

# SOUND OPINIONS

- Local DJ gives unsolicited reviews of local music -

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It was another bitterly cold Saturday night in Kirksville as my friend and I set out for the Aquadome. Live music was on the bill, and local favorite Conman Economy finally recorded and released its first extended play, "Reach." Conman has been around Kirksville for most of the five years I've been living here, and it was radical to see it get into the studio and crank out a release. It was set to be a warm show as well, with the installation of a new heating system at the venue.

My fellow trouble-maker Philly joined me for the fun, and we showed up to the 'Dome fifteen minutes late for the first set. Luckily for us, the show was running slightly behind schedule, and Bereavement, the first band, was just getting plugged in.

Bereavement is a three-piece prog-metal band made up of members of local metal groups Secular Era and Perdition. The young headbangers had been motioned to play the opener only an hour and a half before their set started because

Jefferson City, Missouri's Christian rock group Almost Taken had to bow out on late notice.

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-Chris Burk, contributing writer

While being visibly young, Bereavement handled the short notice quite well. The band played all original music and it was rather loud, a great combination for any opening group, especially a young group. Drummer Mark Sullivan was the highlight of the band's 25-minute set. His speed and timing were reminiscent of 80s thrash metal. Bereavement is scheduled to play again Feb. 6 at a Rock & Metal Showcase at the Aquadome.

Truman State quartet The Skagbyrds played the enthusiastic second set. While the flier for the event said The Skagbyrds' music makes the musicians' parents shake their heads and weep for the future, I thought the band jumped the line between alternative metal and post-hardcore, a sound similar to post-millennium Incubus with a hint of Story of the Year.

However, the Story of the Year similarities might come from the band's stage presence — bassist Matthew Warner quickly became unhinged and was bouncing off the Aquadome walls. Guitarist Andrew Warner sounded good against Kevin Goessling on the drums. Goessling obviously was energized by the set — even between songs he couldn't stop his hands from spinning and tossing his sticks around.

I talked to Goessling after the show as he was carrying a large drum in his hands with a smile as wide as Kansas, seeming satisfied with the gig.

Lead singer Patrick Quinlan had a good tone on the guitar and vocally, but he gets points marked off for referring to Soundgarden as the greatest band ever — the correct

answer is San Pedro, California's Minutemen. The group's 30-minute set was enjoyable, and I regretted not having enough cash on hand at the event to buy a physical CD to support The Skagbyrds.

The penultimate set of the night was from Moberly, Missouri's Coldrain, a hard rock group. While we only caught the opening couple of songs, the standout quality of the group comes from lead vocalist Jessica Weaver. I had my back turned in conversation when the band started and immediately compared her to Amy Lee of Evanescence. Despite hearing only a few songs, the band was skilled, and I hope to see it again during the near future.

The unfortunate end to the night spurred my only complaint of the evening. Large time gaps between opening acts forced us to bail on the Aquadome before the headlining act — I had to make it to KTRM in time for my Saturday night show "LOUD & OBNOXIOUS" at 10 p.m., and Coldrain only had started its set at 9:20 p.m.

While I was genuinely stoked to see Conman Economy for the first time in a couple of years, I'm forced to settle with reviewing their new release in the near future.

## Entrepreneur club created

Truman State's new club, Innovative Creative Entrepreneurship provides opportunities for all students regardless of their field of study.

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Although most people associate entrepreneurship with business or marketing, Truman State's new club, Innovative Creative Entrepreneurship, wants to prove that it is a skill applicable to all students.

ICE president junior Anthony Hill said the main goal of ICE is to attract current Truman students of all majors and backgrounds to expand on Truman's already substantial business reputation, as well as to encourage high school students to specifically seek out Truman for its programs and opportunities.

Hill said he wants to provide an outlet for and encourage people who are interested in entrepreneurship or who have creative ideas for issues they are passionate about. He said ICE specifically wants to give those who are interested the resources that will help them achieve their entrepreneurial goals. Hill said for those who want to be in the club, applications are due Sunday, and interviews will happen during the first week of February.

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with, I found out that this is just something I enjoy doing,' and they could be either [communication] majors, history majors, a huge conglomerate of majors," Hill said.

During the future, Hill said he would like to directly connect students in ICE to other entrepreneurial clubs across the United States, potentially building future connections and opportunities. He said there has been a recent push in Missouri and the rest of the Midwest for entrepreneurship.

Hill said the creation of ICE stemmed from Truman's lack of a business club specifically suited for entrepreneurs. Hill said the club is open to all students regardless of major, so those who are not sure about going into business can still get a taste of what being an entrepreneur is like.

"If you ever thought, 'Man, why hasn't somebody like, made this ... this would make a really good product' ... that's what ICE will be for," Hill said.

Junior Shane Legatzke, ICE vice president, said he met Hill during a recruitment event at the Bulldog Student Investment Fund. Legatzke said they wanted to start



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**Members of ICE play games Tuesday night to give students interested in ICE an opportunity to ask questions in a comfortable environment. The game night, along with the guest speaker at the club's meeting tonight, Jan. 28, will hopefully draw more interest and recognition from students.**

the club because they wanted to focus on innovation and building real-world ideas and companies.

"We would like to see ICE produce successful entrepreneurs, develop an extensive network of diverse entrepreneurial individuals, and grow to make Truman a national hub of creativity and business development," Legatzke said.

Senior Jordan Duecker, who is in charge of the club's rules and risk management, said the club wants to bring out the innovative potential and full worth of students interested in entrepreneurship. Duecker said with support for the club from business professors and the dean of business, ICE will be successful in achieving its goals and providing for students.

Because the club only has eight members, Duecker said he hopes more people will show interest during the next week. Duecker said as Truman's first entrepreneurial club, they want as many people as possible to get involved.

Duecker said in addition to a table at the Activities Fair and advertising tables in the Student Union Building, the club hosted a game night Tuesday and a discussion event Wednesday. He said tonight, Jan. 28, ICE will have business professor Charles Boughton as the guest speaker at its meeting.

"There's so many good ideas that aren't being tapped into," Duecker said. "We want to unlock that potential."

ICE currently meets in Violette Hall room 1412 on Thursdays. To submit an application to join ICE or to ask any questions about the club, contact Hill at aeh1278@truman.edu.

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