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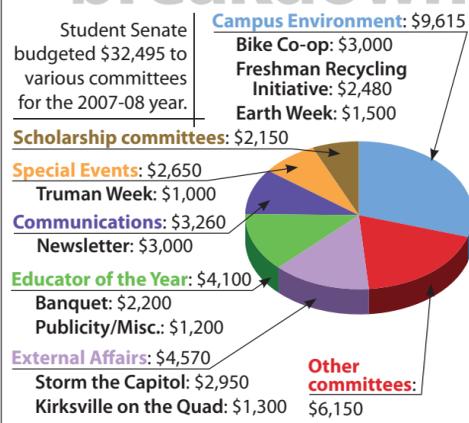


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Student attacked on street

BY JULIE WILLIAMS
News Editor

Nearly two weeks after a Truman student and his friend were unexpectedly assaulted, their attackers have yet to be identified.

Kyle Cook, who attended Truman during the fall 2006 semester, said he and sophomore Paul Kuhlman were attacked at the intersection of Scott and Florence streets at about 3 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6. Cook said the two were carrying on a normal conversation when four or five men he did not recognize attacked them from behind.

Cook said the attackers emerged from a house in the area and began to hit him and Kuhlman multiple times. He said that even though he tried to run from the attackers, they caught him and hit and kicked him several times before he fell on a log, was kicked in the nose and went un-

conscious. He said Kuhlman suffered three blows to the face before he was knocked unconscious and that he thinks both probably were unconscious for 30 to 60 minutes before Kuhlman woke up and carried him back to Kuhlman's residence.

Cook said sophomore David Segbers, Kuhlman's roommate, drove the men to the police sta-



Kyle Cook

tion when they got home.

"They walked in, Kyle was basically using Paul for support with blood all over his face and shirt and pants and kind of everywhere,"

Segbers said. "There was a lot of blood on Kyle. Paul not so much — he just looked kind of out of it."

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Newman plans take shape

BY JULIA HANSEN
Staff Reporter

After months of homelessness and hardships, members of Truman's Catholic Newman Center have two things to smile about.

Last weekend the Newman Center received a promise of more than \$14,000 in donations and also laid architectural plans for the re-building of a new center after the original building was destroyed by a fire in May.

The Newman Center had a Mass last Saturday during Family Day at the site of the previous building. Five hundred people attended the "Mass on the Slab" conducted by Newman Center's Father Bill Kottenstette, said Bettie Lesczynski, Newman Center director.

Prior to the Mass, two families from Mary Immaculate Catholic Parish pledged that if Truman parents donated \$4,000, they would each match that donation. After Mass ended, the donations were totaled in the Cornerstone house. Mass participants cheered, and Lesczynski jumped up and down as she announced the \$5,305 total. After the announcement, another Truman family wrote a \$1,000 check, bringing the total mass donation to \$6,305, said Deana Judah, senior and Newman Center executive officer.

"The first thought to come to my mind [about the donations] is extreme grate-



Father Bill Kottenstette reviews the proposed plans for a redesigned Newman Center with University officials last week. The architectural firm is St. Louis-based Killeen Studio Architects.

fulness because we had this rain-storm looming over our head the entire time," Judah said. "We were wondering if we were going to have to cancel the Mass, and because we had had the two Mary Immaculate Parishioners pledge to match a \$4,000 offer-

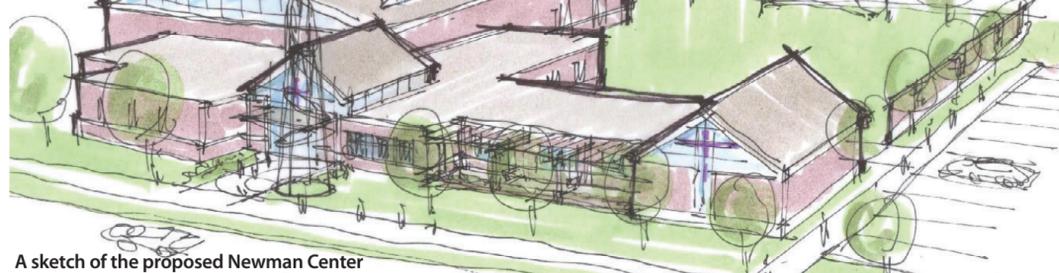
tory, that was sort of a pressure for us. However, I feel that once all the parents came together, there was quite a wonderful turnout for the Mass, and you just feel this very overwhelming sense of support out there during the service."

Before Saturday, the architec-

ture plans for the building quickly were drawn to show to parents during Family Day weekend.

A St. Louis-based architectural firm, Killeen Studio Architects, found out about the Newman Center project from a Truman student months ago, architect Michael Killeen said.

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A sketch of the proposed Newman Center

Senate proposes budget for this academic year

BY MARIAH BOHANON
Staff Reporter

Student Senate is looking to increase student involvement in its financial decisions.

"What we've been working on is how we're spending money and what we should be spending money on," said sophomore Philip Gilmor, Student Senate treasurer.

Gilmor recently prepared a budget for the 2007-08 school year. He said senate is open to students' ideas about events and programs that need funding.

"We're working on student initiatives this year," Gilmor said. "When students have ideas, they can come to us to get funding. The Bike Co-op is a big example of that."

A group of students presented the idea for the Bike Co-op to senate last semester, he said. Senate provided money for Friday's Bandfest in support of a Bike Co-op, he said.

Senate still is in the process of defining a student initiative, he said. Allowing students to present their ideas for programs that need funding was introduced in senate this year, Gilmor said.

The concept was to address concerns from students who wanted more input in the senate budgeting process, he said.

According to the budget for the 2008 fiscal year, senate has a total of \$34,340.02 in available funds. Of that, \$22,450 is supplied from the \$2-per-semester student fee, Gilmor said. The remaining \$11,890.02 is a rollover amount from last semester, he said.

It's common to have money left over from one semester to the next, Gilmor said.

"If we didn't have that rollover fund, we might have to cut out some projects from this year's budget," he said.

Gilmor said he looked into ways to save senate money when creating this year's budget. Senate agreed to remove its office phone, which was rarely used, he said.

After being notified by University administration of the amount of money available for senate's budget, the individual committees in senate create their own budget proposals, Gilmor said.

Sophomore Jonathan Graber, vice-chairman of the student affairs committee, said his committee created a budget shortly before the semester started. Each committee creates a budget based on the projects members want to work on for the year, he said.

"I think there's enough money there that each committee

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Philip Gilmor
Student Senate
Treasurer

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Truman collects Pershing payment

University given first installment of funds for Pershing renovations

BY MARIAH BOHANON
Staff Reporter

MOHELA paid off big bucks to Missouri's public colleges Monday.

"We're very pleased to have received what we believe is a significant amount to finish [an outstanding project]," said Tony Brown, news bureau manager for Northwest Missouri State University.

Northwest was paid \$6,988,855 for the first installment of funds for which it qualifies under Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, according to a press release from Blunt's office. Northwest



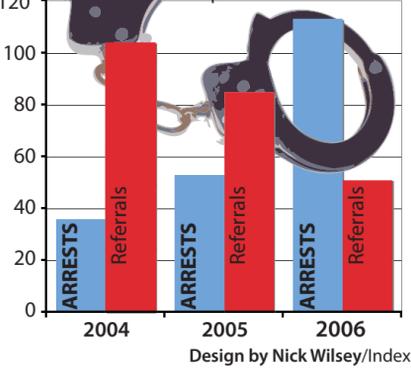
is set to receive a total of \$24.4 million for completion of the Center of Excellence for Plant Biology, Brown said.

Blunt created the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative to grant money to public colleges in Missouri to design and build learning centers that focus on preparing students for careers in a global economy, according to the press release. The initiative will reward a total of \$335 million to Missouri colleges during the next several years. Truman has been approved

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Booze busts

The Department of Public Safety logged more than three times as many arrests for liquor law violations in 2006 than in 2004. In the same period, DPS logged almost half as many disciplinary referrals for liquor law violations.



Container law ups campus arrests

BY DIANE POELKER
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The number of students arrested for liquor law violations more than doubled from 2005 to 2006.

Arrests for liquor violations in 2005 totaled 32, but the number jumped to 104 in 2006, according to the annual Campus Crime Report released in September. Andrea O'Brien, director of Residence Life, said campus authorities can take stronger actions to battle alcohol use on campus because of a change in state minor in possession laws.

"The law used to be where if you were drinking but you didn't have an open container in your possession, then it was not as easy for the police to arrest you

based on consumption unless you were extremely intoxicated," O'Brien said. "In terms of MIPs, you had to physically be in possession of the containers."

In July 2005, Gov. Matt Blunt signed the Minor in Possession by Consumption law into effect.

The amendment to Missouri laws broadened the definition of possession of alcoholic beverages to include a person's body as a container. If a minor has a blood alcohol content of at least .02 or shows visible signs of intoxication, he or she can be arrested for underage possession of alcoholic beverages.

O'Brien said the University also revised its code of student conduct concerning alcohol in

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Upward Bound program proves to be an asset for underprivileged students



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Happy Puppies

Pawsitive Animalworks offers blueberry facials and other amenities for pooches.



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