Bough a speech, Truman State's Table Tennis Club finally will get the ping pong tables it deserves. No longer does the organization as given a fresh start. Created in 2010 by Truman alumnus Jessie Poole, the Table Tennis Club is the brainchild of Truman students John Eacret and Eric Yang, unaware of the organization's use.

Sophomore John Eacret, Table Tennis Club vice president, plays ping pong Tuesday at the West Campus Suites lounge. His passion for ping pong caused him to work to renew the club's "good standing" status with the Center for Student Involvement this year.

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