

Residence halls get darker

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Residence halls are turning off their lights, but they're not in the dark when it comes to going green.

The Residence Hall Association is proposing a new way to combat energy costs and advocating for a greener environment, said sophomore Tiffany Mooney, the resident affairs committee chair.

"Someone in RHA ... brought up the idea to do a no-power hour," Mooney said. "Basically, what he wanted to do was to turn the lights off for just an hour and have people turn off their computers and come to the lounges and do activities just for a day."

The resident affairs committee has been researching new ways to promote going green in residence halls, so they came up with a plan that pertained to lighting.

"The new idea is to keep the quiet hour lights on over the weekend — basically at midnight — keeping them on till Monday morning," Mooney said. "[Blanton-Nason-Brewer] had brought up that there were nine light switches for them to go and turn off, so for them to turn it off for an hour is not feasible."

Quiet hours refer to the period when residence hall lights alternate on and off in the hallways and when the lounge lights regularly are turned off, she said.

Centennial Hall director Bill McKenney said Centennial plans to start maintaining quiet hour light levels all weekend, starting this weekend.

"It's one of the many steps we hope Residence Life can do to work with campus to provide a healthy environment and save some money on energy," he said. "Any money saved is obviously positive for the University."

Grim Hall started turning down the lights last week. Grim Hall director Justin Collins said the small number of residents has made it easier for the hall to save energy.

"We've actually extended [the quiet hour lights] quite a bit," Collins said. "Right now we're looking at an hour a day extra. Our hall Senate is going to be discussing turning them off a little bit longer just because we have so few residents and people tend to hang out in the lounges anyway, where we have lamps."

The goal of this initiative is to give students a better understanding of conservation methods, Collins said.

Missouri Hall director Zac Burden said the residence hall already is preparing a green initiative and plans to switch to quiet hour lights.

"It hasn't started yet — they're finalizing their plans," Burden said. "The directors' commission on sustainability and also one of the committees on Missouri Hall senate are going to work on finalizing their plans and hopefully, we'll be rolling those out in the next couple weeks. The plan is that this semester can be a pilot program for a well-advertised campaign next fall."



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Junior Jordan Kaminski heads back to his dorm room in Blanton Hall Tuesday evening. Residence halls across campus are lengthening the amount of time half the lights are kept off, meaning fewer lights are kept on in order to conserve energy.

The financial benefit of turning off the lights in Missouri Hall for one day each week for a year would only yield a \$75 savings, but the directors are using that measure to raise students' awareness of the other initiatives Missouri Hall Senate is proposing, Burden said.

"Based off some calculations we were able to do on the heaters on the building, if we could convince students to use their heaters one hour less per day — just keep it a little colder ... we could have savings of \$7,000 a year in the building," Burden said.

He also said that if students would turn the temperature up on their air conditioning enough so they run for an hour less a day, that could save \$1,000 a year.

"Our primary focus all along had been to be a more sustainable building," Burden said. "We are looking at some new recycling initiatives as well. I know they're trying to do something with recycled plastic bags for Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee [such as] taking them directly back to the store because they have recycle bins for them there."

Legislation demands records be made public

Laws require certain violations to be printed in crime log

BY JESSICA RAPP
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Some students will open the Index today and notice the weekend alcohol incidents printed in bold font on page two.

These students might wrestle with the idea that someone has made a point to see that every alcohol violation makes it in the newspaper, but according to the Department of Higher Education, the University has justified reasons for making this information available to the public.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires schools to develop a campus policy that addresses alcohol and drug issues. Part of this program must include a "clear statement that the institution will impose disciplinary sanctions on students and employees," according to the U.S. Department of Education's Web site.

Anyone can access these regulations, which are policies that support a dry campus, by looking at the Student Conduct Code on Truman's Web site.

S. Daniel Carter, senior vice president for Security on Campus, an organization that reports on and advises schools about campus crime issues, said every university interprets DFSCA differently, but some of the safest interpretations he has seen are the ones that require the university to report alcohol violations to the campus police.

"The regulations ... speak to the fact that problems — including criminal problems that deal with underage drinking, not just underage drinking itself — and drug abuse, are common on college campuses," he said.

Department of Public Safety director Tom Johnson said Residence Life policy requires student advisers to report alcohol violations to the police because some of the SAs are underage and cannot legally deal with the violation on their own.

Once an alcohol violation is reported to DPS, they log it into the crime log because of the Clery Act.

The Clery Act requires universities to notify campus police of campus crime. If the campus police receive a detailed crime report — meaning they have the names of the people involved and the crime location — they have to document it in a crime log that's available to the public.

Sexual assault cases don't always show up in the crime log because victims choose not to report the case or prosecute (see the FERPA story in the Jan. 22 issue of the Index). Johnson said that because alcohol violations don't have a "victim," the crime inevitably will make it into their daily report.

Johnson said the University makes a legitimate effort to encourage crime victims to report their cases to the proper authority.

"If they want someone to report it to, we'll do everything in our power to make sure that if it happens in our jurisdiction, we'll definitely investigate it to our full-

est effort," he said. "But if it happens in another jurisdiction, we'll do everything we can to help that person report it to the proper jurisdiction."

Sometimes the University can discipline students for violating the alcohol policy, and the students' names will show up in the crime log — even if their case doesn't go to court. Freshman Joanna Leath said she recently experienced this situation.

Leath received an MIP because DPS suspected alcohol in her residence hall room, and she told DPS that she had been drinking. Leath said she hired a lawyer and the case was dropped in court because sufficient evidence did not exist.

Three months later, Leath searched her name on Google and found that the DPS crime log still listed that she had an MIP.

"I understand it's their policy — it's their rules — they don't want kids to drink on campus, but I thought they came down pretty harsh," she said. "Don't drink on campus. It's a dry campus, and that's what got us in trouble."

NEWS | In Brief

Police make methamphetamine arrests

Kirksville resident Merl D. Wheeler Jr., 35, and Tammy Sue Womack, 39, of Elbridge, Mo., were charged Tuesday Feb. 3 with possession of methamphetamine, a Class D felony. A subsequent search warrant resulted in the pair being charged with manufacturing, another Class D felony. Officers initially responded to a complaint of a strong smell of ether coming from a room in the building at 1304 S. Baltimore.

Police make two marijuana busts in two weeks

Kirksville resident Lauren E. Kenna, 22, currently is being held at the Adair County Detention Center waiting to formally be charged, according to a press release issued by the Kirksville Police Department. Officers with the Kirksville Police Department served a narcotics search warrant Tuesday afternoon at Kenna's apartment located in the 100 block of W. Scott St. The warrant officers located approximately 160 grams of marijuana, a digital scale, plastic sandwich bags and other paraphernalia. According to the release, police also made two narcotic arrests in connection with a search warrant Jan. 28.

DPS to conduct test

The Department of Public Safety will conduct a test of the emergency text messaging system sometime between Feb. 9 and 13. Only registered mobile devices will receive the message and no action will be necessary. Individuals may sign up to be part of the emergency text message system via TruView in the "My Personal Information Section."

Fellowship recipients announced

Faculty members Carol Cox, Michael Kelrick and Ian Lindevald received Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships Feb. 2. Each faculty member was presented \$10,000 to aid in his or her institutional research. Cox, professor of health and exercise sciences, pursues research in school health programs and worksite health promotion programs. Kelrick, professor of biology and director of interdisciplinary studies, pursues research in conservation biology and population dynamics of rare Missouri plant species. Lindevald, associate professor and chair of the physics department, pursues research with sound propagation and imaging vibrations using holography. The fellowship, established eight years ago, is one of the largest financial gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

Students to perform staged reading

The students of Theatre 481 Staged Readings will be performing Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" at 4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 8 in the Magruder Hall Planetarium. Staged Readings is a senior-level independent studies course in which the students research, advertise, produce and perform staged readings. Other staged readings will take place during the semester, as well as two performances during finals week of selected pieces submitted as part of a 10-minute play competition. For more information contact Dana Smith at dsmith@truman.edu.

Career Center to host program

The Career Center will be hosting the program "Paging All Doctors" Feb. 9 to help prepare students interested in applying to medical school. The program features mock interviews and presentations on how to prepare applications. Students also will be able to review other mock applications. Registration can be completed online at <http://pdi.truman.edu/register/classlist.asp>.

Detective to speak on vocal analysis

Alpha Phi Sigma will host Detective Justin Jones of the Kirksville Police Department at 7 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 10 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. Jones will speak about and provide demonstrations pertaining to criminal voice stress analysis. For more information contact Mike at 636-578-0064.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate had a first reading of a resolution to allow international students to remain in the residence halls during spring break.
- Senate discussed Lend a Hand for a Living.
- Senate discussed Storm the Capital and letter writing.

DPS | Reports

- 2/1 **Sophomore Jolene Roth was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.**
- 1/29 **Senior Harold Kaid was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph and an alcohol related DWI.**



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