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This mask is worn by officers specially trained in meth lab site cleanup and disposal of the hazardous materials associated with methamphetamines.

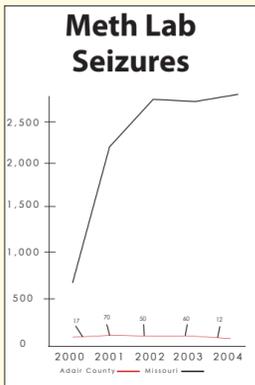
# Muting Amphetamines

## Missouri leads in meth crisis

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No one hesitated. Law enforcement officials, therapists and retailers agree that methamphetamine is one of the most dangerous epidemics the United States has ever faced. And rural Missouri is exactly where it comes from. "In my 27 years in law enforcement I've dealt with pretty much every drug you can think of," Kirkville Police Chief Jim Hughes said. "... And I will tell you, this is not just a scare story. I have found that methamphetamine is the most addictive of any of the drugs I've ever dealt with."

In 2003, law officers seized 2,649 meth labs in Missouri, making it the methamphetamine capital of the United States, more than double the next highest total in neighboring Iowa. Adair County alone housed 60 of those labs. Meth is a stimulant that can be injected intravenously, eaten, snorted or smoked. But unlike other narcotics, meth is cooked using a recipe of household ingredients. "It's so prevalent around here because it's something that can be easily made outdoors in rural communities without being detected," said Sondra Sanford, meth prevention project coordinator with Preferred Family Health Care. She said 92 percent of people who



try meth once become addicted immediately, compared with 12 percent of those who sample alcohol. "It affects everybody," Sanford said. "It doesn't matter how wealthy you are or how poor, it's an equal-opportunity drug." See METH, Page 11

## Counselor reaches out to recovering addicts

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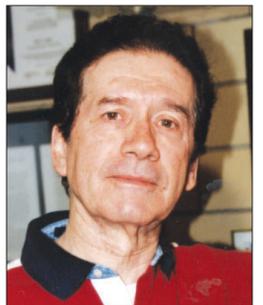
Preferred Family therapist Barry Baker is passionate about addiction prevention. His clients, recovering from drug and alcohol dependence, turn to him for a listening ear and his trademark warm grin but most of all for support: Baker was once in their shoes. "I've got so many war stories — that's what we call them, war stories — that every once in a while, I'll tell one," Baker said. "But the treatment they're going through is basically about them." Still, his clients respect him for his ability to overcome nearly two decades of meth-

amphetamine addiction, he said. "Once you're addicted, you're always addicted," Baker said. "I've been clean and sober 16 years, and I still dream about it. I'll get that feeling every once in a while that I'd like to use. It doesn't last long — it used to last a lot longer — but I've never relapsed, I've never had a setback in my recovery. Not many people have a recovery like I did." Baker started using meth in 1971 when he was 21 years old. He said he still remembers the wallpaper in the kitchen of the farmhouse where he was when he experienced his first methamphetamine high. See ADDICT, Page 11

## Costa recovers from fall

**Kyle Hill**  
Staff Reporter

Sal Costa, assistant professor of psychology, said Wednesday night he blames a fundraiser for his hospital stay. Costa said from St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis he had surgery to drain blood coagulating in the left side of his brain. "They had to do 40-some stitches," Costa said. "Basically, I'm recuperating." Costa said that his participation in the dunking tank fundraiser benefiting Hurricane Katrina victims Sept. 16 led to his illness. "I got dunked in the water 12 times," Costa said. "Water went up my nose, and a couple of times I hit my head." Auctioneer Jerry McMMain, who has known Costa since they attended Northeast Missouri State University, said co-workers at the Wood Rail found Costa unconscious inside Costa's home and called paramedics. McMMain said Costa, who also works as a part-time clerk at McMMain's Auction Barn, had not been feeling well in recent weeks. "He hit his head in the dunk tank several weeks ago," McMMain said. "He had a bad cold from that." Junior Ashley Ramsey, who is taking Costa's Serial Killer and Psychopaths class this semester, said Costa had canceled classes last week because he was not feeling well. "He was complaining of sinus problems," Ramsey said. "He was pointing more toward the top of his head, which I thought was odd, because normally I think of my sinuses near my eyes." Costa said he might return to Kirkville in a couple of days. Ramsey said she jumped in circles in front of Grim Hall when she heard Costa was returning. See COSTA, Page 11



Sal Costa

## List details renovations

1,500-item list must be completed before division can occupy science hall

**Carl Walz**  
for the Index

There are about 1,500 reasons Magruder Hall isn't finished yet. Campus Planner Doug Winicker and the building's architect compiled a 1,500-item to-do list in mid-September after a thorough examination of the facility, said Scott Ellis, dean of the science division. Ellis said that for the building to be deemed substantially complete, Paric Corporation, the contractor handling the Magruder construction, must complete the to-do list. Ellis said the punch list contains mostly patchwork and touch-up work, but more serious items include leaks in the basement and roof.



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The north side of Magruder Hall is illuminated Tuesday night.

"Some of the current leaking problems are due to structural details and some to caulking," Ellis said. "The flooding that we have had in the past is not been due to caulking, but due to poor planning details relative to where the phase one and phase two buildings came up

against each other." Ellis said that upon completion of the list, Paric will invite the building's architect and Winicker back to examine the building to determine if it is substantially complete. See MAGRUDER, Page 11

## 3 suffer minor injuries in wreck

**Amanda Boyle**  
Staff Reporter

A three-car accident on U.S. Highway 63 on Friday sent three people to the hospital for minor injuries. The wreck occurred in front of the Lincoln Square Shopping Center near the intersection of Baltimore and Fillmore streets at about 7:36 p.m. when the light on Fillmore changed from green to red. Kirkville resident Philip Robinson, the driver of the first car in the pileup, said the stop at the light was somewhat quick. He said that when he looked in his rearview mirror, he could tell the cars behind him had not slowed down enough and were going to hit him. "I didn't think the guy in front of me had stopped abruptly," said junior Nohemi Alvarez-Landa, the driver

behind Robinson. "It was not so abrupt that I would think I would need to worry. Maybe three seconds later I felt a big jolt forward, and I screamed." The vehicle of 19-year-old Kirkville resident James Peterson rear-ended Alvarez-Landa's car, which in turn hit the car in front of her. Kirkville Police Sgt. Steve Farnsworth said Peterson was at fault for the accident. Peterson was unavailable for comment. Alvarez-Landa said that when she emerged from her vehicle after the accident, there was no animosity among the three drivers, but she noticed that one of the three passengers from Peterson's car was lying on the side of the road in the grass surrounded by his friends. "[Robinson] was really calm and nice," she said. "I didn't get to talk to" See CRASH, Page 11

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High 76 Low 48	High 71 Low 43	High 70 Low 49