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Curriculum commission seeks student input

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BY MARGARET HOOPER
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Truman's Modes of Inquiry soon might become only a clever anecdote for alumni cocktail parties and the relic requirement of fifth-year seniors.

Throughout the past two years, the Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum has discussed the purpose and design of Truman's general education requirements. In November, the commission published the phase II report,

which proposed five alternative curriculum models as well as general improvements, such as a greater emphasis on the first-year experience.

The committee currently is surveying students, faculty and staff as they prepare to revise and finalize the proposal.

Senior David Hayes, Student Senate academic affairs chair, said reviewing the proposals and completing the survey (which will be available until Tuesday) could be the single-most influential ac-

tion students take to alter the future of the University.

"It will be a lot more effective than course evaluations or editorials because this is the time that the faculty will be looking at ways to change the curriculum, and this [survey] will be a very important consideration for them," Hayes said.

The survey seeks student opinion on the proposed models, Hayes said, as well as curricular elements that the commission would like to see improved
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Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

Students from organizations across campus gathered on Tuesday to discuss the University's budget shortfall. Student Senate president Lizz Esfeld also asked attendees to define what makes the "Truman Experience" unique.

Budget discussion ensues

BY JOHN MOENSTER
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Approximately 50 students representing different campus organizations came together with Truman administrators to participate in a round-table discussion Tuesday evening.

Student Senate President senior

Lizz Esfeld said the goal of the round-table discussion in the Student Union Building Alumni Room was to see what students valued as part of the "Truman Experience." Esfeld said another goal was to make sure students are as informed as possible about Truman's current financial situation.

"[The financial situation] is ever-changing, but I think it is

important that students be active participants in whatever's going on," she said. "That's always been my goal in everything that I've planned and done."

Esfeld said that given Gov. Jay Nixon's announcement of proposed level funding (see the Jan. 22 issue of the Index), she thought
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Nixon reveals budget details

BY KELLY KIESEL
Staff Reporter

The future is looking a little clearer. Gov. Jay Nixon delivered his first State of the State address Tuesday night in Jefferson City, Mo., and revealed more of his proposed budget for fiscal year 2010. In addition to providing more information about his plans for the future of higher education, Nixon's address focused on creating jobs and providing affordable health care for Missourians, balancing the state budget and keeping education affordable. Nixon also is establishing an Economic Stimulus Coordination Council to manage money given to Missouri by the federal government.

Budget plans for health care have become a major priority for Nixon.

"We must expand access to affordable health care, particularly for the 150,000 Missouri children who are uninsured today," Nixon said in the address.

State Rep. Rebecca McClanahan, D-Kirkville, said she sees this as a positive shift in priorities for Missouri.

"I am really pleased with his emphasis on health care for children and I certainly share that goal," McClanahan said. "It is also good news that he has emphasized agriculture for the important balance of family farmers and making sure we protect agriculture business."

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IFC votes to allow AKL to reclaim charter

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
Staff Reporter

After a 13 to one vote, the Interfraternity Council put Alpha Kappa Lambda one step closer to regaining its charter and rejoining the Greek community.

The Interfraternity Council voted Wednesday to accept AKL back into the organization. In 2006, the fraternity lost its University charter after an alcohol-related injury. (See last week's Index).

Last week, members of AKL gave a presentation to the IFC including changes it has made to its risk management policies and executive board to prepare the members of the council for this week's vote.

Senior Charles Tomlinson, Tau Kappa Epsilon president, brought up the motion to vote AKL back into IFC.

"I brought it up as a show of support for them," Tomlinson said. "Our organization has for some time initiated with an opposition to their return to campus. However, over specifically the last semester we've noted substantial change in behavior and been impressed by the steps they've made towards becoming a productive and helpful member of the Greek community again, and we're excited to see their return."

Before voting, IFC adviser Marty Jayne told the council that Lou Ann Gilchrist,
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Bachelor Hiring By Size of Company 2002 to 2008									
Approximate Change from Previous Year	Company Size	2001 to 2002	2002 to 2003	2003 to 2004	2004 to 2005	2005 to 2006	2006 to 2007	2007 to 2008	2008
	Smallest	9%	38%	15%	-20%	122%	35%	20%	15%
Small	5%	20%	18%	17%	20%	15%	18%	-10%	
Medium	2%	30%	-5%	-10%	20%	15%	8%	-5%	
Large	14%	-30%	-5%	5%	15%	0%	1%	4%	

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Students consider alternative careers

Fluctuation in economy leaves new jobs open, traditional jobs scarce

BY JARED YOUNG
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With the current economic recession, students graduating this semester might wonder if they will be able to find jobs that match their Truman diploma.

Career Center Director Lesa Ketterlinus said students graduating from college might have to look in fields they initially would not have considered.

"The sectors that are doing well right now are anything that has to do with [going] green, with the environment, with ecology," Ketterlinus said.

Ketterlinus said there still are jobs available in fields like health care and accounting but that those fields have cooled down a little.

The College Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University publishes yearly reviews about the employment of college graduates. The 2008 report shows a cooling in the college labor market directly due to uncertain economic conditions.

Ketterlinus said the fall career expo at Truman actually grew in size from the previous year. However, the Career Center expects a decline in the number of businesses attending the spring career expo.

However, some students have not changed their plans to match changes in job availability. They still are looking for their ideal jobs within their fields. Ketterlinus said she expects this to change in the next five years.

"As more jobs emerge in [ecology], and as there is a greater awareness of those jobs, students that are in majors that might not be obviously connected to the environment will then begin to see a connection between their
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Amy Gleaves/Index

Senior Meg Naida gets help with her resumé on Jan. 21 from Career Center director Lesa Ketterlinus.

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Freshman teaches Arabic

Sarrah El-Moumouhi balances teaching with new culture



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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High 30 Low 11	High 23 Low 18	High 41 Low 29