

Cutbacks: Option tradeoffs can be made in police services

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The second scenario would trade policing and emergency service money for the preservation of basic leisure services. However, this scheme would not only eliminate the Safer Schools program, but it would do away with the West University and Whiteaker public safety stations, saving one million dollars in the process.

The third scenario sends community planning, neighborhood development and growth management to the forefront while still eliminating recreational services, the Safer Schools program and cutting 18 hours of service from the library.

The remaining \$3.2 million in the \$12 million hole will come from administrative cutbacks that do not change with each scenario.

Throughout the three-and-a-half hour meeting, council and budget committee members made it known they wanted to tinker with each scenario to get an approved strategy.

"I'm not particularly satisfied with any of the alternatives," said Howard Bonnett, a committee member. "I don't really think that they have addressed the educational roles of the city, which have been appropriate roles that I think need to continue."

While tradeoffs can be made between scenarios, Elmer said they will have to be

made in police services, such as the Safer Schools program and the number of traffic officers, in closing down city parks, or in eliminating fire stations or planning services.

"Those are the areas in which you can get the big bucks to be able to buy back some services," Elmer said.

In the initial meeting, many unanswered questions remained, the biggest of which was whether recreation programs would be taken over by private organizations if the city no longer provided their funding. Ryan Darwish, chair of the budget committee and council committee member, said he didn't favor a scenario yet because he didn't know if it was realistic to believe private firms would step in.

City councilman Tim Laue agreed, saying, "I think we ought to be realistic with the community and say this is what [city services] will look like, and these are what the impacts will be, not that we're going to find volunteers and different ways to provide service, because we're kidding ourselves if we think we can."

The committee has scheduled five more meetings over the next month to come to consensus on a specific scenario. The council will bring the strategy to the public in May.

Trees: Removal hasn't faced much opposition, King says

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"If you've noticed, we've posted notices and press releases [on the planned removal of the trees]. We're not trying to hide anything at all," he continued. "It's just really hard to do any kind of tree maintenance when you have class changes going on. It just puts pedestrians at risk."

There are certain criteria for deciding if a tree poses a threat. Decay is the biggest factor. Trees with a rating of 12 pose a great risk of falling down in adverse weather conditions. All trees that have been removed at the University so far have had a rating of nine or higher, King said.

King said he hasn't faced too much opposition to the removal of the trees. Although, he said, some have voiced the opinion that trees should be allowed to take their natural course allowing them to fall on their own. "We can't do that [let trees fall at will] on a campus like this.... That philosophy may be fine for a large park or out in the woods, but not on a large college campus — it's just too dangerous," King said.

Trees have been removed from around 18th and Alder, Hendricks Park, Friendly and Gilbert Halls, the Pioneer Father statue and the Collier House. King estimates it costs between \$200 and \$1,200 to remove each tree, grind the stump and clean up afterward. "It's not cheap, and it costs us money," King said. "This is not something we like to spend money on and not something we do lightly."

King said the University has 3,375 individual species of trees and over 500 different varieties of trees. Also, King said, the

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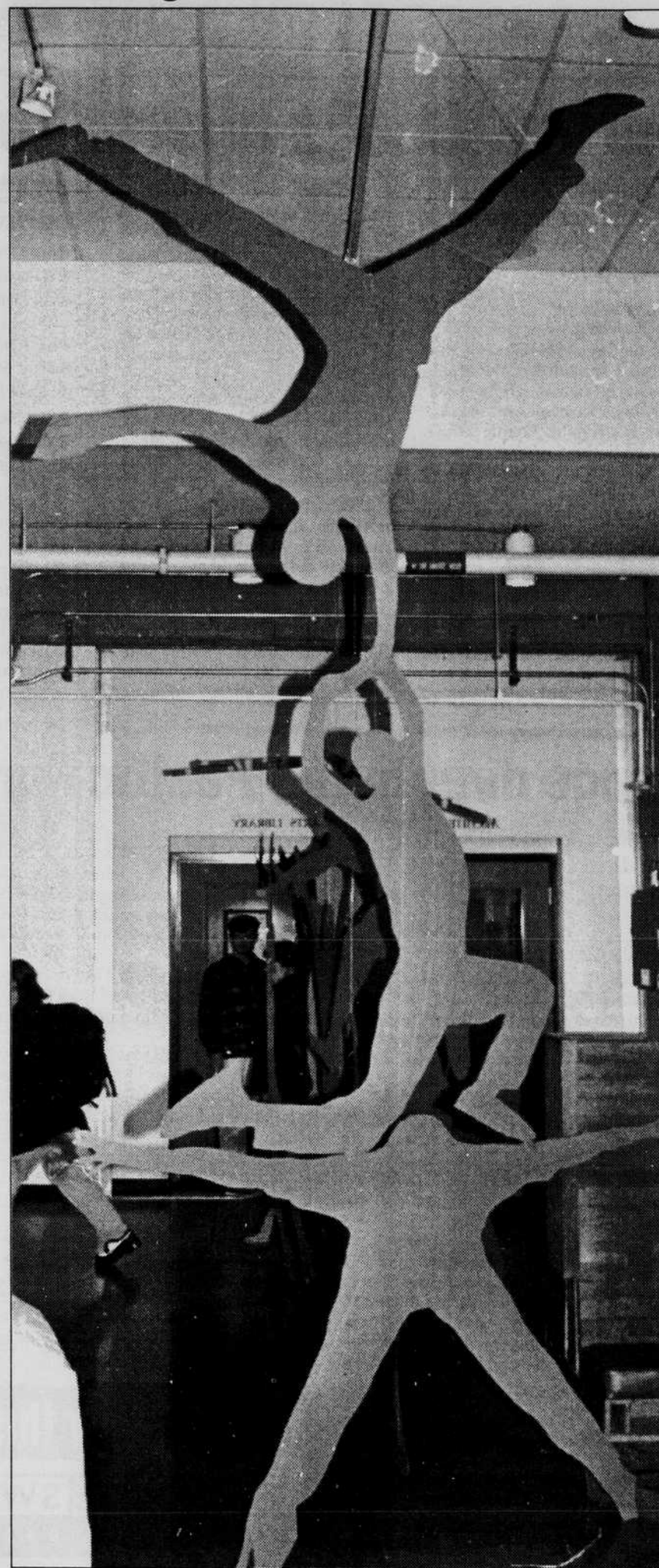
— Tim King
Campus and ground supervisor

University plants more trees than it has cut down, which preserves the number of trees on campus. "We really have an arboretum here and we're trying to develop that arboretum more and more," King said. "We're trying to introduce new varieties of trees on campus, and part of that is because we do look at this place as an arboretum."

Environmental Awareness instructor Mel Jackson said he also feels these trees pose a threat to people on campus. "When trees become hazardous, they have to come out. As much as I hate to see them go, it's just not worth the chance of them coming down," Jackson said.

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