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Student Senate passed a resolution to allow the football team to practice on the gym floor of the Student Recreation Center in the early morning. ROTC uses the multi-purpose room.

Rec center opens early

Senate approves resolution to allow football team and ROTC to use facilities in early morning

BY KELLY KIESEL
Staff Reporter

By a unanimous vote, Student Senate ended running in the hallways last week.

Thanks to a resolution passed at Sunday's Senate meeting, the football team will be able to condition in the Student Recreation Center from 5:45 a.m. to 7 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays until the second week of March — a total of eight days. Prior to the resolution, the football team was forced to practice from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Pershing Arena because of a high demand for gym space from other athletic teams. Last fall, football players ran the hallways and stairs in the Pershing Building for their morning workouts, according to the Oct. 23 issue of the Index.

Prior to the resolution passed Sunday, a separate resolution was passed Jan. 19 granting ROTC permission to use the multi-purpose room in the rec center when inclement weather did not allow them to perform physical training sessions outside.

Junior JoEllen Flanagan, Senate student affairs chair, said the resolution will allow inter-collegiate athletes and academic classes to use the rec center when extraordinary circumstances — like weather — come into play.

"The ROTC was having trouble finding a place to practice, which caused us to form the resolution," Flanagan said. "With any case before this, they had been denied. This is brand new and has never happened in recent University's history."

The Senate plans on reviewing the issue after Midterm Break.

"I don't see us making a document," Flanagan said. "But we will review it and make an

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Enrollment pool shrinks in Missouri

BY MARGARET HOOPER
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Colleges and universities are looking at their budgets and fighting harder than ever to match or increase enrollment numbers, but because of demographic shifts, they're fighting over a shrinking pool of applicants.

University Interim President Darrell Krueger addressed the Board of Governors Saturday to discuss the recruitment challenges Truman might face during the next few years. As the number of high school graduates in the Midwest falls, Truman must work harder to maintain the academic quality of incoming students while meeting enrollment goals for each freshman class. In addition to investigating new technologies such as Smart classrooms and electronic textbooks, Krueger said that to help Truman stay competitive, the office of enrollment might need to purchase new tracking software that would automate many tasks currently done manually.

"We're looking at some software that will make it more friendly to work with students and communicate with them," Krueger said.

Regina Morin, associate vice president of enrollment management, said a customer relationship management system would automate some correspondence and allow admissions counselors to view the details of previous interactions with a prospective student, as well as monitor how effective those interactions were.

"It really allows you to move from being strategic to really almost being visionary in what it is that you're trying to accomplish," Morin said. "About half the schools in the country have a CRM that's implemented or they're in the process of implementing one, so I wouldn't say we're behind the curve, but we soon would be without it."

Morin said that with the recent budget difficulties, the enrollment office is looking closely at the costs and benefits of this potential purchase. A program designed to work with the University's current Banner system would cost more than \$300,000, and alternatives range from \$150,000 to \$200,000, but might be more difficult to integrate.

Morin said the need to recruit students effectively and efficiently is all the more important because of the declining number of high school graduates.

"The thing that all of the institutions in the Midwest are dealing with is that between now and 2014, national data indicates that in the Midwest we will lose almost 70,000 high school graduates," Morin said.

This area includes Missouri, its contiguous states and a few others. Missouri is expected to lose between five and eight percent from both

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Professor profiles go professional

Students close the social networking gap and add classroom peers to their list of online friends

Older and online

A survey conducted by the Pew Internet Project in Dec.

2008 found that **35 %** of adults have a profile on a social networking site.

Who has the profiles

57 % ages 25 to 34

30 % ages 35 to 44

19 % ages 45 to 54

BY ANDY MOORE
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Social networks are not just for students anymore. College students are not the only people addicted to Facebook now that the social networking frenzy has hit college professors.

Among older generations of Internet users are Truman professors, who find social networking sites useful for staying in touch with old friends and alumni and for communicating with students.

Assistant Professor of Music Jesse Krebs, who has a Facebook profile, said he first used the site to

stay in touch with old friends.

"In the last couple of years, my generation has finally got on [Facebook]," Krebs said. "It's just neat to see if they're married, or if they have kids [and] what career they ended up doing."

He said he now uses Facebook primarily for teaching-related purposes, like participating in music-related groups, finding events and networking with other musicians. Krebs said Facebook makes it easier to communicate with his students and colleagues and can also help recruit young musicians interested in the music program at Truman.

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Professor of mathematics Don Bindner checks his Facebook Tuesday afternoon. Bindner uses his profile to network with students. Other Truman professors, such as assistant professor of music Jesse Krebs, use the site for teaching purposes. Krebs said he uses the social networking site to find other students interested in music and encourage them to join the music program at Truman.

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Attorney General applies castle doctrine for the first time

BY JESSICA RAPP
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The castle doctrine finally has claimed its territory.

Attorney General Chris Koster is not filing charges against Jackie Gleason in the fatal shooting of Rogelio Johnson in May 2008 (see story in Aug. 18 issue of the Index). Koster attributed his reasoning to the castle doctrine which was passed

into law in 2007.

According to the castle doctrine, if an individual "unlawfully enters, remains after unlawfully entering, or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence or vehicle" the owner or resident can use "deadly force" against that person in self-defense.

Koster released a letter to Kristie Swaim, Adair County Associate Circuit Judge, stating that the Missouri State Highway Patrol's investigation of the case produced enough evidence to claim that

Johnson illegally entered Gleason's home through a window.

This case marks the first time the castle doctrine has been applied in the state of Missouri. Adair County prosecutor Mark Williams said that once the court decides that the facts of a case point to the castle doctrine, they do not need to proceed with a trial.

"The purpose of the castle doctrine is to grant immunity, which means you will not be charged,

and so by that office saying that the castle doctrine applied, she was within her rights," he said.

Williams first looked at the case during a coroner's inquest in August. The inquest took place to examine the facts of the case, and felony charges for Gleason were recommended at that time, but Williams said in a September statement that he believed one of the jurors had given an opinion on the case prior to the inquest.

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Columnist Jean Kaul thinks rec center and athletics can coexist



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