Turquoise Jeep to perform at Truman

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Because of increased cost and lack of availability of performers slated in last year’s entertainment survey, the Student Activities Board (SAB) was unable to book their first-choice performers for this year’s fall concert.

The main concert this year resulted from student input surveyed in the spring. The student artists are on a fall survey that will clear the spring survey.

“We had various artists mentioned last year to perform but not back in Call and Jesse Mraz, but the artist to increase our survey last year was not available,” said SAB President senior Mraz. “We had heard about Turquoise Jeep and that sparked our interest and we decided ‘why not?’”

She said SAB usually chooses the performer based on top-voted choices of students in the entertainment survey and as well as what artist is affordable and available.

This year, fall concert is similar to a fall coffee house. Artist, SAB President senior Leath said. She said SAB is not required to gather student bulletins for events that cost less than 15,000. Performing tomorrow will be more expensive and students will vote on the artist, she said. Because more hands are on during the spring, it likely will be less expensive and easier to book the student selected performer for next semester, she said.

Some students are opposed to Turquoise Jeep performing because of their controversial lyrics. Sophomore Johnston said since it’s entertaining to attack and degrade a group of people it’s not political. Johnston said it’s interesting to note that all the songs seems to degrade women. It’s more of a religious or ethnic group it would ruffle more feathers.”

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