

Moon Festival



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Members of the Society for Sino-American Studies perform a dance at the fifth annual Chinese Moon Festival on Sunday night. The event celebrates the full moon and good harvest. The club served authentic Chinese desserts, including moon cakes and a Vietnamese gelatin. Attendants received prizes during trivia and were wowed by a replay of the Olympic Opening Ceremony from Beijing.

Ryle to go green with renovations

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Staff Reporter

As concern for the health of the environment grows, Truman is considering making its residence halls a little greener.

David Rector, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Budgets, said a potential plan for the upcoming Ryle renovations is called Green Roof. Green Roof would have an abundance of plants arranged on the low portion of the roof covering the main lounge to absorb rainwater and carbon output given off from the building.

"In all of our projects, one thing we're going to look at is cost and energy conservation, so when we talk to the architects and engineers, we want it to be the most energy and cost effective approach that they can take," Rector

said. "This project will include all new windows, which will obviously help with the heat costs. The building is getting a new roof and a new heating and air conditioning system."

Environmentally conscious students have driven the proposal forward. During spring 2008, Ryle inhabitants took part in focus groups and making Ryle more environmentally friendly immediately became a topic of discussion. The architects decided the roof would be a perfect opportunity to try out some eco-friendly projects, Rector said.

"I think that any type of green living and green renovations on campus would be a positive change for the University," said senior Brett Wiley, Vice President of Student Senate. This would be a multi-year project

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Students head to Ryle Hall on Wednesday afternoon. New plans for Ryle renovations have the residence hall going green with what is being called the "Green Roof," which would include plant life on the roof of the building to absorb water.

ect because the complex is so large, Rector said. The University also can't afford to have all the rooms in Ryle unoccupied at the same time, so it will renovate the north side first then the south side the following year.

If these green renovations are cost-effective in Ryle, Centennial might be the next target of eco-friendliness. "Centennial Hall is exactly the

same design," Rector said. "So if we could do this on Ryle, it might be a model we could do [on Centennial] too."

Mark Schultz, university architect and project manager, said these plans only are one option University officials currently are looking at.

"The roof at the Student Union Building, Ryle and Centennial were originally built to be patios and

open to the public," he said. "... They were removed from public use many years ago and I'm going to try to put them back into service as patios."

None of the official plans for renovations will be finalized until March. The possibility of the Green Roof depends fully on the costs and if they are within the budget, Schultz said.

New bill requires U.S. citizenship for state scholarships

Students must show documentation to get state aid

BY LISA HOLMES
Staff Reporter

U.S. citizens attending Missouri public schools had better be ready to prove where they come from.

According to House Bill 1549, effective Aug. 28, all students receiving state-funded scholarships and grants must present documentation stating that they

are residents of the United States, said Regina Morin, associate vice president for enrollment.

"There are some [state] legislators who would not like students who are in the country illegally to be able to attend classes at a Missouri State college or university," she said.

Students receiving either the Missouri Bright Flight Grant or the Access Missouri Grant will be required to show a Missouri driver's license or a birth certificate to a booth set up in McClain Hall next week in order to be able to register for spring semes-

ter classes.

"We believe students cleared through I-9 [work study program] have already given sufficient documentation," Morin said.

University admission officials aren't worried about problems arising because Truman's application already asks for verification of residency, she said.

"By law, we cannot have a student enrolled in our classes if we know [they're] here illegally," Morin said. "We cannot admit a student who is undocumented."

Truman isn't the only school affected by the new bill. All Missouri public universities with "in-house attorneys" or "full-time lawyers" are working together to find a common ground for checking citizenship of students, General Council Warren Wells said.

"The big challenge has been to determine what sort of documentation a person should be required to present," he said.

The lawyers working together on this project are not sure if licenses from other states will be accepted alongside the Missouri

driver's license, Wells said.

"We're working with the Missouri Department of Higher Education," he said. "They devise the rules that apply, for example, to Bright Flight and Access Missouri and a couple of other scholarships programs that we don't, as the University, run. But of course we benefit from them — those are the kind of students we want to have."

Changes to the application program won't take effect until January enrollment, Wells said. Students enrolling at Truman in January will

be required to show the extra identification along with their application, he said.

Sophomore Frankie Bruning said she doesn't mind the changes.

"Well, it is government money, so [the requirements] would make sense, I think," Bruning said. "I'm mostly indifferent to it, but I'm not against it."

The table with representatives from the Office of Admission will be set up in McClain Hall Sept. 22 to the 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the north end of the building.

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