

APA hosts debate

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
Staff Reporter

Alpha Phi Alpha hosted a political debate discussing American troops in Iraq, the Arizona immigration law and the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy Sept. 30 in the SUB Hub.

The College Democrats, College Republicans and College Libertarians each had a minute to state their stance and then had open debate for 12 minutes, ending with audience questions for each issue. Two members from each organization participated. Senior Roger Alexander, vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said approximately 80 to 100 people attended the debate. The debate was an open discussion, therefore a winner was not awarded.

Alexander said the fraternity sponsored the debate because many college students are unaware of current political issues and not involved with politics.

"[College students] might see it on the news but may not really take deep thought into what's really going on," Alexander said. "So, we wanted to get perspectives from three different political groups on campus, so they can speak their pieces and maybe spark the interest or spark some thinking on the students' behalf, and then get [students] to ask questions and get them more involved with what's going on in the world."

He said they chose the topics that were discussed because they are current and controversial. Alexander said the topics sparked good discussion between parties, hopefully encouraging students in the audience to form their own opinions after hearing from the student organizations.

Alexander said it's crucial for students to have an interest in current events. He also said he hoped the discussion will help students stand up for their personal view on political issues.

"We always try to come up with community service projects to educate the student body, or

our community in general, or just to make them more aware of things," Alexander said. "It's good to be educated and know what's going on to try to get rid of some of the ignorance."

He said the debate went well, despite the technical difficulties of microphone feedback throughout the debate.

"I think we can definitely do it again in the future," Alexander said.

Senior Janée Johnson, president of College Democrats, attended the debate to support the two sophomores in College Democrats that participated, sophomore Brett Cline and sophomore Connor Stangler.

Johnson said she was pleased with the outcome of the debate.

"I thought the Democrats did a really great job defending our points and really getting our point across," she said. "We spoke up when we needed to, we stayed back when we needed to — it just went really well."

Johnson said it's hard for students to keep up with current events while in school, and the debate was one way to help. She said the debate was also a good segway into getting students to think about the upcoming election in November.

Johnson said she loves debates and would like to see more on campus. Debates allow the College Democrats to stay active by discussing issues and informing campus, she said.

"I think it's a really good way to have camaraderie between clubs," she said. She said the topics were appropriate, addressing overarching themes such as immigration, war and gay rights.

Senior Josh Schisler, vice president of College Libertarians, participated in the debate with sophomore Cole Brendel, president of College Libertarians. Schisler said debates are especially important for college students because it's when they are forming their political opinions.

"A political debate in college actually serves more of a purpose than national presidential



Amy Vicars/Index
Alpha Phi Alpha held a debate between the College Republicans, College Libertarians and College Democrats last Thursday.

debates, because most of the electorate is pretty set in their opinions," Schisler said.

He said many college students don't have a desire to stay informed about current events because they don't agree with all of the government's actions. However, Schisler said students should care and help form a more desirable government system.

He said the debate was productive, in that each party responded to rebuttals and discussed each topic thoroughly, rather than arguing. Schisler said he thinks there should have been more economic discussion because it's the primary concern of the American electorate, but the discussed issues weren't negligible.

Junior Vinciane Ngoms, chairman of College Republicans, also said the topics were relevant, but that other topics concerning fis-

cal issues, like the national deficit, welfare and tax cuts, could have been valuable because it is the government's current focus.

"College students, especially people our age — we're going to be one day running the government, or being the doctors, or being the lawyers, and all of these different policies are going to affect us," Ngoms said. "It's important that we understand what's going on because, if we don't, what's going to happen when we get older?"

Ngoms said it was evident the debate was successful because all of the speakers were passionate about the topics they discussed. She said the stances taken by the College Republicans in the debate did not necessarily reflect the personal views of herself or her partner, senior Tim Schulte, but of the Republican party overall.

NEWS | In Brief

Chemistry program gains national rank

Truman's Chemistry program tied for 20th place in the nation for the amount of American Chemistry Society-certified degrees during 2008-09. The University awarded 32 ACS-certified degrees during that period, as compared to the 34 degrees awarded by the four University of Missouri campuses combined.

ECO shows "No Impact Man"

The Environmental Campus Organization will show the film "No Impact Man" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tonight in the SUB Georgian Room A. The film follows a man and his family as they leave their Manhattan home and live for one year without causing any environmental impact.

Colloquium focuses on Juarez

The Global Issues Committee will present the Global Issues Colloquium from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in Baldwin Hall 176. Benjamin Alire Saenz of the University of Texas will speak at the event. It will focus on the ongoing violence in Juarez, Mexico.

Swingers present dancing workshop

The Pershing Society and University Swingers will host a salsa, tango and swing dancing workshop from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Kirk Gym. Frank Young, director of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, will serve as guest instructor. The workshop is free for dancers of any skill level.

Game night set for Friday

The Computer Gaming Association and SUB After Dark will host a game night from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in the SUB Hub. The free event will include video games, board games and Mafia. Food will also be provided.

Auditions to be held for one-act plays

The Play Direction class will hold open auditions from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Black Box Theater in Ophelia Parrish for its one-act festival. The festival will host nine shows and many parts are available. People looking to audition should prepare a one-minute performance.

All Science Rave to take place Friday

The All Science Rave will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday at 420 W. Dobson St. Tickets are on sale for \$4 or students can pay \$6 at the door.

Vigil raises awareness for breast cancer

A breast cancer awareness vigil will take place tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. at the fountain outside the SUB. Alpha Sigma Gamma will host the service, which will be held to commemorate those who have fought breast cancer.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate appointed junior Hillary Shoun as chair of the Educator of the Year Committee.
- Student Senate appointed senior Prasang Chhetri as Technology Director.
- Student Senate appointed senior Andrew Bader as male athlete representative to the Athletic Fee Committee.
- Student Senate appointed freshman Kathleen Barbosa as student government representative to the Athletic Fee Committee.
- Student Senate passed a resolution in the amount of \$1,392 for the ASGA conference.
- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$200 for Student Senate nametags.

DPS | Reports

- 9/28 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Violette Hall.
- 9/29 Sophomore Tracy Casperson was charged with Domestic Abuse.
- 9/30 A bicycle was reported stolen outside of Dobson Hall.
- 10/2 Senior Kenneth Capps was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for a noise infraction.

Foundation scholarships reduced

BY REBECCA SMITH
Staff Reporter

Both the number of awards and the monetary value of Foundation scholarships awarded this past fiscal year were down.

One hundred and twenty one fewer scholarships were offered and almost \$150,000 less in value, but now is the time to apply for the first of the 2011-12 fiscal year scholarships.

There were 626 scholarships awarded in 2008-09 valued at \$616,500. This number decreased to 505 awards in 2009-10 valued at \$417,360. However, the number of scholarships available were up 40 percent from eight years ago, according to Office of Advancement records.

Each fiscal year includes two periods of Foundation scholarship applications, one in October, with fewer awards available, and the primary period in February.

"During the October 2009 application process, there were 344 Truman students who logged in [to The Truman Foundation's website]," said Becky Pike, the manager of Foundation Scholarships. "There were 998 applications submitted for 40 scholarships."

The Truman Foundation was established in 1980, and its primary goal is to make con-

tacts for the University who will then invest in students with gifts and scholarship funds, Pike said. From now through Nov. 1, students can apply online for the numerous scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

"Each student is allowed to apply for 10 scholarships, or 15 if they are a double major," Pike said.

Scholarships within the October application period have all been created since February or had been awarded to a student who did not subsequently enroll, Pike said.

Once the amount to be awarded with each scholarship is determined by the Foundation, the scholarships are advertised and students can apply.

"I simply went to the Truman website and [found] the link to the Foundation scholarships, and then I filled out the information and wrote a few essays," said senior Whitney Harris, the Shirley D. Adams Memorial Scholarship recipient. "These scholarships are fundamental to college because it isn't cheap and students don't have a lot of money."

The decrease in the number of scholarships last year is not due to state budget cuts, but instead to a downturn in the stock market, Pike said.

"There are two types of Foundation scholarships — annual and endowed," Pike said.

"Annual scholarships are created with a gift of \$1,000 or more. The entire amount is awarded as a scholarship. With the endowed funds, the gifts are invested and scholarships are awarded from interest earnings."

Pike said fluctuations in the stock market affect how much interest the endowed funds accrue. She said if the interest is low, an award might be paused or the amount reduced to protect the fund's principal.

Pike said Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund, a large investment firm, manages the funds.

"TIAA-CREF is one of the largest financial organizations in the United States, and a firm synonymous with education," Pike said.

Larry and Sharron Quisenberry, who in March gifted Truman a \$300,000 legacy commitment in the form of a business scholarship and a science scholarship, said they wished to give back to the school that gave them a foundational undergraduate education.

"I think that, since everyone benefits from the education they receive, [I] would encourage other alum to think of what would have happened to them if they hadn't received that education, and then give back," Sharron said.

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General admission tickets cost \$7 each and will be available at Edna Campbells and the Truman State University Cashiers Window in McClain Hall.

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