

ROTC offers rappel training



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Freshman Zayne Tindall rappels down the Truman State Army ROTC tower Wednesday afternoon. ROTC program sponsored the open rappel day, which was available for all Truman students and faculty.

VISION | University President Troy Paino and Provost Joan Poor set aside \$250,000 for projects to reflect the vision statement

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opportunity to explore possible changes to the curriculum and to examine the way the University approaches education.

"I hope ultimately that [students] will see a university that might approach teaching in slightly different ways," he said.

Projects might include using technology in classrooms to enhance learning, and he said he hopes they find ways to incorporate projects through multiple schools.

Doug Davenport, School of Social & Cultural Studies Dean, said one example of a circular

change that might be facilitated through these projects is designing a clearer graduation pathway for transfer students.

Davenport said he would consider funding new project proposals or adaptations to current projects that would reflect the vision statement.

ESTES | Sophomore Andrew Estes' trial setting this week leads to a jury hearing for next spring to address three felonies and a misdemeanor

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website.

"We've been getting insurance information from damage to the apartments," Wilson said. "We've sent that back to the defense counsel who then tells us that [Estes] is a good kid with aspirations of professional work. Then we start discussing just and proper outcomes."

Truman State has readmitted Estes, Wilson said. He said the goals of the University are different from the goals of the prosecuting attorney's office, so the overlap in discussion between the two is minimal.

Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of Student Affairs, said she is unable to comment about Estes's case with the Conduct Board as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects students' educational information.

"We handle the cases individually," Gilchrist said. "People have due process rights. In a university setting, they have an opportunity to be presented with their charges, have an opportunity to be heard and an opportunity to be presented with their charges."

Gilchrist said sometimes when students are facing serious charges, their lawyers ad-

vised them to not participate in the Student Conduct Code process because some lawyers think that what happens with the process might affect the record when they go to trial. She said during those cases, a student usually is not allowed to come back to school until they are willing and able to fully participate in the Conduct process.

She said during some cases they will go through the Conduct hearing and then a conduct officer will place conditions on their return. For example, she said if a person was caught stealing from their roommate in the residence halls, the student might be allowed to come back to school but not live on campus.

If a mental health issue is involved during an issue, the conduct process will allow the person to come back after appropriate treatment, Gilchrist said.

"We want students to be successful," she said. "University conduct proceedings are meant to be educational, they're not meant to be punitive."

Jay Benson, Estes' attorney, was unable to be reached at the point of contact. Estes was reached, but denied to comment until Benson was reached.

GLASS | The University is examining the possibility of bringing glass recycling back to Truman State through a pilot co-op

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assess the effectiveness of the pilot program and determine if more people can become part of the co-op. Malin said he hopes the program can expand to the point where anyone can drop off glass at the storage room, and people will be willing to take the glass to a recycling center when traveling.

"Co-ops are notoriously difficult to start because they require a certain amount of energy to start," Malin said. "If students want glass recycling, they will have the option of having glass recycling in this way. It's really the best option we have."

Kohler said the co-op will solve this problem because if someone already is planning to travel to a city with a glass recycling center, there is no additional cost to take the glass with them and drop it off.

"It's just kind of ridiculous that there's no glass recycling capability,"

Kohler said. "There is a lot of glass that is used on this campus, and it's really important to the environment that we handle this properly."

Kohler, who also is part of the Environmental Campus Organization, said the idea for the glass recycling co-op came about at an ECO meeting. Kohler then presented the idea to Student Senate, who began working to launch the pilot.

One member Senate recruited for the pilot program is University President Troy Paino.

"I would emphasize how excited we are that Troy Paino is a participant in our pilot program," Malin said. "I think it will send the message to the campus that this is worth doing. The fact that he feels that way will hopefully send the message to the campus that they should see this as important as well."

Malin said he hopes the program can expand to include the entire campus by



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Sophomore Lauren Schmuke recycles glass on the second floor of Ryle Hall. Collection for the new co-op program will occur in a yet-to-be-determined space in Magruder Hall.

the end of the Spring 2013 semester.

"That's a little optimistic, because it's reliant on students," Malin said. "If students decide it isn't worth the effort, we

won't force it on them. We are just providing them with that opportunity because it's a tremendous waste to throw away so much of this material."



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