

NEWMAN | Building plans, fundraising efforts for rebuilt and revamped Newman Center will get underway once bishop approves building contract with architects

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Stilinovic said that without a building, the Newman Center is pretty much stuck in the same point. He said the organization will have to work a lot harder to be visible on campus, but other than that most members are carrying on like normal.

"It's really more of the people here that does it for me ... it's nice to have a big place to gather, but it doesn't change if you didn't lose any people," Stilinovic said. "If we don't lose anyone and we gain a few people, that's the main goal."

Father Bill Kottenstette, who has given mass at the Newman Center for the last 11 years, echoed Stilinovic's thoughts at his opening mass Sunday morning.

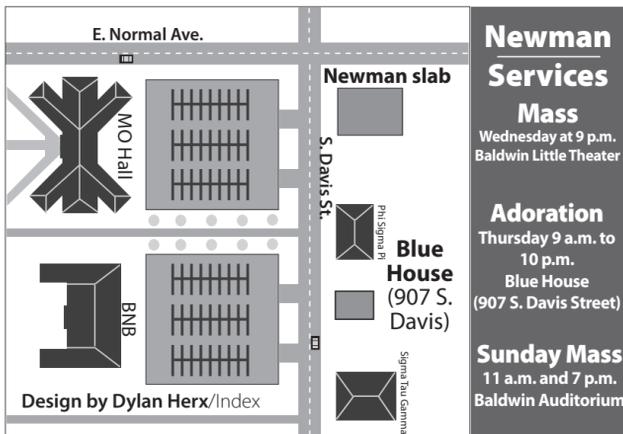
"If I could, I'd have everybody leave right now and go stand on the slab and take a picture and say, 'This is Newman. ... Newman isn't bricks and mortar. Newman is you guys,'" he said.

Kottenstette said the Newman Center participates in everything the University does and has established a significant presence at Truman. He said there is a very strong Catholic population on campus — maybe even as high as 40 percent — and that on average, 500 to 600 students will attend some church service each week.

"I think this is going to be deeply missed this year," he said. "We didn't just pray, we played."

While the next year may involve a lot of shuffling from building to building and organizing church services and events without a real home base, Bettie Lesczynski, director of the Newman Center, said the Newman Center will be rebuilt. She said the organization has already chosen an architect and is waiting for bishop John Gaydos to sign the contract.

Lesczynski said she expects Gaydos, who is responsible for all the Catholic churches in the diocese in north central Missouri, to sign the contract after the



technicalities are worked out and that the bishop has already shown an interest in the Newman Center.

"The fire was at 12:20 in the morning on a Thursday," Lesczynski said. "That night he came and spent the night in Kirksville. That morning he held a mass at [Mary Immaculate Catholic Church], then came and looked at the devastation. ... We felt very supported by his quick ability to get up here."

Once the contract is signed, Lesczynski said the architects will be invited to Truman for a two-day planning session to meet with students and the Newman Center building committee to work out the design details.

"Hopefully at the end of two days we'll have the design," she said.

Lesczynski's list of improvements for a new church include more square footage (between 8,000 and 15,000 square feet) in the form of a more permanent church structure and a bigger kitchen and storage area.

The only possible hang-up that will remain after the signing of the contract is funds. Lesczynski said the University can't kick in any money for the new

building because the Newman Center is part of the Catholic Church. Only about \$800,000 will come from the insurance company, which leaves an estimated \$1 million to fundraise.

Although that number seems pretty large, Lesczynski said it may be possible to get a few grants of up to \$100,000 each and large donations from alumni.

"I think God is going to help us through this," she said.

Already, the Newman Center has proven that it can function in cramped conditions. The organization hosted dinner for both new and old members every night of Truman Week in addition to church services and a concert by True Men. And even though Cornerstone house is piled high with cardboard boxes and sees a steady stream of students coming through the door every day, more events are on the way.

Senior Michelle Raymond, president of the Newman Council, said a lot of returning members arrived early to start work on projects for Truman Week, and that the focus now is figuring out how to raise funds for the new building.

Raymond said she sees the absence



Firefighters from the Kirksville Fire Department roll up hoses after battling the blaze at the Newman Center this summer.

of a center as an opportunity — that without any walls, there is nothing to hide behind. She said the organization discussed turning over a new leaf last spring before the building even burned.

"We definitely wanted freshness, ... just kind of a new spirit," she said.

Joe Donahay, a graduate student who served as President of the Newman Council for the 2006-07 school year, also said he thinks operating without a building could produce positive results for the Newman Center.

"People might take an interest because there is a need," he said. "I think

a lot of college students respond well when there is a need."

When it comes to a fresh start, Donahay said a reorganization of priorities among members may be exactly what is needed. He said the Newman Center is primarily meant for students to share their faith and that social functions are merely extensions of that.

"I think it goes back to materially having nothing and saying, 'We don't have this nice building that we've had in years past,' and we're going to have to rely so much more on our faith than we did in the past," Donahay said.

POLICE | Plain-clothed ATF officers arrive in Kirksville for Truman Week, distribute MIPs to students

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and possibly the student's parents. Hughes said many students don't realize that MIPs go on a student's record and could have an effect on future employment.

The Kirksville Police Department did not request undercover police officers during Truman Week, Hughes said. He said the Missouri Division of Liquor Control was in charge of where the undercover officers were located. David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs, said student affairs did not request the presence of ATF officers Kirksville, either.

Kirksville Police Officer Luke Bachman said the police department received an alcohol enforcement grant during Truman Week that enabled them to pay for four additional police officers to patrol areas with a high volume of students. Hughes and Bachman said that each year the police have been consistent with the number of officers on duty.

Bachman said he personally issued two MIPs during Truman Week and that both minors were taken into custody for 12 hours. He said that when a minor is intoxicated in public they can be charged with internal possession, which means they are using their bodies as a container for alcohol.

The officers weren't given specific locations to patrol but instead answered calls about noise and kept an eye on certain areas prone to having parties, Bachman said.

"We're not going to contact a party unless someone complains," Bachman said.



Two men are taken into custody around 9 p.m. Tuesday evening near the Dukum Inn.

Police broke up a party Aug. 21 around midnight.

"[The police] had been scouting out ... the party houses and fraternities ... looking for freshmen and noise violations," a Truman senior who asked to remain anonymous said. "In our case, ... they had been scouting us out, and they saw we had a bunch of trash, cans and cups, etc., in our yard. ... Most of the police officers weren't actually even walking around in standard uniform ... [they] had white polo shirts and slacks."

He said police didn't issue any MIPs at

the party, but they did give partygoers a warning.

"Every year I think they do about the same amount of effort and work to keep underage drinking and large parties from happening," he said.

Amanda Wilson, a member of the First-Year Activities Coordinating Team, said that during Truman Week, FACT hosted free activities from about 9 p.m. to midnight.

Wilson said FACT members hoped the activities would encourage students to stay on campus.

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Taylor also said he did not hit a sign with the Pagliai's truck nor cause any other sort of damage to the vehicle and that he kept the other driver from hitting things with the truck.

"After the other driver finally stopped, he got out of the truck," Taylor said. "I tried to return the truck to Pagliai's and tell John Wichmann, the Pagliai's owner, exactly what happened. I got within two blocks of Pagliai's and was pulled over on Franklin and was apprehended."

No charges have been filed against Kern or Taylor.

Head basketball coach Jack Schrader said Kern and Taylor have been suspended from the team for the fall semester, their athletic scholarships have been reduced, and he said he will re-evaluate the situation when the semester ends. He said it makes no difference that basketball is not in season — the players were immediately suspended, and further action will be taken from there.

"They came to play basketball here because we're a clean, aboveboard program that relies on character to be successful, and they've betrayed that commitment to character, so they have to pay the price," Schrader said.

Schrader said both students are at Truman and are continuing with their classes.

Long, who was arrested early Friday morning, remained in jail until Tuesday evening, according to the Adair County Jail.

Farnsworth said officers noticed a confrontation taking place in front of a residence at 308 E. Jefferson St., and when they got out of their car, they began to pursue Long on foot. He said one of the officer's hands was injured during the struggle.

Long had to be subdued with stun chargers from a department-issued Taser, according to a probable cause statement issued by officer Luke Bachman. Long's blood alcohol content level was .12 percent when police officers apprehended him, according to the statement.

"Subsequent investigation revealed that Long unlawfully entered into and remained in 308 E. Jefferson to steal alcohol," according to the statement.

Long has been charged with possession of intoxicating liquor by a minor, resisting lawful detention and property damage in the second degree — all misdemeanors — according to court documents. He also was charged with two felonies, including assault of a law enforcement officer in the second degree and burglary in the first degree, according to the documents.

Head football coach Shannon Currier said Long has been suspended indefinitely from the football team. He said a rule is in place on the football team that automatically eliminates a player if he is convicted of a felony.

"We don't look lightly on these things, and we can't have these things happen," he said. "I take responsibility for players making bad decisions because they're in my program."

Currier said he still thinks Long

is a good kid who made a bad decision after consuming alcohol. He said the coaching staff makes an effort to educate players about the consequences of their actions, an effort that begins during summer camp.

"We definitely try to educate our guys the best we can to make good decisions," he said. "We talk about it constantly because in the limelight, if something happens, it's not the Truman student, the math major — it's the Truman football player. So we're going to continue to educate our players to make good decisions."

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said that in addition to suspension from their sports teams, all three players' athletic scholarships will be reduced accordingly. He said he and the coaches of each team made those decisions.

"It's disappointing any time this happens, and hopefully student athletes and all students will see that poor decisions with alcohol usually lead to more poor decisions," Wollmering said.

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Masten has brothers-in-law in Texas and Arizona, according to a 2001 obituary for her father-in-law.

Collins said she does not think Masten asked the court to postpone the beginning of her sentence while her appeal is pending.

"Some people do request that they be allowed to remain on bond pending their appeal," Collins said. "I don't have any information that she has made that request."

She said she was not surprised that Forsyth filed a notice of appeal, an expected part of the legal proceedings following a conviction.

"That is standard for a defendant who has stood trial in a criminal case, ... almost absolutely without fail when you decide to go forward with a trial," Collins said.

She said that as long as a defendant's sentence falls within federal sentencing guidelines, the U.S. Attorney's Office considers the sentence appropriate. Masten was sentenced to 63 months in prison, three months longer than the minimum amount of time recommended for arson, as named in Chapter 18, Section 844(i) of U.S. Code. Judge Jackson said at the Aug. 3 hearing that she increased the penalty because of perjury committed by Masten during the trial.

Masten also received two years of supervised release, which includes 13 standard conditions, as well as several conditions specific to the case.

"The defendant shall participate in a mental health program approved by the United States Probation Office," according to the judgment, which states Masten is required to pay costs associated with mental health services.

An additional four conditions are financial in nature. Masten must provide her probation officer with requested financial information, apply any financial gains to "outstanding Court-ordered financial obligations," refrain from

incurring credit charges or opening lines of credit without permission from the U.S. Probation Office and pay the \$2,000 fine levied at the sentencing hearing.

A document noting the satisfaction of the fine was filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office on Aug. 21.

Collins said the terms of supervised release are ultimately determined by the court. She said nonstandard conditions can relate to the

nature of a charge. Sentencing conditions may be appealed by a defendant, Collins said.

"[Masten] certainly will be seeking to overturn the conviction, but ... they might try any number of things as far as procedure," Collins said. " ... They could also seek to appeal not only the conviction but the terms of the sentencing."

She said she and lead prosecutor Dean Hoag, who was unavailable for comment, will continue to represent the prosecution throughout the appeal, whose notice was filed in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Masten's brief, in support of the appeal, is due Sept. 24.

"They will issue a ruling upon it," Collins said. "They are likely to grant oral argument."

Both Collins and Williams said they do not expect any other charges to be filed against Masten.

"I don't think there will likely be any involving the case related to the arson," Collins said. "We pretty much try to put it into one lawsuit, ... especially if someone does decide to go to trial."

A civil lawsuit filed by Masten in 2006 against Continental Western Insurance Co., the company that insured Too Tall's Two Eatery and Spirits, was settled in May. Masten sought reimbursement for the damage to the building and to her business. Before settlement, Continental offered six reasons it was not liable for the money.

"[I]t has been independently determined that the fire was intentionally set, that accelerators were present at the origin of the fire, that Deborah Masten was the last person to leave the premises," according to a court document filed by Continental. Masten also stated a claim for lost business income of more than \$30,000 per month, when in fact Too Tall's was operating at a loss, according to the same document.

Proceedings on the case were postponed during the arson trial and eventually the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice, which means it cannot be filed again.

GRIM | Fate of the residence hall rests within the plans to expand Pershing Building

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building like that, it's difficult to get the revenue back out of it."

Grim Hall can house up to 68 students in private rooms. A Residence Life brochure describes the residence hall as small and home-like. Grim provides a unique atmosphere for students living on a college campus.

"It's a completely different feeling living here than in other dorms," said sophomore Matthew Bernhardt. "It will be a loss. ... It's a place where students come together."

O'Brien said students who live in Grim act more like a family than those who live in other

residence halls. It is not uncommon for residents to live in Grim for their entire Truman career.

"We don't have anything else like Grim anywhere else on campus," O'Brien said.

In addition to emotional losses, the Grim demolition also will contribute to an overall reduction in the number of beds available on campus. Schultz said that as the residence halls are renovated and amenities such as kitchens and meeting rooms are added, fewer rooms are available. When the project is finished, about 200 fewer rooms will be available.

"The years Ryle and Centennial are shut down will be the tightest," Schultz said. "I'd like to keep Grim operational as long as possible."

O'Brien said fewer beds are not a big concern. Residence Life cannot accommodate every student at Truman. The renovations are meant to provide the best possible living spaces for those who choose to live on campus. However, Grim will be a loss.

"Students who live in Grim have more building connection," O'Brien said. "Grim is a great building. ... It would be very hard to replicate."