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## TSODA performs



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The Society of Dance Arts performed a recital titled "Starstruck" at 7 p.m. April 6 in the Baldwin Auditorium. TSODA performed a variety of styles of dance, including lyrical, ballet, hip hop, tap and jazz. Several guest groups, the High Street Dance Team and Ceilidh, also performed.



## Pershing updates approved

The Athletic Fee Accountability Committee recommended updates to the Pershing Building gyms

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Student Senate approved updates to the Pershing Building main gym and side gym April 7.

The project involves updating the floors in both gyms and adding padding to the walls of the side gym, said senior Dimonique McGruder, Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chairman. The project was presented at the beginning of the fall 2012 semester to Senate by the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee, a group of students who recommend projects to use money from the Student Athletic Fee.

McGruder said the total cost of the project is budgeted at \$100,000, but she said she expects the actual costs will be less than that.

"When we recommend projects, we overshoot," McGruder said. "I'm 90 percent sure it will be less than that. We overshoot so if something comes up while they're doing the work, we don't have to go back and ask for more money."

The floors will be resurfaced in the main gym. McGruder said this is necessary because the floors need to be resurfaced every five years to prevent deterioration, and the floors of the main gym have not been resurfaced since being replaced during 2000. She said this is budgeted at \$12,000 to \$15,000.

In the small gym, the floors will be replaced and padding will be added to the walls. McGruder said this is budgeted at about \$55,000 for the floor and \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the padding. While short-term repairs were considered, it was decided it would be more economical to replace the entire floor because the short-term repairs would not last long. She said the padding is being installed to protect the walls for situations such as when balls are being used in the room and to protect athletes should they run into the walls.

Following the project's approval by Student Senate, the project will be presented to the Board of Governors at the June board meeting, Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said. Wollmering said any project more than \$50,000 must be approved by the Board of Governors.

If the project is approved by the Board, companies will bid on the project, McGruder said. Depending on Board of Governors' approval and when a company is selected, the construction tentatively will begin this summer and be completed by the beginning of fall

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## Sodexo cuts blackout hours on trial basis

Blackout hours at Mainstreet Market Building were removed on a trial basis

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Truman State's Food Advisory Committee will decide if the Mainstreet Market blackout hours will be discontinued starting fall 2013 during their meeting April 19.

Food Service Director Lora Cunningham

said they are soliciting feedback through Sodexo's current trial period, where students can use their meal plans and dining dollars to purchase food at the Mainstreet Market from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cunningham said she monitored the flow of traffic during lunch times and because of less business, she suggested the trial period to see if there would be enough dining space to accommodate students who want to use their meal plans during this time.

Cunningham said the blackout hours were implemented more than a decade

ago because there is limited seating space for off campus groups, commuter students and other campus visitors who are on campus and want to purchase food with cash during lunchtime.

After monitoring the number of customers that visited the Mainstreet Market during 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cunningham said she suggested a trial period to the Food Advisor Committee during its February meeting.

One reason there has been less traffic, she said, might be that more people bring their lunch rather than buying

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## Local law enforcement start an anti-bullying campaign

About 600 elementary school students learn about preventing bullying

BY BETHANY BOYLE  
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Local law enforcement and service organizations teamed up with Ray Miller Elementary School this spring to bring an anti-bullying campaign to the Kirksville area.

Adair County Sheriff Robert Hardwick said the Kirksville Police Department, Adair County Sheriff's Office, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Rotary Club and other local groups and individuals cooperated to present an anti-bullying program to elementary school students during March.

Hardwick said the idea for the campaign started during

a weekly meeting of the local Rotary Club, as members were looking for ways to improve and give back to the Kirksville community. He said it was funded by donation through the joint effort of Rotary, local law enforcement and individual contributions.

Hardwick said the program included the presentation of live skits, paper handouts such as crossword puzzles and rubber bracelets for each child that attended. He said about 600 children participated, and the hope of the program's volunteers is to increase the number of students participating during years to come.

"This was kind of a pilot program to get it started into the elementary [school] and then we'll move it forward throughout the other schools in the

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Submitted photo  
Ray Miller Elementary School students listen to local law enforcement officers talk about how to prevent bullying. This presentation included skits and activities such as crossword puzzles. About 600 students participated in the program during March.