

Sleep Awareness Week



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Sophomore Jake Jeffrey sits in a hammock on the quad for Sleep Awareness Week. "I think it's a good event to make people aware of the importance of sleep," Jeffrey said.

SENATE | Senate's 2010-11 budget is approximately \$30,000, which includes money from the Student Activities Fee and rollover money

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of Senate had issues with the amount of money allotted for the conference.

"Spending student money on a conference ... seems unreasonable and unfair, so we tabled the resolution for a week, and we'll talk about it next week," Gyawali said.

He said it seemed Robinson was not totally convinced of the resolution himself.

"He doesn't like to spend Senate money in things that make no sense, and I was surprised he brought up this resolution, so he

was very receptive of the ideas that senators were throwing out," Gyawali said.

Sophomore Kathleen Donaldson said that although she knows a few people on Senate, she doesn't really know what they accomplish throughout the year.

"\$2,000 is a lot for eight people," Donaldson said. "They're doing a good job already, they don't need to go out and learn how to do a better job for that large of amount of money."

Another budget addition this year is \$5,000 for student grants.

Robinson said he created the fund because, in previous years, groups of students or organizations were able to ask Senate for money. Robinson said, in the past, senators would present each case in front of Senate and there were no guidelines or cap on the amount of money given.

"It drove me up the wall how we spent the money the last year and the year before that," Robinson said. "Now we have record of what we're spending, and it gives us some accountability for it and an avenue for people to use it."

Gyawali said last year many people came to Senate as a last resort for funding because they didn't receive Funds Allotment Council funding or missed the deadline.

"Now they have to come in and to apply for our funding," Gyawali said. "Basically it just makes the system more transparent and systematic, very clear process."

Another \$2,000 money motion was passed two Sundays ago for the Presidential Roundtable event. Senate communication director Lauren Massey

said the forum was for student organization presidents and two executive members. She said the \$2,000 mainly went toward food and some centerpieces at this Sodexo-catered formal event. The 150 people from many student organizations came to talk about projects, inter-organizational relations and events they are working on.

"The biggest cost is the food provided," Massey said. "We want to give recognition to the organizations and the presidents for what they do on campus."

Robinson said he thinks

the Presidential Roundtable, the Educator of the Year and Senate's contributions to the Women's Resource Center campaign were the best use of Senate money to help students last year. He said he thinks the recycling bins were beneficial to students despite his disagreement with the high cost.

"I'm interested to see what goes on this year," Robinson said. "Which ideas come forward, what issues come up on campus, what students want to spend our time on."

PROP B | Proposition B would put stricter regulations on large-scale dog breeders

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regulated by the Animal Care Facilities Act Program in the Missouri Department of Agriculture. The department employs twelve staff members to inspect the more than 1,400 licensed facilities throughout the state and to handle issues with unlicensed breeders, according to the ACFA website.

Diane Fisher runs DogCrazy, a small-scale dog rescue and breeding facility in Unionville, Mo. one hour north of Kirksville. Fisher breeds keeshonds and cockapoos. She said an aid inspector visits her kennel two or three times per year.

"I don't know about how other inspectors are, but I can tell you mine don't play games," she said. "You're either doing it right, or you're not doing it, and they're pretty clear about it."

Fisher said she doesn't think there should be a limit on the number of dogs one breeder can own.

"Nobody in their right mind would tell somebody that they can only sell 50 real estate properties or tell a bank that it can only have 50 clients," Fisher said. "Yet we are willing to say that to somebody who's running a legally licensed facility. That just seems crazy. It's not the number that you have, it's how you're caring for them."

Under current state and federal regulations, "adequate shelter" means a sanitary facility, protection from extreme weather, proper venti-

lation and appropriate space depending on the size of the animal. Proposition B defines "adequate shelter" more specifically, as a temperature-controlled indoor space that does not get colder than 45 degrees or hotter than 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Schmitz said the proposed regulations are not unreasonable for breeders to follow.

"The requirements under Proposition B are modest," Schmitz said. "They're common sense, and they're reasonable. What we are talking about is making sure that dogs have cages that allow them to move around, and if you think in terms of size of cages, picture a cage the size of a dining room table, those are the size cages that we're talking about."

York said proposed regulations like larger indoor pens for each animal and heating and air-conditioning would be so cost prohibitive for many licensed breeders across the state that they would go out of business if Proposition B passes.

York said there needs to be a crackdown on unlicensed breeders and more enforcement of laws already in place, not more government regulations for breeders who are responsible and knowledgeable.

"We have regulations for food, water, shelter, exercise, vet care, all of that is already covered," York said. "Most of us are educated. We know how to take care of our animals."

Schmitz said current regulations

on dog breeding are not acceptable.

"It is currently legal in Missouri to have dogs at large scale breeding facilities and to treat them in a neglectful or cruel way," Schmitz said. "It is almost up to the individual large-scale breeder to decide how they are going to treat those dogs, and that's not acceptable," she said. "Some of the breeders are cutting corners to maximize profits, and the dogs are paying the price."

York said she fears Proposition B is a step in the direction to outlaw animal confinement operations in the state of Missouri altogether. She said if Prop. B passes, well-funded out-of-state animal rights groups like the Humane Society of the United States will come back to Missouri to pass more regulations on animal agriculture in the state.

"That's their goal, is to eliminate animal agriculture, so that no one owns an animal, and that everyone is a vegan," York said.

Schmitz said accusations that Prop. B is aimed at outlawing animal agriculture altogether are completely false.

"What we are doing is trying to address the issue of puppy mills," Schmitz said. "That's what this measure is about. The language that we are putting before the voters has been available for public consumption since November of last year. The language is clear. There is no other agenda."

FARMING | A poor harvest means bad news for pumpkin growers and other farmers

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late this year because the ground was too wet, but pumpkins and tomatoes suffered in particular. She said any horticulture crops that sit on the ground are especially susceptible to disease during rainy seasons.

Schutter said a fungal disease named septoria leaf spot is impacting tomato growth this year. Despite the use of fungicides in Illinois — the largest producing state of pie pumpkins — pumpkins are suffering from rot. This will result in a shortage of canned pumpkin in stores.

"Just north of Kirksville, we've not really been dealing with a fungal problem [in pumpkins]," Schutter said. "We've been dealing with the late planting, the flowers blooming late and then having no pollination or very little pollination. So, we're going to have a shortage of pumpkins because of getting them in the ground too late and bees not wanting to work to pollinate the flowers."

Schutter said many fungal diseases are soil-borne or could be spread by rain, so farmers need to rotate crops in the fields and hope for a dry season next year. Schutter suggests consumers utilize local producers for pumpkins.

"When you go to purchase canned pumpkin in the store, it may not be there," Schutter said. "It's not there right now. We know it's not there. So the best thing to do if you're a homeowner is buy a pumpkin if you can at the Farmers' Market or somewhere if they are available and process a pumpkin yourself at home."

Local farmer James Hawkins works farmers' markets in three counties, including Adair. Hawkins only has a small garden himself, but he said his spring harvest was good. Unfortunately, after that, the seeds for the mid-season planting washed out of the soil, and his fall harvest of turnips has yielded nothing.

"Part of what I get, I get through a

local Amish and Mennonite auction," Hawkins said. "Whoever wants [the products], they pay, and then you have to determine how high you go before you won't make money on it. This is a living, so you have to have some kind of return so you make some kind of profit to pay the bills."

Hawkins said he raised prices a little this season, but customers have not complained.

"I'm always underneath store prices if I can," Hawkins said. "So if I can do that and bring them the better quality product, they shouldn't complain. If they do, they can go to the store."

Bob Jackson, owner of the La Plata pumpkin patch and corn maze, said he had to go approximately 170 miles to get pumpkins for his business, and he will have to find more producers to buy enough pumpkins to sell this season.

"We normally raise a lot of mini pumpkins — munchkins — that fit in the palm of your hand," Jackson said. "We normally raise 300 to 500, and this year we only had 20 on 100 plants. So that shows you the devastation that pumpkin growers are going through."

Although most soybeans and corn have not been harvested yet, Jackson said he expects his normal corn yield to be cut in half this season. He said the quality should be the same, but rain affected this crop as well.

"We can't control the weather, so the weather is the culprit," Jackson said. "One of the problems with corn was so much water. Nitrogen is soluble, so it went down to the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, and so the nitrogen left in the soil was not enough to generate the corn production that we need. So a lot of the nitrogen leached out and washed down the river with all the water."

Jackson said it is too early to predict the soybean harvest, but he said he worries soybeans will not mature before the first frost.

CRIME | Charges filed for the burglary of three Kirksville churches

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A laptop computer, digital camera, video camera and approximately \$300 in cash were stolen between the three burglaries at First Christian Church and Church of the Nazarene, according to the probable cause statement. The burglary at the Trinity Episcopal Church did not result in a theft. All of the stolen items have been recovered

except for the cash, though the digital camera is damaged and the video camera is missing its power cord.

Officer Justin Jones of the Kirksville Police Department said Hudson has been released on bond, and the warrant for Jamie Scott still is outstanding. David Scott was being held as of Tuesday in the Adair County jail on \$25,000 cash-only bail.

Matt Wilson, Adair County prosecuting attorney, said the class C felonies carry up to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, up to a \$5,000 fine or any combination of fine and imprisonment. He said the theft of property of less than \$500 is punishable by up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000 or any combination of fine and imprisonment.



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