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Fall comedian chosen

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Comedian Bo Burnham will be performing in 8 p.m. Nov. 7 in Baldwin auditorium.

The Student Activities Board chose Burnham from the results of the spring survey last semester. Burnham received the most votes from students. He beat out other comedians such as B.J. Novak and Seth Meyers.

"We were lucky because Bo Burnham was at the top of the rankings from the survey and we checked his price after we tallied the results — because it can sometimes shoot up, and he was still in our price range," said senior Molly Gerber, SAB

chair for the event.

Burnham did not respond to multiple requests for an interview.

Burnham writes and performs comedic songs. He started writing and posting his songs online in 2006, according to Burnham's Web site. He recorded a Comedy Central special in August 2008 and released his first CD in 2009.

Burnham's lyrics can be offensive but his contract states that he won't sign any agreement to censor his songs. SAB will publicize the event as having "mature content," Gerber said.

When picking a performer, SAB contacts several other schools where the performer has appeared and requests references, she said.

"If they say, 'Oh, he showed up an hour late and half the crowd was gone after half an hour,' then we don't want to bring him here," Gerber said.

The cost of a comedian can range from \$15,000 to \$30,000, said senior Amanda Rhodes, SAB chair of the comedians and films committee. SAB's funding comes from the student activity fee that it shares with Student Senate and the Funds Allotment Council.

Burnham has 16 other colleges on his Aug. 14 to Dec. 8 Fake ID Tour, including Cornell and William and Mary, according to his Web site. He will also be performing at The Pageant in St. Louis Nov. 14, a week after he will be at Truman.

Registration mistakes cost students classes

BY STEPHANIE HALL
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Junior Tim Holmes tried to order his books a week before school started. On the bright side, he had no books to order. Unfortunately for Holmes, he also didn't have any classes.

"I panicked for a good five to 10 minutes and, after crying in the fetal position, I immediately decided to check what schedule I had and it only showed the last semester," Holmes said.

He contacted his academic adviser to help rebuild his schedule because he didn't remember all the classes in which he was enrolled.

"I should have printed [the schedule] out," Holmes said. "I should have, but I really wasn't expecting this to happen ... and I'm paying for it."

Holmes said that with his adviser's help, he was able to get back into most of his classes, except News Reporting and Writing, which previously had been cancelled.

"I called the registrar's office to find out why my classes were dropped, and they said that I never registered in the first place," Holmes said. "And that's a lie. I forget stuff a lot, but that's just one thing I don't forget. ... I'm absolutely certain about it."

He said he has no idea why his classes were dropped.

"It's a terrifying ordeal and I have made it back to my classes, so we'll see what happens," Holmes said.

Melissa Rodman, veterans representative for the registrar's office, said she has never heard of students having classes dropped unintentionally.

Rodman said that in Holmes's case, the system shows the student dropped the classes during.

"It does look like there have been drops but it's not by us," Rodman said. "The students know whether they add or drop classes because they drop via the Web, but we did not drop those students out of classes. They did it themselves."

She said the registrar's office only drop students from classes for a few specific reasons.

"The only time we would typically withdraw a student from a class is either because we have been told they haven't paid their bill, they get administratively withdrawn, [or] if we get something from the provost office because they have been

put on academic suspension or something like that. Other than that we don't disenroll students from classes."

Rodman said the registrar's office will not be pursuing the matter because the records show the students who reported problems dropped the classes.

Communication department secretary DeeDee Moore said she had two other students that came to her after being un-enrolled in classes.

"I called the registrar's office to find [out] what happened

and why her class was dropped for no reason," Moore said. "And according to their records the class was dropped by the student online."

Moore said both students were unaware of their classes being dropped until during the summer, but they were able to get overrides into their communication courses. She said this is the first year she has heard of this happening.

Tammy Roberts, director of administrative computing for

Information Technology Services, said she was unaware of the problem.

"There wouldn't be anything that runs that just disenrolls students," Roberts said. "We don't have any automated processes. It's a manual process. I don't know what, off the top of my head, would have caused that."

She said the registrar's office runs the manual process, but she hasn't heard that they have been having issues.

"I don't know how that would happen," Roberts said. "You know it can happen inadvertently or maybe some piece of paper didn't land the right way."

Junior David Hruska said a couple of semesters ago the same thing happened to him.

"I registered whenever registration was in the fall — November maybe," Hruska said, "And in January I had to re-register again."

He said he called the registrar's office to try to get his classes back.

"They just tried to help me get back in and they were really helpful," Hruska said. "I got into some of my classes immediately and then I worked to get some overrides."

He said he never figured out why his classes were dropped.

"I just think it was a mistake that happened," Hruska said. "I'm not that upset about it, I mean, at the time I was."

NEWS | In Brief

New student welcome

Kirksville businesses are hosting a new student welcome for Truman, A.T. Still University and Moberly Area Community College students. Free live entertainment and food will be provided. The welcome is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 10 on the Square downtown. For more information contact the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce at 660-665-3766.

International Film Festival

The Truman 2009 International Film Festival will take place Sept. 9 to Nov. 18. All films will screen at 6:45 p.m. at Downtown Cinema 8. A schedule and summary of all the movies can be found at rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.

Student written play performed

A revival of the student written play S.O.S will take place tonight in the Ophelia Parrish Black Box Theater. The play was performed this summer at the 5th Annual Kansas City Fringe Festival. For further questions contact Joan Mather at 660-785-7333.

Phi Sigma Pi wins award

Truman's Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi received two awards at the 2009 Phi Sigma Pi National Convention in Louisville, Ky. The chapter won awards for Outstanding Initiate Program and Top in the Region Award for the Central Region.

New parking ordinance

Kirksville City Council approved an ordinance June 1 that restricts parking on both sides of Halliburton from Jefferson to Franklin/ Business 63. The change was based on the number of complaints concerning the potential hazard this parking created for the flow of traffic. For more information, contact Melanie Smith at 660-627-1224.

Local Arrested

Zachary J. Meinberg was arrested Sept. 2 for failure to register as a sex offender, a class C felony. The Adair County Sheriff's Office was aware that Meinberg moved to Florida without notifying the Sheriff's office of his change of address which is required by state law. In August, the Sheriff's office got an anonymous tip that he had moved to Milton, Fla. The Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office located Meinberg on Aug. 22. He is scheduled to return to Adair County within a few days to be charged.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$236 to reimburse Dr. Alberts for Senate T-shirts.

DPS | Reports

- 8/30 Spencer Girouard was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/30 Sterling Lopez was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/29 Timothy Thurman was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/29 Roderic Reed Russell and Aubrey Key were issued Missouri Uniform Complaints and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/28 Megan Burik and John Heath were issued Missouri Uniform Complaints and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/26 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Missouri Hall.
- 8/26 Michaela Martinez was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 8/26 A motor vehicle theft was reported in parking lot 15.



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