



City council candidates (from left) Richard Detweiler, Tony Fajkus and Aaron Rodgerson speak to residents and media members at the March 25 forum. The election will be April 6. Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

Trio of candidates present ideas

Three city council candidates spoke at the March 25 forum. Below are their remarks on some key city issues. The election will be April 6. Full coverage and audio from the forum are available online at www.trumanindex.com.

Richard Detweiler	Tony Fajkus	Aaron Rodgerson
<p>City Councilman since 2008. Graduate of Kirksville High School and Truman State University</p> <p>Waterworks Bond: "That bond issue would be a major starting point [to fixing the city's drain problems]," Detweiler said. "In any situation like this, you try to figure out what you can get most for your dollar, how can you ... help the most people."</p> <p>Economic Development: Detweiler said the council should work through Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. (K-REDI) and entrepreneurs to bring new businesses and jobs to Kirksville. He said the city should keep searching for any outside opportunities, as job growth should be the main focus.</p> <p>Budget: Detweiler said there was not much fat to cut from the budget, and certain core programs such as police, fire and water need to be maintained. He said the very last thing he wants to do is cut employees.</p> <p>Truman: Truman is one of the main reasons that Kirksville has so far avoided the worst effects of the economic downturn, he said.</p> <p>"There's always room for improvement, and we will strive to continue improving that relationship as much as possible," Detweiler said.</p>	<p>Quality Management Representative for Hollister, Inc. Kirksville resident since 1979.</p> <p>Waterworks Bond: The bond would fix some of the worst drainage situations in the city, Fajkus said, but some citizens may view the tax increase created by the bond unfavorably. He said that without the bond, drainage system work will take a much longer time.</p> <p>Economic Development: Fajkus said it will be hard to attract new businesses during nationwide economic problems, so the city should instead focus on stimulating current businesses. He suggested offering grants to small businesses with a plan for growth that will bring a strong return on investment.</p> <p>Budget: Fajkus said the city could become more efficient, and he focused on creating a plan now for economic problems in Kirksville's future.</p> <p>Truman: Fajkus said it will be important to discuss with Truman's administration how to deal with approaching economic problems. He said Truman needs to have an open door to talking with the council at any time.</p> <p>"It's bad to make plans while you're sinking," Fajkus said. "It's always good to make them when your head's clear ... and then just carry them out when the water gets high."</p>	<p>City Councilman since 2007. Pastor of Southside Baptist Church.</p> <p>Waterworks Bond: Rodgerson said the Public Works Department would work out a plan to make the best use of the bond. He said if it does not pass, there is the possibility of educating citizens on how they can spend money to fix drainage problems on their property.</p> <p>Economic Development: Rodgerson said working through K-REDI and working to increase tourism would create more jobs. He suggested having K-REDI work with existing structures in Kirksville, and a Web site for K-REDI that would make them more visible to potential businesses.</p> <p>Budget: Rodgerson said the city needs strong leadership to keep costs down. He said good leadership is important because it is difficult to decide what to cut because much of the budget is necessary for the city to function.</p> <p>Truman: Rodgerson said any perceived friction between the University and Kirksville most likely comes from people seeing the council's treatment of the University as preferential.</p> <p>"If [the bond] passes, it will get us that much farther to [working on] other areas," Rodgerson said.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Capsules Compiled By Dan Warner, Staff Reporter</p>

Residence halls compete

Hall with the least water, waste, most recycling wins the ECO Challenge

BY BAILLIE JAMES
Staff Reporter

Three environmental studies minors have collaborated and challenged Truman students to compete and see which residence hall is the most sustainable.

The challenge will measure water consumption, recycling and waste for two weeks to analyze which residence hall can be the most sustainable per capita. The three students plan to work with the Environmental Campus Organization, Residence Life, Student Senate, the Recycling Center, the department of environmental studies and the Kirksville Water Department to collect statistics and plan programs during the two-week competition.

Organizations such as the recycling center have tried sustainability competitions before, but seniors Jen Newby, Ali Helmig and Josh Mantooth want to make this competition different. The three students hope the ECO Challenge will continue annually and become comparable to the College Cup during Truman Days. The winning residence hall will receive a plaque and a trophy made of recyclables.

The ECO Challenge will be April 12 to 23. Helmig, a student adviser, said she and the other two envi-

ronmental studies students did not want this project to compete with Earth Week, but it will be a good segue into Earth Week because it shifts students' focus from campus sustainability efforts to community and world issues.

"[Students] will be able to see more how they can apply [sustainability] to themselves rather than just hearing about it, and that might get them excited," Helmig said. "Hopefully, those thoughts will follow through when the dorm challenge is over."

Newby originally had the idea for this competition when brainstorming for a capstone project. Helmig and Environmental Campus Organization member Mantooth had similar ideas at the same time, so the three students collaborated on the project. Newby originally just wanted to measure water use, but the project extended to include trash and recycling during the planning stage.

"I was trying to see if there was a way to quantify [water] and see how much students were using," Newby said. "When you live in the dorms you have that blanket cost you pay for living in a residence hall. Students can be wasteful, and it really has no impact on how much you're paying."

"People don't like to hear that

what they're doing isn't good for others," Mantooth said. "A lot of people think about someone telling them, 'You're living your life wrong, and what you're doing is hurting the planet, and you're a bad person.' That's not a good way to go about much of anything."

Mantooth said this competition will help people to be more receptive to discussing environmental issues in a less serious atmosphere.

Howard Worcester, recycling and surplus property coordinator for Truman, said Newby thought of a more efficient way to organize recycling than past competitions. She plans on putting color-coded stickers on each recycling bag before it is sent to the recycling center.

Water meter readings will be retrieved from bills at Truman's physical

plant. Costs from the two weeks of competition will be compared with water bills from the previous month to estimate water conservation. To measure trash, ECO Challenge coordinators will use the number and average size of trash cans in a residence hall, measure the weight of a percentage of them and then scale that measurement to estimate the total amount of trash for each residence hall.

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Jen Newby
Senior

SAB announces second Nye show

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
News Editor

Students now will have two chances to see Bill Nye live at Truman. After receiving an overwhelming response for the original event scheduled for April 16 in Baldwin Auditorium, the Student Activities Board scheduled another show for the same evening. The two shows will now be at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the shows, which are free for Truman students, faculty and staff with a Truman ID, went on sale at 9:30 a.m. Monday morning in the SAB office. The line for tickets at one point stretched all the way back to the Bookstore, said Colleen Pace, SAB University speaker event chair.

Pace said that, in addition to the excited responses she saw from students, she received phone calls from people in the community, including local science teachers, wanting to buy tickets for the event.

"We want to get as many people involved as possible," she said. "And we want to give people on campus a good chance to get tickets."

SAB has set aside 600 tickets for staff and faculty until April 6, the same day general admission tickets will go on sale for \$5.

The additional show will cost \$12,000, bringing the total cost for the event to about \$37,000, Pace said. SAB received \$25,000 from the University President's office for the event and will supplement the balance with its own money.

Nye said he is excited to visit Truman and that he is looking forward to speaking with students. His performance, "Bill Nye's Big Blast of Science," will not feature experiments, but Nye said he would encourage students to take steps to change the world.

"I will do my best to be funny and charming, as well as informative and insightful and all those kinds of words," he said.

Nye said visiting colleges is inspiring for him and it's gratifying to meet with students who are passionate about science.

"When I see all of you, I feel young again," he said. "It's great to see so many people excited about science, the key to our future."

"We want to get as many people involved as possible."

Colleen Pace
SAB University Speaker
Event Chair

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