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Residents arrested in drug bust

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Police recovered more than nine pounds of marijuana Tuesday. Dustin Albertson, Terry Starr and Sarah Schultz, all of Kirkville, were taken into custody about 11 a.m. Tuesday for distribution of a controlled substance. Officers searched two residences on Gardner and Michigan streets and discovered the narcotics at the first home.

"This is the largest amount of marijuana that virtually all of our officers have ever seen," Kirkville Police Department Detective Jeremy Cordray said.

He said that according to police information, the alleged distributors purchased the marijuana for between \$500 and \$700 per pound, and the street value is about \$1,000 per pound.

"We found over nine pounds of

packaged marijuana and paraphernalia, paraphernalia being baggies, food sealers, pipes and rolling papers," Cordray said.

He said these arrests, coupled with two recent incidents in which officers confiscated a total of 6.5 pounds of marijuana, have taken a substantial amount of drugs off the street. Officers acted on corroborated, confidential information when they applied for the warrant to search the residence on Gardner Street, Cordray said. The second home belonged to a Drug Court participant, so a warrant was not required to search.

"We found what we were looking for," Cordray said. "We found

pretty much what we were told was there."

Police Department Deputy Chief Tim King said that although the amount of marijuana recovered recently is more than at this time last year, fall is often the busiest season for marijuana seizures.

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Kirkville Police
Deputy Chief

"It's this time of year," he said. "This is the time of year everyone is cultivating their crops."

He said he attributed recent successes to diligence among the police force.

"A lot of it you can contribute to good police work," King said. "But a lot of it is connected. When you find one thing, it leads to another and so on."

Through surveillance, further communication and other avenues, information must be substantiated

before it is acted upon, King said.

He said the assistance of Adair County K-9 units is often requested in drug cases.

"The dogs go through the house first, and it cuts down on amount of time officers have to spend searching," King said.

Police Department officers first asked Adair County K-9 Unit deputy Tina Bratton early Tuesday morning to be present at the searches.

"They already had two people in custody at one place when I got there," Bratton said. She said she thinks the marijuana was found in the living room.

Bratton said the dogs from the K-9 Unit are trained to find marijuana, heroin, methamphetamine, coke and crack.

"They just wanted me to be on standby," she said. "Just to make sure whether there was anything else or not."

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Nick Corich/Index
Kirkville Police Department Detective Jeremy Cordray shows the drugs that were confiscated Tuesday.

Council appoints mayor

Martha Rowe, other councilmembers fill three vacant positions

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The two-month wait is over. Councilwoman Martha Rowe is now filling the shoes of former mayor Debbie Masten. The council elected Rowe unanimously at the City Council meeting Monday.

"It feels good," Rowe said. "I'm excited to represent the people of Kirkville."

But Rowe is not the only addition. The council now consists of five members instead of three. Rowe, pro tem Tim Crist and councilman Ron Stewart elected Ralph Cupelli and Jeff Newton to join them on the council. Cupelli is the assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Truman, and Newton is the owner of Il Spazio.

Rowe made a motion to appoint Cupelli and Newton to the council. The candidates were appointed simultaneously and received one 3-0 vote. The newest members took their seat with the council thereafter.

"I enjoyed my time that I spent during my last term, and I know this time we all will have good attitudes," said Cupelli, who served on the council from 2001 to 2004. "I think we're going to be very productive."

Newton could not be reached for comment.

After the appointments, each council member participated in a secret ballot that appointed Rowe as mayor. It resulted in a 5-0 vote, and with applause from citizens in attendance, Crist handed Rowe the gavel and Rowe took the mayor's chair.

Rowe said she has thought about being mayor since she was reappoin-



Chris Waller/Index
City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh swears in Ralph Cupelli as a new council Member to the Kirkville City Council. Jeff Newton, who also was sworn in, watches during the City Council meeting Monday night at City Hall.

pointed to the council in 2005. "I wanted the opportunity because at that point I had the most seniority," Rowe said.

Cupelli would have had the same amount of seniority had he not left the council in 2005. He said Rowe has enough expectations of the city.

"I think she will do a very

good job," Cupelli said. "She is a sweet lady, yes, but she isn't afraid to speak out on issues she really cares about."

A similar council vote took place just two months ago. Cupelli and Newton were nominated to take Masten's seat on the council, but they both were rejected in 2-2 votes. After Scott's resignation last Monday, how-

ever, the three-member council was able to come to a consensus and could vote successfully on both candidates.

"I'm just glad we have a full council again," City Manager Mari Macomber said. "Progress wasn't being made with just three members."

Cupelli said both Rowe and Macomber called him after Scott

resigned and asked him if he still had an interest in the council.

Rowe's term as mayor, along with Cupelli's and Newton's terms, will last until April 2006, when the positions must be filled again. Crist will serve until April 2007, and Rowe and Stewart will serve until April 2008 as regular councilmembers.

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Charitable efforts soar

Community, campus generated thousands of dollars for victims

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for the Index

Although Kirkville is small, the city responded in a big way to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Kirkville-area Red Cross reported the community generated more than \$63,400 for those impacted by the hurricane as of Oct. 19. The \$13,000 raised by the Truman campus went to both the Red Cross and a student affected by the hurricane. Truman's contribution to the cause test-drove a new format for campus service. The Student Union coordinated the collaborative effort of many groups on campus, and the project's success might lead to more joint projects in the future.

Anne Barlow, Director of Kirkville Red Cross, said she was thrilled with the community's response to the call for aid.

"There were so many different kinds of things that people dreamt up," Barlow said. "They really put their heads to work and came up with a lot of good ideas and really followed through with them. It's been marvelous."

The Hurricane Katrina relief committee organized the joint fundraising efforts among 25 to 30 Truman organizations, senior committee member Kristen Carson said.

"We wanted to see a more cohesive Truman community effort, so instead of having a lot of different organizations plan things at the same time and compete against

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Wire photo
CAKE singer John McCreaof performs in Switzerland in 2005.

CAKE visit makes for sticky situation

SAB finds band's requests difficult to fulfill before concert

Alan Reininger

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CAKE's impending Truman visit hasn't quite been a piece of baked delight.

The band, which will perform tomorrow evening, has made very specific requests regarding its opening band and publicity design.

Robin Taylor, coordinator for the Center for Student Involvement, said the band initially submitted Lincoln Conspiracy, a band from Boston that contacted the Student Activities Board, and Eric Hutchinson, who has performed at previous SAB coffeehouses.

Taylor said Lincoln Conspiracy was scheduled to play in Iowa before CAKE responded, and CAKE didn't approve Hutchinson for the opening act. "CAKE's management ap-

proved it, but CAKE themselves did not approve them as an opening act," Taylor said.

Taylor said SAB attempted to use a local band for the opening act because of the difficulties in obtaining a contract for an outside opening act in the minimal time remaining before the concert this week.

"But with trying to get an outside contract done in four days, it's not worth putting everybody here on campus through that, so we declined," Taylor said.

The opening act for the concert will be Rock Kills Kid, a band that hails from southern California.

"CAKE demanded this as their opening act," Taylor said.

She said SAB will not provide money for the band for their hotel, food or travel expenses for Rock Kills Kid. The band will be given \$250 in compensation.

Taylor said SAB goes through an outside insurance agent, Hawkins Agency in Edina, Mo. See CAKE, Page 7

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Columnist Andrew Gant has harsh words for students who degrade Kirkville.



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Expo brings job hunt to Truman with companies looking to hire.



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