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Junior Monica Nelson sits at the College Democrats table during the Student Activities Fair on Wednesday. The Democrats were petitioning students to support a resolution to legalize cannabis on the ballot for Missouri in November.

CANNABIS | The campaign needs 150,000 signatures to get on ballot

Continued from Page 1 prohibition, the state would benefit financially.

"The state of Missouri could be saving and bringing in about \$100 million in tax revenue if we were to get rid of the cannabis prohibition and start taxing it at a reasonable rate," Payne said. "We could better direct our law enforcement resources."

Mo. House Rep. Zachary Wyatt, R-2, does not support the legalization of marijuana, but wants to see where the constituents of District 2 stand.

"I'm not going to go against something that my constituents may feel," Wyatt said.

He said he thinks there is a high likelihood of the Show-Me Cannabis campaign getting the initiative on the ballot.

"I think they will be able to get those signatures," he said. "I think it's great that students are getting involved. It's going to be interesting."

Show-Me Cannabis has pulled ideas from other campaigns regarding the legalization of marijuana, Payne said. California's Proposition 19 failure during 2010 partially was because of the incentive that employers would not be able to drug test if there were a suspicion an employee was under the influence of cannabis.

"That's one thing we did to improve our bill," Payne said. "We're taking the best ideas of the ones that have been proposed so far and getting rid of the bad ones so we're getting closer to the one that is most likely to be approved."

This year — in addition to Missouri — Arizona, California, Indiana, New Jersey and Virginia are seeking legislation to legalize marijuana with nearly a dozen other states that have pending efforts.

BUDGET | State appropriations go toward one of three separate University budgets, which each fund different types of projects and expenses

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increase is the consumer price index, which measures the price levels of goods and services in Missouri. It is a rule by the department of higher education and over-looked by the commissioner of higher education, Rector said, to not increase tuition by more than the CPI, which is 3 percent.

"You can go above the 3 percent, but you have to get direct approval of the commissioner of higher education," Rector said. "Last year, the CPI was 3.3 percent, but we were able to raise it 4.7 percent, and that process is certainly not easy."

University President Troy Paino said the money in the E&G budget goes back to students for the most part, directly or indirectly. Instruction costs make up almost half of the budget's expenditures, he said, and

other large chunks of the money go toward student aid (21 percent), student services such as the Career Center and Center for Student Involvement (9.6 percent) and academic support such as tutoring (5.8 percent).

The Auxiliary Operations budget had about \$23.7 million during fiscal year 2012, Rector said. He said this budget delegates money toward residence halls, the Student Union Building and the Student Recreation Center.

Rector and Paino said some students have a misconception about how easy it is to transfer money from one budget to another.

"It's a standard in higher education that you have your auxiliary operations run separately, like a business," Rector said. "It wouldn't be fair if we used money that students pay to live in the residence halls

for anything else, because then that student is essentially paying for part of the education of other students."

Paino said he's heard from students who think one solution to the budget crisis would be not to renovate Centennial Hall but use that money to fill the \$5 million gap.

"Unfortunately, this isn't a problem that we can fill with a one time budget infusion or with cost-cutting," Paino said. "The challenge that the University faces is that state support is going to continue to be a small percentage of our budget."

Paino said he hopes students understand that the administration is exploring every possible option.

"We're trying to do everything possible to where this gap won't affect student learning," he said. "That's our top priority."

CITY | The Chamber hosted a 2011 wrap up

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Dollar General store, which are next to but not a part of the Weaver development, pay taxes to the City on a combined assessed value of more than \$600,000, Smith said.

That \$600,000 in property value translates into \$6,720 in tax money for the City, said a worker at the Adair County Collector's Office. An additional \$30,540 in tax dollars are divided between the state and the county, said the worker.

"If you look down Franklin Street now on the east side, there's the lights and banners and sidewalks — we're basically going to be duplicating that on the west side so it has a consistent look," Smith said.

During 2012, the City will install sidewalks on both sides of South Baltimore Street from LaHarpe Street to the shopping complex that includes J.C. Penney through the cost-share program with MoDOT, Smith said.

The State of the City was part of The Government in Focus series from the governmental affairs committee of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, said Sandra Williams, executive director of the Chamber.

"It's always good to hear from the department heads and to make people aware of how much they're accomplishing," Williams said.

The next event in the series is the State of the County at 8 a.m. Feb. 17 at the Adair County Annex.

The governmental affairs committee is working to revise the Kirksville Community Strategic Plan, which hasn't been updated since 2003, Williams said. The Chamber is asking residents to read the document linked on its website and attend a public forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Kirksville Middle School Commons if they have input.

SOPA | Two controversial bills about internet piracy stirred controversy on Truman's campus

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Communication professor David Peppard said he takes videos from YouTube showing advertising techniques used during the past. He said it would be harder for him to get those beneficial materials from the Internet under SOPA.

Liss said if the University began monitoring all content for copyrighted material, even the small, legal pieces of information, such as YouTube videos used in the classroom, could be marked as illegal. ITS then would have to spend time showing why that material is legal under Fair Use, she said.

Freshman Emily Bledsoe said she is concerned SOPA and PIPA could affect her education and her ability to gain knowledge.

"It's not so much that I want to be on specific websites just to be on them, but in this day and age the Internet is so important in learning about what's going on in the world," she said. "It'd be harder to get unbiased facts."

Bledsoe said she signed online petitions and emailed her representatives about the bills and received responses thanking her for the concern. She said she understands the need for antipiracy laws, but she thinks SOPA and PIPA were written in a way that infringes on First Amendment rights.

Freshman Craig Spidle said he supported SOPA at first because he thought it would protect American businesses. After doing more research, he said he agreed with criticism

that the original bills were too broad.

Spidle said a new bill should be drafted and aimed to accomplish the same goals SOPA and PIPA originally stood for, just in a way that is more focused and specific. He said if a new bill comes out, he will support it.

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STEELE | Rep. Zach Wyatt accuses judge of misconduct

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respect for Steele's position.

Wyatt said he has documentation to support the majority of the charges in the resolution, and has evidence to support the rest.

"I have a whole lot of people that are willing to testify," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said he spent nearly three months investigating and has requested that the resolution be sent to the House Ethics Committee.

"It's an even number of Republicans and Democrats on the committee, and I want everyone to look at it," he said. "I don't want it to look like a political ploy, because it clearly isn't, and we need to get judges like this off of the bench."

Steele was out of town and unavailable for comment as of Wednesday.



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