

# Olmstead runs for VP

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Staff Reporter

Junior Kyle Olmstead will join sophomore Isaac Robinson as Robinson's running mate on the presidential ticket for the April 12 to 14 Student Senate elections.

Robinson, Student Senate's current VP, is a two-year member of the organization. He declared his plans to run for president to the Index in February.

Robinson said Olmstead, who is not currently a member of Student Senate, expressed interest in the position and was the balance Robinson was looking for.

Olmstead said he has an interest in political science and thought this would be the right kind of job for him. He wanted to get more involved and felt he could add to Robinson's campaign.

Robinson said working with current president JoEllen Flanagan has been more of a co-presidency, which has helped prepare him for the presidential duties he aims to acquire this April.

"A lot of my duties will carry over," Robinson said. "I will still be serving as the student voice on different University committees and University councils."

Currently, Robinson and Olmstead don't have any competitors. The Student Senate election packet states that any Truman student who meets the necessary requirements is eligible to run. This includes any pair of full-time students because the president and vice president are combined in a ticket.

"I encourage anyone to definitely jump in who is interested," Robinson said.

Robinson and Olmstead said they have a shared interest in a variety of Truman activities and issues, but each has different focal points.

"I feel it will be a good team effort that we will try to work on each issue, but allowing — if a person has more focus on one issue — to help [him] take the lead for that one," Olmstead said.

If elected, one goal is to have faculty members put syllabi online prior to registration to give students more to consider when choosing classes.

Another goal is to tackle the repeat policy. Robinson said they would push for



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Sophomore Kyle Olmstead is running for Student Senate Vice President on sophomore Isaac Robinson's ticket. Elections will be online from April 12 to April 14.

replacing the first grade with the second when a student retakes a course instead of averaging the two.

With an upcoming University budget cut of 5 percent, Robinson said the Student Senate will need to discuss money-saving strategies involving the cutting and keeping of campus programs.

"We want to utilize all of our resources to help think of creative ways to help solve this budget problem without hurting what some might call the essence of the Truman experience," Olmstead said.

Olmstead also said he and Robinson want to improve Truman's relationship with the Kirksville community, try to form a standing technology committee that will maintain Truman's prestige in that area and help get student input about athletic and activity fees that are in review.

Robinson said these issues affect students, and they should take notice of them and get involved in voting because they are directly affected by the upcoming changes. It's important to vote for leaders who will provide the students with a voice, he said.

"I feel both Isaac and I could help put students first, which is our main focus for this campaign," Olmstead said. "It's to keep the student voice in the entire process at Truman and to make sure that Truman students have every opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns and anything else they feel that the people governing them should know."

Beginning at 8 a.m. April 12 through 8 p.m. April 14, voting will be open to all Truman students. The polls are online at <http://vote.truman.edu>. The winners will be announced an hour after the polls have closed.

## University fixes bell tower

Repairs will cost \$3,000, original estimate was for \$30,000

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The bell tower at Pickler Memorial Library has been a Truman symbol for 20 years, but it has not been functioning for almost a year. However, repairs are being made, and the clock will soon be fixed.

The University originally had not planned to fix the bells because the bid they received from the repair company said the whole system needed to be replaced, and the repairs would cost approximately \$30,000.

"We found another company who said that they only had to replace certain components, which is a lot less expensive," said Karl Schneider, director of the physical plant. "[The cost] ended up being only about \$3,000.

Schneider said the bells have not rung since last spring due to a malfunction. Some of the electrical components of the two-decade-old system were not working and

needed to be replaced.

"We have always wanted to fix it," Schneider said. "It was just a matter of expense."

He said the money to fix the carillon will come from the University budget.

The tower includes four bronze bells and a system of 61 digital bell sounds stored on a computer system. A professional bell player can play the real and digital bells in the tower.

The tower was dedicated in 1992 after Ruth Warner Towne, former dean of graduate studies, paid for the installation of the bells. Lightning struck and broke the tower in 1993, but it was repaired.

Wanda Cagle, division secretary of the library, said the bells rang March 23 but said she didn't know why. Schneider said he spoke to technicians from Smith's Bell and Clock Service, the company fixing the tower, who told him no technicians had worked on it that day.

"It is a mystery about why they were ringing," he said.

John Smith, owner of Smith's Bell and Clock Service, said he was not sure why the bells suddenly rang



John Moenster/Index

A worker from Smith's Bell and Clock Service works on the University bell tower Wednesday afternoon. Repairs to the bell tower will cost about \$3,000. The University originally received a higher bid from another company and did not plan to fix the tower.

last week. He said the work was not completed by then, but someone may have been messing with the old controller. He said that the system's control equipment was to blame for the bell's not working since last spring.

Smith said his company implemented a digital bell controller and fixed the bad wiring. The company only will be able to fix some compo-

nents, and the bells will ring just twice an hour, compared to four times an hour in the past, because of budget constraints.

Technicians from the company worked for a few days on the installation and for about six weeks on the whole process, Smith said. He said the bells will be completely fixed by next week.

## NEWS | In Brief

### Sheriff arrests three on meth charges

The Adair County Sheriff's Department arrested Kirksville residents Jaysen White, Nicole Fraley and Clayton Munn last Friday, when they received several reports of suspicious behavior.

A citizen reported early Friday morning seeing a car in a ditch on Hedgepath Lane. A deputy found evidence suggesting anhydrous ammonia, and a trained K-9 also indicated the presence of illicit materials.

Meanwhile, another citizen alerted police of two trespassers, White and Fraley, who told deputies they had been operating the abandoned car. Deputies searched the car and found materials used to manufacture methamphetamine. Field tests provided positive results for illegal substances.

White identified Munn, who had been hiding in a brush area, as also having been in the car. The three are being held at the Adair County Detention Center on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine on cash-only bonds of \$75,000 each, said Rob Atkinson, Adair County Sheriff's Office administration chief.

Adair County Prosecutor Matt Wilson said the three were set to appear in court Wednesday morning.

"To fight the drug problem that we have in Northeast Missouri and Adair County, this case shows the importance of the need for law enforcement officers, the community and everyone else involved to work together and fight the problem," Wilson said.

### SUEDE hosts Soul Food Supper

The Society of Urban and Ethnic Dance Excellence will host the Soul Food Supper from 5 to 6 p.m. April 11 in the Missouri Hall Chariton Room. The dinner will feature homemade southern cooking for \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Tickets will be available from April 8 to 10 in the Student Union Building or at Missouri Hall publicity tables. For more information e-mail [tsuede@gmail.com](mailto:tsuede@gmail.com).

### Media broadcasts Candidate Forum

Cable Channel 3 will re-broadcast the Kirksville Candidate Forum at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and at 7 and 9 p.m. Monday. The forum originally took place March 25 and includes school board candidates and city council candidates addressing questions from a media panel. KTRM will re-air audio from the forum at 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit <http://ktrm.truman.edu>.

### Pianist Quintet plays Lyceum Series

The 5 Browns, a sibling quintet of pianists, will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 8 in Baldwin Hall auditorium as the last installment of the 2009-2010 Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. Tickets will be available today and are free for Truman students, faculty and staff with a Truman ID. Students can get their tickets from the SAB office in the Student Union Building, and faculty and staff can get theirs at the information desk in the SUB. The 5 Browns' three CDs were each No. 1 on Billboard Magazine's Classical Album Chart. For more information, visit <http://lyceum.truman.edu>.

### Community members discuss service

Students are invited to attend the Community-University Connection on Service at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SUB Activities Room, sponsored by The Center for Teaching and Learning. The roundtable discussion between campus leaders and community agencies, separated into interest areas, provides a place to exchange ideas, collaborate and define the future of service in Kirksville. Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP to [bcloyd@truman.edu](mailto:bcloyd@truman.edu).

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$1,000 to send the women's club basketball team to nationals in Nashville, Tenn.

- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$300 to purchase a netbook for Student Senate.

## Crime | Reports

3/28 Sophomore Morgan Dobbie received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.

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Free tickets for Truman students with a Truman ID are available in the Student Activities Board office. Free tickets for faculty and staff with a Truman ID are available at the information desk. Both are located in the Student Union Building.

For more information, call 785.4016 or visit the Lyceum website at [lyceum.truman.edu](http://lyceum.truman.edu)

