

OUR VIEW

## Registration changes make lateral move

There is something exciting about getting out of class one day each semester and rushing to a library computer just in time for the arms of the to mark 4:59 p.m. One minute to go, logged into TruView, adrenaline pumping — it's almost time. When that clock strikes 5 p.m., it feels like a race, typing in CRN numbers as fast as humanly possible, and clicking the submit button with a prayer, waiting to see that screen affirming that the race to the library was well worth it. Another successful afternoon of registration.

Instead, imagine groggily shutting off an ear-splitting alarm at 6:55 a.m., wondering why the alarm is going off and falling back asleep, only to wake up at 8 a.m. to realize that alarm was a reminder for registration. That French class is now full and the day now is off to a horrible start. Sure, there was no rushing off to the library after class, but there also was no registering.

The change in registration time from the typical 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. (see story, page 1) has left the members of this Editorial Board scratching our heads, namely, because the time change excludes the majority of students and doesn't really fix the problem of registration as much as it just shuffles the problem around. We think this change is simply a lateral move rather than an improvement.

We've all struggled with a slow-moving TruView during peak registration times, frustration to rush to a computer and fight for a spot against 749 other students. It's a crowded, frustrating, stressful time for everyone. But moving it to 7 a.m. isn't solving those problems.

The change was enacted to accommodate students who have activities and obligations in the early evenings. But what the change neglects to recognize is that the majority of students are, oh you know, sleeping at 7 a.m. Oversleeping registration can have far reaching consequences for students. Why can't students continue to take 15 minutes out of whatever obligations they have at 5 p.m. to turn on a computer and type in

some numbers? Maybe athletes, who are on the field or in the gym, don't have that opportunity. Maybe students who have a job can't get time off. But anyone conducting business inside a building on campus has access to a computer. Whatever time ITS picks, whether it is 2 a.m. or 1:38 p.m., will interfere with someone's life. Changing the time doesn't really fix the problem so much as change who the time is a problem for. This isn't the right solution to our registration woes.

It also was announced that there would be more days of registration, bringing the number down from 750 students per day to 500. This is an improvement that will help thin out the overwhelming surge of users on the system, and is a step toward making the process go smoother. But it is not enough. Either double the number of days proposed, essentially reducing how many students can register at once by half, or stagger the times of registration throughout the day. Simply moving the time for registration will not solve the problem.

Although the plan supposedly has not been met with any opposition, ask some athletes who have morning practices what they think about the change. Ask the members of ROTC who wake up before the sun rises. Ask anyone who stays up late to get their homework done. It would have been worth the University's time to do some legitimate polling or research and ask students what they wanted. If, then, the majority of students answered they indeed would enjoy waking up unnecessarily early to register for classes, well maybe the change might be easier to swallow.

It just isn't enough to jumble registration times and tell us it will make things easier. There is no way to anticipate how the results of this change in the long term. The fact is that the change will make things easier for some students, but it will also probably make it more difficult for just as many. Is that really a solution? No.

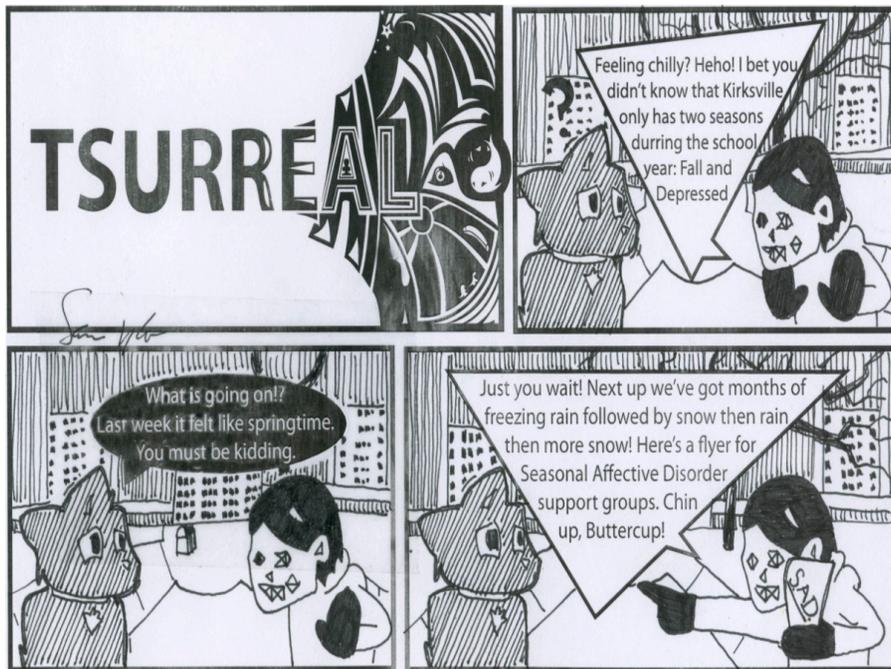
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CARTOON

By Sam Kyker



## Letters to the Editor

### Vegan blog can be helpful to everyone

I have noticed a growing number of articles in the Index concerning the "green movement," in various forms. I think it's great that you are helping to educate the campus and the community about how we can interact better with our planet and nourish our bodies.

Along those lines, I would like to draw attention to my blog, Kirksville Vegan, at [kirksvillevegan.blogspot.com/](http://kirksvillevegan.blogspot.com/). It is a blog about vegan cooking in a rural, midwestern community like Kirksville, Mo. — and designed to benefit the local vegan movement and anyone else trying to uphold vegan standards in an area where there are no health food stores. It can be done! Read how. Omnivores and herbivores welcome.

Wendy Horst  
senior

### Be wary of Bush and Blair autobiographies

Before I am accused or assaulted using the U.S. First Amendment of free speech or the UK petition of right just because of my dislike of the Right of Center biases, let me state that I, categorically, welcome the Barnes and Noble TSU bookstore decision to slash 25 percent off the outrageous,

greedy Bush and Blair autobiographies, "A Journey" and "Decision Points." This was to enable you students and we local low-incomes, affordability for these self-apologies by these UN, initial resolution, illegal Iraq invaders!

But, I still want to attach a health and truth warning label in controversy debate they otherwise are not getting regionally in contrast, yes, with other parts of the world. Even if we don't support bookshop demonstrations against Blair, as happened scufflingly in Ireland's Dublin when his promotional tour descended there. So far, all I have seen is a fawning studio audience on Bush II's similar promotional effort on FOX, with an all-white, aged crowd, as he blaséed his way through that, as if a latter-day U.S. VP Dan Quayle in joint meritocracy galore, alike.

Indeed, let's take Blair first, as I am publishing on the very issue next month globally in book that UK admirer note he has apparently had "second thoughts upon" in self repudiation. He, thus, in "A Journey," claims he's glad his own ban on fox-hunting is allegedly not being enforced in the UK by his ultimate coalition successors. In fact, he never made any secret to us UK labor and cooperative rank and file party members that he was scared of its free vote original passage, and frankly, the alleged unenforced business is disputable. As a surviving female proud fox, regularly coming through my own suburban father's hillside Sussex

garden, fertilizing down to clean up food waste inside the big town below very herself magnificently attest. More vitally still, the fact that Blair has to avoid certain Muslim countries in his own book tour, including even some European ones, is further proof of his limitless capacity for demonstrator's liar status. Simply, it's open to any of these country's citizens to war crime sue him as we in the rest of the world are, yes, subject to both international and European court of human rights jurist adjudication in ways, alas, the U.S. is not yet.

This brings me to Bush's even less well-written claims, promotional of his own enrichment cavalier, book in which he denies water-boarding is at all torture. If director Oliver Stone is to be credited, he may in Stone's "W" film get this fallacy from his own Yale frat hazing after turn down for poor grades in BA study by Texas quality public campuses. In fact, under the Geneva Accords to which the U.S. is a signatory, water-boarding known to medieval Chinese emperors is emphatically real torture. And UK's MI's have all just denied his claims that a terror attack on UK was prevented by CIA such cruelty to an absconded by U.S. tried suspect. So read these books but argue back, as these two pampered millionaire boys need correction in basic deceit that we all wrongly allowed to be unworthily mis-selected in the first place.

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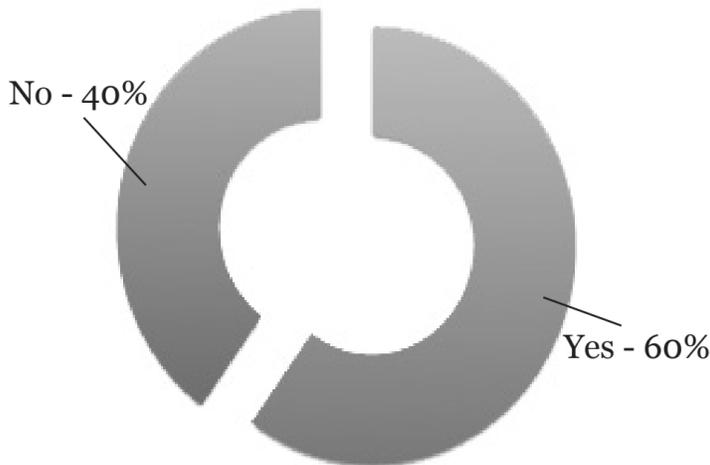
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