

Scholarships, loans affected by stimulus funds

Obama's stimulus plan will distribute \$787 billion into economy

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The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act will have various meanings for different students.

President Obama signed the economic stimulus package into law Tuesday, Feb. 17. The Bill will put \$787 billion into the American economy during the next 10 years. Different sections of the Bill determine where the money will be sent.

According to the Bill, \$225 million will go to "Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs." The Bill states that the money will be used for grants to combat violence against women.

Senior Angela Carter, director of the Women's Resource Center, said Truman's center will not receive any direct benefit from this stimulus package but that the money is needed.

"There isn't a lot of funding, generally, in our society for such programs," Carter said. "Even the funding that does exist isn't able to have a far-reaching effect to better the lives of women."

She said people would have to wait to see how effective the program will be.

"I, personally, have a lot of confidence that the Obama administration will do research and make sure what they're funding is things that will work," Carter said.

The United States Armed Forces also is slated to receive large amounts of money. Truman's ROTC students might be affected when they graduate and join the armed forces. The Army Reserve will receive \$98 million and the Army National Guard will receive \$266 million.

Major Eric Shirley, professor of military science, said 52 contract cadets currently are enrolled in the ROTC. He said that after they graduate, those students will be second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. Shirley said they can serve in active duty, the Army National Guard or the Army Reserve.

Shirley said the army is preparing for budget cuts in the future. Truman's ROTC won't be affected directly by the stimulus package, but the effects of the package might trickle down in the form of scholarships.

The stimulus package also provides \$200 million to school improvement programs. Financial assistance for higher education received \$15 billion to be made available through 2011. The amount students are able to receive from Pell Grants for 2009-10 was raised to \$4,860.

Junior Amy Reynolds said she does not expect to use the extra money given for loans. She said she pays for school with subsidized Stafford loans, unsubsidized Stafford loans and Parent Plus loans.

Reynolds said she rarely uses the entire loan amount, but it will be nice to have the option.

"I did try to borrow for going ... to England this summer," Reynolds said. "I tried to borrow an extra \$4,000, and that did not come through."

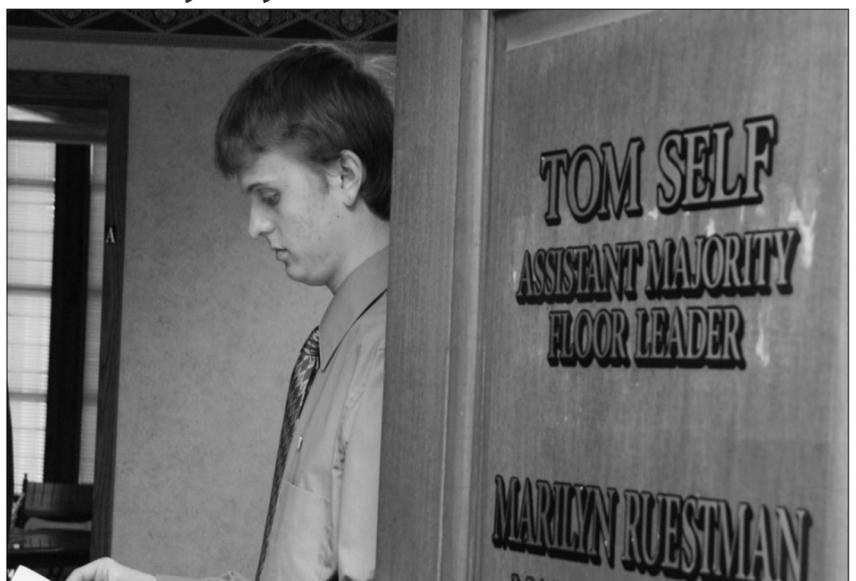
She said that was the first time she has been affected by the limit. Reynolds said it is unlikely she will use the entire amount now allowed because she only has one year left at Truman, but it still is good to have.

"The entire economic crisis seems a little unreal to me just because it hasn't touched me yet," Reynolds said. "I guess next year when I try to take out loans and everything, it will become a little more immediate."

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Lobby Day



Sophomore Zach Buckler visited representatives in the capital buildings in Jefferson City on Wednesday. Students got in busses and left Truman at 6:30 in the morning to participate in "Storm the Capitol."

Recession shrinks field at annual Career Expo

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The spring Career Expo was smaller this year than in years past, but students still took advantage of the opportunities it offered.

The Expo is a time for students, particularly upperclassmen, to search for internships or jobs, but because of the current state of the economy, many businesses did not show up.

Career Center director Lesa Ketterlinus said the Career Center expected about 80 employers to attend the expo this year.

"Typically in the spring we try to have at least 100 [employers]," Ketterlinus said. "So we're going to be down, but we're actually feeling pretty good about the number. We're not down as much as other schools."

Ketterlinus said the cancellations of some businesses were expected. Bigger companies that were affected the most by the current economy are the ones not in attendance. Boeing, Edward Jones and Caterpillar were among the businesses.

Although there was a cut back on

attendance, Ketterlinus said there actually were some new, smaller businesses in attendance.

"Interstate Studios is new as well as Drury Hotels and several science and tech companies," Ketterlinus said. "Financial service is also a big area right now, as well as the military."

Like business attendance, student attendance also was lower this year than in years past. Ketterlinus said she sees this as strengthening the chances for those students who do attend.

"My thought is that if there are fewer students there, then those few have a better shot at those opportunities," Ketterlinus said.

Senior Nick Jevorutsky attends the expo every year. He said it is a good way to network and meet potential employers.

"I go back now, and people I've talked to still remember me," Jevorutsky said. "So I have a better chance of getting an internship or a job with them later."

Jevorutsky said he received internship offers from employers at the expo in previous years but rejected them. This year, however, he said he plans on accepting one of those offers.

"I'm looking for an internship in either accounting or business for the summer," Jevorutsky said.

Jevorutsky said that going each year allows employers to see students' development and provides them more opportunities after graduation.

"Some of the businesses that come back each year send the same recruiter," Jevorutsky said. "So I'm hoping by the time I graduate with my master's, I will have known enough people that I can get into a company somewhere."

Senior Corinne Liddy works at the Career Center, and helped promote this year's expo. She said the expo is a very important opportunity for students to make connections with potential employers.

"[Students] can benefit in many ways," Liddy said. "You have networking — just getting your face out there. That way people know who you are prior to an interview. Also get information [from employers] so you can keep in contact."

Liddy said the entire experience of the expo also is a good way for students to learn how to prepare for interviews and meetings with employers.

Excursion Field Trips

⇒ Outdoor Activities: Moab, Utah

- Lead Organizer: Michael Bird
- Location: Moab, Utah
- Dates: May 10-15, 2009
- Costs: \$200 for equipment rental PLUS meals
- Information: Informational meeting February 26 6:00 PM in PB 325

⇒ Broadway in Des Moines

- Lead Organizer: Jennifer Thompson
- Location: Des Moines, Iowa
- Dates: March 22, 2009
- Costs: \$10.00
- Information: Contact Jennifer at jthompson@truman.edu; Register at Information Center in SUB

⇒ La Traviata at the Kansas City Opera

- Lead Organizer: Elizabeth Bauer
- Location: Kansas City, Missouri
- Dates: March 22, 2009
- Costs: \$20.00
- Information: Register at pdi.truman.edu

⇒ Outdoor Activities: Lincoln National Guard Marathon and Half-Marathon

- Lead Organizer: Jana Arabas and Janet Gooch
- Location: Lincoln, Nebraska
- Dates: May 3, 2009
- Costs: N/A
- Information: Contact Janet at jquinzer@truman.edu or Jana at jarabas@truman.edu

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