

CRASH | Two students injured in Chicago after police officer loses control of vehicle

Continued from Page 1 into a nearby building.

"We were definitely both kind of shaken up," Warrington said.

Warrington said she and Adams were transported to the hospital, where their injuries were determined to be non-life-threatening. Warrington said a third pedestrian was involved in the accident, but appeared unharmed and refused medical treatment.

"I ended up coming out with just a bump on my head, which I got checked out," Warrington said.

Adams had cuts on her knee and a sprained foot. Warrington said the police who visited them in the hospital informed them that the department would cover their medical expenses.

Warrington said that when she went back downtown the next day, she watched the cars more closely, but that she doubts she could have gotten out of the way of the patrol car in time.

"I always thought I would get hit by a car in Kirksville because of how people drive here, but after a while, you still have to cross the street," Warrington said.

Additional reporting by Andrea Hewitt.

PERSHING | Midterm rain floods northeast lower level of Pershing, minor damages repaired



Rain water broke a window on the northeast side of Pershing Building during Midterm Break, causing the lower level multipurpose room and the training room to flood. Photo submitted

Continued from Page 1 said. "Normally with that kind of rain, we wouldn't have this problem. ... They said that it was pretty much all running off but none of it was going down into the ground."

Pershing renovations are set to begin in July, and contractors plan to take care of the drainage problems during phase one. Campus Planner Lori Shook said contractors will re-work the grades of the ground in front of the building so that the water doesn't easily flow into the window wells.

She said the new addition will extend behind Pershing between the small gym and the arena and partially block the back doorway that also floods when the bottom of the stairway leading down to it collects water. The construction of this extension will also rework ground levels to prevent future flooding, she said.

SECRET | PostSecret creator Frank Warren will come to Truman April 20 to talk about his project and invite people to share some of their secrets

Continued from Page 1 the world," Warren said.

Senior Molly Gerber, Student Activities Board co-chair for the event, said PostSecret placed in the top three events in the SAB survey last fall. Gerber said Warren will tell students about how the project got started and the secrets he has received over the years. He will sign copies of his books after the event.

"We understand that he'll be sharing secrets that have been banned from the books he published," she said. "He'll be talking about his own secret that led him to start this project in the first place."

Gerber said Warren's presentation also will include a question-and-answer time, with a twist.

"He'll invite people to ask questions, but also just share their own secrets that they have, and normally people just start popping up in the auditorium just sharing their own secrets," she said.

Sophomore Lee Jones, Student Activities Board co-chair for the event, said he has seen Warren speak before, and he thinks Truman students will enjoy the presentation.

"I think everybody has a secret, and I think coming to this will open Truman up to exploring both diver-

sity and themselves," Jones said.

Bryan Krylowicz, director of University Counseling Services, said keeping and telling secrets is part of human nature.

"Part of the allure of having a secret is having a juicy nugget to be able to tell somebody," Krylowicz said.

Many people use PostSecret to reach out to others, like when Residence Halls sponsor PostSecret exchanges within the halls, he said.

"When I walk the halls there's a hundred cards up there, and most are on a more humorous level," Krylowicz said. "But we've had, in the

past, a couple [that] have put on there very, very serious mental health issues, and that can be scary when someone is reaching out but you don't know who they are. So that's the point where I can get a little more fearful of it."

In response to the more serious cards, Krylowicz said UCS has put up information about the counseling services, and even responded to PostSecret cards. He said publishing the secrets allows others to relate.

"Part of the allure of it is you write something, and a lot of people are going to say, 'That's me — I had that secret too,'" Krylowicz said.

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OSWALD | Kirksville lawyer fails to appear at court hearing in Saline County for two felony charges, authorities make arrest in St. Louis

Continued from Page 1 Attorney General when Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams recused himself after filing the initial charges. Travis Ford, spokesman for Attorney General Chris Koster, said the hearing Oswald originally missed was scheduled for March 9, but the court granted

him another opportunity to appear March 10.

"His old lawyer had filed a motion to withdraw himself from the case, and that was the purpose of that hearing," Ford said.

Oswald's previous attorney was granted permission by the court to withdraw from the

case. Joel Eisenstein, the third attorney to represent Oswald since he was charged in 2007, made his first appearance as Oswald's attorney last week.

Eisenstein said that prior to Oswald's failure to appear by the March 10 deadline, the judge was advised that Oswald was ill and also had no wife,

children or relatives to transport him from Chesterfield, Mo., to Marshall, Mo., where the hearing was held.

"The judge was made aware of that, and I am as upset and disappointed as I can be about the fact that they saw it necessary to arrest him," Eisenstein said.

Eisenstein said motions are pending for a psychological evaluation to determine whether Oswald is able to assist in his own defense and to understand and appreciate the charges against him. That examination must be done at one of three hospitals in the state, and Eisenstein said he has pe-

tioned for it to be conducted at the hospital in St. Louis near Chesterfield where Oswald currently resides with friends.

A motions hearing is scheduled for March 23, and Eisenstein said he thinks the trial could be delayed for a substantial period of time as the examinations take place.

REACTION | Councilmember Aaron Rodgers's vote on the fair housing section of the Equal Employment Opportunity Statements riles students

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"The response has been pretty phenomenal," Heagney said. "I have over 1,500 comments and 2,000 ratings. It's from people all over the world — Germany, Australia, Asia and all over the country. We've separated ourselves from Kirksville, which is wrong because we're living here for four years. We need to recognize that we have a place in this town and this town has a place for us. That means we need representation on the city council and throughout various other organizations in this town."

Heagney also started a Facebook group to encourage Truman students to push for representation in Kirksville legislation. Seven hundred people around the world have joined the group, he said.

Heagney said his next step is still up in the air.

"Originally, I wanted to make sure that he was forced to resign," he said. "I wanted him out of office so bad. Now we're weighing the options and thinking of possibly a bit classier approach."

Another organization

on campus is responding to the vote in a different way. Prism, a social organization for GLBT students and allies, is planning to conduct a letter writing campaign, but not to Rodgers. They plan on writing to everyone who got the resolution to pass, sophomore Tina Schutter said.

"It was such a good thing, and all people want to talk about is this pastor who disagrees and is spewing out all these homophobic things," Schutter said. "I feel like the good is being overshadowed. Those three councilmembers totally represented us and I think that's awesome."

Regardless of the negative feedback from Truman students, Rodgers said he has received positive feedback from the community.

"A lot of people are very upset with the rest of the Council," Rodgers said. "It's disheartening that I'm the only one that would stand against this kind of thing."

Rodgers said he has no hatred toward gays, but that the legislation relied heavily on the choice of individuals.

"Homosexuality is a choice," he said. "Color, race, that kind of thing isn't

a choice. I've had people accuse me of not knowing science or not doing my research and that's just not true. I've done my research. I've read on it, and I know what I'm talking about. A lot of the research has been done by the homosexual community to further their agenda."

Rodgers said the controversy boils down to two opposing opinions: people are born gay or people choose to be gay.

"I don't think people are born that way, but I do think there are environmental issues like people being molested when they were young, rape, mistreatment by someone of the opposite sex or the same sex — for different people it depends," Rodgers said. "But based on that kind of environment people might gravitate toward that kind of behavior. Because of that opinion, there's a lot of people that say there's a choice."

Rodgers said gays who are being critical of his choice are being hypocritical.

"I have been lambasted, I have been name-called, I have been cussed out — all over my right as an American to choose," Rodgers said. "The crowd that wants freedom of choice is the same crowd that's eating me up one side and down the other about a choice I made."

An issue that has sparked the interest of Rodgers's opponents is that religion is included in this act and it is a lifestyle choice, he said. Rodgers addressed this view at the Council meeting March 16.

"There is the word religion in [the act] that is protected, and a lot of people are saying that that is a choice just like sexuality is a choice," he said. "The clarification I would like to make is that even though it is a choice, it

is a choice that is protected by our Constitution ... one is a choice that has been protected and one is a choice that has been looked at as criminal over the years."

Rodgers said his vote will have no impact on his Council term and he will stay in office until April 2010.

Councilmember Richard Detweiler was one of the three who voted for the amendment.

"I feel that everybody should be treated equally," Detweiler said. "I think sometimes we have to extend, in writing, certain rights to make sure everybody understands that [whether] it's being a woman, black or gay, sometimes you have to actually put it in writing to make sure everyone understands. When it's not in writing people tend to ignore it."

The amendment does not create special rights for a certain group of people, but ensures that people are treated equally, Detweiler said.

"Not good protocol for government"

Tom Bedford, senior pastor of Life Church, said he didn't agree with the Council's decision because he thought it could have been

handled better. Because it was such a controversial issue, Bedford said that he thinks the decision should not have been left for the Council to decide on its own.

"The city government should function in such [a] way that it takes care of and develops the city, but when you listen to a special interest group say, 'We want to get our agenda in the city code.' Now we've gone beyond parks and recreation and water treatment facilities," Bedford said. "Now we're into a whole other climate."

Bedford said he isn't trying to make a world argument but he does not think the Council represented Kirksville's views.

"I disagree with the idea that the vast majority of Kirksville thinks this is right," Bedford said. "I think if they took it to the vote and really took it to the streets on a ballot they would be shocked. They'd be really surprised to find out that the vast majority of Kirksville does not agree with giving legal protection to what people prefer to do in the privacy of their own life."

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