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The Student Philanthropy Council hosted Popcorn on The Quad to raise awareness for the William Batterson Memorial Scholarship. The SPC was founded during 2014 as a way to encourage students to give back to Truman State.

Council stresses funding

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This semester, Truman State's Student Philanthropy Council is hosting events to raise awareness about the importance of giving back to the University.

SPC is a student-based subset of the Office of Advancement that gives students the opportunity to participate in philanthropic efforts for Truman. SPC's objective is to promote students donating to the University. This semester, the council has events planned to raise awareness for causes important to the Truman community.

SPC member junior Ha-leigh Oetting said she was drawn to the organization because of its charitable focus.

"A lot of people on campus don't realize how much Truman actually does for us, and it's all because of private donations," Oetting said. "It's something that should be more known around campus."

Senior Kate Ginnard, SPC president and annual fund intern for the Office of Advancement, said SPC was thought up during fall 2013 and officially started during spring 2014. Since

then, she said the group has grown exponentially and has almost 20 members this semester.

Ginnard said a typical obstacle SPC faces is that students don't see the value of donating to the University when they are already paying tuition. Ginnard said people aren't aware of how little tuition and state funding are able to cover, and that donations make an enormous difference for future Bulldogs.

"Someone donated to have me [at Truman]," Ginnard said. "I wouldn't be able to be here or have the opportunities and internships that I have if people hadn't donated."

Ginnard said the SPC is focused on continuing the tradition of dedication and charity that donors have shown, improving the experience of new generations of Truman students.

Chad Kennerk, annual fund officer for the Office of Advancement, said the SPC has been very active since Homecoming week. He said Tag Day is an event SPC created that occurs every fall on Truman's campus. All across campus, items funded by private donors will be tagged to acknowl-

edge the difference previous donations have made, he said.

Kennerk said SPC will be putting together a specific day to recognize the importance of paying it forward.

"We'll be doing little things around campus, like leaving a dollar on a vending machine with a note about the importance of giving back," Kennerk said.

SPC's main objective right now is to create publicity regarding the need for private donations to the University, which will bring future donors, Kennerk said. As the SPC grows and begins to have more prominence on campus, members hope to begin fundraising for specific University resources, he said. Kennerk said at that time, the SPC's events will focus on gathering donations for University funds, such as the General Scholarship Fund, or for specific departments or organizations. He said SPC hopes this will help students feel more connected to the cause of giving back and be motivated to donate.

To join the Student Philanthropy Council, contact Kate Ginnard at kmg8381@truman.edu.

Truman student recovering from bicycle injury

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Senior Dane Justice, a music major and saxophonist for the Wind Symphony and Jazz Band, was severely injured during a bike crash Oct. 27 that left him with a fractured left wrist and skull.

As a result of his injuries, Justice said he likely will be away from Truman for the rest of the semester and will be unable to play his saxophone.

"The most important part of my life is saxophone," Justice said. "And this is going to be putting me on the back burner for a while because obviously, I don't have a left hand to play."

Justice also was expected to be a soloist with the orchestra, and he said he now has to give up the part.

Justice said he expects after physical therapy, he will be able to play saxophone in the future.

Justice said he underwent surgery Oct. 29, and a plate was inserted into his radius to hold the bone together. He said the rest of his injuries — including fractures to his thumb, wrist and skull — are expected to heal on their own without any additional surgeries.

Justice said he was riding his bike home from Ophelia Parrish during the early hours of Oct. 27 when the accident occurred.

"I wasn't going any faster than normal," Justice said. "It was just late at night, and I was tired. I wasn't focused as well as I should have been."

Justice said his bike slipped in the grass and he overcorrected too far, crashing face first into a small brick wall.

"I slammed into it at about 20, 25 miles per hour," Justice said. "I was in my own pool of blood and decided that was not a good place to be. So I started crawling out into the middle of Normal [Street]."

Justice said he was calling for help when a friend saw him and came to his aid. He said his friend contacted the Department of Public Safety and called an ambulance. Justice initially was taken to Northeast Regional Medical Center, but was transferred to University Hospital in Columbia later that day.

Todd Justice, Dane Justice's father, said in a Facebook post his son was released from the hospital Oct. 29.

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"They are a great tool to make sure that the chief of police knows what areas can be improved upon in the department's interactions with the public," Steele said.

Steele said he thinks incident investigations are resolved more quickly with the addition of body cameras.

Marty Jayne, justice systems department chair at Truman State, said he would be supportive of KPD getting body cameras once he knows

exactly how the body cameras would be implemented.

Jayne said though the expense is significant, he thinks body cameras could improve police behavior and help expedite the legal process. He also said he thinks it will become routine in a courtroom to ask for video captured on body cameras to be pulled up as evidence.

Jayne said body cameras might help increase public transparency of the difficulties members of the community face.

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