

STATE | Legislators McClanahan and Shoemyer report on the state of the district

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and more centralized, less and less inclusive," McClanahan said. "The decisions for the \$22.8 billion budget are in the hands of a very few people, at least in terms of the House of Representatives."

McClanahan said she is concerned because she thinks this process has shut out her voice.

"I'm fussing a lot about the process because I don't think we're really accomplishing the things that I would really like to see us accomplish," McClanahan said.

She said her main frustration at the moment is Governor Nixon's Medical Assistance for Families, which would provide a small increase in health care coverage for the very poor.

She said the governor's proposal would draw \$93 million of federal money to match state money to provide coverage for about 35,000 low-income parents.

"So when we spend money on care for people of very low income in the state of Missouri, the federal government matches us at a very favorable rate," she said. "And when we cover children in the state of Missouri, the federal government even matches us at a better rate, about 74 percent for

every dollar we spend."

McClanahan said the hospital association agreed to contribute a significant amount of money to increase the federal match. She said that after the House initially voted against it, the hospital association agreed to pay the full amount of the state portion, but the House still voted against it.

"This is clearly a straight party vote," McClanahan said. "Every single Democrat has voted for it, every single Republican in the House has voted against it."

When it was Shoemyer's turn to speak, he first promised the Senate would take advantage of the governor's plan. Shoemyer then said he is frustrated with the House's lack of spending on programs. He said money needs to be spent now and not saved for later.

"Unemployment may be an ongoing program, but the people who may be going on that are not ongoing recipients," Shoemyer said. "We need to make sure we give those folks some relief."

Shoemyer said that if Missouri doesn't spend the federal money it received, the money will go to another state.

He said he wanted to address the prospective second nuclear plant in Callaway County. He said to get this, the state would request that citizens pay for the interest on a loan while the new plant was built.

Before he supports the bill, Shoemyer said that it needs to ensure the consumers won't be hurt if something goes wrong and excess power is generated from the plant. He also said if that electricity is sold out of the state, the profits must come back to the taxpayers.

Shoemyer said he predicts a carbon-based tax in the future, so another nuclear power plant would help Missouri avoid that.

When the plant is running, Shoemyer said Adair county will receive \$400,000 per year in taxes that are kicked back.

Interim University President Darrell Krueger attended the State of the District and said he came to support the legislators and let the community know he supported them.

"[The University is] hopeful we're going to be getting some capital," Krueger said. "It's important to be around and be supportive of others when you're expecting to get something yourself."



State Rep. Rebecca McClanahan meets with Interim University President Darrell Krueger at the State of the District. *Mayank Dhungana/Index*

BLACKBOARD | iPhone app alerts students to Blackboard updates

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said she was not familiar with the new application, but pointed out that whatever information the application pulls off of Blackboard or stores would only be as secure as the phone it is on.

"A program like that would be password-based," Richmond said. "While you're logged in you'd need to be sure your phone is in a safe place just as you would a computer."

Greg Ritter, business development manager for Blackboard Learn, said an institution can install an extension that makes the application run more easily.

"If the academic institution has installed the Blackboard

Sync Building Block — an extension for the Blackboard platform designed specifically to support the iPhone and Facebook [applications] — then the process is typically smooth and painless," Ritter said.

Without the extension, the application still will attempt to sync with Blackboard but might encounter difficulties because institutions can customize Blackboard, and the application might not be able to predict and account for the differences. Ritter said Blackboard is aware of the problem and attempting to make the application work for as many students as possible.

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Instructional Designer

updates to the Blackboard Sync central service that have improved the experiences of those users, and we're planning an update to the Blackboard Learn for iPhone application to further address the syncing and performance issues for students at colleges and universities that haven't installed the Building Block," Ritter said.

Richmond said she was unsure of whether Truman had installed the Blackboard Sync Building Block extension, but that a request for such an extension would go to the Blackboard Support Team for review.

Blackboard also offers institutions the option to turn off the application. Jim McNabb, ITS network manager and interim technical director, said Truman has not disabled the service, but they might if there is a security concern.

"It's something to look into," McNabb said.

AUDIT | Energy use in library to undergo evaluation

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evaluating our energy use, where that energy comes from and who is impacted by the energy we use."

Richard Coughlin, dean of libraries and museums, said the energy audit project will benefit the library because the building is often open.

"I think the library must be a real energy hog because we are open so many hours and because of the nature of the building," Coughlin said. "We could find a lot of sav-

ings by trying some different things with our lighting."

Coughlin said they have put local switches in the basement and the third floor to reduce lighting costs.

"The library is a building where you want to be cautious of comfort with the amount of time students spend at the library," Coughlin said. "I think there is a lot of efficiency to be gained, and so I think it is a very worthwhile effort."

MISTAKE | Visiting student knocks on wrong door

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a.m. Sunday. Knight was taken into protective custody and charged with first degree trespassing, a Class B misdemeanor, he said.

"I suppose things like this happen occasionally, but it's not always reported to [DPS]," Johnson said.

Freshman Rachel Owens, BNB resident, said she thinks what happened Sunday was an isolated incident. Owens said whomever Knight was staying with should have been more responsible for

him.

"When you're in a strange hallway where every door is almost identical, of course it's going to be hard to find the right one if you're intoxicated," Owens said. "Especially since this guy was just visiting for the weekend."

Owens said she didn't understand why DPS became involved in the matter if there was no form of assault involved.

"An honest mistake made drunk is no different than an honest mistake made sober," Owens said.

DEBATE | Candidates for Student Senate president and vice-president debate University issues and policies Tuesday evening in Violette Hall

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president, just because you're in meetings all the time."

Alberts said he was not sure whether an incumbent president would have an advantage. He said it all depends on who comes out to vote and the amount of effort the candidates put into meeting with campus organizations.

"It's hard to say, because it's never happened before, but it always depends on who they get out to vote," Alberts said. "About 1,500 students vote each time, so it's about a quarter of the students. I would say it depends on which quarter it is."

Freshman Stuart Murray said he attended the debate to get to know the candidates and their issues. He said he thinks it's important to stay informed on what Senate is doing to maintain Truman's value.

"Even though it's a good deal now, if the school doesn't keep our degrees valuable, 10 years down the road, if we say we're from Truman and somebody says 'Well, who cares,' then what's the point of going here?" Murray said.

This week, the Senate election is in the petition stage, meaning that students outside of Senate still have an opportunity to run for Senate positions. Students must compile 75 to 100 signatures, depending on the position they are running for, to secure a spot on the ballot. The official voting process is from April 6 to 8. Students can log onto vote.truman.edu to cast their ballot. The winner of the election will be announced Wednesday night at 9 p.m., an hour after the polls officially close.

Lizz Esfeld

Esfeld began her Student Senate career as a freshman. She has served in three positions, including voting senator, chair of the academic affairs committee and president. During the de-

bates, she frequently referenced her experience and steep learning curve.

Esfeld said continuing as president for another term was something she was not in favor of last semester. She said that now, she has decided she is the best candidate for the job and is ready to hit the ground running next year.

"It's a rough, rough beginning, and that's why I think it's important that I do it again because it takes so long to really get into this position, but once you get into it, it's the most amazing thing ever," Esfeld said. "You can really make a difference, you've got the power to change things, you've got the ear of the administrators — who wouldn't want to do that again?"

One of Esfeld's main focuses is creating more documents and statements. Esfeld cites the Senate's current vision document as an example. This document was written three years ago and still is cited in almost every resolution by committees like the curriculum committee and the strategic planning steering committee.

Esfeld said she thinks such documents outline any particular student's time in Senate and help students make a difference.

"The administrators and faculty work on such a different timeline from us," Esfeld said. "They're here for 15 to 20 years, and we're here for four years, maybe. Usually, it's only one or two years that we're actually focused on one thing, and we expect them to come at the same pace as us, which usually doesn't happen. But, if you get something down in writing, then they're like, 'Woah, that's cool.'"

Esfeld said she wants to implement several programs if she is elected, including adviser evaluations, a student lobbyist program, a sustainability commitment, the incorporation of Senate into Truman Week and incorporating a good support system for Senate positions.

If Esfeld is not elected, she said she still will be involved with student government because she thinks her amount of experience gives her a lot to offer.

"I would like to stick around," Esfeld said. "I think the vision document is an incredibly important thing that is happening next year, and I hope I am allowed to be in on that because of all the knowledge I have from being on Student Senate for three years and being the president for a year."

JoEllen Flanagan

Flanagan began her career with the Senate before she officially was a college student. She applied online during the summer before her freshman year and became a non-voting senator.

A recurring topic during the debate was the experience Esfeld has compared to Flanagan. Flanagan said she thinks Esfeld's extra year is only a number.

"The funny thing that Lizz forgot to mention was that she ran for president in the same position that I did last year," Flanagan said. "Actually, I have more executive experience than she does because I became chair when I was freshman, which was unheard of. I really feel that it is quality versus quantity."

Flanagan said she thinks her current position as chair of student affairs has sufficiently prepared her to step up to the demands of being president. Flanagan is responsible for overseeing more than 30 committees across campus. She said she thinks her attention to detail and people will give her an advantage.

"My position has a huge stigma in Senate, it's like a black hole," Flanagan said. "No one survived more than a semester before I came, for like, three years."

Flanagan said she thinks Truman's reputation

as an academics-oriented school is not satisfying what the student body wants, and that the student body wants to be more involved across the different organizations.

"Truman has been called the study school, that we have great academics, which is fantastic for our résumés, but in terms of our life here on campus, it's not very good," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said she thinks she already has been responding to the desires of the student body.

"I think students want to be heard, and they do want results," Flanagan said. "When they said, 'I think off-campus meal plans are sucky,' Isaac and I met with the director of Sodexo and got stuff changed. That's what you do, you hear it from them and go."

Change is a key element in Flanagan's campaign. She said she hopes to get the student body more involved with Senate. Flanagan's two slogans, "Inspiration, determination and results" and "Serving students first" encompass the changes she wants to make for the future.

"I live by both of them," Flanagan said. "The first word of that second slogan is what is most important to me. I consider the fact that this position is serving the students. I am doing something for them. I am bowing down, I am doing this not because I want scholarship hours — I'm not doing it for the glory, for the title, for my résumé — I'm doing it because I genuinely believe this representation is important."

If Flanagan is not elected as president, she said she still will remain active with the Senate.

"I will be around, for sure," Flanagan said. "Many of the students that I've already established relationships with, especially with the organizations, they're still going to come to me — they're not going to go to her anyway. I'm still going to help them as much as I can."



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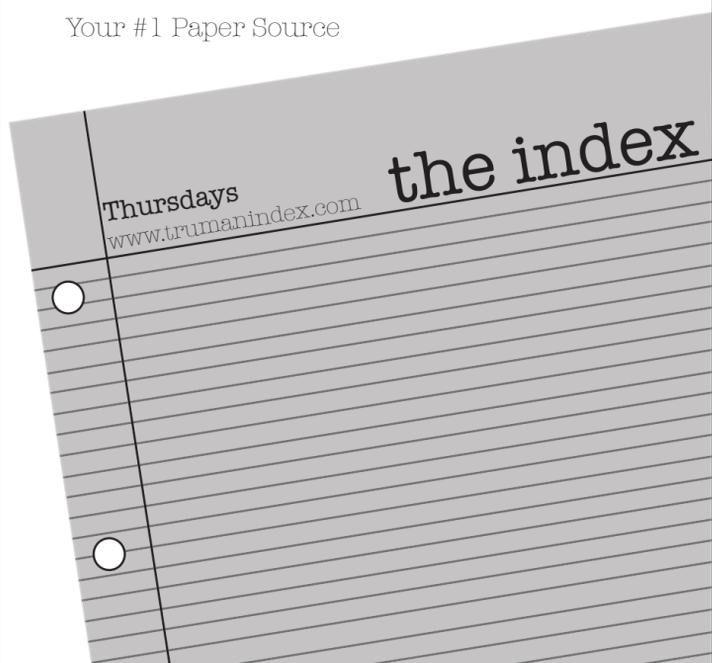
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