

**GRANT I**  
Truman will use \$29,000 from the USDA to create local foods program

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Seipel said he hopes that one day Truman will move toward including local meat and dairy in its program, even though there are more regulations for these food categories and the process would take longer.

After announcing the plan to apply for this grant last semester and actually applying, there were complications in obtaining the grant from the USDA.

“Dr. Seipel rejected the original grant money because the USDA has added a lot of specifications,” Erker said. “The grant didn’t really fit our needs and it wasn’t really even worth accepting because it wasn’t what we wanted.”

A compromise was reached and the only stipulations were whom the coordinator is contracted through and the variety of equipment that can be purchased.

The coordinator could not be hired directly through the program and would have to be contracted through Sodexo, Seipel said.

The news of the USDA grant and the projected specialty crops grant program was announced at the most recent Local Foods Dinner.

“I am very excited and grateful for the grant,” said senior Ashley May, who attended the dinner and is involved with the Community Garden. “The grant gives us an opportunity to get someone to focus all of their efforts and attention on sustainability.”

This effort truly shows that Truman is committed to making change happen and hopefully will serve as a catalyst toward more permanent solutions, May said.

“I think that the main priority should be getting farmers’ produce into our cafeteria and be on a path toward at least 50 percent local foods if that is possible based on local crops,” May said. “We need to establish a farm-to-school program.”



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Freshman Jeff Grant, a zombie, stands in the bushes Saturday outside the Health Center, hoping to ambush attack any humans that might walk by.

**HvZ I** HvZ plans to hold an invitational for students from schools in the Midwest in April

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concrete hard. He scratched his face up — he ended up having to get a couple stitches along his chin. He did hit the ground hard enough to evoke a seizure.”

Mueller and Vineyard said the student called from the hospital to tell them he was fine and only needed a few stitches, but that he would not be participating for the rest of the game.

HvZ moderators declined to release the student’s name.

The other incident involved rowdy behavior outside Baldwin Hall during a music festival which resulted in a noise complaint filed with the Department of Public Safety, Mueller said.

Vineyard said the players were responsive to those incidents.

“Throughout the rest of the game, every mission, every e-mail, we always told

our players, ‘Avoid Baldwin, avoid OP, be very conscious of these people’ — and they were,” Vineyard said.

Mueller said that to make things safer, the moderators haven’t implemented new rules, but they have emphasized existing ones — including the rule against making their ‘blasters’ visible inside of buildings.

Sgt. Chad Whittom of DPS said HvZ moderators have been working closely with DPS to prevent undue alarm, including dealing with complaints and disturbances. He said they have been meeting with HvZ participants to talk about the rules and how to run the game in a safer manner.

“With this type of game, you have a situation where it can easily be misinterpreted as something else or could be interpreted as a hazard that’s not really there, and so we don’t want to cause alarm,” Whittom said. “We

don’t want to disrupt the other activities that are happening on campus. They’ve tried to be proactive in setting up rules and administering their game in a way that doesn’t cause problems.”

Organizers are working to make HvZ an official on-campus organization, so they are working with DPS to get feedback on ways to prevent negative incidents from occurring during the game, Vineyard said.

“We’re not like a sport in that we don’t have a set field, so we have a lot more dangers to account for,” Vineyard said.

Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, said she is responsible for signing off on student organizations, but that she occasionally brings in others to help decide if the organization is in the University’s best interests — especially if the organization presents “more than the typical risk of other

student organizations.”

“Certainly the events of this week give us reason to take a very close look at any risk-management policies that they may or may not have,” Gilchrist said. “I believe the organizers this year and last year have worked very hard to create a safe environment for their members to participate in, but there are so many things that you can’t control when you’re talking about an activity that covers an entire campus.”

HvZ has spent the semester creating a constitution and seeking out an adviser, moving toward being an official organization, Vineyard said.

Along with trying to become an organization, a group of HvZ players are setting up an invitational for the spring and inviting other schools in the Midwest to play for a day at

Truman, sophomore Alex Dalecki said.

Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., hosted an invitational in September that Dalecki attended with 15 to 20 other Truman students. There they learned from the mistakes Ball State made and gained experience on how to run an invitational, The Truman invitational is scheduled for April 2, 2011.

“The week of games is more about living the life of HvZ, so to speak,” Dalecki said. “You have to go to classes. You have to live your life with the worry that someone is going to come charging you down. You have missions once or twice a day during the main week, but most of the time your playing isn’t focused around the missions. During the invitational, however, there’s going to be almost no downtime. It’s going to be mission after mission after mission.”

**PROP B I** Proponents of Prop. B say it will improve the quality of life for dogs in large-scale breeding facilities

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from inhumane conditions under the Animal Cruelty Act and through veterinary fees paid by consumers who purchase dogs that have been treated poorly in breeding facilities. She said that by offsetting these costs and other care-related costs, which would be paid for by private charities, animal control facilities and dog owners, the proposition will prevent many of those costs from being incurred.

Schmitz said the large-scale breeding facilities that are not yet in compliance with the regulations imposed by Prop. B will have one year to adjust their business. She said

the proponents of the proposition are willing to help those breeders come into compliance with the new regulations.

Schmitz said breeders who must reduce their numbers of breeding dogs can do so by spaying and neutering, and the Humane Society of Missouri also is willing to shelter and care for dogs that those breeders can no longer keep.

Glenn Wehner, professor of animal science at Truman, said Prop. B does not promote better care for dogs in breeding facilities.

“I would hope that it would [help], but I don’t anticipate that this is going to do anything,” Wehner said. “I’m concerned about the care of the

animals, but I don’t think this does anything to help us.”

He said one of the problems with the proposition is that it lowers a first-time offense from a class A misdemeanor to a class C misdemeanor. He said the punishment for a class A misdemeanor is more clearly defined than that of a class C misdemeanor.

Wehner said the stipulations of the new regulation forcing breeders to change the size of dogs’ kennels are going to add an unnecessary burden to breeders that will not affect their care for the animals.

He said the language of the proposition opens a door for further legislation by creating a legal precedent that extends

beyond dogs for limiting the number of animals a business can have. The proposition defines “pet” in section A.5(9) as “any domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of the owner thereof.”

Wehner said the term “domesticated animal” can be construed to mean any number of animals used for agriculture, and the word “near” is not defined enough to exclude agricultural animals on small farms.

Bridget Thomas, professor of classics at Truman, said she does not think the proposition will lead to further legislation for agricultural animals in Missouri.

“I don’t think the people of Missouri are going to vote to approve legislation that really strictly regulate the care of cattle and chickens and hogs that same way,” Thomas said. “I think [that is] because we feel so differently about dogs.”

She said that, if anything, the proposition will lead to more legislation in neighboring states regarding dog breeders. She said she does not think there will be more legislation regarding animals in Missouri’s near future.

Thomas said the proposition will provide a better quality of life for female breeding dogs by allowing them more exercise and access to vet-

erinary care. She said the new regulations for breeders hopefully will lessen the amount of dogs in rescue facilities that need homes.

Thomas said she thinks that although there will be immediate costs for dog breeders, consumers will realize that the dogs are worth more when they are treated well, and that breeders will recoup their losses as time goes on. She said that reading the legislation itself will calm people’s worries about its effects because it is more of a common-sense measure than it’s opponents realize.

For the full legislation, visit [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov).



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