

# Dixon signs final contract

**Jackson Groves**  
Staff Reporter

After two months of operating without an official contract, the University finalized its contract with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc.

Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and bookstore contract coordinator, said the University received the contract earlier this week.

On Tuesday, Kimberly Otte, vice president of Barnes & Noble College Booksellers signed the contract, and President Barbara Dixon signed the contract Wednesday.

Although the contract just was signed, it went into effect July 1 and expires June 30, 2011.

"We had a few changes in the contract, which held it up for a while, and now we just have to have our lawyers look at it and sign it," Cupelli said.

Patty Bolz, owner of Patty's University Bookstore, said she was disappointed by the University's conduct.

Bolz questioned the practice of operating without a signed contract.

"That contract supposedly went into effect on July 1," Bolz said. "Here it is the middle of September, and there is still no written contract. They have been operating for more than two months without a written contract."

One clause in the contract affected students at the beginning of this semester.

The contract states that Barnes & Noble College Booksellers will have exclusive rights to provide course pack services.

A separate contract, which has not been finalized, dictates the specific terms of the course pack



Nathan Becker/Index  
Truman Bookstore manager Steve Pennington talks about the new bookstore contract. Although the contract officially was signed Wednesday, it went into effect July 1 and will run through 2011.

materials, University Counsel Warren Wells said.

This fall, Barnes & Noble College Booksellers gave the course pack printing contract to the University Printing Services, according to the Aug. 31 issue of the Index.

A clause in the contract pro-

hibits anyone but the Truman Bookstore from selling the course packs, which meant that Patty's did not have access to them this semester.

The contract includes several clauses that could be relevant to Truman students.

Barnes & Noble College Book-

sellors also is required to make a \$100,000 payment to the University.

This installment will be used for scholarships or the Bookstore area of the Student Union Building, according to the contract.

Barnes & Nobles College Booksellers also has to pay up to 11 percent on all sales depending on the amount of gross sales.

"The new contract will be very beneficial to the Truman campus," said Steve Pennington, manager of the Truman Bookstore.

The Truman Bookstore also will be the exclusive on-campus and Internet seller of items other than books regularly sold in bookstores.

These items include educational supplies, notebooks, stationery, desk and room accessories and other items with the Truman State logo.

Barnes & Noble College Booksellers also will offer faculty and staff a 15 percent discount on all merchandise and books, according to the contract.

The contract also sets the purchase and resale price of books.

The Bookstore will pay 50 percent for textbooks returned at the end of the semester.

It will pay back in full the price for books returned before the end of the first week of class.

The Truman Bookstore will also be the sole provider on campus of credit card application programs, and other things that bookstores generally handle, according to the contract.

Pennington declined to comment further until he has had a chance to review the contract more completely.

The Index has requested a copy of the course pack contract for review.

## NEWS | In Brief

### Vandals deface football field with paint

Athletics director Jerry Wollmering was greeted with a sore sight when he arrived at Stokes Stadium on Saturday morning. Vandals had spray-painted the words "GO CATS" on the football field directly below the decorative T in the middle of the field.

Wollmering said he didn't know who vandalized the field, and there are no suspects. The marks were painted over by the noon start of the football game against Northwest Missouri State University. He said he wasn't sure if any security measures would be taken. For more information about the game, please see FOOTBALL on page 18.

### Explorer Post 660 will host law fair

Area law enforcement agencies will host a Law Fair at the Reiger Armory in Kirksville. The event, which will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, is open to the public.

The fair is to promote membership in the recently developed Law Enforcement Explorer Post, which is affiliated with Boy Scouts of America, in Kirksville. The Explorer Post program is for individuals between 14 and 21 years old.

Members of the Explorer program will participate in various law enforcement-related activities.

For more information, contact Detective Jeremy Cordray of the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945.

### Contact Index e-mail with news ideas

Do you always know what's going on? Do you have your ear to the ground and know everyone? Did you hear that important tidbit about what happened to so-and-so at the party on Saturday night? Do you know something you think the whole campus should know?

If you have information or leads that could become a story in the Index (i.e. someone got arrested, someone had an accident and is injured, someone was assaulted, etc.), please e-mail your ideas and information to our new e-mail address, [indextips@gmail.com](mailto:indextips@gmail.com).

When we receive your information, we will look into your idea and determine whether your idea or information could lead to a story in the Index.

No idea or information tidbit is too big or too small. You could see what you provided on the front page of an upcoming Thursday edition. For more information, e-mail [indextips@gmail.com](mailto:indextips@gmail.com) or call the Index at 660-785-4449.

### United Way Kickoff Fest will begin

The Truman United Way's Kickoff Fest campaign will be 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday on the Quad.

At the fest, student organizations will compete to see who can raise the most money in self-decorated jars. The fest will feature live music from 5 to 6 p.m.

All Truman students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Teresa Heckert at 660-785-7530.

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Senator seniors Emily Flanagan and Becky Hadley and legislative director senior Josh Kappel were absent from the meeting.
- Senior Ryan Huber resigned from his senator-at-large position because of excessive unexcused absences.
- FAC chairwoman senior Kelsey Umbarger informed Senate that \$45,899.13 is available for funded organizations during the fall 2006 semester.
- Senate appointed freshmen Michelle Landers and Erica Wiley to associate senator positions.
- Senate appointed senior Abbie Hesse and associate senators seniors Mark Kirtland and Matt Siebert to constitutional review committee.
- Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of student affairs, discussed with Senate her office's plans for the year.
- Senate passed a money motion for \$31 to purchase informational brochures from the U.S. Green Building Council.
- Senate discussed ideas about how to survey students about their feelings on the state of Truman Athletics. A motion by organization representative senior Greg Wisa to place a question on the Sept. 26 and 27 ballot reading, "Do you support a fee from \$10 to \$100 per academic year to support athletics?" failed for lack of a second.

## DPS | Reports

- 9/17 Report of property damage at Dobson Hall
- 9/16 William Paulus was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 9/16 Report of property damage at Dobson Hall
- 9/14 Report of theft from Baldwin Hall
- 9/13 Report of theft from the Kirk Building

# University eliminates August ceremony

**Amy Aikin**  
Staff Reporter

After completing his summer classes, senior Justis Tuia will not stick around to walk across a graduation stage in August. Instead, he and dozens of other graduating students will choose between marching in an alternative semester or graduating without ceremony.

The August commencement ceremony is canceled. Student participation in the summer ceremony declined in recent years with barely half of eligible students marching last August, according to an e-mail University President Barbara Dixon sent students.

"It was clear that the attendance had gone down," Dixon said in an interview.

She said the resources normally used for the commencement will be reallocated.

"Implementing this change ... will provide us with some additional resources that can be used to benefit more students than the very small number who are choosing to attend the August ceremony," Dixon said in the e-mail.

In August 2003, 150 students marched at Truman's summer commencement, 88.2 percent of those eligible to march. In August 2006, 106 students marched at the summer commencement, 55.2 percent of the 192 students eligible, according to a document

provided by Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs.

Dixon said in the e-mail that all students eligible still will receive degrees and officially graduate in August. The May and December ceremonies will continue as planned.

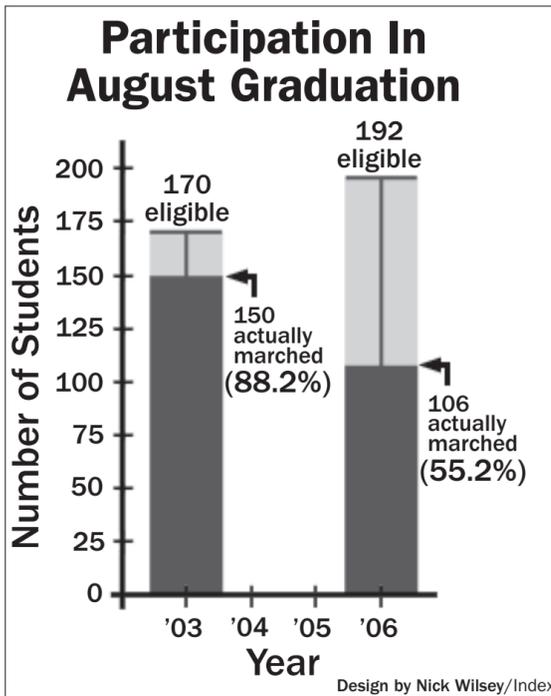
Dixon said students eligible to graduate in the summer will have the option to march in the May or December commencement. She said she had been thinking of canceling the August ceremony for a couple of years, and the cancellation has gone over well so far.

"I have gotten several e-mails from people saying thank you for canceling the summer ceremony," she said.

Cupelli estimated that the August graduation ceremony costs Truman between \$8,000 and \$10,000 each year. This money covers expenses for the physical plant, stage set-up, overtime for public safety, an ambulance reservation, programs, mail-outs to parents, staff time, flowers and the speaker.

For some education graduates, a different kind of ceremony might be possible. Because many summer graduates are MAE graduate students, Cupelli said a specific ceremony might be held for them.

Cupelli said he thinks the summer ceremony's weather and location make it the nicest commencement, but it has been plagued by low attendance



and high cost. Summers following the 2007 graduation also will have no commencement ceremony unless the University Board of Governors decides to reinstate it.

Student Senate's academic affairs chair senior Linda Schulte said although three graduation ceremonies would be ideal, research shows that only large schools can hold three commencements and many schools Truman's size have only one ceremony.

She said she hopes students take advantage of the opportunity to walk in the May or December com-

mencements and that the registrar's office might set up a system based on credit hours to designate when a student can march.

Tuia, who found out about the possible cancellation a few weeks ago from a professor, said he will not attend any commencement ceremony.

Schulte said it's important to remember that students can still graduate.

"When you hear graduation and cancellation in the same sentence, you kind of panic," Schulte said. "But you still have the opportunity to participate in a ceremony."

He's here because of his experience.  
He's staying because this is the place he calls home.



Please welcome Dr. Boling to the Women's Health Center and Northeast Regional Specialty Group. Dr. Boling has spent his career in the Kirksville area but has recently become a member of the medical staff. He is now accepting new patients and old friends to the new Women's Health Center.

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**For Rent:** Sublessors needed for a four-bedroom house. Close to campus, central heating and air. Rent is \$225 plus utilities. Please contact [ksh@truman.edu](mailto:ksh@truman.edu) or call 660-341-6400. Available Dec. 15 or sooner.

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**For Rent:** Three- and four-bedroom, one and a half bath house for rent. A/C, washer/dryer, garage, deck with privacy fence. Call 660-216-8123 or 660-626-7278.

### Meetings

**Meeting:** Don't waste your life! "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Matthew 16:26. College Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. Sunday at 803 S. Fifth St. Call 660-665-7609.

**Meeting:** "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12  
Lake Road Chapel 22963 Potter Trail. Meetings: 7 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Sunday  
Call 627-7617 or visit [www.LakeRoadChapel.org](http://www.LakeRoadChapel.org).

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Roommate needed. Need a new home for the school year? Share rent and lower your costs for the school year. Nice house, clean roommate, washer/dryer, nice appliances. Call 660-665-3779.

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