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Concealed weapon law under Senate review

BY JOHN MOENSTER
Assistant News Editor

The Missouri Senate currently is looking at a bill that, if made law, would allow concealed weapons on campuses of publicly-funded higher education institutions.

State Rep. Brian Munzlinger, R-Williamstown, said House Bill 645 was referred to his committee because they decided to offer the bill as an amendment to House Bill 668, which would lower the minimum age for obtaining a license to carry a concealed weapon from 23 to 21. Munzlinger said the amendment was accepted, and when HB 668 was voted

out of the house, it won with 105 votes, a bipartisan majority.

Munzlinger said the bill has been introduced in the State Senate, and that he thinks that it was referred to the judiciary committee. Munzlinger said many restrictions were put in place in 2003 when the first concealed carry law was established.

"We had to do a lot of those things to get it passed," Munzlinger said. "Now, here we are in 2009, and we've had absolutely no problems — not that I want any problems — but we've had none, and it's actually helped protect some people's lives."

Munzlinger said Missouri is the

only state of 48 that allow concealed weapons to have an age limit higher than 21. Wisconsin and Illinois are the two states that do not allow concealed weapons, he said. Munzlinger also said Missouri has more rigorous training than other states and requires fingerprinting and a background check before receiving a CCW license.

"The whole bill goes back to the fundamental right of self-protection provided in the Second Amendment," Munzlinger said.

Munzlinger said he has heard comments that college students on campus would be fearful of those carrying a firearm. Munzlinger said those stu-

dents would not know who was carrying a weapon, and anyone with a CCW license would be a law-abiding citizen.

"They're scared of their own person," Munzlinger said. "The one they should be scared of is the criminal that wishes to come in and do harm."

Tom Johnson, Director of the Department of Public Safety, said if DPS were to receive a call about an incident involving a gun, protocol demands a serious response. If the bill were made into law, Johnson said the biggest problem DPS would face would be correctly identifying suspects and citizens in a shooter scenario.

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Ashcroft's award stirs controversy

Former Attorney General will give commencement speech, but some students, faculty object

BY SARAH SCOTT
Staff Reporter

Former Attorney General John Ashcroft will give the commencement speech at Truman May 9. Ashcroft, along with former Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and former Truman president Charles McClain, will receive an honorary Truman degree. This has caused some controversy, and a forum will take place at 7 p.m. Monday to discuss Ashcroft's speech.



John Ashcroft

Professor of history Jerry Hirsch will be the moderator for the forum. He said faculty members and students will speak briefly at the forum, and then the audience will be able to contribute.

"I've heard a lot of people talking about, 'Who do we give honorary degrees to?' 'How do we choose commencement speakers?'" Hirsch said. "Some people feel that this is not a good precedent."

He said this is only the second time Truman has granted honorary degrees, so they should not be given to potentially controversial figures without questioning.

Hirsch said he does not agree with giving Ashcroft an honorary degree because of his involvement in rendition, which Hirsch said is illegally sending prisoners of war to foreign countries in order to torture them for more information.

"He's been involved in discussions at the White House about the use of torture when he was attorney general, and he's been involved in violations of civil liberties through the Patriot Act," Hirsch said.

He said awarding Ashcroft an honorary degree is not just a party-line issue.

"It's an issue about how you feel about the United States engaging in these kinds of things," Hirsch said. "It is true that he was involved in

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ULTIMATE LET-DOWN

JujiTSU ultimate frisbee team appeals FAC's slate for no fall funding



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

Veteran Ultimate player Joey Huegarich runs through a new play with the JujiTSU frisbee team during their practice Wednesday. The team received no funding for fall semester from the FAC. Student Senate formed a committee to review JujiTSU's appeal.

BY AMANDA GOESER
Staff Reporter

JujiTSU players and supporters packed the Student Senate meeting room Sunday to appeal receiving no funding from the Funds Allotment Council for the fall semester.

JujiTSU, the men's ultimate Frisbee team at Truman, has recorded receiving bi-annual funding for the last three years.

FAC funding is subject to

change from semester to semester and has done so for the JujiTSU team. The team went from receiving \$3,400 in Spring 2009 to no money for Fall 2009.

Each intercollegiate team must go before the FAC to present the team's needs and request funding for the upcoming semester. This year's JujiTSU treasurer, junior David Lau presented to the FAC March 17. After all teams had presented to the FAC, members deliberated in March and

drafted a slate that allotted varying amounts of funding to FAC organizations and IAC teams. Of the more than \$52,000 requested collectively by the 15 ICA teams, just more than \$20,000 was allotted. From there, the FAC slate for Fall 2009 was voted on and passed in a unanimous vote by Student Senate April 5.

Included in the slate was an explanation of the money allotted to each ICA team. FAC cited four main reasons why Ju-

jiTSU would not receive funding for the fall semester. Based on the information presented in JujiTSU's hearing, FAC stated that the team had "not explored alternative sources of funding or fundraising [and] had become too dependent on FAC funds," that FAC "would like to support ICA teams getting started, instead of consistently funding the old teams," and JujiTSU "neglected to ask for poster money."

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Mayor Martha Rowe elected to fifth term

BY DANA BRUXVOORT
Staff Reporter

Kirkville will keep Martha Rowe as mayor at least for one more year. Rowe was elected to her fifth term last Monday.

Each year, the City Council selects the mayor from one of its members. Rowe was nominated by councilmember Todd Kuhns and then elected with a 4-1 vote. Councilmember Aaron Rodgeron cast the dissenting vote.

Kuhns was selected as mayor pro tem during the meeting. Councilmember Carolyn Chrisman first nominated Rodgeron, but the vote was not seconded. Councilmember Richard Detweiler then nominated Kuhns, who was elected by a 4-1

vote with Rodgeron voting no. Rowe said she thinks the councilmembers will work well together in the next year.

"I'd like for us to continue to be able to work together and cooperate," she said. "We're a very cohesive group, and we can disagree and agree to disagree and go on, and I want that to continue."

Rowe, who is serving her third term on the City Council, said that during the upcoming year, the focus will be on Kirkville's economy.

"We're always looking for more business to come to town for more jobs for our citizens," Rowe said. "We're trying, but so is every other small community and large community in the United States."

Rowe said the position of Kirkville mayor is largely a ceremonial position, and her main responsibility is to preside over council meetings. The council appoints a city manager, who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day business of the city.

City Manager Mari Macomber said the council elects the mayor instead of having a general election because Kirkville has a third-class city manager form of government.

According to Missouri Statute 78, the city manager is the administrative head of the city and is subject to the direction and supervision of the Council.

"In a third-class city manager form of government, the Council

establishes policy, and it's the city manager's responsibility to run the day-to-day operations and implement the policies adopted by the Council," Macomber said.

She said that unlike other forms of government, Kirkville's councilmembers are elected at large, not by ward, so each member represents all of the citizens.

Kuhns said he and Rowe don't have any more power than the other councilmembers. His responsibility will be to step in if the mayor is unable to perform her duties.

Kuhns, who is beginning his second year on the Council, said he is looking forward to working with the council this year and discovering

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Mayor Martha Rowe was re-elected Monday after councilmember Todd Kuhn's nomination.

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Columnist Chris Boning says Day of Silence does no good



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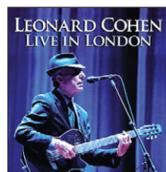
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