**Shawn Shimmin**

**Student Initiated Courses (SICs) in the class of Truman in 2009**

As a matter of fact, SICs are a great opportunity for students to take classes under the supervision of faculty or alums. This is a unique class in which students should take advantage of, from both the students' and the university's perspective.

Because these courses are meant to strengthen the relationship with the Truman community, the existing courses, the subject-matter is wisely specialized. They provide an excellent chance for students to step back and to relax. It has become more and more important for students to achieve a balance between their personal and professional lives.

**Samuel Bland**

**Alcohol use is something we all see daily.** What are your thoughts on this issue? As far as I know, all of us, who have lived at least a few years of our lives, have experienced alcohol in one way or another.

**College students:** We need to support the students of this age who are drinking responsibly and who are trying to avoid alcoholism.

**Professionals:** We need to support the professionals who are working on alcoholism and who are trying to provide help to those who need it.

**Parents:** We need to support our parents who are struggling with alcoholism and who are trying to get better.

**Alcohol use is something we all see daily.** Why should we care about this issue? What are the consequences of alcohol use? What are the benefits of responsible drinking? What are the dangers of binge drinking?

**Audrey Schickler**

**It's an effective way to encourage the practice for couples while refusing to offer them rewards (a tax break) to married couples.** It is not a secret that underage drinking is a staple of high school and college life. It is also not a secret that alcohol use is something we all see daily. What are the consequences of alcohol use? What are the benefits of responsible drinking? What are the dangers of binge drinking?

**Toby Hauser**

**Marriage should be regulated by religions, not government.** It is very hard to look at this issue and not see the damage this government seeks to encourage the practice for couples while refusing to offer them rewards (a tax break) to married couples.

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**Alexander Soper**

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**Brenna McDermott**

**Communication key to alcohol awareness**

Alcohol is something we all see on a daily basis. In our daily lives, we see people drinking and we see people using alcohol. What are our thoughts on this issue? As far as I know, all of us, who have lived at least a few years of our lives, have experienced alcohol in one way or another.

**Communication key to alcohol awareness**

- **Face-to-face conversations with a partner who has alcohol use issues can be more effective than written communications.**
- **Discussions with someone who has alcohol use issues can be more effective than written communications.**
- **Communication key to alcohol awareness**

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