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By ERIN CRAIG

A new type of physical education course has been added to the curriculum--Wilderness Survival. This new class was offered for the first time during this spring's Late Start classes. Campus officials had an idea the course would be popular, but were pleasantly surprised when 77 students enrolled.

"American society is so safety- and security-oriented as a result of terrorism and there is a fascination with living our childhood stories about being lost in the woods," said James Evans, university provost.

The class is being taught by David Knotts, an outdoor enthusiast with over 30 years of experience in the forestry and wildlife industry. The class teaches techniques for survival outdoors, even in cold weather, finding edible foods and plants, cooking food without fire, avoiding hazards, keeping warm and navigation.

"This class teaches not only important skills, but also the history of survival techniques," Evans said.

The one-credit hour course met for three hours April 3 to discuss proper gear and followed the session up with a weekend outing at Lindenwood's Daniel Boone Home in Defiance, MO...when the nighttime temperature dipped into the upper 20s.

This popular class, Evans said, will be available for students during next fall's Late Start term.

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