

EDITORIAL

Our View

Same-sex couple benefits resolution promotes equality

It is important to be progressive. Through sustainability initiatives and technological advancements, Truman State has proven its potential.

For this reason, we think Truman should consider extending equal rights benefits — including insurance policies, retirement plans and bereavement leaves — to same-sex couples. Student Senate has proposed a resolution to the Board of Governors to achieve this goal (see story, page 1).

Providing equal benefits to same-sex couples is not a new idea in higher education. Washington University, a private institution in St. Louis, began giving these benefits 22 years ago, and more than 150 of 530 state-funded universities in the country provide their employees' same-sex partners with benefits, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

In Missouri, though, no public university has taken this step toward equality. In the 21st century, this should be a no brainer. It's a matter of human rights and there is no reason why same-sex couples should not be granted the same benefits as straight couples.

We understand passing such a progressive resolution comes with risks and this decision should not be made lightly. Missouri does not acknowledge domestic partnership, so uncertainties arise in regard to the state government's potential reaction. However, the possible costs do not outweigh the benefits.

Truman could become a leader in human rights in the state and in higher education if it were to make this step forward. It could benefit Truman's reputation and encourage future student and employee applicants to come to the University because of its progressive policies.

Caution is important, and we want the best for the University. However, this is a conversation that isn't going to die down. Truman must think through all the potential outcomes and make the decision that is best for the University and its employees.

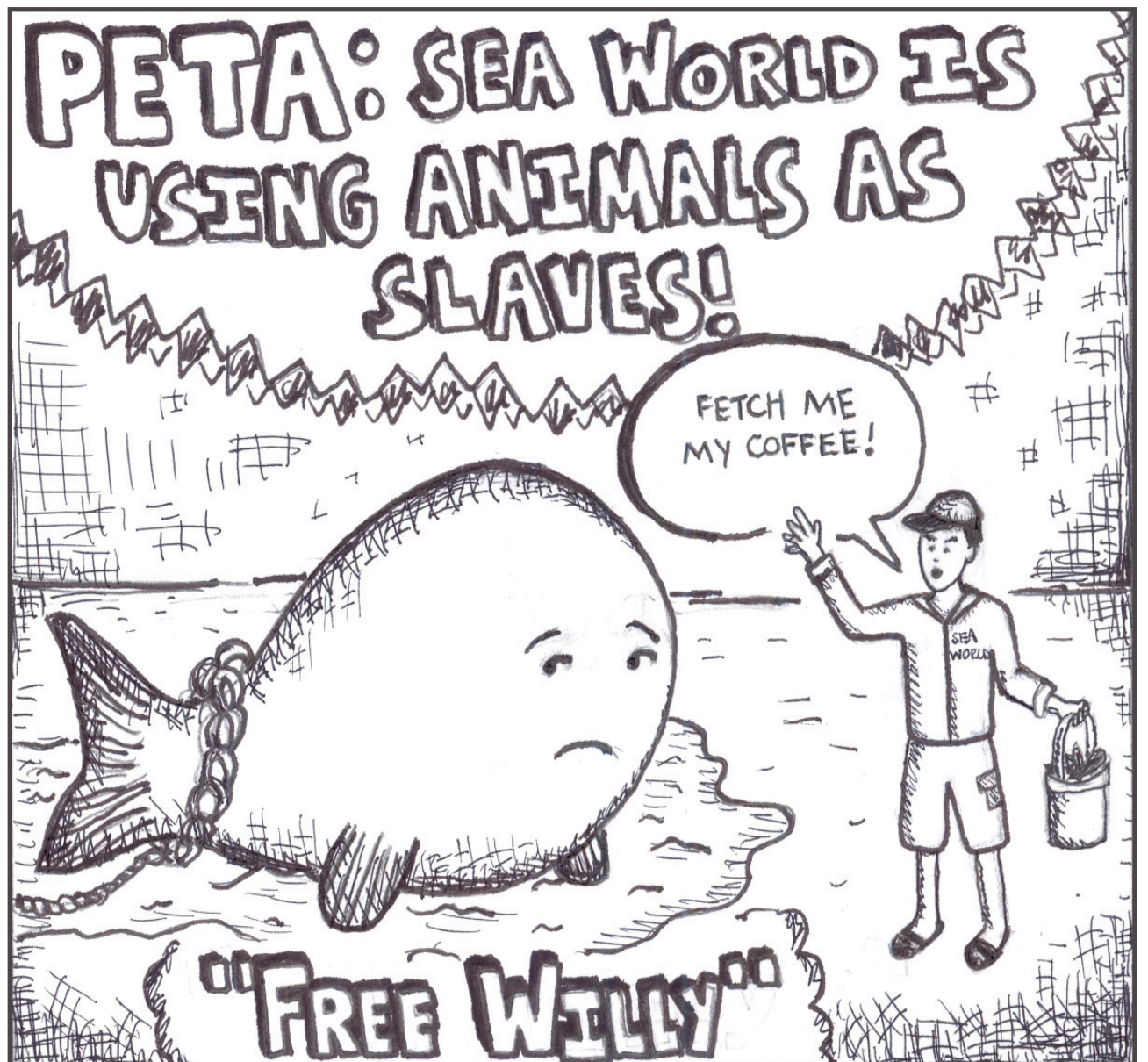
Corrections

- The date for the Truman Faculty Forum listed in last week's calendar was incorrect. It was Tuesday, Nov. 8.
- A Nov. 3 news article incorrectly described chickens as pasteurized. They should have been referred to as pasture-raised.

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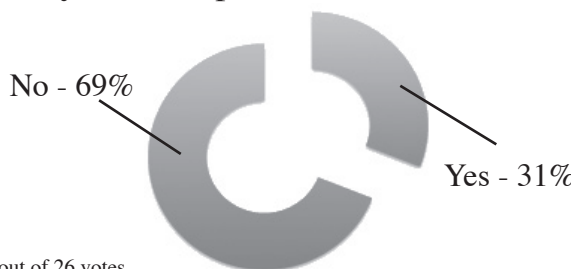
Cartoon

By Sara Hahn



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Should the Board of Governors extend equal benefits to same-sex couples?

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Letters to the Editor

Columnist misused historical references

If I were minded to be, negatively, a critic of the now globally admired, emulated U.S. "Occupy Wall Street" financier centered movement, the one thing objectionably I'd not do is try and misuse three history examples at all of past "progressive" movements against its spreading power. As political science major columnist K. Dusold attempts in his jeremiad "Different strategies needed for change" piece on Oct. 20 put-down effort. Particularly, seeing that as of the very week he so strangely damnation pronounces, people as American stand-out in their indeed different such so-called "past" protest generations. As Cold War-era anti-Trumanite/Nixonian Vietnam singer 92 year old singer Pete Seeger, with his dog accompanying, sung and marched with a veritable hundred, down the very street of pillaging-our-wealth shame! At one level, whilst better health care universalist advocate, my age compatible, fellow author Michael Moore, same time seized his endorsement of OWS at an even wider audience attainment: by being on BBC America home UK Newsnight interview to take on British cynic, Paxmin.

One, thus, does not need even an abundance of over-detail. To show Mr. Dusold that he, unclearly, is not only distortive of the historical reality, USA, of the three past movements he cites. But, he has an unthought-out notion for a TSU political scientist of how social change was and is brought about by such fine movements, then, and ongoingly, with even local college Democrats realizing, bravo the OWS radical continuity factor our

own times of what Dusold rightly, economics concedes are dire "sufferance" pain on all of us, student loans most of all!

The 1773 Boston Tea Party was subjected to exactly the same form of objection as he gives 2011 OWS, by no less than future by 1776 founding US father, Ben Franklin. He was so upset by its single-mindedness, vagueness that he wanted even the unfair we British-Indian tea taxers "compensated" in apology by Sam Adams and others. Who had himself partly savages dressed up allegedly radicals organized what up to the 1840s US history texts was accurately, if unduly so therefore pejoratively called "the tea destruction event."

The womens' suffrage fight movement, in which Dusold revealingly omits alas any dates for whatsoever perhaps out of alarm its combat supports his nullity put down of OWS 2011 and out local fund raisers here in Kirksville even more lesser misanalogously shows, again, a similar initial vagueness leading, yes, to eventual great change. The original Seneca Falls 1840's womens' movement was to inchoate and fast-growing as people of both sympathizer genders put more concrete clothing form on their petition remonstrance. That right up in later alliances with African American males in equal suffrage first denial cause! And, of course, a TSU political science major ought to have the candor not to hide how! The actual 1920 19th Amendment getting of was initially the only last-minute coming together of UK-trained militant chainer to the White House, Alice Paul, versus the more "Franklinite" old-guard cautionist elders.

Finally, Jacob Coxey's 1894 march of the jobless on DC, which Dusold dilates the most on to ridicule OWS 2011, actually was not so

cast-iron and precise as he sketches so skeweringly. Ohio sandstone quarymen, businessman Coxey himself, had a pretty firm-based notion of federal road-making public works remedy as the left wing "socialistic" critiqued third party Populist leader he partially was, in additional electoral proposals. But his 500 plus occupiers, dispersed by police in DC, also had and included "Christian commonwealth" now chanters and perhaps 40 similar anti-capitalist financier protest leader that year have also been historians shown to be, all over USA, active in impreciser protest movement organization vagueness.

In conclusion, its Ken, not Lauren Kellet and OWS, who needs to align on the correct we-ordinary folk side of history. A UK politician, the late Lord Joseph Grimond, himself great-grandson-in-law of a rather anti-woman blinkered over-constitutionalist Edwardian English Prime Minister put it perhaps best. Defending the 1969 global student anti-capitalist and anti-US Vietnam War protests from a charge of direct action "vagueness." Grimond argued, hence so in order eventually to get off the ground. That's why FOX TV and GOP H. Caine millionaire so fear as "un-American" OWS today. And too why OWS has gone already from barely 3 percent corporate FOX TV coverage in censorship just a month ago to over 15 percent soon perhaps the 50 percent fairness partly overseas TV outlets like UK channel 4 news, Russia Today, Iranian Press TV Al Jazeera and France 24 English services have all at outset given us in fight-back banker greeders.

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