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## MAE faces changes

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Procrastination might pay off for sophomore Matt Felzke.

He has yet to complete his classroom observation hours, and if faculty approves the proposed changes to the University's Masters of Arts in Education program later this semester, he might not have to. To meet budget guidelines, MAE faculty are discussing changes to the program, including elimination of such observation requirements.

"People who want to teach have already observed," Felzke said. "As students, we're in classrooms all the time. I think we know how it works."

This comment echoes Sam Minner, dean of education, whose sentiments question the validity of classroom observation requirements.

"Pre-law students don't follow lawyers around, and pre-med students don't follow doctors around," Minner said. "So why make students follow teachers around?"

The MAE is in no danger of being eliminated, Minner said. He said faculty will vote on the pro-

posals as early as the next division meeting March 21, and he said he encourages students to attend and voice their concerns because the changes will take effect as early as the 2006-07 academic year.

He said the division also is discussing moving the undergraduate course Foundations of Education online, establishing a class to aid graduate students.

These changes aim to find a balance between cutting costs and maintaining quality, Minner said.

But MAE graduate student Sarah Schack said she worries that such changes might damage the program and hurt future MAE students.

Schack, who is completing her yearlong teaching internship at Blow Middle School in inner-city St. Louis, said she owes her success to the personal attention she received from MAE faculty and staff.

"I don't think I would have been as happy with the program if I hadn't got that personal one-on-one time," she said.

Schack said she regrets the proposal to eliminate observation.

"I think it's important to get out in the classroom early on," she said.



Chris Waller/Index

Senior Meghan Esbenschade searches the undergraduate catalog in the education division office Wednesday afternoon. Esbenschade is a pre-MAE exercise science major.

"My observations really helped me narrow down my focus and told me I really wanted to teach."

Schack said her faculty mentor Wendy Miner, assistant professor of education, has been the strongest guiding force in her graduate studies.

"My internship has been unbelievably challenging," Schack said. "Dr. Miner's support has helped me put the theory of education into practice in my classroom."

Miner said that despite changes, she and her fellow faculty members will remain dedicated to MAE students.

"If someone needs us, we'll do whatever necessary to help," she said.

Compared to other state education programs, Truman's remains unique. However, both Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia require ear-

ly experiences in the classroom.

David Brown, director of student services for the MSU College of Education, said he would never eliminate early field experience, because it goes against the nationwide trend to require more observation.

"Students can't learn what they need to know to teach effectively with their noses in books," he said.

MAE faculty must weigh these  
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## Players receive change of venue

Sara DeGonia  
News Editor

Two University football players charged with assault in December received a change of venue Monday.

Judge Russell Steele of the Adair County Circuit Court said the case was transferred to Lewis County after the defendants made a motion to change venue. Steele still will preside over the trial, he said.

Juniors Joshua Kilcrease and Darnell Williams are accused of striking Wooden Nickel employee Theodore Tarrant with Kilcrease's car and assaulting both Tarrant and Wooden Nickel owner Dan Vogt, according to the Jan. 26 issue of the Index.

The students pleaded not guilty Jan. 23, according to the Index.

Misti Hollenbeck, associate defense attorney at Campbell Law Firm, which represents the athletes, said the defendants requested a change of venue because of the attention the case has attracted.

"This is just a small community, and it's been in the news quite a bit," Hollenbeck said.

She said a Supreme Court rule allows defendants to request a change of venue from any county with fewer than 75,000 citizens.

Steele said the next court date is April 6, and the start date for the trial will be decided that day.

Head football coach Shannon Currier said he did not know exactly why the players requested a change of venue, but he said he thinks it is because the lawyers are trying to get the fairest trial possible.

Currier said in general he tries to stand by his players when they make mistakes, but he and the other coaches are the first ones to impose consequences if necessary.

"Obviously I want people to know, first of all, I'm not saying our guys are guilty of anything, and we don't know because there are two sides to every story," he said. "But we surely don't condone any poor behavior by anyone at any time."

Mark Williams, Adair County prosecuting attorney, was not available for comment.

## Birth control users should beware of risks

Grace Mattie  
Staff Reporter

Get over it.

Look past the stirrups, the cold, intruding speculums and the male doctors, and spread those legs because the body doesn't get any younger.

As the number of students on birth control has doubled during the past couple of years, because of its benefits, the consequences involved with taking the drug are still a factor, said Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center.

"These are the years, I think, where habits are started that can continue through life, and they can lead to positive outcomes or negative outcomes later in life," said Higgins.

### Infertility

For junior Missy Williamson, birth control was the only way out.

At age 15, Williamson's gynecologist told her she might be at

risk for endometriosis, a medical condition where tissue from the uterus breaks off, causing painful menstruation and even infertility in some cases, and birth control could decrease the risk.

"They haven't found anything yet, and they don't want to do anything invasive to find out if I'm not dying of pain yet, so they're just kind of watching it," Williamson said.

It is one of the less fortunate traits she would have inherited from her mother. Unlike her mother, however, Williamson still is capable of having children. Her mother had to have a hysterectomy directly after Missy's arrival, and she quickly was robbed of her dream of having more children.

Fearful that Williamson might experience the same misfortune, her gynecologist prescribed her Lo-estrin, an oral contraceptive that would induce extra levels of estrogen into her body, which in turn would work to lower the risk of endometriosis.

But the method also can affect patients negatively because prescribing a hormonal contraceptive at the young age of 15 increases the risk of infertility, Williamson said.

"It was kind of weighing out your options," she said.

As for now, Williamson said she cannot do anything else to prevent the risk of endometriosis.

"I mean, it worries me, but I'm doing what I can, so it's kind of out of my control," Williamson said.

A recent Truman graduate, who asked to remain anonymous because she is a teacher at a school in Pennsylvania, said she waited until she was 21 to take birth control so that she would not have to worry about infertility. She had read about this risk in packets her gynecologist gave to her.

"I was hesitant to go on it at first because of problems with pregnancy," she said.

However, she said she finally decided to go on it at age 21 be-



Grace Mattie/Index

Dr. Melicien Tettambel speaks with medical assistant Debbie Wagner in her office Wednesday afternoon.

cause she knew it would be less than 10 years before she would have children. Any more than 10 years would put her at a very high risk of infertility, she said.

Instead, the alumna chose abstinence as a form of birth control until that point, and then she visited her gynecologist, which is more than the average female does at that age, according to data from the Guttmacher



Institute Web site, www.agi-usa.org. "I didn't want the responsibility of having sex before then,"  
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## Accidents injure multiple residents

Alan Reininger  
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A Truman student is facing several charges, including second-degree assault, after a car accident March 1 that left a young girl with a broken leg.

In addition, sophomore Garrett Bynum was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving after his car crossed the intersection of Marion and Illinois streets, striking D. Wayne Davis and his daughter, who were riding a motorcycle, said Sgt. Steve Farnsworth of the Kirksville Police Department. The accident occurred at 4:18 p.m.

Davis said his daughter, who was a passenger on the motorcycle, suffered severe injuries from the crash.

"My daughter broke her leg in three places," he said.

Davis said his daughter was released from the hospital Monday. She will have pins in her leg for the next three weeks and then will spend the following

four weeks in a cast, he said. He said he also would be out of work for the next four to six weeks while his leg and foot healed.

Police also issued a minor in possession to Bynum, who is 20 years old, Farnsworth said.

Farnsworth said junior Adam Nachtweih was placed into protective custody. He said Nachtweih, whose father owns the vehicle, was riding as a passenger in the car.

Bynum did not return phone calls for comment as of press time.

Another accident occurred Monday afternoon involving three vehicles and resulting in minor injuries, Farnsworth said.

He said two cars were stopped in traffic at a light, and the third car failed to stop in time and rear-ended the last car in the line of traffic. Kirksville resident Curtis Anderson, who was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving, was driving the third car.

Kirksville resident Jennifer



Chris Tharp/Index

Paramedics talk to Kirksville resident Jodi Berman, who was injured in a car accident Monday.

Berman, who was in one of the rear-ended cars, said the accident was unexpected.

"We just heard a loud noise, and all of a sudden we got hit right after," Jennifer Berman said.

Jodi Berman, Jennifer Berman's sister, was hurt in the wreck and was carried into an ambulance on a stretcher, she said. Jennifer Berman said her sister was facing backward when the accident occurred.

"She turned back when she heard the loud sound, so her neck was kind of slanted," Jennifer

Berman said.

The accident occurred on the 500 block of S. Baltimore Street, one block north of the intersection of Normal and Baltimore streets, Farnsworth said. He said a couple of the passengers went to the hospital with minor injuries. Jennifer Berman and Kirksville resident Nathan Schaver were driving the other two cars involved in the accident, Farnsworth said.

Southbound traffic traveled in the center lane around the accident and Baltimore Street was not closed, Farnsworth said.

## Rooms open as students opt to move off campus

Kyle Hill  
Staff Reporter

Frustrated with the Office of Residence Life, freshman Keshia Palmer signed a lease for a duplex off campus Feb. 28.

One hour later, she received an e-mail saying she was approved to register for housing on campus.

"I don't know what I said, but I was like, 'This is crazy, this is ridiculous,'" Palmer said.

Palmer, who was on a waiting list to register for on-campus housing next year, said she decided to look off campus after receiving conflicting answers from office workers at Residence Life. She said her roommate was on the approved list, but she did not know for sure if she could register for a room in Dobson or Ryle halls with her.

"One lady said, 'Yeah, all you have to do is come fill out this sheet,'" Palmer said. "And another lady said, 'I don't know what sheet you're talking about. You can't do that because you'd be moving someone off the approved list.'"

As of Monday, only the new residence hall at 215 W. Normal St. has rooms available on campus, said An-

drea O'Brien, director of Residence Life. At the same time, 312 out of about 1,300 students who replied to an e-mail in October and were allowed onto the approved list have not registered. Although a large number of students haven't registered, the final 98 on the list were cleared to register Monday, O'Brien said.

Freshman Dillon Bergsten said he responded to the pre-registration e-mail but decided Friday with his future roommate to look for off-campus housing. He said Residence Life told him he had a slim chance for living on campus.

Bergsten said he was hoping to live in Centennial Hall.

"Since I was expecting to live in the dorms, it's kind of a dose of reality to have to look for houses," Bergsten said. "This year I didn't have a part-time job, but next year, I'll have to have a job, buy my own food and drive to class."

O'Brien said Centennial and Ryle filled up Thursday, and the other residence halls did so shortly after that.

She said that although she expected the new hall to be full by now, she is not surprised the new

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| Friday            | Saturday          | Sunday            |
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| Sunny             | Isolated T-Storms | Showers           |
| High 59<br>Low 46 | High 63<br>Low 39 | High 58<br>Low 44 |