

PARENTS COUNCIL PROJECTS

Past Parents Council Projects

2007
Baldwin Hall Auditorium Renovation
\$76,247

2008
Technology Enhancements for Student Union
\$78,572

2009
Technology Enhancements for Classrooms
\$56,653

2010
Library Café Project
\$62,209

2011
Planetarium Multimedia Theater, Year 1
\$54,264

2012
Planetarium Multimedia Theater, Year 2

This Years Project

Classroom Technology Enhancements

- SMARTBoards to give students access to digitally recorded notes.

-Audio capture technology to allow students to review lectures at a later date.

Estimated Cost
\$75,000

This year's Parents Council passed the **o** million mark for money raised.

*According to the Department of University Advancement

TECHNOLOGY | Parents Council pursues \$75,000 technology enhancement project for academic buildings on-campus

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-pability, SMARTBoards, document cameras, projectors and computers. Liss said courses from all majors can be taught in SMART classrooms. To determine which buildings and classrooms receive the technology, Liss said ITS will solicit faculty input and determine which classrooms need upgrades to be brought up to par with what ITS sets for technology.

"[Technology enhancement] is a constant process," Liss said. "It's not something we'll ever be finished with. There is always something new coming along." Gambaiana said the ITS update was chosen versus two other projects across campus, including fountain renovation and a presidential reading room. Senior Ryan Nely, former president of the student association, gave a passionate speech supporting the fountain renovation project dur-

ing Saturday's meeting, Gambaiana said. He said there was not enough information about planning and infrastructure for them to approve the project, however. Members of the Council expressed interest in funding the project and passed a resolution in supporting Nely's efforts, and encouraging the University to pursue a plan to remodel the fountain and the area in front of the Student Union Building so they could support this

project as early as next year. The technology enhancements are the Council's most recent addition to Truman. This group of volunteer parents has been working to improve Truman's campus for nearly two decades through more than \$1 million worth of projects. Past Parents Council projects include the Pickler Library café, Lexis-Nexis and Residence Hall computer labs.

University president Troy Paino said these projects and improvements make the Parents Council a valuable resource for the University. "[Parents Council] has helped raise over a million dollars for projects like this that have really improved our campus," Paino said. "And what better advocates than our parents? They care deeply about the experience of their sons and daughters at Truman."

VOTER | Different student organizations across campus work to register students to vote in November's election before the Oct. 10 registration deadline

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-ter at least 500 students during the marathon. There are a number of ways to register to vote, Malin said. He said Senate members are going to different residence halls to offer registration opportunities and will be making organization visits. Malin also said there will be chances for students to complete voter registration cards while they eat in the dining halls. "The goal is to increase the influence of Truman students in elections," Malin said. September is National Voter Registration Month, according to Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's Sept. 10 press release. Qualified Missourians can register through their county clerk or local election board's office. General voter registration forms also can be downloaded from GoVoteMissouri.com and mailed to the local election official not later than Oct. 10. Students interested in registering to vote

can contact the Adair County Clerk Office on The Square, or contact Truman's student government through their website, senate.truman.edu/vote.



*according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement

SENATE | Student Senate passed a resolution addressing a disagreement between DPS staff and three members of Senate

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resolution was necessary so students, faculty and the rest of the DPS staff are aware of the animosity she said she left from DPS employees. She said she's glad the resolution was toned-down from the original draft that was presented to the Senate, which used the word "condemning" in the title, directed toward DPS. Lammert also said she's glad Senate passed the resolution with an additional clause about rebuilding the relationship students have with DPS. Rector said the resolution came as a surprise to him, especially the whereas clause that states "mistreatment of students by numerous members of university departments must be publicly condemned if it is to be prevented in the future." "I think [condemned] is a very strong word that should really only be used in the proper context," Rector said about the one 'whereas' clause where "con-

demned" wasn't removed from the resolution during the Senate meeting Sunday night. Johnson said he has never met Malin or Baharaeen, therefore it's difficult to improve communication with them, which he said would have helped in a situation like this. Johnson said he hopes students take advantage of the formal complaint procedure if there's ever a situation with a DPS employee so it can be resolved. He said to file a complaint, students can come to Johnson or assistant chief Chad Whitom's offices. "I can't fix it if I don't know about it," Johnson said. "I welcome the opportunity to talk to any student, and this situation won't affect any working relationship we have with the students." Members of Senate created a survey to gather students' perspective about different experiences with DPS, both. An email with the survey link was sent yesterday afternoon to all Truman State students.

WRC | Women's Resource Center hosts discussion for students about women's reproductive rights, contraception and SB749

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could prevent you from getting birth control," Malin said. "And for that matter your insurance company could prevent it." Sophomore Katherine Scheidt said she learned from her friend's experience that birth control costs can be more than \$100 when not covered by insurance. She said even cheaper, generic brands can create large yearly costs for women. Terri Tucker, women's health nurse practitioner for the Stu-

dent Health Center, said the Center currently provides full contraceptive prescription services to students, though some procedures are out-sourced to off-campus offices. She said students can make an appointment with the center and receive a prescription at any time and for a variety of reasons. "You think of birth control pills as being taken for birth control, but it's also to treat medical problems too," Tucker said.

She said many health professionals consider birth control a pharmacologic agent similar to antibiotics. She said birth control pills can treat severe menstrual cramps, ovarian cysts, acne and other conditions, as well as being used as a preventative measure for some cancers. Brenda Higgins, Student Health Center director said the Health Center has information available to students about expensive insurance plans and

options for obtaining cheaper prescriptions. Students also discussed Todd Akin's "legitimate rape" comments during August. Students discussed their opinions about his comments and why they created controversy across the nation. They also considered the misconceptions of rape and pregnancy from rape. "I feel like what he said was more of an old wives tale," Marler said. The discussion also covered

the controversy surrounding Planned Parenthood and comments made by Rush Limbaugh regarding college women taking birth control. Junior Amanda Torrini said she attended the WRC event because reproductive rights and contraception have become an important aspect of politics during the past few years. She said it is important for men and women to be informed about these issues for the coming election.

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