

OP shuts down cooling tower

Rumors quelled about heating and cooling

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Staff reporter

Word spread throughout classrooms in Ophelia Parrish last week that the heating was going to be turned off for the next six weeks.

"Last week in my English class, I heard they were going to turn the heat off in Ophelia," Sophomore Kayla Martin said. "... I think that's a really dumb idea because Ophelia has really big windows, so it will get cold fast, and I don't want to freeze."

Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider later had to clear up the rumors—the cool air, not the heat, will be absent from OP.

"The cooling is not going to work because the cooling tower, which affects the cooling for the building [will be] shut down for project work," he said. "But the cooling tower does not affect the heat. It's part of a contract project. They're doing some work on the cooling tower to try to make it cause less noise. Right now, it's a bit disruptive when it comes on in the performance hall."

Assistant Professor of Music Jesse Krebs said



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Senior Emily Bregenzer and sophomore Josh Soto stay bundled up as they study in Ophelia Parrish's main lobby. Cooling will be turned off in the building for the next three to four weeks.

that when tested, the performance hall had a high resonance that lowered its acoustic quality.

"Some students in the physics department did a test where you pop balloons at various places in the hall, and one of the sound reverbs [was] up to two seconds—which is a long time for something to reverb," she said. "You'd still hear that pop for two seconds, and there's not supposed to be that much of a delay in sound. They wanted to find some way to dampen the sound so it's not so live."

Krebs said the music faculty had been pushing for these renovations since Ophelia Parrish was built in 2002 when they realized the acoustics weren't perfect. The University won a lawsuit to fund the \$1.25 million project because the construction agency didn't build everything properly the first time.

Campus architect Mark Schultz said the cooling would be off in OP for three to four weeks but that it would have little to no effect on the temperature.

"It could get a little

bit warm in some of the larger performance halls if they have huge crowds for a good length of time," Schultz said. "We're trying to fix acoustic issues in the performance halls. ... We are changing out the accessories on the cooling tower to try to make it quieter."

The University also is utilizing other tactics to reduce noise on the cooling tower such as replacing the fan, installing sound reflectors to reroute the air in other directions, reducing vibration and subduing the

noise from the motor, Schultz said.

The overall sound quality in the performance hall is being increased through other projects in OP.

Schultz said concrete slabs are being placed on top of the roof to mute rain and other outside noises. The University is going to put "acoustic treatments" on the walls of the performance hall to help fix the reverberation of sounds. They're also going to replace the glass in the windows with cyberglass that will help block outside noises.

Motion passed with Truman's health in mind

BY SARAH SCOTT
Staff Reporter

Student Senate passed a resolution to evaluate the health of Truman students, staff and faculty.

The resolution, passed three weeks ago, created the position of campus health director, a student position that will evaluate what the Truman community needs to be generally healthier.

Student Senate vice president junior Brett Wiley said the campus health director will address issues that have been occurring at Truman but haven't been addressed due to lack of manpower or funding.

"With a student in charge, the person already has the trust of other students and ... the authority to be working with them," Wiley said.

Wiley said Senate expects to hire a student as the campus health director, preferably

one who will be involved in a health field later in life. He said Senate has had a few applicants for the job but that those applicants haven't been able to fulfill what the position needs.

"Basically, I think students need to be getting experiences at Truman that will benefit their careers later and give them the skills and knowledge that they'll be using in those careers," Wiley said.

He said this position will give those in a medical or health field an opportunity to contribute positive change to the University community.

"With the suggestions and the data that we collect, changes can happen," Wiley said.

This position would not focus solely on the health of the students, Wiley said. He said the student also would look at the health of faculty and staff to enable the University to function in a positive way.

"It's like a tripod: If you



Krista Goodman/Index
Red Scare, the intramural soccer team, takes a break from studies to practice behind Centennial-Hall. A health director would evaluate the overall health of students and staff at Truman.

break one of the legs it's not going to stand up," Wiley said.

Wiley said he created the resolution because he heard students complaining about the Student Health Center, and he didn't think they understood what the Health Center does for them.

University Counseling Services director Brian Krylowicz said Truman needs a campus health director because the University has a significantly higher stress level than other campuses in the U.S.

"As a whole, there's something different that goes on here that has to change," Krylowicz said.

He said the campus needs a culture change that does not try for such a high level of perfection.

Krylowicz said UCS already has begun an initiative to help students' mental health but that they plan on helping out with the Senate position.

He said he thinks the job might be a little overwhelming at

first because of all that will be required to make the changes campus needs.

Student Health Center director Brenda Higgins said the campus health director will act as a liaison between health services, counseling services and environmental services.

She said the position covers a much broader range of topics than what she does.

Higgins said her involvement with the campus health director will be determined by Student Senate.

"I assume that, if anything, I will be more of a resource person," Higgins said.

Higgins said she thinks the campus health director will need to survey the campus community to find out what the campus needs are. She said the Student Health Center does surveys but that they focus on the Center's concerns.

"It may be very different when explored through a student-based concern," Higgins said.

NEWS | In Brief

Presidential campaigns stop in Missouri

Barack Obama and Sarah Palin will be making a campaign stop in Missouri today. Palin speaks in Cape Girardeau at the Show Me Center at 8:30 a.m., and doors will open at 6:30 a.m. Obama will speak at 9:30 p.m. on the Mel Carnahan Quad in Columbia, and gates open at 7:30 p.m. Truman students interested in attending the Obama event can meet in front of Centennial at 3:30 p.m. to carpool to the event. The Missouri Campaign for Change raised money to fund 200 students to take buses, and students can RSVP to ride the buses by e-mailing their name, phone number, e-mail address and what time they can volunteer on election day to AGLeaves@mocampaignforchange.org. Both events are free.

TMN to provide election day coverage

The Truman Media Network, KTRM 88.7, News 36 KTRM-TV and the Index, will be providing election day coverage all day Nov. 4. Teams will be in place in Jefferson City, St. Louis and Columbia and will be providing audio, video, photo, print and blog updates throughout the day and into the evening.

Police encourage safety on Halloween

The Kirksville Police Department wants those who are out on Halloween night to stay safe. KPD encourages trick-or-treaters to wear light-colored clothing, carry flashlights and be accompanied by an adult. Parents should make sure their child's candy is in unbroken wrapping. For costumes, KPD advises that face masks allow for good vision and that people avoid using replica firearms that others could mistake for real ones.

Program seeking interns

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library 2009 summer internship. The eight-week program takes place in Independence, Mo., and offers between five and 10 credit hours. The position offers a five-hour in-state tuition scholarship, made possible by an endowment set up by the family of Fred and Ethel Schwengel. Interns will be able to work in areas such as marketing, public relations, educational programming, museum development, archives and visitor services.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Truman's Army ROTC and the Kirksville VFW chapter will host a Veteran's Day Ceremony to honor those who have served and those who currently are serving in the armed forces. The event will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the National Guard Armory. LTC Ralph Cupelli, former professor of military science and Vietnam veteran, is scheduled to speak. The event also will feature refreshments and a performance from Kirksville High School's choir. For more information e-mail Bill Gardner at jw-gardner@truman.edu.

Math professors to present on learning

Truman associate professor of mathematics Scott Alberts and Steven Voss, department chair of mathematics and science at Moberly Area Community College, will present on their collaborative research that examines whether Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) can be utilized in the learning of mathematics in the classroom. The presentation will take place during the Faculty Forum at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Magruder Hall 2001. Their research has been funded by the National Science Foundation as part of Truman's larger STEP Grant.

Academic team accepting nominations

The 20th annual USA TODAY All-USA College Academic Team is now accepting nominations for 2009. The program honors undergraduates at four-year colleges who excel in academics and extracurricular activities. Winners will be featured in USA TODAY in March and receive cash awards of \$2,500. Nominees must be at least junior academic standings. For more information visit <http://www.all-usanomination.com/>.

Toy drive to take place

The Freedom of Road Riders Local 19 is having its annual toy run to benefit the Salvation Army at 1 p.m. on Nov. 2. Attendees who participate should bring a new, unwrapped toy and a non-perishable food item. Nearly 100 motorcycles will ride from Maritz Inc. north of Kirksville to the Salvation Army.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate passed a money motion for \$75 for a campus-wide roundtable
- Senate passed a money motion for \$140 for a diversity roundtable

DPS | Reports

10/27 A theft was reported in the Conference Lot.

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