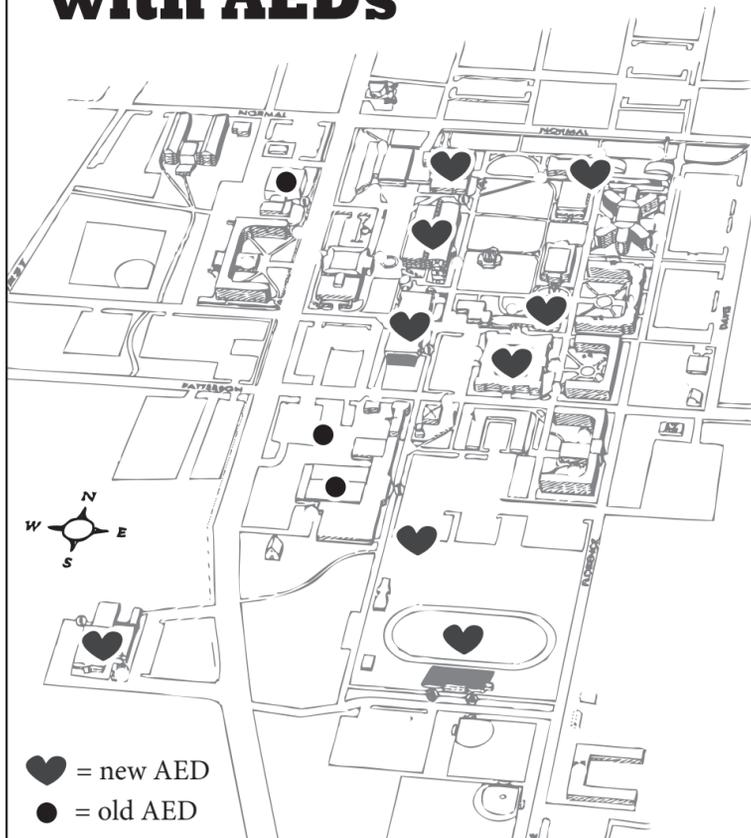


Truman Buildings with AEDs



Truman installs eight more AEDs

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The University installed eight new automated external defibrillators in buildings across campus two weeks ago.

The installation was in cooperation with NEMO Heart Health Organization, a nonprofit organization striving to place AEDs throughout the community, said Tom Johnson, public safety director and NEMO Heart Health board member.

The AEDs cost about \$1,400 each, Johnson said. Six were purchased using money from the public safety budget and two were donated, he said.

The University partnered with NEMO Heart Health to purchase the AEDs at a cheaper price, Johnson said. NEMO Heart Health also will help maintain the

machines.

Johnson said DPS is setting up training for using the machines taught by NEMO Heart Health. Someone from each building will be trained to use the machines.

"My goal is to try to get somebody that's going to be here when the building hours are open so that there's always somebody in the building who's trained," Johnson said.

Campus Recreation Director, Susan Limestall said she trains all her staff to use AEDs and is certified through Red Cross to instruct CPR and AED. She said the Student Recreation Center has had an AED since 1999.

Limestall said using an AED is simple and the machine will talk a person through the procedure. She said using an AED is better than doing CPR because it sends shock waves directly to the heart.

House bill seeks to lock-in tuition rates

House Bill 1925 will prevent colleges from raising tuition for students after freshman year

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A bill in the Missouri House of Representatives would lock-in college tuition rates at freshman-year levels for students who graduate within five years. It could also mean decreased revenue for schools already facing uncertain cuts as the state budget endures several more weeks of negotiations.

House Bill 1925, which had its second reading March 19 and currently is not on the House calendar for further action, would apply to full-time students at any institute of higher education that receives state money starting with the 2012-2013 school year. Its sponsor is Rep. Jason Holsman (R-45).

Budget Director Dave Rector said he

doesn't expect the bill to move forward during this legislative session, but it could be reintroduced if it generates enough attention this spring. If it does pass, Rector said it would squeeze University revenue and complicate student billing.

"Over time it would have a ripple effect and create even more revenue problems because your tuition revenue wouldn't be able to respond to change," he said.

It's impossible to predict the cost factors in any industry, he said, and he compared freezing tuition rates at freshman levels to locking in the price an electric bill for five years.

"The short answer is yes, this would be a problem for not just Truman but any institution—not just the logistics but the financial side as well," he said.

At any point, there would be five different tuition rates for undergraduate students. Holsman's legislation is unclear how to charge graduate students, and it does not specify how schools should handle students who take a semester off because of circumstances

Thousand Hills trail sees progress

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The project to connect downtown Kirksville and Thousand Hills State Park with a bicycle and pedestrian trail is ramping up.

The Forest Lake Area Trail System projects drew the largest volunteer turnout yet during its workday, and the directors of project had a meeting Monday that established a time frame for two phases of the three part project Missouri Department of Natural Resources on Monday.

More than 50 volunteers helped remove brush to make way for Phase One of FLATS project, which will connect the marina and lodge to the Petroglyph Shelter and beach at the state park.

The next day, DNR representatives said Phase One is on track to be completed in two to three months from now depending on weather. Phase Two, which will connect Campground One to the beach should be complete by this fall.

FLATS Co-chair Dan Martin said it's great news that the state agency overseeing trail construction in state parks is interested in helping to move the volunteer-and-donation-driven FLATS project forward.

"[DNR] has a lot of projects but we have their attention now and that's an important part of getting anything done," he said.

Martin said about 20 volunteers showed up to start clearing brush during two previous workdays during December and March, but about 50 volunteers from Truman organizations, boy scout troops and the Kirksville community helped Sunday.

"We probably did as much work as we did in those last two days combined," Martin said.

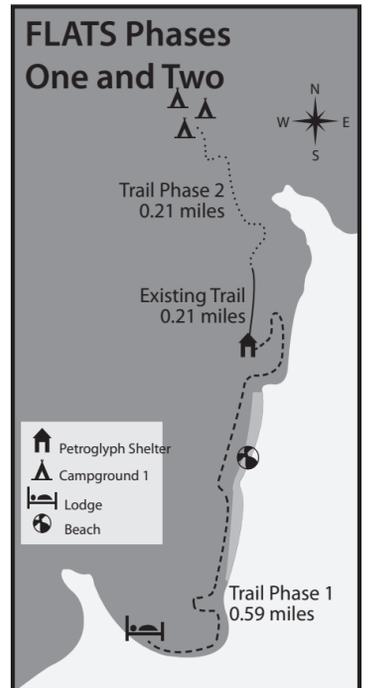
He said they're hoping to finish work on the trail during the next work day April 22. Volunteers will work for a couple of hours to cut brush, remove it from the trail area and haul it to designated brush piles around the park. The crew will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the swim beach shelter at Thousand Hills State Park.

FLATS is an independent organization funded through donations and a \$100,000 grant, but its planners are working closely to build the trail according to DNR standards, Martin said.

"We're actually doing it to the specification of how they'd do it if it was a DNR project," he said. "They have their own trail planner. They have their own trail architect. If we were going to do this as a private group and pay folks to do these kind of things, we would have much greater expenses."

The trail will be ADA accessible, which means the land has to be carefully surveyed to comply with grade and width guidelines, which sometimes makes work slower, he said.

The trail is an unusual project for Thou-



sand Hills, Park Superintendent Brent Steacy said, because it's privately funded and volunteer run. Usually the state pays for trails and contracts the construction crews, but for this project, the FLATS Trail group raised all the money itself and it will supply most of the work force.

Steacy said he's never been involved in that type of project as park superintendent, but he knows it's worked successfully in other state parks.

Gov. Jay Nixon visited the state park last March to present the \$100,000 grant that's helping to fund build Phase One of the project. At the time, the FLATS committee expected construction to begin during summer 2012 and to wrap up sometime later during the year, according to the March 23, 2011, issue of the Index.

In-kind donations, a half-marathon during October last year and dinner fundraisers also have raised the remaining \$78,000 for Phase One of the FLATS trail in the past year.

About a dozen members of Truman's chapter of Blue Key Honor Society were among the volunteers Sunday.

Senior Danny Hague, a Blue Key member, said there was a lot of interest contributing to the trail after one of his pledge brothers suggested the idea at a meeting.

"It sounded like something we were really excited about," he said. "We wanted to get our hands dirty and make an impact."

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