

Six cars vandalized

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Senior Lacey Stevenson woke up to the sound of Kirksville Police Department officer Juan Chairez banging on her front door last Saturday morning.

"The police officer woke me up knocking on my door at 9:30 a.m. and said there was black paint on my car and on some cars down the street," Stevenson said. "Fortunately the people who did it did it over the morning dew, so I was able to just take it to a car wash and spray it off."

On Saturday six vandalized vehicles were reported, including a State Highway Patrol car, according to Kirksville Police Department crime logs.

Kirksville Police Department has no leads on the case at this time because there was

no evidence at the scene that would provide identification. However the police department often gets word of the vandals through the public grape vine, Kirksville Police Department sergeant Steve Farnsworth said.

Stevenson said she didn't think her car had been targeted for vandalism, but thought that the vandals possibly had picked unique cars, like her yellow P.T. Cruiser and the State Highway Patrol car.

"I was upset that it happened, but not nearly as upset as I would have been if the damage had been permanent," Stevenson said.

Chairez said he responded to the first report at 8 a.m. and thought it was an isolated incident. The Kirksville Police Department then received a second report, and Chairez scanned the area and found

three more cars that had been vandalized.

"They were all in the same general area around South Sixth [Street] on Dodson and Osteopathy [streets]," Chairez said. "The substance on the vehicles appeared to be black paint. I don't think it was paint balls or anything — the manner in which it was applied wasn't consistent with paintballs. Some of it was a big splatter and some was just brushed on. We aren't really sure how it was applied, we just know black paint was on all the vehicles."

There appeared to be no significance behind the paint because there were no symbols or writing on the cars, he said.

"Every once in a while we get strings [of crimes]," Farnsworth said. "They are few and far between. Not too long ago we [had] windows shot out with BB guns."



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Senior Lacey Stevenson's car one of the six that was vandalized.

NEWS | In Brief

Drag King Rebellion performing

Truman's Women's Resource Center will host a Drag King Rebellion show from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Drag King Rebellion is a gender performance troupe from Michigan. Their ultimate purpose is to entertain and educate the audience through creative expression and experiences. They blur the lines of gender and challenge convention through a combination of arts and politics.

Truman hosts Science on Saturday

Truman will host Science from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Magruder Hall. It is a free program targeted toward grade school students in the area. The program aims to cultivate children's interest in the environment through interactive learning. Members of Beta Beta Beta will conduct two sessions in Magruder Hall, one from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for second and third grade students, and another session from 1 to 4 p.m. for fourth and fifth grade students. For more information on how to participate, e-mail cpl4241@truman.edu or kmk8788@truman.edu.

Library raises \$2,000

Pickler Memorial Library sold approximately 5,000 items and raised \$2,000 at their fourth annual book sale in September Profits will help fund the 2010 Children's Literature Festival and other library programs. The library has exhausted its backlog of books to sell and is looking for donations for next year's sale. Donations can be delivered to the Dean's Office on the first floor of the library. For more information call 785-4038.

ITS upgrades printers

Truman Information Technology Services upgraded network printers in University computer labs to duplex units that provide an eco-friendly and less expensive printing option. Duplex printers use less toner and paper and cost 7 cents per page compared to 10 cents for normal black and white. These printers are available in Pickler Memorial 312 lab, Violette Hall 2000 lab and the residence hall labs.

Sigma Tau Delta hosts poetry slam

Sigma Tau Delta and the Graduate English Organization are hosting "Slamoween," a Halloween-themed poetry slam, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at Il Spazio. The cost is \$2 per person, and there will be door prizes and cash prizes for performers. There will also be a vocal and guitar performance by Nick Hopkins. Slamoween will end with a performance by Raqs Fusion belly dancers.

Students present on study abroad

The Truman students who participated in the study abroad program "Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa" will share their experiences at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building Georgian Room C. The students traveled to Cape Town from May 14 to June 5. They studied the multiple concerns facing South Africa as it strives to become a progressive democracy. Each student worked for 10 days with a non-governmental agency whose mission is to address issues of social injustice and their continuing impact on formerly disenfranchised South Africans, especially women, children, immigrants and AIDS victims.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a money motion for \$425 to purchase the rights to Food Inc. to show Dec. 5, 2009.

DPS | Reports

- 10/21 A bicycle was reported stolen from the Quad.
- 10/22 A theft was reported from the Student Union Building less than \$500.
- 10/23 A bicycle was reported stolen from Dobson Hall.

FAC to deliberate next week

BY CHRIS DREW
Staff reporter

Deliberation will begin next Wednesday for the Funds Allotment Council.

The primary function of the FAC is to allocate money to different clubs each semester. Their funds come from the Student Activities Fee, and they are dispersed based on need, proposed use of funds and campus benefit.

FAC's portioning of funds led to grievances and debate last semester, primarily from jujitsu, the men's Ultimate Frisbee team, regarding how the FAC should decide who receives money and whether their say should be the last on that decision.

FAC chair Austin Underhill said Student Senate recommended a change in the grievance policy in their ruling on jujitsu, and the FAC is following through with that recommendation.

Underhill said members of FAC hope to develop more formal guidelines in conjunction with Senate to handle grievances. He said these guidelines mostly will follow the same process the Senate used last year in handling jujitsu's grievance and, if formally added to their bylaws, will require Senate approval.

He said he does not think there needs to be any additional Student Senate oversight on FAC decisions than there already is, but that there are no plans to separate FAC from Student Senate anytime soon.

He said he thinks FAC is best qualified to distribute funding fairly. FAC meets with each organization that applies and therefore has a better idea than the Senate as to how each organization will spend their funding and how it will benefit campus, he said.

"We look for what will benefit the students most," he said. "It is their money, after all."

Underhill said that last semester, the grievance situation with jujitsu, was new for the FAC and the first test of a vague grievance process in their constitution.

This time last semester, the FAC decision to deny jujitsu funds made some people question FAC's freedom to disperse funding.

"After we were denied our funding, we put in a complaint with Student Senate," jujitsu captain Dennis Tarasi said. "They made a committee look at our case and they ruled in our favor."

Student Senate suggested FAC reconsider their decision, and FAC decided once again to deny funding, he said.

Tarasi said he thinks like the Senate acted only as a figurehead with no real power, and FAC was running on its own. "That should change," Tarasi said.

However, Tarasi and co-captain Caleb Stanek said they think the grievance incident made both the FAC and jujitsu more open and willing to communicate. After applying for funds again this semester, they said it seemed like both

groups were working harder to ease the process.

FAC is technically an independent council of the Student Senate with the Senate retaining some oversight. Students elect the president, treasurer and student representative of FAC, and the rest of the council is filled by chosen applications. Student Senate Vice President Isaac Robinson said FAC has to have its constitution approved by the Senate, and they require Senate involvement in expelling members.

However, FAC does not require Senate approval for its allotment of funds, Robinson said. Robinson said that this year, representatives from Senate will sit in with FAC during their interviews with organizations applying for funds, but no other significant changes are planned.

The Senate also handles grievances over FAC funding. The Senate asks the organization to speak at a meeting and forms a committee to examine the issue. The committee meets separately with the organization and FAC and draws up a written report. It then delivers the report to the Senate, which votes on what to suggest to FAC.

"The FAC gets the final say," Robinson said.

This was the process used last semester in addressing the grievances of jujitsu, but it is not a formal procedure, Robinson said.

Robinson said the formalization of the process likely will involve representatives from FAC and Student Senate.

Piano-smasher



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The pledge class of Phi Mu Alpha, the men's music fraternity, had a piano smashing fundraising on the quad



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