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Senate to vote on smoking resolution

THE RESOLUTION: Smokers must be 20 feet away from campus buildings



Krista Goodman/Index

Student Senate is voting on a resolution Sunday that will restrict the area in which students can smoke. Some restrictions include a 20 foot non-smoking radius around campus buildings, not smoking on major pathways during peak hours and future designated smoking areas.

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
Staff Reporter

After the Student Senate meeting Sunday night, smokers might have to go farther from campus buildings to light up, due to the smoke-free resolution that will be voted on.

The resolution states that students must be at least 20 feet away from all buildings in order to smoke.

Student Senate President JoEllen Flanagan said the resolution came

up about three weeks ago.

Sophomore Samantha Goode, director of Health Services for Student Senate, is involved with Community Alliances for Smoke-Free Environments (C.A.S.E) and originally sponsored the resolution. Goode did not respond to e-mails and phone calls from the Index requesting comment.

C.A.S.E. provided Goode with a majority of the statistics in the resolution, Flanagan said. Student Affairs chair Senior Kristyn Potter now

sponsors the resolution.

Smoking won't be banned altogether, but there will be more specific rules regarding where smoking is prohibited on campus. The resolution is not the same as a bill, meaning if it is passed, it will not become law, she said.

In addition to staying at least 20 feet away from all buildings, the rules include moving away from individuals who request it when smoking and refraining from smok-

ing on major pathways during peak hours. Research about designated smoking areas for future use is planned as well.

Student Senate is a stepping-stone for the resolution to be approved by the Board of Governors. The Board's policy does not include anything about smoking — only the Residence Life policy does. Technically, students who live off campus can smoke as close to buildings as

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Renewal Scale

3.25 GPA or higher	full renewal
3.2-3.24 GPA	90 percent renewal
3.1-3.19 GPA	80 percent renewal
3.0-3.09 GPA	70 percent renewal

Scholarship renewal process to receive possible alterations

BY JARED YOUNG
Staff Reporter

Truman's scholarship renewal process might change in the coming year because of financial issues affecting schools nationwide.

One of the changes in question could affect the amount of scholarship students retain depending on their year-to-year GPA. Currently, students can retain a partial amount of their scholarships if their cumulative GPA is between 3.0 and 3.24.

Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, said the Board was unaware that the current scholarship policy was in place, and was not happy with it.

"The primary complaint was more a matter of not having heard about when this change occurred," Sumter said. "There is a very real problem with the amount of scholarships with the scholarship renewal rate."

The Board is concerned primarily with the increasing amount of money dedicated to scholarships. Sumter said a

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Health care forum brings representatives to campus

BY CHRIS DREW
Staff Reporter

State Rep. Rebecca McClanahan, D-Kirksville, and former state Rep. Judy Baker met with students and residents Tuesday in a "town hall" to discuss health care and took turns explaining different health care aspects.

The two politicians, speaking in a packed Baldwin Hall Little Theater, focused mostly on the need for reform. They concluded the College Democrats-sponsored event by answering some questions

that audience members wrote down and submitted to a moderator.

Baker began the night by explaining why she thinks the U.S. needs health care reform.

"Health care reform is essential to the health and well-being and the economy of the United States as we seek to compete on a global scale," Baker said.

With a per capita average health care cost of \$7,300 per family, almost \$2,000 higher than the next highest industrialized nation, Baker said the inefficiencies in the U.S. health

care system are "outrageous." Among the stories she shared was that of a woman who lost coverage mid-pregnancy after switching to a new insurance company that called her pregnancy a "preexisting condition."

"There is plenty of money in the health care system that is poorly spent," Baker said.

McClanahan, a nurse for 35 years, said she had been "following health care reform since Barack Obama was in elementary school."

McClanahan spoke about health care reform on the

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College Democrats sponsored the health care "town hall" in which state Rep. Rebecca McClanahan (left), D-Kirksville, and former state Rep. Judy Baker discussed health care.

Former Truman employee indicted for child pornography

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER
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A former Truman employee was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury on six felony counts of production of child pornography, according to a U.S. Department of Justice press release.

The indictment alleges

that between January 2005 and May 2007, Glen Ketterlinus, 56, of Kirksville videotaped a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Ketterlinus is a former design assistant for Truman's publications department and also worked as the technology coordinator at the University Career Center, according to Tru-



Glen Ketterlinus

man's Web site. He started working at Truman in 1999.

Manager of Publications Teresa Wheeler said Ketterlinus' contract was not renewed July 1 after Ketterlinus was arrested in June.

If convicted, each count of production of child pornography carries a penalty of 15 to 30 years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, according to the

press release.

Ketterlinus received the University's Points of Excellence award in May 2008 for "his resourcefulness and his ability to provide first-class products to our faculty and staff," according to a press release on Truman's Web site. In an unrelated case, another Kirksville man was indicted

Wednesday by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession of child pornography, according to the Department of Justice press release.

The indictment alleges that between July and September 2008, Steven Jeffries, 55, of Kirksville was in possession of child

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