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# Students lead show choir

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With new student leadership, Franklin Street is gearing up for this year's tour and concert season.

Franklin Street, Truman State's co-ed show choir, is boasting a new set of student leaders and also a new sense of family to go along with it, co-leaders seniors Ryan Welker and Emily Mahnken said. During Franklin Street's second year of student direction, the group still is transitioning into a new group dynamic.

While preparing for an upcoming tour to Cape Girardeau and St. Louis from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, Mahnken said Franklin Street's new co-leaders are working to define the group. They also are working to prove the group can flourish with student leadership just as well as the years before with faculty leadership, Mahnken said.

Franklin Street was run by Dr. Jacqueline Collett for more than 20 years before members themselves took on the task. Last year it was led by graduate student Jeremy Hess and alumna Baillie James. This year, both Welker and Mahnken agree the transition from member to leader guided how they lead the

group. "Being in the group previously, I've figured out ways to more efficiently teach and make things more enjoyable," Mahnken said.

Responsible for a majority of the group's choreography, Mahnken said she also likes to focus her time on making the group more of a family.

"Without a sense of togetherness it's a lot harder to get things done," she said. "This is actually a lot harder than 'Glee' makes it look."

Mahnken said the group practices Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. One opportunity the group has to bond even more is during its annual fall tour. Mahnken said the tour gives Franklin Street three busy days on the road including stops at six local area high schools to perform. She said between performances the group does local activities for fun, such as shopping at St. Louis and dinners together at favorite local restaurants.

Welker said the fall trip specifically is used as an opportunity to bring the group together even more. All 35 group members will be staying together each night at Welker's house during the tour, he said.

"The tour always helps the

group bond because we're trapped together for an extended period of time rather than only hanging out for shorter periods," he said.

Mahnken said the new members also show the new enthusiastic group dynamic.

Freshman Molly Turner compared the group vibe of Franklin Street to family.

"It's like one big family here," Turner said. "I've always known I wanted to be in a show choir, and I just knew it was here I wanted to be."

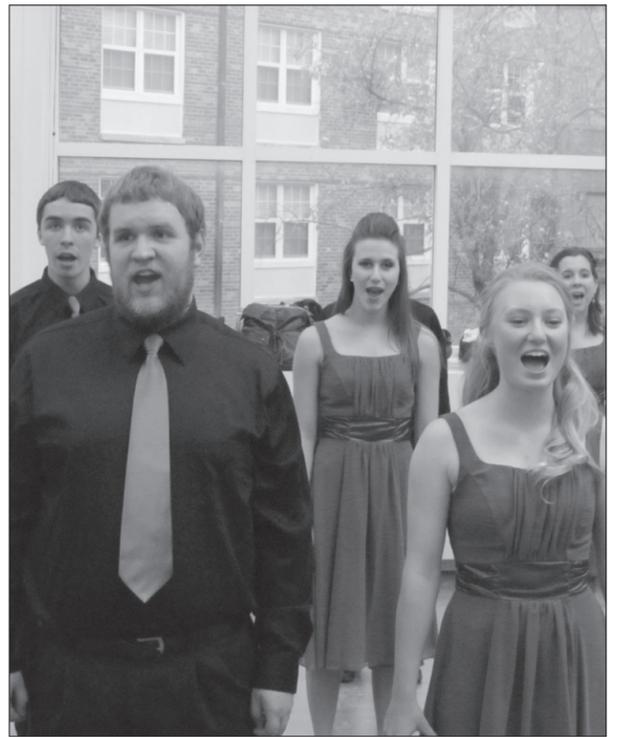
Freshman Franklin Street member Emily Whitmar said she agreed wholeheartedly with Turner's passion.

"Franklin Street is the highlight of my day," she said. "Everyone here is weird like me."

Having such avid freshmen in the group who thrive on the family aspect helps sets the stage for the mood of upcoming years with Franklin Street, Mahnken said, seeing as these members will have the opportunity to lead themselves one day if they so choose.

Veteran members like graduate student Jeremy Hess feel the group is taking a new direction as well. Hess, a fifth year Franklin Street member and one of the first year student leaders, explained the effect that stu-

Above, Franklin Street practices before the Lip Sync event Oct. 18 at Ophelia Parrish. Below, members practice with the rest of the choir. The group performed three songs, including "The Song that Goes Like This" from "Monty Python."



dent directing can have.

"The directors are members of the group themselves, so any cleaning and direction they give is validated in that they have to do it as well," he said. "Another upside [of student directing] would be the tighter-knit group and, in some ways, the greater devotion that comes as a result."

There is, however, a delicate balance involved with running

the group as well. Being both a member and a leader can prove to be a difficult task, Hess said.

The transition can be difficult for the leaders and the group, Hess explained. Some members have taken the leadership shift as motivation to work harder, he said.

"Some students feel more dedicated because they are working with and/or for their friends," he said.

# Residence Life hosts Potter Month

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A successor to the Dark Lord is creating Horcruxes and is at large at Truman State. New fears have surfaced that before his death, Lord Voldemort raised a son in secret and trained him in the Dark Art of Horcrux making, junior Sean Trammel, Ryle Hall student advisor, said.

Voldemort's son successfully has created seven Horcruxes and has hidden them at Truman State, junior Ashley Johnson, Ryle Hall student advisor and head of Gryffindor House said. Truman students have the chance to become Hogwarts students and help find and destroy the Horcruxes as a part of Harry Potter Month hosted by Residence Life.

Throughout October, events and social mixers occurred across campus, all modeled around the worldwide bestselling "Harry Potter" book series, Trammel said. More than 130 participating students randomly were sorted into one of the four houses of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry Oct. 4, Trammel said. Students participated in events such as classes and trivia to win points for their respective houses.

During the week before the closing ceremony, seven small icons representing Horcruxes will be hidden across campus, Johnson said. Participants will receive clues through Twitter as to their locations. The student who brings back the Horcrux will win points for their house. At the end of the month the house with the most points will be awarded the House Cup, Trammel said.

Trammel developed the idea for the program while attending a program session called "Creating Platform 9 3/4s" during the 2012 Resident Advisors Conference hosted at University of Northern Iowa Jan. 2012.

When Trammel returned to Truman, he joined with Ryle student advisors Johnson and junior Kaitlin Clark to plan a Harry Potter-themed event for Ryle Hall, but he said there was a problem. Ryle Hall, whose residents mostly are upperclassmen, is notorious for lack of participation in Resident Life programs, Trammel said. Therefore, the group of SAs opened the program to the rest of campus.

"We sent out an email and within a day we had 14 SAs from across campus express interest in participating in the

program," Trammel said.

Trammel said he worked during the summer to brainstorm ideas. Once school started, the SAs got together to refine ideas.

With the support of a group of interested SAs, Trammel and his crew got the program approved and received funding. The SAs presented their ideas to a committee of Community Coordinators, Johnson said. She said the committee was excited but a little hesitant due to the extent of the program. The program was given a \$760 grant, she said.

The program took a philanthropic twist when sophomore SA Carly Klynsma suggested students be able to donate canned goods to earn house points, Johnson said.

Overall the program has been a success, Trammel said. The turnout was more than double what was expected, he said.

"We initially saw students filling the Ryle stairwell and we thought it was a good turnout, but then we got those students to quiet down [and] we could still

hear the roar of students talking," Trammel said. "We went and looked over the balcony and the entire Ryle entrance was packed and the line continued out the door."

Even with more than 130 students participating, the SAs barely have dipped into the \$760 grant. Johnson said she is excited to use the remaining money for the closing ceremony.

Due to the popularity and low cost, the SAs involved not only hope to have the program again next year, but possibly start a program next semester based on the novel's Triwizard tournament,

Trammel said. Modeled after the fourth Harry Potter book, students would be split into three teams and be able to participate in three activities. The tournament would conclude with the Yule Ball, Trammel said.

"We really hope that this becomes a consistent event and continue not just next year, but even after we graduate," Johnson said.

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