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Curt Devan, director of human resources, leads a meeting with the grounds crew at the Physical Plant on Monday afternoon.

Plant fears outsourcing

Alan Venneman
Staff Reporter

Fears of outsourcing are confounding communication in the Physical Plant as administrators and staff struggle to reach an understanding about acquiring new management for grounds.

President Barbara Dixon said

outside companies, or vendors, could propose one of three ways to do this: to outsource the management but not employees, to shift employees to the outsourced company, and to keep staff under Truman, but as they retire, new workers would go to the outsourced company, she said.

"We have the right to say to them,

'Propose it so that everybody on our crew stays employed by Truman,'" Dixon said.

Dixon said state funding has caused the University to look at how it allocates its funds, and Truman looked at grounds because it lost a manager and couldn't find anyone to fill the position from the community.

"I do think that the fear of losing jobs is being exacerbated over there by people who are determined to make an issue of this," Dixon said. "I think that is really unfortunate."

Dixon said she does not want to undermine the values the University stands for by firing any employees.

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Scott resigns council post

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The Kirksville City Council has another empty seat to fill after Councilman Richard Scott submitted his resignation Monday afternoon.

Scott's resignation, which took effect immediately, comes less than two months after the resignation of former Mayor Debbie Masten. Scott said he stepped down because he wanted to devote more time to his small business, but a letter from former Kirksville Mayor Sondra Murray asking for his resignation also played a role.

Scott said that in her letter, Murray stated that she and others would attend future council meetings to ask publicly for his resignation. He said he saw the letter as a threat to the council's ability to conduct regular business.

"I didn't want the City Council and the city staff to be subject to that kind of disruptive activity," Scott said. "I'm not stating whether it would have happened or not, but the threat of it was sufficient enough to pose a disruptive force to the business of the city."

Murray, who served as mayor of Kirksville from 1993 to 1994, said she sent the letter Oct. 6 to Scott at his

home because she was unhappy with Scott's image in the community.

Earlier this month, police took Scott into protective custody after finding him intoxicated on the street attempting to get into the driver's seat of his vehicle.

In July, he was arrested for alleged domestic assault against his wife, who later dropped the charges.

Scott also was charged in March for driving while intoxicated and is scheduled to appear in court next month in Shelby County.

Sondra Murray's husband, Bill, also was mayor of Kirksville. He chose not to run for re-election in April 2004 after his term expired.

"We're very much devoted to this community, and it was doing no good with the publicity [Scott] was generating," Sondra Murray said.

Murray said she did not see her letter or her plans to publicly ask for Scott's resignation as a potential disruption.

"I see that petitioning and giving citizen input has always been a part of City Council meetings," she said. "I had no intention of getting up there and disrupting the City Council meetings, but always on the agenda there is an area for citizen participation, and something like this is

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Road work nears end

Local officials host ribbon cutting ceremony for U.S. Highway 63 near Kirksville

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for the Index

Ribbons have been cut along U.S. Highway 63, and the wait for the new four-lane highway is almost over.

Citizens made their way to the ribbon-cutting ceremonies Tuesday along Highway 63 sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Highway 63 Transportation Corporation and MoDOT. Debi Boughton, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce project manager, said the event was a progressive celebration.

The ribbon-cutting ceremonies took place in Macon, Mo., Atlanta, Mo., La Plata, Mo., and Kirksville with entertainment, brief comments by invited speakers, refreshments and the cutting of a ceremonial ribbon to mark the near-completion of the Highway 63 expansion.

The construction on Highway 63 isn't only creating more lanes and quicker travel time, but Boughton said it will have other effects as well.

"It helps with the safety of the highway, and it also helps with economic development because big factories like to be within 10 miles of a four-lane highway so their trucks can bring supplies in," Boughton said.

Aaron Baker, a lifelong resident of the area and chief of staff to Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, expressed similar sentiments as Boughton.

"We see it as a way to increase safety along our roads," Baker said. "It decreases time to get to places. It also brings progress to our communities for retail opportunities and business opportunities."

Baker said La Plata already is seeing progress.

"Here in La Plata there is going to be a new pool," Baker said. "... There's already a new restaurant and bank here, a new Casey's here. All banking I believe in investing on a new highway, and that is just what is here right now, and we'll just have to see what else will come."

Nathan Flickinger, a Truman junior and La Plata resident, said he thinks the highway is positive and will have an impact not only in La Plata but also in other areas along Highway 63.

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File photo

Firefighters and investigators gather Oct. 19, 2004, after Corporate Airlines flight 5966 crashed about eight miles south of Kirksville.

Oct. 19, 2004 Flight 5966

crashed about eight miles south of Kirksville, killing 11 passengers and two crew members

- Clark Ator, D.O.**
- Rada Bronson**
- Judith Diffenderfer, D.O.**
- Kathleen Gebard**
- Matthew Johnson**
- Steve Miller, M.D.**
- Ofc. Jonathan Palmer**
- Toni Sarantino, M.D.**
- Cpt. Kim Sasse**
- Richard Sarkin, M.D.**
- Paul Talley**
- Mark Varidin, D.O.**
- FACOFPA**
- M. Bridget Wagner, D.O.**

Universities honor victims

Jessie Gasch
Assistant News Editor

Kirkville's universities have established annual traditions that will continue to honor several victims of flight 5966.

Wednesday marked the first Day of Compassion at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Two of the passengers on flight 5966, Richard Sarkin and

Steve Miller, fellows from the Arthur P. Gold Foundation, planned to present a program of service and workshops to help the KCOM community become more empathetic health care providers. This year their hopes became a reality.

"We believe that we have gone through a fair amount of healing in the past year, and our belief is — what the victims' expectations would be of us — is to pick up at this point to do those things they were trying to

accomplish by coming here," said Philip Slocum, vice president of medical affairs and dean of KCOM. "That's why we're trying to focus much more on the future than on the past."

Students and faculty crowded into a large classroom Wednesday morning, wearing black and green ribbons in remembrance of the plane victims. A faculty member said black was chosen for mourning and green

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Families remember, survivor speaks at memorial service

Amanda Boyle
Staff Reporter

A year has passed since Corporate Airlines flight 5966 crashed near Kirksville, stealing the lives of 13 people and injuring two others. Now families of the victims as well as the survivors are looking back at their experiences.

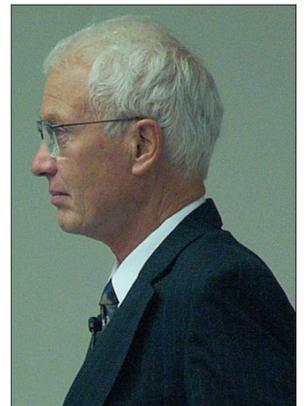
"We're doing OK," said Alicia Talley, wife of plane crash victim Paul Talley. "This isn't a great time of year or anything, though. I'd be doing a lot better if I didn't have to talk about it because he was around."

Alicia Talley said she and her late husband have a daughter who is in the eighth grade now.

"She's pretty resilient," Alicia Talley said. "We have a lot of support with our church, and she is really involved with the church."

Paul Talley was born and raised in Dallas where his wife, daughter and mother still reside, his wife said. At the time of the accident, he was on his way to Kirksville to take pictures of the University along with his co-worker Matthew Johnson. Johnson and Paul Talley were both photographers for a company called Creative Communications.

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Crash survivor John Krogh speaks.

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Cigarette break

Columnist Katie Gilbert examines simple freedoms enjoyed by smokers.



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Heroic Tribute

DPS officer writes song to honor peacekeeping American heroes.



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Wal-Mart World

Special report examines impact, effects and opposition to supercenter.



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Mostly cloudy High 60 Low 41	Mostly cloudy High 57 Low 35	Mostly cloudy High 50 Low 34