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Three reports of rape under investigation

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The Kirksville Police Department is actively investigating three reported sexual assaults, all of which allegedly occurred at off-campus locations near the University. Kirksville police

TIMELINE OF REPORTED EVENTS

AUG. 24: Off-campus residence south of campus
SEPT. 13: Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house, 1001 S. Davis St.
SEPT. 14: Off-campus residence east of campus

chief Jim Hughes said the three reported incidents involved college-aged victims and offenders.

Two of the alleged sexual assaults were reported to police earlier this week. The other alleged sexual assault was reported to police Aug. 24.

Police have not yet made any arrests.

Hughes said that although the three incidents have some similar characteristics, police are not looking for a serial rapist.

"We believe all the incidents are separate, distinct, succinct offenses," Hughes said. "And we believe that in all the events we know the primary parties involved."

A 19-year-old female reported Sept. 13 that she was sexually assaulted at the Sigma Tau Gamma house located at 1001 S. Davis St. A second victim, a 20-year-old female, reported to police Sept. 14 a sexual assault that allegedly occurred at a residence east of campus.

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Planned Parenthood to shut down

Organization loses funding in Kirksville, but other locations stay open

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
STAFF REPORTER

Those depending on the Kirksville Planned Parenthood for their sexual health services must soon begin to look elsewhere.

The Kirksville Planned Parenthood will close Nov. 11, after serving the community for 38 years, according to a press release from the Tri-Rivers Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is a national non-profit organiza-

tion that offers sexual health services including birth control and STI exams.

Lisa Ecsi Davis, director of education and public affairs at the Tri-Rivers Planned Parenthood, said there are many reasons the clinic is closing.

"When we first opened our doors in 1971, we were one of the few providers of the kind of care that we provide for low and no-income women," Ecsi Davis said. "Now we're one of many providers, so some of it is purely market share. We are seeing more clients who are qualified for free family planning services and are unable to make donations towards the



Photo Illustration

Local Planned Parenthood unexpectedly announced plans to close its doors this fall because of a shortage of income. The organization is known for its affordable sexual health resources for women.

cost of their care so some of it is income."

A shortage of nurse practition-

ers and lack of donations also factored into the decision, she said.

Ecsi Davis said TTRP has been

discussing closing the clinic for awhile, and had to think about

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Where to find the resources

Planned Parenthood had it all: the protection, HPV shots and pelvic exams at sliding prices depending on income and insurance. Kirksville still has alternatives including physicians and generic brands for similar services.

The pill

Hy-Vee: college students can ask for generic prices.
Walgreens: ranges from \$5 to \$30

Morning after

Hy-Vee: Plan B without insurance, \$45
Walgreens: Plan B One Step (one pill), \$51

The patch

Hy-Vee: without insurance, ranges from \$60 to \$65 per month
Walgreens: ranges from \$20 to \$30

Shots and exams

Check local listings for area physicians who offer pelvic exams and Gardasil shots at reasonable prices.

Closing good for Kirksville?

Columnists Zach Vicars and Alex Boles go head to head

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Parents want tailgating at University

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
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College football stadiums and parking lots across the country are flooded with alcoholic tailgating on game days as fans cheer on their team, catch up with friends and chow down on barbecue. Stokes Stadium is not one of them.

Members of the Touchdown Club, a club for parents of football players, are trying to change the school's policy on alcohol at Truman tailgating.

Provost Troy Paino said Truman is a dry campus, meaning no alcohol is permitted on University property and the promotion of alcohol consumption on campus is prohibited.

Paino said he was aware that members of the Touchdown Club had spoken with University President Darrell Krueger about changing the alcohol policy on football game days.

"The President has made a decision, and I think it's a very wise decision," Paino said. "This is a long-standing policy at the University, and it should not be overturned by an interim."

Paino cited liability and safety concerns as two of the main reasons for prohibiting alcohol during tailgating.

"Instead of trying to monitor on a case-by-



Photo submitted

Parents tailgate outside a car wash because they are unable to tailgate with alcohol on campus. The parents are advocating for a "wet" space on campus for tailgating.

case basis, the University has decided that for now, it is best to not allow alcohol on campus," he said. "As people drink, it creates more opportunities for bad things to happen to good people. The prohibition is to try to protect University liability and students and fans at foot-

ball games."

Jerry Hughes, athletic director at the University of Central Missouri, said that his campus allows alcohol during tailgating events on two parking lots near the stadium.

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Swine flu cases increase on campus

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It's six months after the outbreak of the H1N1 virus in the U.S. and university campuses across the country are littered with graphic posters reminding students to cover their noses when they sneeze and wash their hands regularly as confirmed cases of H1N1 increase. But no one seems to know exactly which way the pandemic is swinging.

Despite extensive H1N1 awareness campaigns, university campuses in Missouri particularly have taken a knock from the pandemic, with the University of Missouri-Columbia reporting that at least 50 students have consulted health officials with suspected symptoms of swine flu.

Earlier this week Truman's department of student health services confirmed that it had recorded nine cases of swine flu, and the state laboratory has since stopped taking specimens from the University for

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