has discussed the advantages of the program, but more evidence needs to be presented that indicates whether athletes are having trouble getting into certain classes.

"I want to support student athletes, but I also want things to be fair for everyone," Gall said.

He said the University would have to make some considerations before putting early registration into effect.

The decision makers would need to keep in mind all extracurricular activities that cause students to miss classes, like forensics team events and off-campus jobs. He said the question of its inconvenience to other students also should be considered.

"This is a sensitive issue," Gall said. "It is controversial and could cause hard feelings among students. A lot of things need to be looked at before

making a decision."

Gall said he is uncertain when this might go into effect because of all of the implications.

Senior Katie Fowler, president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and a member of the women's basketball team, said athletes posed the idea to the athletic department last fall and that there was some discussion, but nothing came of it.

This year the athletic department took more of an interest in the issue, she said.

"I don't know why it didn't work out the first time," Fowler said. "Maybe the issue just wasn't pushed very hard."

Fowler said Truman wants to find more ways to support its athletes, and that could be why the school wants to provide this service.

Sophomore Mark Treska said he thinks it would be unfair if athletes were able to register before other students.

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Christian Confrontation  
Photo by Mark Hardy

Campus Ministry USA representative Cindy Smock and freshman Mike Reams argue about the message of Christianity on Friday on the Quad. Reams, like many students, said Smock and her husband Jed misrepresented Christian principles. For a full account of the event and more photographs, see www.trumanindex.com.

# Truman runners sweat through race



BY BONNIE BIRDSSELL  
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A few Truman students have shattered the odds.

The 30th Annual LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon was Sunday, Oct. 7. Thirty-six thousand runners from all 50 states and 120 countries met in Grand Park to take on the 26.2-mile course. Nearly 300 participants were treated for heat-related ailments. One man, 35-year-old Chad Schieber of Michigan who suffered from heart conditions, died during the race. However, seniors Charlie Toton and Lauren Miller and junior Lisa Langenfeld all crossed the finish line. Toton recorded a time of 3:59:40, Langenfeld crossed the line next at 4:42:38, and Miller ran the race in 4:51:30.

The race began at 8 a.m. with temperatures already in the low 70s. By the time the first runners finished, temperatures had reached the 80-degree mark, causing organizers to stop the race after just three and a half hours and tell those still running to walk to the finish line, according to the Associated Press. According to a Chicago Marathon press release, it was the hottest weather ever for the race.

Sunday's race was Toton's third marathon. "After [my first marathon], I was obsessed," she said.

Toton said she ran the St. Louis Marathon once and that this was her second time running the Chicago Marathon. She said a friend asked if she would be

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Submitted photo  
Senior Charlie Toton strides through Sunday's heat at the Chicago Marathon.

# Discrimination policy remains despite debate

BY JEAN KAUL  
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For now, Truman is sticking with its non-discrimination policy.

In December 2004 the Board of Governors voted down a Student Senate resolution to add the phrase "sexual orientation" to the list of protected groups of students and faculty in Truman's non-discrimination policy. If added, the phrase would have joined more traditionally protected designations, such as race and ethnicity.

Professor of English Linda Seidel said the lack of explicitness in the non-discrimination policy has led to recent issues in faculty recruitment. She said she knows at

least one Truman faculty member whose same-sex partner was denied health benefits by the University.

One of the issues directly linked to the non-specification of sexual orientation as a protected class is the fact that same-sex partners can be denied benefits that heterosexual faculty members and their spouses currently receive. Seidel said she thinks Truman did not decline to extend benefits to gay couples because of a human resources issue but because the Board of Governors would not approve the domestic partnerships.

"[Insurance coverage of domestic partners is] not a huge expense to the University," Seidel said. "... It's a very small expense. [It] seems rather stingy to do this."

University general counsel Warren Wells said the basic Board of Governors policy consists of two paragraphs: The first explicitly outlines the board's policy, and the second paragraph is interpretive. The interpretive section serves to reaffirm the Board's policy. The policy clearly defines the areas in which the Board prohibits discrimination. Wells said the Board saw no need to insert the sexual orientation phrase — which would have applied to both students and faculty — directly into the second paragraph of the University's policy.

"[Although] there is some value in the explicit, ... the belief at the time was the policy being quite broad was preferable to focusing on the specific," Wells said. "The question becomes: where do you stop [being specific]?"

Sally Detweiler, University gender equity officer, said

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Warren Wells  
University General Council

# Senate sticks with Co-op support

BY JULIA HANSEN  
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Truman's Bike Co-op is one step closer to completion.

Student Senate passed two resolutions Sunday in favor of a cooperative bike workshop on campus. The second passed resolution was an approval of a request of space allocation on campus for the Bike Co-op. The second resolution not only referred to the Co-op, but also to space allocations for any student organization that needs space on campus.

Senate member senior Brett Wiley said after passing the resolutions, the

next step is to continue to talk with the administration.

"That's been our huge hurdle — to try and get administration to see that students want this project," Wiley said. "... But in the last few days there have been breakthroughs. We have sort of gotten a green light from administrators."

For the last year, students from the Bike Co-op have completed many requirements from the administration on their way for administrative approval. First, a business plan was completed with the campus organization Students in Free Enterprise. A student survey was conducted last

spring semester on Co-op interest on campus.

Currently, Co-op organizers are busy working on the technicalities of liabilities. Administration told the Co-op it must find an insurance policy and direct where liability falls. The Co-op is trying to get an insurance policy by working with Hartford Insurance. If something were to happen within the Co-op, the administration wants to know if liabilities fall in the University's hands or in the hands of the Co-op, Wiley said.

The ultimate goal of the Bike Co-op is to have a bike shop on campus

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## On the road again?

Truman Bike Co-op moves forward

- In spring 2006, the Community Bike Sharing Program allowed organizations to sponsor and decorate a bike for \$10, available for rent.
- In summer 2006, after the bikes were pulled because of worsening condition, the Co-op was founded with a new mission: to establish a place to repair bikes and teach students how to repair their own.
- On Sunday, Student Senate passed two resolutions: One recognized the need for a bike workshop, and the other approved space for the Co-op and any other campus organization.



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