

# Students campaign to 'spot cancer'

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For some students, University President Troy Paino is their "homeboy" — according to their T-shirts, that is.

The Pre-Student Osteopathic Medicine Association has taken its Relay For Life fundraising ideas to the next step by making T-shirts featuring Paino's face. Inspired by a joke he made when he received the presidential medalion, Pre-SOMA

decided to inscribe "T-Pain is my homeboy" alongside Paino's smiling face on their purple and white T-shirts, with his consent, said senior Julie Albsmeyer, public relations chair for pre-SOMA.

Paino also has volunteered to have a jar for Alpha Sigma Gamma's fundraiser "Kiss a Bulldog Coin War," junior Tara Anderson, Relay For Life chair for Alpha Sigma Gamma, said. The winner with the most coins in his or her jar will have to kiss a bulldog full on the mouth, she said. Lana Dowell, secretary for the School of Business, is another volunteer.

Pre-SOMA and Alpha Sigma Gamma will donate all proceeds from their fundraisers to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Founded in 1985, the event is the biggest fundraiser for ACS, with most proceeds going toward cancer research.

This year, the Adair County Relay for Life will take place April 2 at Kirksville Middle School, Anderson said. Participants will set up a campsite for their fundraising teams and take turns walking laps for 12 hours to celebrate survivors of cancer. A luminary ceremony in remembrance of those who have lost the battle with cancer will follow.

"Relay For Life is an event that brings the community together," said Anderson, who also is the Truman liaison for the Adair

County Relay For Life chapter. "It allows you to celebrate survivors, remember the people who have lost to cancer and fight back against cancer. Those are the three main goals. A big part of Relay For Life is to raise money to fight cancer."

There currently are approximately 30 organizations on campus with Relay For Life teams. Truman students make up the majority of the Adair County chapter, Anderson said. The theme of this year's relay is "Once Upon a Cure."

"Alpha Sigma Gamma's team is actually going to be based on 101 Dalmatians," she said. "Our theme is 'Spot Cancer Before it Spots You.'"

Cancer is not a subject too far from home, Anderson said. There are a lot of people who have encountered it in some way.

Anderson said she personally understands the plight of cancer because she's had three aunts with breast cancer and a grandfather and two uncles with brain cancer.

"Hopefully, this money we are raising can be put to use in finding a cure for cancer to end all this pain," she said. "Having all those members in my family have cancer, you get to see a lot. It's really tough on families and the person itself. If you can survive it, it's a miracle."

Junior Nikki Eckelkamp, co-chair for Beta Beta Beta's Relay For Life committee, has been active in the organization for approximately seven years. She lost her grandfather to stomach cancer and another relative to breast cancer. Senior Kristina Sit, co-chair for the BBB Relay For Life committee, has been involved with the organization since her father died of cancer when she was 9.

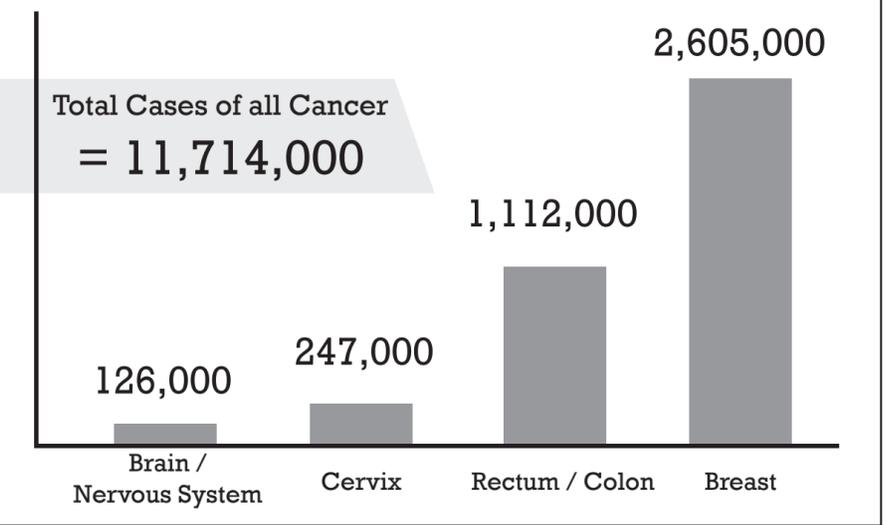
"At Relay, it's not only celebrating for survivors," Sit said. "It's also for people that have cared for family members with cancer or people who have experienced cancer or whose friends have struggled with cancer."

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Tara Anderson  
ASG Relay for Life chair



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# New minor proposal to merge media and art

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What began as the simple dream of going to a gaming convention is evolving into something bigger.

A group of students are organizing a proposal for a digital art/music minor for Truman students who are interested in computer science beyond the technical language and programming.

Senior Ann Dickey wants to pitch this minor to the Truman staff, hoping the minor will be implemented into the Truman learning community.

"It's geared toward people who want to combine computer-aided design and a lot more art elements than computer science can provide," Dickey said.

Senior Rachelle Goll jump-start-

ed the idea for the minor in an unorthodox way.

"Originally the idea came from a fundraiser where we sell cables at the beginning of the semester, and I was talking about finding a way to take a trip to the gaming convention Blizzcon," Goll said. "It kind of turned into 'We should make a minor about game development,' but we decided to broaden it into including art and music too."

To participate in the minor,

students would take three computer science classes, along with either two art courses or two music courses.

Students also would take one extra elective that wouldn't count toward the student's major requirement.

Finally, the minor would include a capstone project and paper, where participating students combine their knowledge of computer science, art and

music into a single final result. The project could be a website, a com-

puter game or even a technologically developed musical program.

The written proposal for the minor includes an overview of the minor, required classes and electives and how the minor ties into the Truman curriculum. The proposal needs to be evaluated and approved by the Faculty Senate to be implemented.

Dickey said she hopes the minor will appeal to a variety of students regardless of their current major, including aspiring computer programmers, up-and-coming video game developers, students interested in the technical side of art and music or someone completely different.

"There's always been a lot of interest in game development," Dickey said. "A lot of people who

are into computer science, they're into game development and such. So having elements of art or music could easily feed into the minor. But we also want the minor to be standalone so you don't have to be a computer science, art or music major at all: you can have the minor for any other major."

Senior Connie Huynh helped design the minor with Dickey and Goll and thinks the artistic aspect is as important as the computer science factor.

"I feel like I've learned a lot from the artistic point of view that I never really thought of before," Huynh said. "And I think that artistic view would work well with the minor. Together with the computer science, it would be great to be well-rounded when looking for a job."

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senior



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