

Security measures installed outside residence halls

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The Office of Residence Life is implementing a perimeter access system in an effort to improve safety and security on Truman's campus.

Residence Life installed the proximity card access system in the residence halls during the summer and will put it to use this school year.

"What the system will do is provide a much higher level of safety for the residence halls," said John Gardner, assistant director of Residence Life. "Right now the residence halls are very safe ... now we have the better ability to monitor the doors."

The perimeter access system includes proximity card readers that allow access to residence halls when ID cards are held within a few inches of small black boxes mounted on the doors. Gardner said students' ID cards will be replaced by cards that work with the card reader system next semester.

Senior Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, said the Board approved the money for the perimeter access system during the summer.

Due to limited funds, only three to six doors on each residence hall were equipped with the card readers, Gardner said. Other alarms were installed on the remaining doors.

The doors with these alarms will remain locked from the outside at all times, while the doors with the card readers will be unlocked between 6 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., as they currently are. All doors will remain exit doors at all times.

If any door is held open too long, the system will alert Residence Life, who then can check on the door and make sure the building is secure.

Because they are implementing the system in the middle of the year, it initially won't be a dramatic change.

"The way the system works won't probably have a lot of impact on students or on how they operate doors ... except that some of the doors they've gone on in the past will be locked all the time," Gardner said.

He said Residence Life selected doors that were strategically placed so students could still have easy access to buildings. They considered where classroom buildings, parking lots and food service centers were, as well as students' traffic patterns across campus.

Access to residence halls after 10:30 p.m. will not be changed. Students still will enter through the main doors where a night monitor will swipe their ID card.

"At this point, we think we're going to keep that very consistent," Gardner said. "That's a system we like quite a bit because it's a very, very safe system in terms of knowing who's coming and going."

Although safety is the primary reason for the new system, Gardner said in the future Residence Life could make changes depending on student's opinion.

"I think that's something that, once we have this up and running and we're more familiar with how the system works, we can perhaps look at what the students want and what the students need and maybe make some changes, but



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A perimeter access system was installed on doors to every residence hall during the summer. This will allow students to enter the building by swiping their ID card.

we're not anticipating any changes right away," he said.

Gardner said although students will have to adjust to some doors being locked, the benefits of the new system outweigh any disadvantages.

"It's a pretty cool system, really, and it provides a lot of different flexibility for us, but I don't see a lot of other downsides," he said.

Gardner said the system is programmable and allows Residence Life to change how it's used in the future.

"The system provides the potential to have those doors locked during the day and only have card access in the future," Gardner said.

Tom Johnson, director of public safety, said he anticipates the system will be installed on other campus buildings in the future,

but there are no concrete plans for that at this time.

"The technology is there, and it's getting more and more cost-effective all the time," Johnson said. "So, I suspect that it will eventually get to the other buildings."

He said students will have to adjust to the new system and use it responsibly, which means not allowing people to tailgate in behind them or propping doors.

"It's only going to be as good as the people using it," Johnson said. "And if they do things to breach the system it's going to compromise it. I think the system is a good idea. I think it will make the dorms safer, but it's also got to keep in mind that the people living in the building and using the system are also going to have some responsibilities."

Four arrested in truck theft case

More suspects are expected in truck theft, arson cases

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Local police investigations into the recent string of truck thefts, mostly accompanied by arson, in the Kirksville area have intensified.

Four suspects are being held in custody, and more arrests are anticipated as investigators dig deeper for clues and possible accomplices.

Four men, including Kirksville resident as Anthony Clark,

17, have been arrested in connection with the vehicle thefts and are cooperating with police investigations. Police also arrested Stanley Brown Jr., 19, and Mitch Coady, 18 both from Queen City, Mo.

Clark was charged last week and is accused of collaborating with Eugene Chuites, 21, of Bloomfield, Iowa in the theft of a 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck June 6.

In an interview with the Kirksville Police Department, Chuites supposedly admitted he and Clark stole the Chevrolet and drove it into the Chariton River, ostensibly to dispose of it. The truck, be-



Anthony Clark

longing to Buck Bros. Sunnyslope Automotive, is worth an estimated \$10,000. According to police, The values of the vehicles involved in the other cases have not yet been disclosed.

Justin Jones, a detective with the Kirksville Police De-

partment involved in these investigations, told the Index that investigations are still underway, and it would take some time for the suspects to go to trial.

"We have a series of cases involving the theft of motor vehicles," Jones said. "There have been at least seven vehicle thefts in the past few months."

Jones declined to confirm whether police were pursuing any particular suspects in the cases but said there were other subjects who have not been charged yet, which could result in new suspects.

NEWS | In Brief

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

The Women's Resource Center is hosting a variety of activities for Sexual Assault Awareness Week Sept. 21-25. The Clothesline Project will take place every day on the Mall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Clothesline Project is a visual testament to experiences of victims of sexual assault. WRC is hosting "You've Got Questions? We've Got Answers" panel to discuss the recent changes to the Conduct Code 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Sept. 22. There will be a panel on stalking prevention on college campuses and how to protect yourself 7 p.m. Sept. 23. There will be a candle light vigil to mourn loss by sexual assault and celebrate survivors 8 p.m. Sept 24 by the fountain on the Mall. For more information contact wrc@truman.edu.

Music Department brings musicians

The music department is sponsoring two guest performers in September, Cellist Gregory Sauer will perform today at 8 p.m. in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Sauer's performance will include pieces by Bach, Corigliano, Schubert and Barber. It also will feature Truman faculty member and pianist Yukari Yano. Trombonist James C. Lebens is performing Sept. 18 and also conducting a master class 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in Ophelia Parrish.

Truman commemorates Sept. 11

The Communication Department is bringing journalist Michael Dillon to speak at Truman. He will be speaking and presenting images to commemorate Sept. 11, 2001 6 p.m. Sept. 11. The presentation will include stories of survivors and their hopes for the future. A candlelight vigil will follow the presentation.

Graphic designer comes to Truman

Truman Graphic Design Group AIGA is bringing graphic designer David Gibson to campus. Gibson is the co-founder and managing principal of Two Twelve Associates of New York City. Gibson's presentation will take place 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 in Violette Hall.

Yoga and meditation Wednesdays

The Art of Living Club hosts yoga stretches, breathing exercises and a guided meditation every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in McClain Hall 208. Sessions are free and require no experience.

NSCS receives honor

Truman's chapter of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars was honored with the Silver STAR status at its annual Convention Honor Gala Aug. 15 in Washington, D.C. Truman NSCS officers Kevin Hodges and Rachel Schaefer went to D.C. to accept the award and \$100 scholarship. NSCS awards STAR status to chapters based on community service, member engagement, on-campus involvement and program success.

Theft reported at Kum n Go

A theft was reported at the Kum n Go gas station at 503 Franklin St. Sunday evening. Tim King, Deputy Chief of the Kirksville Police Department, said a high school aged female stole one bottle of liquor from the convenience store. The clerk noticed the woman's suspicious behavior, and after she left viewed the surveillance tapes, revealing the theft. Kum n Go then notified the KPD. King said the report has not yet been finished, and the police currently have no suspects.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate did not meet last week. Their next meeting will be Sunday 6 p.m. Sept. 12.

DPS | Reports

- 9/6 Junior Mary Sauerwein was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 9/5 Sophomore Sarah Foster was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

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