

Sustainability committee outlines plan

BY PHILIP ZAHND
Staff Reporter

The sustainability action committee outlined an action plan for the University at the first annual Sustainability Lecture Series titled last Thursday.

Members of the committee presented on three topics — to include sustainability throughout the curriculum, to bring more local food to Truman, and to implement energy and cost saving measures on campus.

The committee was formed by University President Troy Paino through the Truman sustainability initiative in June 2010.

"It really is to try and raise the profile of our sustainability efforts to try and really make sustainability a value that is kind of at the core of our operations," Paino said.

Wolfgang Hoeschele, associate professor of geography, introduced the first action plan item as "Sustainability in the Curriculum."

Hoeschele said sustainability should be a topic pursued in the entire curriculum — not just with environmental and sustainable studies students.

"If we want to look out to the future and make it a better place and to overcome

all of the barriers to sustainability that we have created the last couple of centuries, then we really have to involve the entire University," Hoeschele said.

Alumnus Will Erker, Sodexo's local foods coordinator, introduced Action Plan Item No. 2: "Nurturing Local Relationships." Erker said he thinks local food systems or a Farm to School program might be the most "promising" of Truman's sustainability goals so far.

Erker said that because Truman is the largest consuming institution of fruits and vegetables in Kirksville, the University needs to be a role model in sustainability to other local institutions, such as the Kirksville School District and Northeast Regional Medical Center.

Biology professor Michael Kelrick introduced the last action plan item, "Financing Sustainable Practices." Kelrick discussed various energy-saving projects led by the Physical Plant, including the new boiler. He said he hopes the plant will be able to measure exactly how much energy is saved by the boiler, especially with air-conditioning season just around the corner.

The Physical Plant is planning to upgrade the steam-pipe insulation below the sidewalk in addition to replacing the fluorescent lighting in Pickler Memorial

Library and the Pershing Building with more efficient lighting. Kelrick said these and other projects potentially could be accomplished with low-cost or no-cost loans.

The event also featured keynote speaker and Truman alumna Judi Schweitzer.

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Truman alumna and sustainability committee member Judi Schweitzer was the keynote speaker at the first Sustainability Lecture Series last Thursday.

at the short-term economic cost of benefits in developing community or developing homes or buildings," Schweitzer said in a video at the event. "That's a shame because they are really missing out on other benefits by embracing and understanding that incorporating energy efficiency, renewable energy [and] clean transportation."

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Student plans to re-open venue

BY NATHAN VICKERS
For the Index

Once a haven for musicians and artists, the building formerly known as the Aquadome now is a vacant building in downtown Kirksville — but not for long.

Dust and broken glass currently fill the upstairs of old building, but Vuagniaux said that when she graduates in May she wants to turn it into a performance venue for musicians and artists.

Senior Brie Vuagniaux just leased the property for May to October from owner Myles Kelly.

"We have a lot of work to do, obviously," she said. "What we want to do is kind of have a community center downstairs and then we could have people come [upstairs] and practice with their bands like they can't do at home. You can play as loud as you want here."

Vuagniaux said she's remodeling the place with her own money, and doesn't plan to charge bands to practice or perform, outside of

an occasional cover charge.

"I think most people would find that very logical," she said.

The abandoned building at 121 N. Main St. in Kirksville has been vacant for more than a year, but a decade before Vuagniaux decided to lease the building, people knew as a performance center and living space.

"You could basically do anything you wanted here," Vuagniaux said. "They did a lot of shows, a lot of music shows."

Eric Tumminia, who was involved with the Aquadome in its 2001-2004 heyday, said it was open to anyone and anything. He said people lived there for little to no rent.

"On a really generic level it was an open community, art, music and cultural space you could say," he said. "Bands practiced in the upstairs, some people lived in the upstairs, there were a whole lot of shows."

Tumminia said performers at the Aquadome came all the way from Mexico and Canada. He

said that when a French-Canadian band visited the Aquadome, the night ended with a visit from the police.

"We went out there and like, some people had created these effigies of roosters and robots and put on a play, and then at the end we burned the big rooster and robot effigies," he said. "And then the police, the Kirksville SWAT team showed up in these vehicles that none of us had ever seen before [because] there was a group of people having a fire, basically."

In those years, the Aquadome made Kirksville residents. Terry Shelton uneasy. Shelton said sometimes the crowd at the Aquadome made her nervous. Shelton works at a law office near the lot and said she didn't always feel safe.

"There would be people some nights that would just be hanging out along the side and I think a lot of people were just kind of taken aback," she said. "Whoever was in the loop and knew what that place was about was fine, but I

don't think anyone in the general public felt encouraged or even wanted to go around there."

Shelton said she would have felt better about the Aquadome if she had known more about the people involved and what was going on there.

Senior Allison Sissom is the co-coordinator of Tom Thumb, an art and music exhibit that will meet at the Aquadome for the second consecutive year. She said she can understand why some people in the Kirksville community would be nervous about the venue reopening.

"I think that is a problem because Kirksville is really conservative," she said. "If you just hear stories and myths then you don't really understand what's going on."

Tom Thumb began in 1998, three years before the Aquadome opened, as an alternative to structured, selective exhibits at Truman.

(Additional reporting by Blaise Hart-Schmidt.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Special Olympics volunteers needed

Students Supporting the Exceptional Community is looking for volunteers to be "buddies" in the Special Olympics Spring Track and Field Games that will take place April 16 at Stokes Stadium. Volunteers are paired with a Special Olympics athlete and will take their athlete to the event, cheer them on and eat lunch with them. Lunch will be provided. Buddies either can work one-on-one with an athlete, or pair with another volunteer to work with one athlete. The Opening Ceremonies will start at noon in Pershing Auditorium. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Mary Rose Sallase at mrs1665@truman.edu.

Guest speaker discusses non-violent responses to terrorism

As part of the Global Issues series, Lester Kurtz from George Mason University will deliver a presentation titled "Gods, Guns, and Gandhi: Rethinking Terrorism" from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in the Baldwin Little Theatre. Kurtz will analyze non-violent alternatives to responding to acts of terrorism, as well as the religious and economic roots of terrorism.

STUDENT SENATE IN BRIEF

- Senate passed a motion 11-0-1 endorsing the OAF Committee's recommendations to reallocate 75 cents of the activities fee from the Collegiate Readership Program to the Funds Allotment Council, to include a ballot measure in the April student government elections for a \$1 increase in the activities fee to go toward FAC, and to make no change in funding from the activities fee to SAB or Student Senate.

- Senate passed a motion 11-2-1 to continue the athletics fee as a "student approved" fee (see story page 1).

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$499 for the local foods dinner.

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$400 for a band to perform during Earth Week.

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$225 for supplies for the Community Garden workshop and trash hikes.

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$150 to go toward insurance for the Earth Week 5k event.

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$60 for the Green Business Forum.

- Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$50 for the Diversity Roundtable discussion.

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CRIME REPORTS

3/25 Junior Patrick Zhang received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

3/26 Freshman Peter Graham received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

3/26 Freshman Abigail Bockhaus received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

3/27 Sophomore Joshua Wangler received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

3/27 Sophomore Sean Trammel received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

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