

Elizabeth Koch memorial services

A candlelight vigil remembering Elizabeth Koch will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 6 at the Kirk Memorial



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Student set to face jury trial for 2013

Sophomore Andrew Estes will be heard in court for three felonies and a misdemeanor

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A jury trial was scheduled during a trial setting Monday for sophomore Andrew Estes who was charged with three felonies and a misdemeanor after an incident Jan. 9.

Matt Wilson, Adair County Prosecuting Attorney, said as of Tuesday afternoon, the attorneys and the prosecuting office were unable to make negotiations during the case, which is why the jury trial was scheduled for June 27 to 28, 2013.

Estes is charged with first-degree burglary, first-degree property damage, second-degree assault of a law enforcement officer and third-degree assault after entering into the residence of Ellen Cash, 83, a resident of St. Andrew's Apartments, a senior living facility.

Wilson said Estes' has been "very compliant" while out on bond.

"This is a case where obviously substances were involved," he said. "We had concerns about that. The court addressed those [...] and he has been compliant, which is part of the reason the judge has allowed him to return to the county and attend school."

The judge for Estes' case is Russell E. Steele, according to the Missouri Court
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Political unrest causes decline in Nepalese students

BY CHRIS BROWN
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International economic recession and ongoing political unrest in Nepal are among many reasons for the recent decline in Truman State's Nepalese student population, according to statistics from the International Student Affairs Office.

The decrease of Nepalese students appears to have been on a steady decrease since 2008, according to the ISAO, with about one-third of the Nepalese student population gone.

Randee Rae Phelps, ISAO international student advisor, said the decline is because of a decrease in new Nepalese students throughout the Midwest due to Nepalese student visas being denied by the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Phelps said the cause of the visas being denied ties back to the unrest across the country.

"We went from 60 new [Nepalese] students in the fall [of 2010], to four new students just two years later,"

Phelps said.

The relatively new Nepalese government has been struggling to deliver a constitution since 2009, according to BBC online, and there has been much political unrest across the country surrounding the issue, which has yet to be resolved.

Phelps said though the political unrest hasn't been an issue as far as international relations between the U.S. and Nepal, students have been affected in other ways.

"Every student that I've talked to, regardless of what their parents do, has mentioned, you know, that there has been a big impact on the local economies because of the political unrest," Phelps said.

Phelps also said Truman is not the only midwestern university that traditionally has a high population of Nepalese students, nor is it the only university to see this sharp decline during the last two years.

Phelps said the advisors at the ISAO have yet to hear why the student visas

are being denied by the U.S. Embassy.

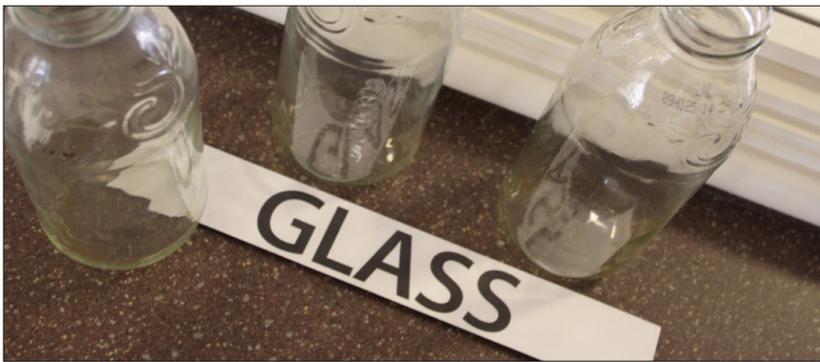
Graduate student Bibodh Thapa, who is from Nepal, said he has noticed distinct changes in the Nepalese population on campus since he arrived during 2008.

"There were around 50 new students from Nepal [during 2008]," Thapa said. "This semester I know of only one new student from Nepal."

Senior Ayush Agarwal, who is also from Nepal, said she thinks the decline could be that many Nepalese students in America, though not necessarily at Truman, try to leave the universities they originally enrolled in after a few semesters to attend community college so they can work off campus more.

Agarwal said the Embassy tries to prevent students who aren't necessarily seeking a degree from coming to the U.S.

"If [leaving to attend community college] [is] a very large trend, then maybe the Embassy back home might have picked on it and are therefore scrutinizing the students more closely," Agarwal said.



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Student Senate partnered-up with Physical Plant to create a glass recycling co-op program for about 30 students and staff to bring their glass products to a yet-to-be-determined centralized location on campus, and then be responsible for transporting the glass to larger cities.

Senate pursues new glass recycling co-op program

BY PAIGE YUNGERMANN
Staff Reporter

Student Senate is piloting a glass recycling co-op during October with the goal of making Truman State more sustainable.

Physical Plant director Karl Schneider said Truman used to have a glass recycling program that was cut during May 2011 because there is not a place in the Kirksville area to take the large quantities of glass used by the Truman community, and it is not cost effective to transport

glass to another location.

Ryan Kohler, Student Senate Environmental Affairs Committee chair, said the pilot is expected to start during the middle of October.

He said the pilot members will bring glass to a storage room adjacent to Magruder Hall. Then, when a pilot member is traveling to a larger city such as St. Louis or Columbia, they will take the glass with them and drop it off at a recycling center.

Junior Aaron Malin, president of the Student Association,

said the pilot is going to involve about 25 student and five faculty volunteers.

Malin said these will be the only people who are able to recycle glass during the pilot because Senate wants to make sure the co-op works effectively before opening it to the entire Truman community. Malin said anyone interested in being part of the pilot program can sign up through Student Senate website.

Malin said at the end of October, Student Senate will
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University invests in new projects

University commits to a new investment to fulfill mission statement

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Truman State's deans have been granted funds to support projects to fulfill Truman's Vision statement.

The projects will be funded by the \$250,000 from the Truman State reserve funds that University President Troy Paino set aside to work toward the goals outlined in the vision statement.

These funds were made available for a one-time basis because the University did not have enough money to commit to a long-term fixed cost project, Paino said. Instead, he chose to invest the money into preliminary projects, which might cause permanent programs or changes during the future, Paino said.

Paino said forums will occur during April to discuss preliminary progress. He said the money was split among the five schools based on the number of faculty.

The school's deans and department chairs are working with faculty to solicit project ideas, Paino said.

Marty Eisenberg, Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Letters and Associate Provost, said the deans are

coordinating with each other to discuss how the money will be spent. Four of the schools are using a similar method to distribute the money, he said.

Eisenberg said there are guiding expectations for the projects, which stipulate how the money can be spent.

"Funds may be used for items such as training, equipment, travel and student workers," according to the guiding expectations document. "Funds may be allocated across fiscal years. Funds may not be used for stipends or reassigned time."

Eisenberg said he sent out a request for proposals and ideas to the chairs of his school last week, and still is accepting ideas from faculty. He said the projects will help facilitate circular changes the faculty think are needed.

"Ultimately, this is really all about faculty," he said. "This is about what happens in our classroom and what happens on campus and [student and faculty] interactions and shaping what those interactions look like."

Eisenberg said current students might not be affected by curriculum changes because such changes require careful consideration and a long time to implement.

Eisenberg said he hopes this one time investment gives faculty an
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