

VIGIL | Truman State students gather to remember those killed because of police brutality during a vigil hosted by the Multi-cultural Affairs Center

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"This is part of that critical thinking — looking at the lives of people who have been marginalized and continue to be marginalized," Bennett said.

Bennett said the vigil resonated with her and served as a reminder to be aware and to work to make sure these incidents don't happen again.

Senior Vanessa Alexander said she thinks this event was important to have on campus because Truman has a predominantly white student body. Alexander said she wants students to be more educated about this matter because she thinks it is not always discussed in sufficient depth.

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"These are people and they mean something to someone in the world and they mean something to us as well," Alexander said.

Alexander said she would like to see a higher attendance at open discussions hosted by the MAC.

"[The discussions] are safe zones," Alexander said. "We are here to learn from each other. I want more people to feel comfortable and understand that they are wanted at these events. It's not just for a specific population here on campus — it's for everyone."

Landfill fire in St. Louis poses risks

BY HALEIGH OETTING

Contributing reporter

An underground landfill fire in St. Louis, is rapidly approaching a nuclear waste dump site.

The nuclear waste is leftover waste from the Manhattan Project that was illegally dumped into the landfill during 1973, according to the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. The fire has been burning for five years and currently resides 1,000 feet away from the 9,000 tons of nuclear waste.

Many citizens in the area were unaware the fire existed according to npr.org.

The Environmental Protection Agency said it will announce plans to build a firebreak before the end of the year and decide whether to dig up the radioactive waste during 2017.

Students attend protest

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Members of the Truman State chapter of Students for a Democratic Society attended the Oct. 24 Rise Up October event hosted in New York City.

Nine members of SDS took a bus to New York City to attend the march and to protest police brutality. The students arrived in New York Oct. 24 and helped set up banners for the march. The event featured a rally during which various religious leaders, relatives of victims of police brutality and notable public figures such as civil rights activist Cornel West, journalist Chris Hedges and film director Quentin Tarantino spoke about the movement.

Sophomore Ben Wallis, who helped organize the trip, said the students in attendance paid a \$140 fee. He said this fee was raised through a combination of fundraising, donations and from

members' funds. Wallis said some professors donated money to the trip, and said the group will continue to raise money to reimburse students who paid for the trip.

"As [the event] approached, the Stop Mass Incarceration [group] and Revolutionary Communist Party was basically saying, just get on the bus, we want people to come and price doesn't matter," Wallis said.

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— Junior Trista Sullivan

Wallis said SDS members walked for the entirety of the march and met people from all walks of life.

Wallis said he wasn't sure how many people attended the march because reported figures

What is Students for a Democratic Society?

Truman State's Students for a Democratic Society is a student-led organization with more than 150 chapters throughout the country. Members meet to discuss local and national issues such as racism, heterosexism, transphobia, capitalism and authoritarianism.

Source: newsds.org/p/who-is-sds



have varied, but he said he thought there were thousands. He said young and old people attended the event and there was a good energy at the march.

"It was a powerful experience," Wallis said. "Everyone was very serious ... I thought that everyone was very committed to making sure this got through."

Junior Trista Sullivan said the Truman chapter

of SDS became aware of the Rise Up October event through an SDS member's connection with the Revolutionary Communist Party, and the group was interested in going.

"It was an issue that resonated with all us, especially since Ferguson is close to home for a lot of us and police brutality has become a very visible issue in our nation these last few years," Sullivan said.

Kirksville Fire Department makes donation to volunteer fire groups

BY EMILY MERKLE

TMN Reporter

The Kirksville Fire Department recently donated fire hoses to several smaller area fire departments.

The Northern Adair County, Novinger and Adair County Rural fire departments received 3-inch supply line fire hoses from the Kirksville Fire Department.

Kirksville Fire Chief Tom Collins said all fire departments in Adair County share manpower with one another. Collins said this means during a large fire, one department can contact another department in the mutual aid program for backup man power to help combat the fire.

Collins said Kirksville is a paid department, but the others are volunteer departments with limited budgets. He said Kirksville upgraded to 5-inch supply line hoses several years ago and kept the old 3-inch hoses as surplus. Because the department no longer needed the 3-inch hoses, Collins said Kirks-

ville chose to donate the old hoses to some of the volunteer departments.

Collins said because of limited budgets, many rural departments get hoses from bigger departments, meaning their hoses often are of varying sizes and ages.

Silas Springer, Northern Adair County deputy fire chief, said the Northern Adair department receives funding from membership dues.

Springer said the department sends letters to citizens in the district and gives them the option to pay or not pay for fire coverage. He said the department usually gets a low census return from this. As a result, Springer said the department usually has an average budget of \$10,000-20,000 which must cover equipment, truck maintenance and fuel. He said donated surplus equipment from the city department helps save rural departments money. Springer said the mutual aid program benefits the rural districts because they know the equipment comes from the same community.

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