

**Main Break**



**A mound of dirt appeared between Pickler Memorial Library and Baldwin Hall Wednesday after a crack was found in an underground water pipe (see story page 3). The site of the pipe break will not be able to be returned to normal until the ground around it dries out.**

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The committee will also have one, if not two, representatives from Information Technology Services accompanying the members on the trips to other universities.

"It currently looks like we're going to have a decent sized committee with the number of responses we've received in such a short period of time," Hogan said.

Because the committee was just officially formed at the beginning of this week, Hogan and Sumter said they are extremely surprised at the response they have gotten thus far.

Sumter said the Technology Committee has been given free reign to investigate and research technologies any way they see fit.

"We can do whatever we want to do," Sumter said. "While it started at the president, it's basically just us and what we want. There's no agenda to it, or one specific project or goal. The idea was 'We think we can do better. How can we do better?'"

Sumter said that after completing the visits to the other universities, their goal is to purchase equipment for and construct a smart room during Winter Break and put it into use next semester, as a showcase of what technologies are available if faculty and students deem them necessary.

"We find professors that know how to use the equipment, that know how to use it in a way that is actually meaningful more than just 'Oh, projector,'" Sumter said. "That is the one thing. All of our ideas, and everything we come up with, all rely on them actually being utilized in a way that is useful."

Sumter said he is unsure if they will find new technology on these visits or different ways to use it.

"Part of me thinks we're going to go and see that they have a lot of the same stuff that we do," Sumter said. "They're just more efficient about using it. I'm expecting to see some of that, but then another angle is completely new technologies."

**FAC | Funds Allotment Council requests to adjust dispersal of funds**

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applications before the FAC meets to determine which applicants get funding and how much is allotted. Despite the redistribution of funds, all but two of the FAC groups that applied received funding, she said.

"The only groups we didn't fund were those that went against our constitution," Bloom said.

According to documents the FAC submitted to Student Senate slating the spring 2009 allotment of funds FAC received 19 FAC requests totaling \$42,615.72 and 11 ICA requests totaling \$44,336.15. Bloom said after deliberations, FAC saw the distribution of funds was off from the percentages in place and went to Student Senate to suggest altering the distribution to better fit what had been requested.

The FAC had \$51,849.78 to allot to organizations for the spring 2009 semester, Bloom said. The allotment of funds has been slated but it has not been finalized.

Senior Jess Mierkowski, treasurer of the women's club soccer team, said the team has received money from the FAC in the past but did not this year because it did not apply for funding last spring. Mierkowski said FAC funding can be very useful.

"We actually just qualified for nationals ... and it could have been a huge benefit to have that money," Mierkowski said. "There are large expenses that come with entry fees and traveling."

Mierkowski said the team's only source of income is dues collected from players and small fund-raisers the team hosts. Money from the FAC would provide more opportunities for club sports and also get Truman's name out more, she said.

Senior Jenny Dix is an affiliate member of the FAC and was formerly the FAC Chair. Dix said more ICA teams have been applying for funding in recent years because more teams have become chartered student organizations.

"With more equal amounts of FAC groups and ICA groups applying for funding it's been pretty typical that we have redistributed our funds to accommodate all groups that apply," Dix said.

Dix said that in the past, the FAC has considered splitting the funding 50/50 for both groups. This semester was not as drastic as prior semesters have been, she said.

Bloom said the slate for next semester's allocation of funds will be available to the public Tuesday, Nov. 18.

**CONCERT | Truman wins One Republic concert, students can attend show tonight in Pershing**

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Senior Hayley Ray, SAB concerts committee chair, said not having to deal with monetary concerns made this concert much easier for them to plan.

"Instead of working with an agent, we were working with a promoter," Ray said.

Ray said the process involved in hosting a typical concert is very complicated. SAB usually has to work out whether the band is available and within its budget, but this concert cut out two-thirds of the process, she said.

The promoters said they are paying a six-figure number for this show, Ray said. She said SAB estimates the cost to be considerably more than \$250,000.

The Ben Folds concert ended up costing SAB \$58,000 earlier this semester, Ray said. She said to get someone like Beyonce

or Justin Timberlake would cost SAB about \$400,000, and the Dave Matthews band would cost about \$500,000.

She said the cost of this concert also includes freebies such as T-shirts, bouncy balls and Zune MP3 players for the VIPs.

Ray said the promoters arrived Wednesday night to start setting up. She said the concert will have multimedia projectors next to the stage, spotlights and special lighting.

She said the promoters are paying for everything, including all of the publicity, security and production costs. Production costs include the stage, lighting and sound, she said.

"We're really fortunate they're covering costs," Ray said.

She said production costs have gone up about 300 percent since she started at SAB.

"We're just absolutely amazed and thrilled

that students won this," Ray said. "It's hard to get entertainment in Kirksville."

Sophomore Gregory Steimel created the Facebook group that served as the means in which Truman used to win the concert. He said he just clicked on an advertisement on the sidebar of a Facebook page and that people could earn points for Truman by adding the application, answering trivia questions and watching advertisements.

Steimel said he does not get any special benefits for creating the group. He said the 10 people who earned the most points for Truman get to attend the meet and greet with One Republic before the concert. He said he was not one of the top 10 but that one of them invited him along.

Steimel said he's excited Truman won the concert, but not surprised.

"Anything can happen," Steimel said.

**RENT | Rent goes up around town because of minor increase in supply costs, economy slump**

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change.

"I feel like it's pretty cheap because it's such a small town and a college town," Cooksey said. "There's no reason for it to go up because there's a constant supply of students. Even when the economy is great or in the tank, the economy of Kirksville is the same."

Senior Jason Sinclair said he expected the increase in prices because everything naturally increases in price over time. He said prices in Kirksville are fairly low compared to living on campus.

"My rent is not really high," he said. "Relatively speaking, it's affordable for a college student."



**Haïti chérie:  
Reflections on the Cultural Dynamics  
of Language, Literature, and Identity in Haiti.**



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Dept. of Classical & Modern Languages  
French at Truman  
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The lecture will be in English with questions in French and English. Sponsored by: The Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

**7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13**  
Venue has changed to Baldwin Little Theater (NOT VH 1000)  
Reception to follow

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