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Cody Sumter

Sumter to stay another semester

Governor Nixon extends student representative's term until December

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Assistant News Editor

As a temporary resolution to the issue of term duration, senior Cody Sumter will continue his duties as student representative to the Board of Governors.

"We got a phone call from the Governor's office on Thursday morning, and he

is extending Cody's term until December," Student Senate President JoEllen Flanagan said. "We still are going to go ahead and take applications, and they will still be due Friday, but we won't be doing interviews until September or August."

The student representative to the Board of Governors serves a two-year term. During that time, the representative's job is to voice students' opinions on all issues that come to the Board of Governors. Sumter's term began in March 2008 and was scheduled to end in January 2009.

Sumter said that he was very excited to find out he will be able to finish his term.

"I'm glad he's going to be around and gets to finish his term," Flanagan said. "He deserves that. I feel bad for the people that applied because they thought they would have a shorter term, so that did hurt our pool of applicants when we found out. Even now if you are a sophomore, now you'd be put into a fifth year."

Sumter said the committee has received many applications from quali-

fied applicants even for having such short notice.

"We trimmed down the application, which is usually pretty hefty, and there was a much shorter window for applications," Sumter said. "Applications are usually up for a month or so, and we had them up for two weeks. And usually the committee would have several weeks to deliberate. In this case we were planning on locking everyone in a room next weekend and not let[ting] them leave until we concluded who the three candidates would be."

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Dead dog leads to questions

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
Staff Reporter

The discovery of a dead Phi Sigma Kappa dog in an apartment rented by a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon has left the Phi Sigs asking questions.

During an activation ritual Thursday, April 16, Phi Sigs put Lucy, a female seven-month-old German shepherd in the backyard of the fraternity house, located at 1311 S. Florence, according to a press release from the Phi Sigs. Later that evening, Sig Ep Scott Farquhar called Phi Sig Patrick Pisani, the primary owner of the dog, to inform Pisani that Farquhar had found the dog and placed it in his apartment, known as the Loft, located adjacent to the Square. Pisani and Farquhar made arrangements to return the dog the next day.

According to the press release, Lucy could not be found the next morning, and it was discovered that Farquhar's roommate had left the apartment door unlocked. Because the Phi Sigs

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Graffiti investigation produces one suspect

BY JESSICA RAPP
Managing Editor

The ambiguous messages spray painted on University buildings two weeks ago lost some of their mystery this week when the Department of Public Safety tracked down its first solid suspect.

DPS Sergeant Leon Shears said DPS has reason to suspect a male Truman student for having connections with the graffiti. He said DPS

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'This isn't what our campus supports'



Alumnus Steve Baldwin attended meeting and wore a black bag over his head. The bag often symbolizes torture.

Students sign petition to remain silent for Ashcroft

BY KELLY KIESEL
Staff Reporter

The decision to ask former Missouri Governor and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to speak at Truman's graduation ceremony and receive an honorary degree has caused an uproar among students and faculty.

Professor of history Jerry Hirsch moderated the AAUP forum Monday. The panel for the forum spoke about different issues, including a brief summary of Ashcroft's career, the process behind choosing a commencement speaker and students' views on the decision. Then the forum was opened to debate from former graduates and faculty, graduating seniors and current students and faculty.

James Guffey, professor of mathematics and president of the Faculty Senate, said he supports the idea of honorary degrees.

"The Faculty Senate back in 2000 had a resolution that supported the notion of honorary degrees," Guffey said. "[The resolution] recognized what it can be good for and useful for but that does not specify any sort of process."

Guffey said a process for nomination and confirmation had not been established and was left up to the Board of Governors, who decided to establish a committee.

"There is no process, which at this point, says it is supposed to go to the Faculty Senate to be approved," Guffey said. "People may not be happy [with] how it went, but that is two different issues."

Guffey said they only have conferred one honorary degree before.

"It is going to take a little time for us to figure out how this best works and operates for us with our history, our culture

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Student targeted in car break-ins

BY STEPHANIE HALL
News Editor

A female student had her car broken into multiple times this month, according to DPS reports.

Leon Shears, a sergeant for the department of public safety, said DPS is classifying it as a harassment case.

The student's car was broken into April 16, in Blanton-Nason-Brewer parking lot. If a suspect were found,

he or she would be charged with a felony theft for items stolen valued at \$500 to \$25,000 and tampering with motor vehicle, Shears said.

The second break-in was reported April 24 and included a theft and tampering charges, according to DPS reports. This time the theft was considered misdemeanor because the item was less than \$500. The burglar also left an object in the car after the robbery, Shears said.

"As far as the item left behind, I don't think they left anything behind that would be harmful to the person or anything like that," Shears said. "I think it was more of an instrument used to gain entry into the car."

The object is being tested for fingerprints in the Truman lab and will be sent to the highway patrol.

"The last time it was broken

Board of Governors minutes for April 30

• Senior Sally Hertz, sophomore Chris Steinauer and Senior Andrew McCall commented on Ashcroft receiving an honorary degree from the University

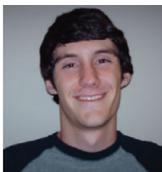
• The Board passed a motion to approve a budget of \$18,950,000 for renovations to Ryle hall

• The Board passed a motion to approve level enrollment fees for the 2009-10 academic year

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"Unworthy candidate"

Columnist Tyler Retherford argues Ashcroft shouldn't get honorary degree



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Student Senate suspend FAC's distribution of rollover funds



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Band performs at The Blue Note in Columbia to an enthusiastic crowd



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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T-storms	Showers	Mostly cloudy
High 72 Low 51	High 60 Low 44	High 65 Low 46