

Signs of protest



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
College Libertarians and Democrats hold signs in protest against the military's Don't Ask Don't Tell policy Monday on the Quad.

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counts of production of child pornography between January 2005 and May 2007. He had videotaped the victim, who was under 18, engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Truman did not renew Ketterlinus' contract after his June 2009 arrest. Ketterlinus was due for a renewal July 1, 2009, for his work as a design assistant for the University's publication's department and a technology coordinator at the

Career Center.

Project Safe Childhood, a program launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, awarded a grant to the Kirksville Police Department for a computer system that allowed them to apprehend Ketterlinus. The program aims to "better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims," according to a press release from the Attorney General's office.

FIRE | A fire in Centennial Hall before break causes more than \$10,000 in smoke and damage

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be replaced — mini blinds, smoke detector, mattresses — basically everything in the room had to be replaced," Maize said. "We did save the metal parts of the beds. Everything else that wasn't burnt was smoke-damaged enough that we couldn't get the smell out of it."

Maize said most of the damage was on one side of the room: a desk, a mattress and damaged plaster that fell out of the ceiling. Besides fire extin-

guisher dust and some smoke damage, the fire was contained to the residence hall.

Tom Johnson, director of the Department of Public Safety, said results from the fire marshal's investigation are pending. He is sticking to the preliminary assumption that the fire was electrical and the point of origin was a desk in the room, possibly from a lamp.

Johnson said that, although this fire was electrical, the fire was not caused by faults in

Centennial Hall's electrical system as far as he can determine. He said all the other residence halls are just as likely to have the same problem if students are not careful. Johnson suggested not overloading power strips and using common sense to try to prevent fires.

Once the fire marshal has finished the investigation, the report will be public record.

The DPS officer who suffered from smoke inhalation was treated and released with medication.

WILSON | Wilson plans to make changes to Adair County Judiciary system, takes over as prosecutor Monday

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grand jury system that former prosecutor Mark Williams relied on, but still utilize it in necessary cases.

"As I've said all along, I think we need to open the process back up," Wilson said. "We don't need people walking into the prosecutor's office reading through files, obviously. But I think when you put the case back into an open courtroom and let people see what's going on and having defendants be able to confront their accusers and see what the witnesses are saying ... let a judge see that."

Criminals with misdemeanors

By putting more emphasis on misdemeanor crimes and criminals when they first get in trouble, Wilson said he hopes to avoid prosecuting them later for felonies.

"Supervising them on their misdemeanors rather than waiting until they rise to the level of felony cases is one [way]," Wilson said. "I'm really looking forward to finding ways to do that."

Drug abuse related violence

"In my experience of the hundreds of cases I've handled as a defense attorney, one of the overlying themes that I'm concerned about is alcohol and drug abuse and its relationship to domestic and sexual assault," he said.

Wilson said he hopes to work with Victim Support Services and mental health treatment providers to write grants and bring funds to the Kirksville community to help solve the source of the problem, rather than leaving the responsibility to the tax payer.

Along with Williams, Adair attorney David Peppard had indicated his interest in the Adair County prosecutor position on Feb. 10. Peppard said he was disappointed by Nixon's decision but plans to run in the August primary against Wilson.

"I've had more years of [experience as] an attorney and am active in the community, but you have to accept the governor's decision and move on," he said.

REP | Nixon names junior Luke Freeland the next student representative to the Board of Governors

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he will stay a fifth year at Truman to complete the term.

Currently, Freeland said his biggest concern is the University's budget woes. As student representative, Freeland will try to find ways to make cuts and generate revenue without turning to students for the money, he said.

Truman's administration will have time during the summer to figure out new ways to generate revenue, Freeland said. He said that realistically, new revenue alone will not solve the University's problems, and the administration needs to continue making cuts and looking toward the future.

"Right now we're looking down the road, but it's hard to know if we're looking far enough," Freeland said.

Current student representative senior Cody

Sumter said the position requires the student to fulfill the role of communicator as well as deliberator. He said there is a lengthy learning process, but he is confident in Freeland's abilities.

"He's very open and able to listen and communicate with people, and I think that's very important for the role," Sumter said.

Sumter said the position has limited built-in responsibility, but the representative has the opportunity to be included in important conversations and give feedback to the Board about what students need. He said the administration is very receptive toward student questions and ideas.

Sumter served as student representative three months longer than expected because a new representative had not been chosen, but he also entered

the position four months late. Sumter now works in Jefferson City as a legislative intern for Sen. David Pearce, R-Warrensburg, as part of the Missouri Government Internship Program through Truman.

University President Darrell Krueger said the student representative position is extremely important, both for the students and the Board of Governors.

"The Board really looks toward this appointment as a voice for the students," Krueger said.

Krueger said some qualities that will help Freeland are being a good listener and having sound judgment. He said being a member of the Kirksville community gives Freeland an advantage in that he can better understand its needs, and the community is more confident that he understands them.



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Pseudoephedrine is a key ingredient in nasal decongestants and the production of meth. The new system will track the amount of pseudoephedrine purchases.

METH | New electronic system will track purchases of pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in the drug

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a problem that devastates families and even whole communities in Missouri," Nixon said. "This database will be another important step toward cutting off meth makers at the source."

Scott Holste, spokesperson for the governor, said Appriss, Inc. was chosen to produce the system due to the company's strong history and because it handles the same system in states surrounding Missouri. Holste said the goal is to have Missouri's system collaborate with those of surrounding states to prevent people from going back and forth between states to purchase pseudoephedrine.

Holste said the system will require no state funding and that all costs will be picked up by Appriss, Inc., and pharmaceutical companies.

Justin Jones, Kirksville Police Department detective, said the Kirksville area has seen a resurgence in meth-

amphetamine production in the last few years following a lull in meth cases from prior years. The drug usually is cooked locally in a form known as "bathtub crank," Jones said.

Jones said that because pseudoephedrine is the main ingredient needed for cooking meth, limiting the purchase of pseudoephedrine directly limits how much meth can be made.

Jones said that because they are often known to law enforcement, meth cooks enlist people to travel from store to store to buy pseudoephedrine, a practice known as "smurfing."

"It's going to be much easier for law enforcement to actually keep track of those pseudoephedrine purchases," Jones said.

He said the written log system pharmacies use now is inefficient because law enforcement officials from different cities must collaborate

to discover if someone is traveling and purchasing more than the legal limit of pseudoephedrine. He said the new electronic system will make it much more difficult to do this because the information will be instant.

Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center, said pseudoephedrine normally is used as a nasal decongestant in doses of about 60 milligrams. She said that because dosage is so low and the product is only used occasionally, the limits on purchasing pseudoephedrine should not interfere with legitimate uses of the drug.

Higgins said methamphetamine is dangerous for many reasons, including the fact that it causes increased blood pressure and heart rate, which can trigger underlying heart problems. She said it is also one of the most addictive substances that can be used.



Video Producer Wanted

The Joseph Baldwin Academy is currently taking applications for the position of Video Producer. The Academy's Video Producer is responsible for recording the activities of the Academy's June and July sessions and for producing two 90-minute DVDs and two short preview programs.

Experience in video production and editing required. Candidates for the position will be asked to provide a sample of previous video work produced.

JBA is in session June 5-26, and July 10-31. The successful applicant will receive room and board and will be expected to reside in Centennial Hall with the students and staff. Accommodations between sessions are available. Students may not be enrolled in classes during employment.

To inquire about the position, please contact Jana Morton at 660-785-5406 or e-mail jmorton@truman.edu.

Review of applications will begin March 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

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