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bring my personal life into the classroom."

Yoder said he is not at liberty to discuss any complaints brought by students to the department.

"I can't even confirm that there were complaints," he said.

"It's not this one situation," Yoder added. "I'm not at liberty to talk about it, not because of any extenuating circumstance, but because that's privileged with Mrs. Bowers, no more than if you came to me asking about the particulars of a student in the class. I just can't tell you those."

Kathy Powell, secretary to interim provost and vice president for academic affairs Richard Coughlin, said Coughlin declined to comment because he did not have enough information on the situation.

The student said that, since Bowers was removed from the classroom, the class has started over their lessons from the

beginning.

"Essentially it's kind of like a half-semester course, and the teacher that we have now is a really solid teacher, Dr. Perrachione," the student said. "I hope we can catch up. If not, I hope they would let us take the class again for free."

Yoder said education students should bring concerns to him about not meeting a prerequisite or not being prepared for the Praxis exam. He said the department is considering options for supplementing coursework.

"We've talked about adding, instead of having to retake the course, having free study sessions to make up on particular areas that they may feel weak in," he said. "We just don't know. We're going to have to finish out the class and see how the class goes and see where the students are in terms of what they need to be brought up to speed on. But the department will make any consideration [needed]

in order to get caught up, and that will not be on a pay basis."

Minner said the University will continue to honor its contract with Bowers, even though she has been reassigned within the department to work on a presentation and research project in the spring.

"Ms. Bowers is working for Dean Minner now — she has simply been reassigned out of the classroom," Yoder said. "It was not a firing, it was not a termination."

Bowers said she has begun work on her reassigned project for this semester.

"Right now I'm doing a complete presentation about how important national board certification is, and I will lecture to classes and say how it will change my life and how it's changed lives and the teaching styles of the people I've helped become certified."

"In January, Dr. Minner and I will meet again, and we'll talk about the kind of research project I'll do then," she said.

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ing seats has decreased because of technological changes, such as prohibiting students from registering for a class they've already taken. But he is more aware of it this semester, he said, because students have been admitting to it openly.

There is no definitive way to track students saving seats. Transactions that occur within minutes can be tracked, but not all of those transactions result from saving seats. Some are just coincidence, he said.

Registrar Maggie Herron said earlier registration will benefit students.

Herron said the registrar staff works to help students and advisors with scheduling and ensuring all aspects of registration function as they should.

"I've seen it go from the hand cards to the technology, and while I do know that technology brings its own level of frustrations, I think that it's made it a significantly easier process, definitely given students a lot more choices,"

Herron said.

Junior Kristina Sit saved a seat for her roommate last semester and had two friends save seats for her.

She said she needed her friends to reserve her a spot because the class would have been filled before her allotted registration time. Sit said she would save a seat for someone in the future because it is helpful, and that she would expect one of her friends to do the same for her.

She said that even if a statement was released declaring saving seats unethical, she would probably still do it, depending on the situation. She said she thinks most students would probably ignore the notice.

"It depends on the situation because, if you have other options for other teachers and you can be able to get into those classes, then it's somewhat unethical," Sit said. "But if it's, like, the only class you can get into and you didn't bring in lots of credits and you can't get an override, then I feel like it's somewhat acceptable."

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that she would move the barrier off the parking spot. She was then told it was illegal for her to do so.

"There was a misunderstanding with one of our employees that has since been corrected," Johnson said.

When no action was taken, Palmer contacted Vicky Wehner, the coordinator of disability services on campus.

"Vicky got on it and started calling people, but even Vicky had to call multiple times and contact multiple people," Palmer said.

Eventually, Palmer wrote a letter to President Troy Paino and then began to hear back from people. Although she was told it would be fixed, it took days for the barriers to be moved, Palmer said.

"We never heard from DPS," Schultz said. "The first complaint we heard about the blocked spots was on the day we removed the bags from the signs."

The Physical Plant also did not hear complaints until that day — Nov. 18, Baker said.

"We got the message from Campus Planning late on the 17th that the construction company no longer needed

the spots, so very first thing the next morning, we unblocked the parking places," Baker said.

Baker said the barriers were left in the area for a Physical Plant worker to pick up later in the day. The barriers were moved back several times, blocking the handicapped spots again on Nov. 18, Baker said.

Neither Baker nor Schultz knew who returned the barriers to that position.

Johnson said that he personally went to Violette Hall and removed the barriers.

"The barriers were not put back up by a DPS officer," Johnson said. "I can guarantee that."

"I watched the person put it back up — it was a worker from the Physical Plant," Wehner said. "He was not one of the guys on the crew work-

ing on the boiler plant, but just another worker."

Baker said that he was not aware of a Physical Plant worker putting the barriers

back up, but it was possible a worker did so. He said the Physical Plant took the barriers back down multiple times.

"If it was a Physical Plant worker, he must not have known what was going on," Baker said. "We announced it on the radios, so he must not have had a radio."

Palmer said that she is still concerned by the lack of response or action taken by DPS or the Physical Plant.

"All they had to do was take two non-handicapped spaces in a different part of the lot and move the signs and designate those as handicapped parking and there would have been no problem," Palmer said.

Baker said the decision to not relocate the handicapped spots was not that of the Physical Plant, and he is uncertain whose decision it was.

"If anyone [had] asked us about the spots earlier, we would have worked with DPS to move the handicapped spots to somewhere else close to Violette Hall," Baker said.

"The only way that the spots can be blocked is if given DPS and administrative approval," Palmer said.

There has been a change of campus policy so that handicapped spots cannot be blocked, except on rare occasions, and if a DPS officer sees one blocked without authorization, it is to be removed on sight, Johnson said.

"Since we oversee and enforce parking on campus, we need to know why handicapped parking is blocked off," Johnson said.

Schultz said there have been new additions to the Americans with Disabilities Act standards and that many spots on campus do not fully comply with the new ADA requirements, but that there is an effort to remedy this. All of the renovated residence halls are up to the new ADA stan-

dards and fully handicapped-accessible, Schultz said.

Palmer said she is confident that this problem will not happen again.

"I am uncertain of the specifics, but I assume that Truman probably meets the minimum ADA standards," Palmer said.

"Truman is technically up to standards because ADA codes are not retroactive," Wehner said. "We do not have to go back and change anything. So until changes are made, we don't have to retrofit buildings."

At the Ruth W. Towne Museum on the corner of Franklin Street and Normal Street, a person in a wheelchair or with other disabilities might have to sit at the door and wait for someone to come to their aid, Palmer said.

"The Ruth Towne Center is fully compliant to ADA codes," Schultz said. "The building was built with a handicapped-accessible door. A motor-operated door is not required by the ADA. The requirement is 15 pounds pull."

The parking lot between McClain Hall and Baldwin Hall is also an issue of concern, because the handicapped park-

ing lot in that area is in a general state of disrepair.

"Earlier this semester there was a pothole so big that there was a steel pipe sticking out of it," Palmer said.

After taking a picture of this pothole and sending it to the dean of sciences, Palmer said it took only three days for the pipe to be removed.

Palmer said her major concern is that it takes an exorbitant amount of time and effort for the University simply to comply with federal law and ADA standards.

Some do not share this feeling of resistance and have felt that the University does their best to aid them.

"Truman has been helpful in many ways," hearing-impaired freshman Courtney Kellogg said. "They allow me a transcriptionist in lectures and have many more accommodations available if I need them."

Palmer said she wonders what will happen to people who need assistance and what they are supposed to do.

"The true problem is that these things only seem to get addressed when someone complains about them," Palmer said.

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