

City considers council chair

Grace Mattie
Staff Reporter

Four is the magic number in the City Council: four members, four candidates, four goals and four months remaining.

After voting took place Sept. 5, the fifth seat of the City Council remained vacant. Possible candidates included Ralph Cupelli, special assistant to the president for governmental cooperation of Truman State University, Il Spazio owner Jeff Newton, Adair Foods employee Charles Cannaday and Kirksville resident Sterling Ruddy.

"Anyone who shows expressions of interest are considered," Councilman Richard Scott said.

Mari Macomber, city manager of Kirksville, said City Council members Tim Crist, Richard Scott, Martha Rowe and Ron Stewart met Aug. 31 for nominations. Stewart nominated Cupelli, who served on the council from 2001 until 2004, and Scott nominated Newton and Cannaday.

Cupelli and Newton both graduated to election after being seconded by Rowe and Crist, respectively, but the vote resulted in a 2-2 split, and the motion failed because state statute requires three votes for a motion to succeed.

Stewart and Rowe split from Crist and Scott for each nomination. Cupelli said he was not re-elected because he might give power to Stewart and Rowe.

"I think that each side wanted to have a candidate," Cupelli said. "Whoever gets selected, the balance of power will change."

The City Council has not received any more nominations. The next study session will take place Sept. 19.

Four months remain to elect the fifth City Council

member. The last day for citizens to file their candidacy for April elections is Jan. 17. If a fifth member is not elected, Cupelli said the four-party council might continue to have split decisions on almost every issue.

"Nothing controversial will happen," Cupelli said. "But nothing will get settled either."

Cupelli said each side might use the four-party system to their advantage because they can assure nothing they dislike can get passed.

"You can still perform the oversight of the city, whether you have four or five, because well over 90 percent of our motions are carried unanimously," Scott said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Crist will remain in former mayor Debbie Masten's place until the Council votes in a new mayor. Masten is now living at her farm in Schuyler County.

Macomber said people assume that because Crist is mayor pro-tem he automatically becomes the successor, but that is untrue. The council must elect a new mayor. Crist could not be reached for comment.

"In my opinion, I think Rowe will be the next mayor," Cupelli said.

Rowe was not available for comment.

"No one wants to take the position [of mayor] unless they have a very keen interest in promoting the city of Kirksville," Scott said. "Anyone who does it for any other reason would be disappointed."

Beyond election material, goals for the next fiscal year include other business of the City Council. After its chapter retreat on Labor Day, Macomber said the council established four goals: economic development, efficiency in government, protection of city-owned assets and building partnerships.



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Sensors monitor traffic at the corner of Baltimore and Patterson Streets on Aug. 30th.

Motion sensors get green light

Amy Hoelting
Staff Reporter

The new addition of street motion detectors to city stoplights has left many students wondering if they are being monitored by the Kirksville Big Brother.

Staring down at drivers from the top of some stoplights around Kirksville are the new motion detectors, which look similar to security cameras in shape and size.

Phil Sandifer, a resident engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said MoDOT began planning for the devices in January. They were installed during the summer and have been in use for two months. Each device required two road workers and one to two days for installation.

Before, the lights operated on preprogrammed loops, Sandifer said. He said now, in time increments, the new devices tell the stoplight that a car has pulled up, and the light changes accordingly.

Motion devices have been used in Kirksville for five years, but it wasn't until this year that they became more

prevalent throughout the city, Sandifer said.

The idea to move the devices from below the pavement to above it came when road crews began repaving roads throughout Kirksville. Sandifer said MoDOT installed the devices for a small extra cost and will save money with them in the future.

The new motion devices also are easier to install than the older models.

Sandifer said the new devices are not expected to dramatically reduce traffic in Kirksville.

Sandifer said a major problem with the older devices was that when a wire would break, road workers would have to pull up the pavement. Now, workers are able to assess and fix problems by accessing the devices from the street, he said.

"Sandifer said. "If the wire breaks, he can find the problem and can get to the problem."

Sophomore Meaghan Wilkerson said drivers might change their driving habits if they think there could be repercussions.

"[Security cameras] would improve driving,"

said Wilkerson, who hasn't seen the devices yet.

"If word doesn't get around that they're not for security purposes, [people] might actually become better drivers."

Sophomore Mandy Sparks said she thinks the devices were cameras at first sight and were put

in place to help enforce driving violations, especially at intersections with flashing red lights that people don't always stop for.

"They'll probably be more cautious of what they're doing," Sparks said. "I know I am."

"The new devices tell the stoplight that a car has pulled up, and the light changes accordingly."

Phil Sandifer
Resident Engineer

Tutors take tips from teaching workshop

Presentation shares time management skills, different learning styles

Elizabeth Sandhu
for the Index

Peer tutoring is an integral support system at a school as academically challenging as Truman, but according to Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, the tutoring approach at Truman could use an upgrade.

Although many other colleges with peer tutoring programs provide their students with basic tutor training, no such program exists at Truman. Prompted by precedents set by other universities as well as research in the area the student affairs office hosted Tutor Training 101 last weekend. The event provided workshops on subjects such as a basic introduction to tutoring, learning styles, working with diverse populations, study skills, University resources, time and life management and coping skills.

The training was presented by the student affairs office and administrative staff from various campus sup-

port services. These workshops were trial runs, and Gilchrist said there are no plans to change the tutoring program or offer regular training workshops. The group of presenters will examine feedback from evaluations of students who attended the workshops and decide on a further course of action.

In hopes of enhancing the academic support on campus, the administrative group investigated Truman's tutoring methods in comparison with research on peer tutoring. Each campus division sets up its own tutor program and hires tutors. Faculty members hire students that excel in certain subjects to be tutors in who discipline. Little to no training is required for these positions. According to the findings of the administrative group, student tutors need to have more than a good grade to effectively aid fellow students. Gilchrist said the research group concluded successful tutoring com-

biner both knowledge of the subject matter and the ability to teach people with different learning styles and academic backgrounds.

Junior Laura Ross, a chemistry tutor, attended the training last Saturday because she wanted to relate better to her tutorees.

Ross said she gleaned tips from the workshops and particularly appreciated the workshops on time management and learning styles. Senior Jess Bailey said she agrees with Ross on the benefits of tutor training. A third-year tutor, Bailey currently tutors Principles of Finance, Intermediate Macromomics, and Spanish.

Bailey said she considers herself to be a good tutor, but she said she has seen plenty of ineffective tutors. She said this is particularly true in classes with mandatory tutoring.

"Kids generally don't want to be there so you have to be creative," Bailey said. "I've heard so many horror stories of people hating their Spanish tutor."

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Jess Bailey
Senior

International student tutoring discontinued

Elizabeth Sandhu
for the Index

Due to a lack of use, the International Student Office no longer offers tutoring to international students said Melanee Crist, one of the presenters at the Tutor Training 101 and the assistant director of the International Student Office. Starr Meek, last year's international student tutor coordinator, said the program was not used enough to justify its existence.

Crist said she hopes to put the time she spent running the tutor program into other resources such as more tutor training programs.

International students who need tutoring can seek help within the division offices or request tutorship from the Multicultural Affairs Center.

NEWS | In Brief

A.T. Still University plans to demolish Golden Spike and increase green space

A.T. Still University purchased the Golden Spike property, located off West Jefferson Street, to improve that portion of downtown Kirksville and the look of the campus entrance, media coordinator Joe Vincent said.

The university also has purchased a house east of the Golden Spike property and also plans to demolish the building.

In the buildings' place, A.T. Still plans to grade the land and plant grass and trees. Vincent said the clearing process has already begun and the University plans to have the area finished this fall.

Vincent said the University has completed projects that are both a university and a community investment in the last few years, such as the Connell Center, a technology building.

He said the fire at the Golden Spike gave A.T. Still the opportunity to expand its border and to clean up the campus.

The rope fence currently surrounding campus will be moved to extend around the recently acquired property, Vincent said.

Kirksville man dies in apartment fire

Kirksville resident Daniel Gee, 26, died Sept. 10 after his apartment at 1103 N. Franklin St. caught fire at about 7:30 a.m. His roommate, Amber Ochoa, 22, is listed in critical condition, at a Columbia hospital said Rick Anderson, Kirksville Fire Department Battalion Chief.

Anderson said Ochoa was found on the porch of the complex, but firefighters removed Gee from inside the building.

The fire marshal listed the fire as unintentional and electrical in nature. The fire caused about \$46,000 in damage.

The apartment complex, owned by Kirksville resident Cecelia McLaughlin, contained three units. Anderson said no other injuries were reported but was unsure if damage extended into the other units.

"There was considerable damage to the structures, but I don't know how much damage, if any, got into the other apartments," Anderson said.

Glass pane broken in McClain entrance

A glass pane bordering the doors to the south entrance of McClain Hall was broken Sept. 9.

Blake Pigg, interim head groundskeeper, said he wasn't sure what broke the glass. He said the grounds crew was not in the area the day the glass was broken, and the Physical Plant is ordering replacement glass.

Who's Who Among Students applications available in Student Affairs Office

The 2005 applications for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award are located in the dean of student affairs office in Kirk Building 112.

Prospective applicants should be graduating seniors who are active at Truman and in the Kirksville community. Applicants also must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

Faculty and staff are eligible to nominate students for the award. Nominations are due to the Student Affairs Office by Sept. 30.

The recipient will be included in a book published nationally and will receive a personalized certificate.

Completed applications are due Oct. 2. For further information, visit the student affairs Web site or the student affairs office in Kirk Building.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate passed a resolution requesting the campus bike racks be moved to high-traffic areas.
- Senate passed a resolution objecting to the raise of the add/drop registration fee.
- Senate passed a resolution objecting to a price increase in the residence halls laundry facilities.
- Senate passed a motion for \$499.99 for meals at the Senate retreat.
- Senate passed a motion to spend \$500 to publish housing guides
- Senate appointed senior Carol Carlson, junior Abbi Howe, sophomore Laura McCarthy, sophomore Daniel Poindexter, freshman Joe Pomicter, junior Sarah Saheb, and freshman Cara Willoughby to associate senator positions.
- Senate swore in Saheb as legislative director.

DPS | Reports

- 8/29 Bicycle theft reported from Centennial Hall
- 8/26 Report of damage/vandalism to vehicles
- 8/26 Report of damage to vehicle
- 8/24 Freshman Kaleb Denief was issued a Missouri Uniform and Summons for possession of drug paraphernalia

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