

EQUALITY | Two Truman students start a political action committee for LGBT rights

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"It is much harder to change things in politics," Parker said. "But, [it is] even harder without the organization that a PAC provides."

Malin and Nelson also have been working with Prism, Truman's gay-straight alliance. Prism president Brandon Eychaner said that although Prism has no formal part in Missourians for Equality, he has been helping out with some of the formalities.

"So far, I have done a lot of public relations [work] by tweeting, word of mouth at work, personally donating money and emailing all the other gay-straight alliances of other Missouri universities," Eychaner said.

Eychaner said he thinks the committee is a "strong force for good."

"Currently, LGBT people have no protection when it comes to housing or employment," he said. "The whole point is to get these laws on the ballot and make people realize there are some people in the state who are not treated equally, and it is our job to fix that."

It is with these strong beliefs that Malin, Nelson, Eychaner and the 1,000-plus Missourians for Equality Facebook supporters intend to use to convince more voters across Missouri.

Democrat Rebecca McClanahan and republican Nate Walker, both running for the local Missouri District 3 state representative spot in the upcoming November election, share similar beliefs that LGBT rights should not be ignored.

Current Representative Zach Wyatt, R-2, held a press conference earlier this summer announcing that he is a "proud gay man," in response to the Missouri House Bill 2051, known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill, which was tabled during early May.

"I feel strongly that we should not discriminate against these people," McClanahan said.

McClanahan said she thinks Missouri should take a stronger stance against these "injustices," which have led to other issues such as bullying in schools because of sexual orientation. McClanahan said she thinks laws related to LGBT issues have failed throughout the past because of how controversial and partisan the issues have become across Missouri and the nation.

"Missouri is a conservative state, so the issue is controversial for folks who believe there should be no special protection for LGBT people," she said.

Walker maintained a similar position, saying that he doesn't support inequality for any group of people.

"I think we need to be tolerant of everyone," he said.

In addition to the controversy of nondiscrimination protection for LGBT people, Walker also said he thinks these laws have failed to pass because some representatives think there are more important issues that need to be resolved before this one.

"One of these issues is to continue to build a stronger, better economy that will produce jobs for college students," Walker said. "Our country was founded upon ideals such as freedom of religion and freedom of expression. We need to allow people to be what they are."

Students interested in helping with the campaign to place this issue on the 2014 ballots are encouraged to check out the website, www.MOforEquality.org, and follow their Facebook and Twitter pages.

Malin said they need volunteers to help with everything from gathering signatures to fundraising.

The next big event for the campaign will be Pride Fest tomorrow, August 19, in Columbia, Mo., where Missourians for Equality will be an official event sponsor and will be working to spread the word about what their campaign stands for.

PRIMARY RESULTS

MISSOURI ELECTION - AUGUST 7, 2012 - ADAIR COUNTY

Democratic Primary Results:

State Rep. 3rd District	Rebecca McClanahan	613 votes
Circuit Court Judge	Russell E. Steele	677 votes
County Commissioner 1st District	Carson Adams	384 votes
County Commissioner 2nd District	Larry Lee Smith	235 votes
Sheriff	Larry W. Logston	564 votes
Public Administrator	T. Jack Ward	615 votes

Republican Primary Results:

State Rep. 3rd District	Nate Walker	2,147 votes
County Commissioner 2nd District	Mark Thompson	1,323 votes
Sheriff	Robert Hardwick	1,950 votes
Assessor	Donnie Waybill	3,096 votes
Public Administrator	Rhonda Noe	2,141 votes
Coroner	Brian C. Noe	3,299 votes

PRIMARIES | Adair County primaries occurred August 7, drawing out for races such as the Sheriff and Amendment Two

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82.8 percent in favor of the amendment to the already standing constitutional provision, according to the Secretary of State's website.

Another important, local aspect of the primary that Collop said students should be aware of is the close Sheriff's race.

Two republican candidates faced-off in the primary: the incumbent, Robert "Bob" Hardwick, and his deputy, Jason Lene. Hardwick won the Republican nomination by 122 votes, according to the results distributed by the County Clerk's office during election night. The race was 51.6 percent for Hardwick, 48.3 percent for Lene.

Hardwick will face Larry Logston, the democratic candidate for sheriff who ran unopposed throughout the primary.

"We ordered more Republican ballots than Democrat because there were more contested races," Collop said. "We figured lots of people were voting on those issues instead of going with their usual party where there weren't any sort of contentious races, especially on the local level."

While a little less than 4,000 people voted in the

Republican sheriff's race, only 564 voted for Logston on the Democrat ballot.

"It doesn't matter what opponent I'll be up against," Logston said of the close race between Hardwick and Lene. "I have my own views and opinions on how the office should run."

Logston said he's going to work hard to make sure students are informed as they come back to Kirksville by reaching out to campus.

"[Students] are a vital aspect of the community," he said.

Hardwick said his hope is that students will look at how the office has been running during the last four years he's been in office and be "diligent and informed" voters.

In response to the close race between him and Lene, Hardwick said the turnout for voters during a primary won't be as large as it will during the November elections.

"We've tried to operate the office professionally and ethically, and we've come a long way," he said.

The voter turnout throughout the 10 Adair precincts was 30 percent, or 4,610 ballots.



BLEACHERS | The Board of Governors approved a project to replace the bleachers in Stokes Stadium for the Fall 2013 football season

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to the Athletic Board, said she heard a large amount of student input on the subject of replacing the bleachers before she brought a resolution in front of Student Senate during April. The body voted to approve the resolution, showing that the student body supports

the motion.

"It hurts [Truman's] reputation with the condition it's currently in," McGruder said.

Students and fans can expect one more season with the current stadium seating before they're replaced.

FIRE | Ten students are without housing after an electrical fire struck Alpha Sigma Alpha house, "Big Red"

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sure she's comfortable moving back into the house after it's renovated.

Jeff Behrmann, the residents' landlord, said he's glad everyone got out of the house safely, and said the fire was no one's fault.

"Most of the damage is smoke and water," he said. "If I could just get in there with the carpenters then it would be in shape in no time, but because there was water damage through the walls it could mold in a few weeks. We'll have to drill holes and pump air in to dry [the walls] out."

Motes said she smelled smoke when she was in her room and thought something was burning in the kitchen. She said when she checked the cabinets in the kitchen, smoke billowed out.

"These older houses are constructed differently than modern day [houses]," Behrmann said. "Smoke travels differently in old two-stories than the new ones. Firemen have learned overtime and have since developed fire blocks for modern homes."

Randy Singleton, battalion chief for the Kirksville Fire De-

partment, said it took about 20 minutes and 11 firefighters to put out the fire because it was in an upstairs room and slightly more difficult to get to.

Following the investigation at about 8 p.m. Sunday night, the house was released to Behrmann from fire officials and the residents were able to go into the house to retrieve their belongings.

Behrmann said he hopes to have the house on its way to being renovated as much as possible in the coming weeks so as not to interfere with the residents school schedules.

The house will have to go through code inspections before residents are able to move back in because the electrical meters were removed by fire officials to make sure the house was safe while they put-out the fire, Behrens said.

The residents were offered assistance from neighbors, friends and onlookers. The American Red Cross also offered to help with any damaged clothing or belongings.

"It really could have been a lot worse," Flowers said.

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