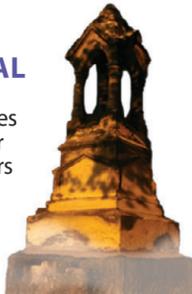


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IFC circulates new policy

PHC, NPHC receive rules for suspended organizations

BY MARIAH BOHANON
Staff Reporter

The Greek community at Truman no longer will associate officially with organizations that are suspended or are on probation from the University.

The Interfraternity Council discussed the idea of forming an official policy to address the issue of associating with a suspended organization, IFC president senior Greg Malnassy said. IFC decided to create a policy because there had been no guidelines for associating with a fraternity that is suspended from the University but

still recognized by its national fraternity, he said. IFC drafted a letter Sept. 26 expressing its new policy and sent it to the Panhellenic Council (PHC) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Malnassy said.

PHC includes five sororities on campus, and NPHC governs eight multicultural fraternities and sororities.

"This was a policy that was drafted to uphold the University's decision as well," Malnassy said.

When Alpha Kappa Lambda rushed new members earlier in the semester, many people were confused about the fraternity's role in the University's Greek community, Malnassy said. AKL was suspended from the University last January.

Several AKL members attend IFC meetings and were aware of the plans to send the letter, Malnassy said. The policy is designed on an organizational basis and in no way discourages individuals from associating with members of AKL, he said.

IFC is in the process of amending its constitution, Malnassy said.

Both Malnassy and Greek Life adviser Beth Tuttle said discussion of the amendment began this fall.

"This came right on the heels of recruitment," Tuttle said.

A fraternity or sorority that is suspended from a university

is usually suspended by its national, so the AKL situation is unusual, she said.

The policy will state that a fraternity or sorority may not hold philanthropic or other events with an organization not in good standing with the University, Tuttle said. She said national risk management policies usually prevent individual chapters from associating with organizations that are suspended

on the national level. An organization has not been suspended by the University for more than 10 years, she said.

"We needed to determine what we were going to do as Greek organizations in this community."

Erika Wolf
PHC President

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Numbers decrease for SOC

Student Organization Center operates below full capacity despite publicity

BY DIANE POELKER
Assistant News Editor

Wanted: student organizations in search of a voice. Office space available.

The Student Organization Center has been operating at two-thirds of its capacity, providing support and resources to only four of six potential campus organizations this semester. Junior Matt Szewczyk, Student Senate president, said that a general misunderstanding of the SOC's purpose might be to blame for the low turn out.

"The SOC is publicized, maybe not well enough, but it is publicized," Szewczyk said. "Students might not understand the benefits [of joining]."

Junior Emily Meyer, Student Organization Center council chair, said the SOC is a coalition sponsored by Student Senate. Senate provides organizations that join the SOC with office space and resources for campus- or community-based philanthropy. SOC members also collaborate on one group philanthropy project each year. Alpha Sigma Gamma, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Sigma Pi and College Republicans currently occupy SOC offices.

"Each organization has one campus-wide or community-wide event that the other organizations helps with to try to make it bigger and better," Meyer said. "SOC provides money for publicity, and then people from each of the other organizations help with manpower to help get the event going."

Meyer said that each spring she circulates applications to all campus organizations with mailboxes in the Center for Student Involvement. A senate committee then reviews the applications and selects groups for the following school year. However, because senate only selected four groups last spring, organizations will have the opportunity to join the SOC next semester.

"The main questions [on the application] were if the organizations were willing to work with other organizations, making sure they had good ideas for activities, and it was also based on the previous year," Meyer said. "We take attendance at all the meetings and make sure that the organizations are pulling their weight."

Meyer said participation has been a factor in the selection process in the past. Last spring, the committee rejected an incumbent organization's application

"The SOC is more about promoting union and camaraderie between campus organizations."

Matt Szewczyk
Student Senate
President

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Jed Smock speaks to a crowd of students on the Quad Tuesday afternoon.

Speakers return for surprise visit

BY JULIE WILLIAMS
News Editor

They're back.

Religious speakers Jed Smock and his associate Pat Noordewier returned unannounced to Truman on Tuesday, drawing a slightly smaller crowd of students than they did during their previous visit two weeks ago. Smock and Noordewier set up between Baldwin Hall and Pickler Memorial Library at about 11:30 a.m. Smock delivered a speech to about 50 students circled around him while Noordewier engaged in a more per-

sonal discussion with a handful of students about specific Bible passages.

Smock, who travels the country delivering speeches at many other college campuses, had posted Nov. 12 as a return date to Truman on his Web site, www.brojed.org, as of their original visit. That date later changed.

Noordewier said she and Smock came back to Truman on Tuesday instead of Nov. 12 because Smock is making a trip to Rockford, Ill., which is about an eight-hour drive, near that date. She said she didn't know if someone from her organiza-

tion, Campus Ministry USA, would be back Nov. 12.

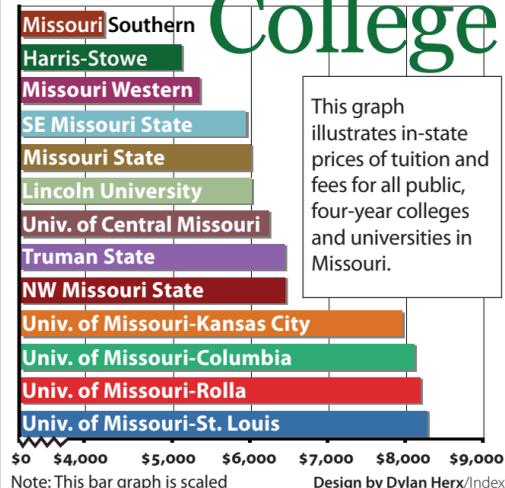
Noordewier said she expected the crowd to swell as the day progressed. She said she and Smock came to Truman to deliver the message of God.

"God loves all you students out here, and he wants you to hear the word of God, so he put it in our hearts to come here," she said.

Cindy Smock, who accompanied her husband Jed Smock on his first visit to Truman but was absent Tuesday, said Jed's schedule changes

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The Cost of College



This graph illustrates in-state prices of tuition and fees for all public, four-year colleges and universities in Missouri.

Truman costs exceed average, study shows

BY NATHAN BECKER
Editor in Chief

A national study's results probably aren't surprising to college students: Tuition and fees continue to rise.

What might be surprising to Truman students, however, is that their university, known for its affordability as well as its excellence, costs about \$250 more per year than the national average of its peers.

A report released this week by College Board, a non-profit association of colleges and universities, shows that the average published 2007-08 in-state tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities is \$6,185. Truman's tuition and fees total \$6,432. Truman has been a member of College Board since 1987, according to the organization's Web site.

University President Barbara Dixon said the value of the University — determined by cost and quality of the education — is great even though Truman costs slightly more

than the average four-year school.

"I think our academic quality is way above average, and if our tuition is only slightly above average, I think that says a great deal about the value of education provided here," Dixon said.

Truman's Board of Governors approved a 5.6-percent increase in tuition for this academic year in April, which is less than the national average increase of 5.9 percent. Truman's out-of-state tuition jumped by 4.9 percent to \$11,043, which still sits well below the national average of \$16,640 for four-year, out-of-state tuition, according to the report.

Budget Director Dave Rector said Truman's percentage increases were below the national average because the University "had a decent increase from the state" last year.

"There's a definite direct correlation between state funding and tuition costs,"

Dave Rector
Budget Director

He said the situation the University faces is that if there aren't increases in tuition and fees

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Provost selection forums planned

BY JOHN FLEMING
Staff Reporter

Two months after a committee of faculty was compiled to determine who will serve as the next provost and vice president for academic affairs for the University, the committee released a list of candidates.

The list includes four candidates who currently have leadership roles at other institutions. The candidates are Susan Conner, the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Florida Southern College; Lance Grahn, dean of the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point; Mark Gromko, vice provost for academic affairs at Bowling Green State University (Ohio); and Troy Paino, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Winona State University (Minn.).

A search committee had been

searching for a new provost since before the fall semester.

"Our search committee was appointed in August, and the advertisement for a search committee was posted in the end of July," said Julia DeLancey, co-chairwoman of the provost and vice president for academic affairs Search Advisory Committee.

The search committee considers the job to be one of the most important on campus.

"The provost title communicates that after the president, [the provost] is the person who is most in charge of the academic programs of the University," said Cole Woodcox, co-chairman of the provost and vice president for academic affairs Search Advisory Committee.

The committee that formed the list of provost finalists will be one of many sources, including students and faculty, which will be able to provide input as

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