

# Hall senate opposes market

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Staff Reporter

Ryle Hall cafeteria may change, and students are not happy about it.

Ryle Hall Senate president sophomore Tiffany Mooney said Ryle Hall, Grim Hall and the Residence Hall Association each wrote a resolution stating that they don't want the Ryle Cafeteria to switch to concept dining. Concept dining currently is in place at Mainstreet Market.

"I'm for keeping [Ryle] the way it is," Mooney said.

She said one of the concerns with the dining modification is the possibility that people would carry food out of the cafeteria and into the Ryle Main Lounge, which the lounge isn't designed for. She said other concerns include the price of food, Ryle's distance from other traditional cafeterias and the possibility the cafeteria could become more crowded because of slower service.

"I think that Sodexo doesn't want to put something in that the students aren't going to like," Mooney said. "When they first started thinking about these plans, they thought that's what [students] would want."

Mooney said that as student opinions change, Sodexo listens.

Dean of Student Affairs LouAnn Gilchrist said the decision to change the Ryle cafeteria was actually based on student opinion from a few years ago. She said it also was based on a trend toward concept dining on other campuses.

"Certainly we've made a decision with one group of students that was very popular only to have students later upset about those decisions," Gilchrist said. "Public opinion is changeable."

Gilchrist said the open forum will be the administration's first opportunity to discuss concerns

about the change face-to-face.

Gilchrist said she is unsure where all the funds are coming from, but it is possible that some of the funds are part of the overall Ryle renovation taking place next year. She said Sodexo has contributed to renovations in the past.

Several people in the administration will attend the open forum and listen to students' concerns.

"There certainly is nothing that the administration has to gain by creating a dining system that students do not like," Gilchrist said. "Our intention is certainly to meet the needs of students."

Ryle Hall Director Liz Raine said the plans include a gate, like that in the Mainstreet Market that is lowered when they're finished serving for the day, which would allow students to use the area at all times. She said there also would be a change in food offered.

Raine said she heard the new options could include an option similar to Wings and a Chinese option called Mein Bowl.

"I think they were still looking to have a traditional option, but it would be more like the SUB," Raine said.

Raine said she thinks that instead of having meal plans divided by meals, they could be broken into dollars.

She said the Ryle Hall Senate wrote a resolution stating that they wanted the cafeteria to remain a traditional dining option. They then sent a copy to the Residence Hall Association, who wrote its own resolution, Raine said.

"[Students] were okay with the idea of having the gate come down, but they still wanted it to be a traditional style," Raine said.

Residence Hall Association president junior Susie Pope said the resident affairs committee brought the renovation plan to the attention of the RHA two years ago.



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index  
Junior Chris Schranck browses in Mainstream Market on Wednesday evening. He prefers the Mainstream Market Style compared to the cafeteria because he can get a wider variety of food to go.

"We just gave ResLife the, 'Well, they're not very happy about it,' speech, but then didn't pursue it any further," Pope said.

She said students serving this year on the Resident Affairs Committee brought up the subject again and expressed their discontent with the idea.

Pope said the RHA's resolution agrees with the Ryle Hall Senate that it doesn't want the Ryle Cafeteria dining options to change.

There will be an open forum Tuesday, Oct. 21, Pope said. She said students are welcome to attend and that the RHA has invited 20 administrators.

"I think it's really going to depend on what happens in the forum and the feedback that the administrators get from the students as to what happens," Pope said.

She said some of the dissent about the change to concept dining is because of the proposed price of food, the fact that Ryle is the largest cafeteria on campus and the only cafeteria on the southern end of campus and its proximity to Pershing, where student athletes spend a lot of their time.

Pope said the renovation will be funded by the Board of Governors.

"So, technically, the students would be funding it," Pope said.

Pope said she knows there is already a contract, so she thinks some changes will definitely happen. She said the RHA's goal with the resolution and the forum is to represent student interests.

The open forum is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theater.

## NEWS | In Brief

### Local church vandalized

Seven teenagers were arrested Oct. 7 for breaking into, burglarizing and vandalizing the First Assembly of God Church. Robert Helton and Spencer Barnes, 17, were the only ones charged as adults. Both are students at Kirksville High School. The other five individuals' names are not being released because they are minors ranging from 13 to 15 years old. The suspects broke into the church through a glass window. Several items were damaged, including computer equipment and a PA soundboard. Two cameras and an undisclosed amount of cash also were reported stolen.

### CAFO opposition group to meet

An informational meeting about the negative impacts of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in rural economies will take place today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Missourians for Local Control is hosting the event. Items up for discussion include the impact CAFOs have on family farms and local jobs and the health impacts of CAFOs in the area. Speakers include John Ikerd, professor emeritus at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Amy Peterson from the John Hopkins School of Public Health.

### Kirksville men arrested on meth charges

The Adair County Sheriff's Department charged two men with manufacturing a controlled substance after their vehicle was searched during a routine traffic stop. Jeffrey Tague and Roy Clark, both 39, were stopped on Highway 6 West Saturday morning. After determining probable cause to search the vehicle police found phosphorous, crushed pills, blister packs, lighter fluid, tubing and lithium batteries — materials common in the production of methamphetamine.

### City Council selects green route

Following a recommendation from the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Kirksville City Council unanimously decided to select the green route for the Highway 63 Bypass at the Oct. 6 meeting. According to MoDOT, an accident has happened on Baltimore every three days for the last five years, and the bypass will help alleviate this problem. The green route has received criticism from residents for failure to access rural roadways.

### Laptop theft in Pickler

Two laptop computers were reported stolen from Pickler Memorial Library Tuesday night. One was found abandoned in a corner hours after its disappearance.

Jeremy Henson, night circulation supervisor at the library, said the first laptop disappeared at about 7:30 p.m. from a study area when the owner got up to go outside. He said the second laptop was reported missing, along with a couple of textbooks, at about 8:20 p.m. from the second floor when the owner left to answer a phone call in the main lounge. DPS was called to make a report on both cases.

Henson said the first laptop reported missing was found at an unattended study table later in the night. The laptop belonged to an international student, and operated in French.

### Scholarship applications now available

Scholarship applications for the Spring 2009 semester now are available at <http://www.truman.edu>. The applications can be found under the money tab in the student life section of the Web site. Applications are due by Nov. 1.

## DPS | Reports

- 10/8 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of McClain Hall.
- 10/8 A theft was reported in Ryle Hall.
- 10/8 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Magruder Hall.
- 10/6 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Ryle Hall.
- 10/5 A burglary was reported in Ophelia Parrish.
- 10/5 Property damage and vandalism was reported on campus outside of Magruder Hall and the Student Union Building.
- 10/2 Bicycles were reported stolen outside of Pickler Memorial Library and Campbell Apartments.
- 10/1 Alex P. Mattis, 18, was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants, Possession of up to 35 grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- 10/1 A theft was reported in Ophelia Parrish.

## Missing teens send postcard

BY ROBERT WILLIAMS  
Staff Reporter

Two local high school teenagers, 16-year-olds Desirée Partin and James Connelly, are believed to be safe since first reported missing Thursday, Oct. 2.

"Postcards were sent to both sets of parents from what we believe are the kids," Kirksville Detective Justin Jones said.

The mothers also confirmed it was their children's handwriting. Kirksville police are treating the investigation as a runaway case, Jones said.

The two students are believed to have run away because their parents did not approve of their relationship and they wanted to be together, he said. The police still are searching for the couple.

If they are apprehended, they will go to Juvenile detention where a judge would decide if they get to go home or face punishment.

"The important thing is that the parents know where these kids are and that we assure they're safe," he said.

Jones also noted that because of Missouri's unusual policy about the legality of being an adult, they would head to juvenile detention, but at the age of 17, subjects are tried as adults. Although this creates a gray area, Jones said that until the subject completes high school or obtains a G.E.D., the parents are still the responsible parties and can have their children returned home by police.

Additional reporting by Jessica Rapp

# Stokes stadium field open for reservations

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Students wishing to play on the Stokes Stadium field no longer have to spend hours practicing with the Bulldog football team.

After the installation of a new synthetic surface that can withstand the elements, Student Senate, the Student Union Building and the athletic department have teamed up to allow students to reserve time on the football field at Stokes.

"Why not?" Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said. "I'm not going to hoard it and say that nobody can use it but football. If it makes sense for somebody to use it, now we have a good field and we're not going to hurt it. Why not use it?"

Senior Suzanne Russell, Student Athletic Fee committee chair for Student Senate, said that after the fee passed, she wanted to make sure the student-financed field would be used for more than just football practice and games.

"At least a couple years worth of students' money is going to this athletic field," Russell said. "... I wanted to make sure that other students — it doesn't matter if they're athletes — have access to something that is just as much theirs as the varsity football team."

The field can be reserved from the SUB Web site at [sub.truman.edu](http://sub.truman.edu). Russell said the process of reserving the field is similar to getting a room in the SUB or in Violette Hall. Students need to create an account under the Virtual EMS and reserve an outdoor space. The field is listed under Stokes Stadium.

Russell said the playing field currently has few reservations because people are unaware that they can reserve it.

"Student Senate is going to be rolling out a publicity campaign for it with flyers

in organizational mail boxes and posters on campus so that people can know about it," Russell said.

Wollmering said the varsity teams always will get top priority and that if a scheduling conflict happens, the varsity team would get the field and the reservation would have to be changed.

Because of the makeup of the artificial surface, the field can withstand heavy traffic. Immediately after the installation, the field hosted the football team, the men's soccer team and the women's soccer team back-to-back-to-back. Wollmering said the field should hold up well with regular maintenance by the grounds crew.

"They say it can be used 24/7 for almost any event," Russell said. "I want to make sure that it's used and we're getting our money's worth out of it."

Wollmering said walking on the field won't tear it up, but gum, chewing tobacco or sunflower seeds, if allowed on the field, could get into the turf and cause costly repairs.

"Who's going to be paying for the repairs? The students," Wollmering said. "[The money] is going to come out [of] the student fee."

Wollmering said he has been approached by multiple club teams and that intramural football games are welcome under the lights.

"As long as people respect it and don't do things to damage it, I don't really care who uses it," Wollmering said.

One thing that won't happen on the field is the painting of new lines for different sports. The field currently is lined for football and Wollmering said it would be very costly to add more lines and that the painting and removal of the lines can cause significant damage to the turf.



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