

# Senate recommendations tabled

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Sometimes one word makes all the difference.

Members of Student Senate discussed the addition of the word "explicit" to the section of the Student Conduct Code regarding the promotion of alcohol consumption with the Board of Governors Saturday. Currently, there is no policy in the Code against student organizations advertising events at bars. Senate is pushing to clarify the possible interpretation of that section of the Code.

As it stands now, any chartered student organization in good standing with the University must have any advertising material they wish to post on campus approved by the Center for Student Involvement (CSI). Laura Bates, director of student involvement and campus activities, is part of CSI and oversees the approval of advertising material.

"Any student organization that wants to post has to have a CSI stamp in order for their poster to stay out," Bates said. "If not ... if we find them, posters will be removed."

In observance of the Code, CSI has a set of criteria for evaluating event posters including time, date, location and sponsor. Of these, the current Senate recommendation focuses on the location of events.

"The policy is that I cannot approve materials that promote the consumption of alcohol or other illegal substances — tobacco, as well," Bates said. "There are also certain locations in town that, based upon the interpretation, I am not allowed to approve. That is typically, obviously, the bars."

When students from various organizations brought their concerns to Senate last year, members found that section 13.2 of the Code states that student organizations cannot advertise events that take place in bars. When student affairs worked with CSI to interpret this section of the Code, they decided student organizations could not advertise these events on-campus.

"Anytime you have a code, you have to implement it, and so we had to come up with certain operational definitions," said Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student af-



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If the Board of Governors approves a change to the campus posting policy, already crowded bulletin boards could see even more posters.

fairs. "We took a very conservative stance, partly because we want a policy that is fair to everybody."

By talking with Gilchrist, Senate members found that adding the word "explicit," as in "origination or circulation of any advertising media containing ... the explicit promotion of alcohol consumption ... is prohibited," would change Gilchrist's interpretation of the policy.

"I did outline [in a letter to the Board of Governors] how I would see it differently," Gilchrist said. "And what I would see if the word explicit was in there — the place that it occurred would be of less importance than what they were saying was happening at the event."

Senate made the recommendation to the Board of Governors with a presentation by senior Rosemary Melton. Melton, an active member of Prim Roses, discussed the organization's annual LIFE event. Leaving an Impression For Erin is a concert that benefits bone cancer. Erin was a Prim Rose who died in 2002, so this event is a benefit for the place where she received her treatment.

Melton said she has found that hosting the past two events at the Dukum or WrongDaddy's has been more profitable than in

previous years.

"It is more professional for us to have it there, and I feel like we make more money when we have it there," Melton said. "That is our main goal. We raise money solely from the ticket sales. We are not banking off people buying alcohol at all."

An off-campus venue attracts students as well as community members, Melton said.

"We ... posted a lot in the community, which I think helped us a lot because [one] year we ended up having about 350 people buy tickets, which was awesome," she said. "We raised about \$1,000. I would say that at least 100 to 150 of those were simply community members and that was amazing. It was so much fun. Just having random people come in and join our cause was great."

Melton said Prim Roses were not able to attach flyers to on-campus bulletin boards because the event was hosted at a bar. She said if the event could be posted on campus, it would raise even more money for their cause.

"Our recommendation is to allow the bar-sponsored events to be advertised on campus," said sophomore JoEllen Flanagan, student affairs chair on Student Senate. "Just because an event is held at a bar doesn't

mean that it shouldn't be allowed to be posted on campus — that's silly."

Flanagan said that during the Board of Governors' discussion that followed, the governors seemed to be in favor of the change. They opted to table the policy recommendation until their June meeting. There is now a sub-committee looking into the policy change recommendations.

Prior to her recommendation to the Board of Governors, Gilchrist found several professional organizations that recommended limiting the advertisement of alcohol on campus.

Gilchrist said she has found through past discussions with students that getting the word out for organization events, regardless of location, can be difficult.

"Our bulletin boards are jam-packed with information, so I am not even sure that posting on-campus is a very effective way [to advertise an organization's event]," Gilchrist said. "I know that some events have been advertised on Facebook and that seems to be a much more effective way to do it. I know organizations can use Facebook, and I know there have been a lot of successful activities that have been held off campus that may not have been posted on campus."

## NEWS | In Brief

### Online bill pay offered to residents

Kirkville residents now have the option to pay their water bills online.

Melanie Robinson-Smith, Kirkville community services director, said residents can go to the city's Web site to sign up for the feature.

"They go to the city's Web site, [www.kirkvillecity.com](http://www.kirkvillecity.com), and there's a button right on the main page that says, 'Water sewer online payment,'" Robinson-Smith said. "They can click on that, and it launches a new window. At the top they enter their account number that is on the water bill, and it will lead them through the process of setting up their User ID and password, and then they [have] access."

Robinson-Smith said there are no fees for the service. Online bill paying makes it possible for residents to pay their bills from home at any time, she said. For those who are not comfortable using the Internet, residents can still pay by direct debit, mail or in person at City Hall.

### Literature festival returns

The Children's Literature Festival will return to campus for the first time since 2004 from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., April 17. The festival will showcase 10 authors and illustrators. Approximately 20 area schools have been invited to participate in the on-campus event. The festival was an annual event for 21 years until it was discontinued because of budget cuts. The Children's Literature Festival Fund was created in 2007 through Travis W. Freeman's gift made to the University's "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" campaign. Financial support from the Truman Bookstore is also making the event possible. Pickler Memorial Library is serving as sponsor for the event. For more information, contact Sharon Hackney at 660-785-7366 or [shackney@truman.edu](mailto:shackney@truman.edu).

### Musical set to run

The theatre department will present "Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical," at 8 p.m., April 15 to 18, in the James G. Severn's Theatre in Ophelia Parrish. Steve Cuden and Frank Wildhorn conceived the musical for the stage, Leslie Bricusse wrote the book and lyrics and Frank Wildhorn wrote the music. All tickets must be reserved in advance and can be picked up at the box office in Ophelia Parrish 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the musical, contact the box office at 660-785-4515.

### Blood drive to take place

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 22 to 23 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. To get more information and register online go to <https://www.givelife.org/>.

### Institute names director

Kevin Minch, associate professor of communication and director of forensics, has been named the director of the newly-founded Truman Institute. The institute will develop initiatives and partnerships to generate revenue and support Truman's mission. In addition to his teaching duties and role as the director of the forensics program, Minch also serves as the dean of the Joseph Baldwin Academy, a three-week residential program for academically talented seventh, eighth and ninth graders. Minch's education background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, as well as a master's degree in communication from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., and a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Kansas.

### Art gallery to open

A new gallery located in the Kirkville Manor Care Center, located on LaHarpe Street, will host an opening today. The new gallery's first exhibit will feature works from students in several painting classes and will run for the remainder of the school year. For more information contact Kristina Sicuro at [kas283@truman.edu](mailto:kas283@truman.edu).

## Student Senate | In Brief

• Senate passed a motion to alter FAC's constitution to change the spending ratio of 73 percent for FAC groups and 27 percent for ICA groups to 62 percent for FAC groups and 38 percent for ICA groups.

• Senate voted to pass a money motion in the amount of \$200 for MHEC.

• Senate passed a resolution endorsing the signing of the Truman State University Sustainability Initiative.

• Senate passed a motion to ask for student opinion on the Sexual Assault Amnesty Clause on the ballot along with a pro and con list.

## DPS | Reports

11/10 Junior Erin Wheadon was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

# Literacy lab receives endowment

## Recent acquisition of funds to go toward teaching children to read and write

BY SARAH SCOTT  
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Teaching kids to read can be expensive.

Truman's Early Literacy Lab received a \$100,000 endowment from the Columbia Scottish Rite Foundation to help them teach children to read.

Janet Gooch, chair of the communication disorders department, said the money will be used to buy new materials and improve the Graduate Fellowship program.

The Graduate Fellowship program is a merit-based program, Gooch said. She said this year's recipient will receive \$2,000.

"We hope to maybe increase the number of fellowships we offer or to increase the amount of the fellowship that we offer," Gooch said.

She said last year's recipient organized a lending library for the Lab. Gooch said this year's recipient will organize the library by target age group and subject matter and keep the room and materials organized.

She said the Early Literacy Lab is part of the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic. The lab services five to 10 clients per semester.

"We work with kids that are roughly 4 to 9 years of age who are having problems learning to read because of a history of or current problems with speech and language," Gooch said.

She said the lab does activities to enhance literacy. Gooch said participants this year are doing a "Bug Club" theme in the lab.

Money in the lab could be used to buy testing materials to evaluate whether a child has a problem with literacy, a variety of therapy items including software or furniture or computers for the room.

"Anything that will help to enhance the services that are provided in there," Gooch said.

Graduate student Amy Little is the current recipient of the Graduate Fellowship. She said she puts in 10 hours of work each week for the ELL.

"I do a variety of things throughout the year, such as representing the early literacy lab at various events, making sure the library within the ELL is organized and running smoothly, promoting literacy through workshops and making sure materials get checked out," Little said. "And if there's any questions the clinicians can ask me about, I can kind of help them work through the early literacy lab."

She said other recipients can choose to do research, work similar to what she does or whatever the lab needs.

Little said she would like to see the donated money used to buy new materials.

The Scottish Rite Foundation donated this money as part of their mission to serve people with speech and hearing issues, Gooch said. She said the foundation gave funding to help start the Early Literacy lab.

"I want to express my appreciation, because the Scottish Rite Foundation have supported our program all along," Gooch said. "And this time, with a \$100,000 endowment, it's just unbelievable what can be done with that money."

Scottish Rite member Duane Dimmitt said his organization has had a relationship with Truman since 2003. It gave \$25,000 to start the Early Literacy Lab, Dimmitt said, and since then has donated \$5,000 to \$7,000 annually.

Dimmitt said a large part of the recent endowment came from one member's donation.

"We had a brother who had endowed ... the Columbia Scottish Rite, to help children in northeast and central Missouri," Dimmitt said. "The best way that we could do that was to take that money and give it to Truman State University."

The way the endowment works, Dimmitt said, is the \$100,000 donation is put in an account, and the ELL uses the yield, or the interest, from that money.

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