

# Term up early for Sumter

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Senior Cody Sumter, former student representative to the Board of Governors, received shocking news last week.

Sumter's expected two-year term started March 31, 2008, but was signed by former Gov. Matt Blunt to end Jan. 1, 2009. Gov. Jay Nixon's office contacted the University about the problem.

Heidi Templeton, head of public relations, said the reason for the discrepancies between Blunt's dates and the regulated two-year term is unknown.

The search for a new representative began last Thursday through a committee headed by Sumter.

The application process is complex and usually lasts a semester, but because of the need to find a replacement quickly, the process is being reduced to three weeks, Sumter said.

Any student wishing to become the representative can turn in an application and go before a campus committee made up of the Student Senate president, current student representative to the Board of Governors, a voting member of Student Senate, a Student Activities Board member, a campus media representative and a student-at-large, Sumter said. After applicants appear before the committee, the committee sends a slate of three names to the Governor, who then makes the final selection, Sumter said.

Even after a new representative is appointed, there still will be problems with term duration, Sumter said.

"Whoever my replacement is, as far as the Governor's office is concerned, their term started this January, meaning that we are already four months into my term," Sumter said. "This isn't just affecting my term, but it's also affecting my replacement's term."

Nixon's spokesman Scott Holste said they are trying to resolve the problem quickly.

"What we're trying to do is get this resolved, so we can get back on the appropriate track where the student representative will serve for a two-year term," Holste said. "We have yet to determine how that will play out rather than be an extension of the current term or if we appoint a new two-year term."

Cheryl Cozette, Board of Governors chair, said that the Board highly values the input of a student on the board to bring new perspectives to decision making.

"Sometimes Cody will have an opinion on a topic that will be very enlightening to us because we don't really know how students might feel about issues we discuss," Cozette said. "Cody has a good feel for what students might think or feel regarding policies."



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Pickler's Famous currently has its windows covered as renovations continue inside. Co-owner Todd Kuhns hopes to open this summer.

## Opening uncertain

BY DANA BRUXVOORT  
Staff Reporter

The opening date for Pickler's Famous still has not been set, but co-owner Todd Kuhns said he hopes to open sometime this summer. Kuhns said he had originally hoped to open by Dec. 1, but unexpected repair work slowed the renovation process. He said they currently are trying to sort out federal historic tax credits, which will provide the final funding for the project.

"It's not really been a surprise to us, it's just taking longer than we

thought," Kuhns said. "We thought it would only take a couple months to get this all done, and it's taking more like several."

This Thursday night, Kuhns will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Art Deco Building. The open house will celebrate new downtown developments and will include tours of the new lofts in the Art Deco Building. Floor plans for other downtown buildings will also be revealed. Historic architect Ken Shook will be available to speak about historic renovation and historic tax credits.

## NEWS | In Brief

### Students to perform staged reading

The students of Theatre 481, Staged Readings, will perform Rob Urbinati's "Rebel Voices" at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in Violette Hall 1000. Staged Readings is a senior-level independent studies course where students research, advertise, produce and perform staged readings. The class will also present two performances during finals week of selected pieces submitted as part of a 10-minute play competition. For more information contact Dana Smith at dasmith@truman.edu.

### United Way hosts annual Day of Caring

The United Way is hosting the 2nd Annual Day of Caring Saturday, April 18. Forty volunteers are participating and will be working on projects at six work sites. United Way Volunteer and senior Kara Jo Levery coordinated the event. The Home Depot, Beards' Decorating center, Kirksville Farm and Home and the United Way of Adair County provided supplies for these projects. For more information, contact Nancy Pennington at 660-665-1924.

### Police respond to burglary

Police responded to Woodpushers skateboard shop at 10:51 a.m. Friday, April 10, at 401 East Northtown following a report of a broken window. Officers reported that the front door's glass had been damaged, and people had entered the building. Several items were stolen including skateboard decks and clothing. The owner provided police with security footage of three suspects wearing hooded sweatshirts at approximately 4:14 a.m. One arrest has been made in connection with the burglary. Police are asking anyone with information regarding the burglary to call the Kirksville Police at 660-785-6945, or anonymously by contacting the tip line at 660-627-2878.

### Lecture by Emory professor

Kenneth Stein, professor of Middle Eastern history at Emory University, will be coming to speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in the Student Union Building room 300. Stein also is an adviser to various U.S. leaders on politics and peace process in the region. He will give a presentation on "U.S. Policy in the Middle East: Learning from Successes and Failures in Forging an Arab-Israeli Peace." Stein also will lead a breakfast discussion from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in SUB Georgian room B on "The Benefits and Liabilities of using Oral Interviews in Writing Contemporary History." To join in the breakfast, RSVP at dmandell@truman.edu. For further information, contact Daniel Mandell at 660-665-6781.

### LollaNOBooza on the Quad

Bacchus and Gamma and the health 440 class are sponsoring LollaNoBooza from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, on the Quad. There will be a costume walk of shame, root beer floats, non-alcoholic Jello shots and mocktails. There will also be music on the Mall. For more information, contact Grace Bellow at 314-223-3748.

## Student Senate | In Brief

### Senate minutes for April 12th

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$3,200 for a comedian to perform during Earth Week.
- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$30 for trivia game prizes for Earth Week.
- Senate passed a resolution in recognition of outgoing President junior Lizz Esfeld.
- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$60 to spend by June 1 to purchase a gavel for President Esfeld.
- Senate passed a Resolution in recognition of Senator Leigh Wickell.
- Senate passed a Resolution in recognition of Communication Director Allyson Summers.
- Senate passed a Resolution in recognition of ECO Chair Hannah Hemmelgarn.

### Senate minutes for April 19th

- Senate passed a resolution in recognition of Senator Hallie Lambert.
- Senate passed a money motion for no more than \$1,000 to stay in the residence halls and receive meals during freshmen week.
- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$1,000 to pay for senate name tags, magnets, post-its, and pens.
- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$2,030 to pay for four \$500 scholarships, \$16 for diploma covers and \$14 for cookies.

## DPS | Reports

- 4/17 Freshman Kevin Adkins was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 4/17 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Centennial Hall.
- 4/14 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Violette Hall.

# Attendance low at consortium

BY JARED YOUNG  
Staff Reporter

Low attendance plagued the spring meeting for the Missouri Higher Education Consortium, which represents 13 universities in the state. But the few who attended still are going ahead with plans to make the organization proactive.

After several cancellations in the 24 hours prior to the meeting, in-person attendees of the meeting were representatives from Truman and Northwest Missouri State University. Legislative Director Leigh Wickell said the low attendance was frustrating.

"It would have been great if we had had a better turnout," Wickell said. "We were supposed to have five schools represented in person and a couple more on conference call."

Several schools that were supposed to attend in person ended up attending via conference call. Wickell said this helped to keep the small meeting productive.

"I think it was still a very fruitful discussion," Wickell said.

University funding for next year was one of the main topics discussed at the MHEC meeting.

"Clearly, the budget is going to be another big issue," Wickell said. "We've decided to take a

very proactive stance."

This proactive stance will involve media campaigns and more communication among the members of MHEC, to coordinate lobbying on a large scale. Wickell said a campaign such as this will require more funding, but at this point, there is no detailed plan in place.

"We don't have it ironed out," Wickell said. "At this point, I would be hesitant to say where the money [for the campaign] is going to come from."

Wickell said that although the budget did not work out in favor of Truman this year, cuts in funding could have been much worse.

"We don't have the assurances next year that we had for this year," Wickell said. "Hopefully they're going to try to stagger the budget cuts, so we don't have to feel it all at once."

Former Student Senate President, junior Lizz Esfeld, also attended the meeting. She said she is looking forward to MHEC supporting school funding, and wants to see the new lobbying idea flourish.

"I'd like to see it become bigger than it is," Esfeld said. "I'd like to see more schools be more involved with it. ... I was a little bit disappointed that only one [other] school decided to show up."

Esfeld said she liked the main idea presented at the meeting: the plan to take a proactive stance on budget issues.

"If MHEC can find a cause that a lot of people can get behind, and that various campuses can take point in getting their campuses worked up on, then I think it can become a more active organization," Esfeld said.

She said this new approach to lobbying efforts could cause a much needed change in how MHEC operates.

"Up until this point it has been more reactive to things that happen," Esfeld said. "Now is the time to make that transition to becoming more proactive."

Esfeld said the plan is to build a framework of initiatives during the summer that MHEC wants to advocate, and that she thinks it's a workable approach. Each school

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Legislative Director

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