

Timber



Nick Wilsey/Index

Physical Plant workers saw down a rotten tree in Red Barn Park on Tuesday after Saturday morning's ice storm.

COSTS | Housing rates to jump for 2008-09 school year, raise will vary among halls

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needed," O'Brien said.
A reasonable rate is decided upon by herself, Rector and Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of Student Affairs, O'Brien said. She said this rate is then presented at the Board of Governors' December meeting.

The University is looking at ways to create more energy-efficient systems in the residence halls, she said. Students can help lower the costs of utilities on campus by turning off lights and not leaving computers or other electronics on, O'Brien said.

"I know that with the gas prices and the utility prices, they're already getting projections that are much higher than what they have been in the past," she said in reference to the projections used by Rector to determine the rate of increase.

O'Brien said the rate of increase differs among the different residence halls and on-campus apartments. Differences in rates can depend upon such factors as renovations and occupancy rates, she said.

For example, Centennial and Ryle Halls

had less of an increase than other, smaller halls because they have yet to be renovated and have higher occupancy rates, she said. Halls with greater occupancy rates can afford to have students pay a smaller individual rate than halls whose costs must be incurred by fewer occupants, she said.

The University works hard to keep the costs of renovations and building maintenance low, O'Brien said. Student opinions on what is attractive in a dorm and what best fits the needs of the students who live there are sought before any renovations are made to a residence hall, she said. Students typically want to see more laundry rooms, study rooms and lounge areas in residence halls, she said.

"We really try to renovate the buildings without frivolity but to include perks that the students want and will find interesting," she said.

Truman's housing costs are much lower than other universities in Missouri, she said. Truman is placed in the middle to lower half for room and board fees among

in-state colleges, she said.
Room and board fees have increased drastically in the past decade. The cost of a two-occupant room in the 1997-98 school year was \$3,256, according to a chart on the Budget and Institutional Research Office's Web site. The cost of the same room in the 2006-07 school year was \$5,790, according to the chart.

Spencer Clark, a freshman Centennial Hall resident, said he thinks room and board fees are too expensive.

"A lot of stuff doesn't work the way it should," he said.

Clark said the windows and doors do not close properly, and there are problems with heating and the cable TV program.

Courtney Larson, a freshman West Campus Suites resident, said she thinks an increasing rate for room and board is fair.

"I'll probably be living off-campus next year, so it won't really affect me," she said.

Another freshman West Campus Suites resident, Emily Adkinson, said she knows other schools have much higher housing rates.

"I guess it's bad," she said of the rate increase for next year, "but I can understand why they need to raise prices."

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Courtney Larson
Freshman

REMODEL | University to prolong Ryle and Centennial construction, will attempt to make buildings across campus more energy-efficient

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a school year and feed everybody," Schultz said. "... Ryle and Centennial are huge in comparison to what we've got elsewhere. Taking 600 or 560 beds offline all at one time really puts a hurt on Res Life. ... So if I have to keep the kitchen and dining room open I can keep half of the beds available."

Schultz said that although construction on Centennial will begin two years after Ryle, the same architectural firm will design the projects.

"Ryle and Centennial were designed by

the same firm originally ... they're identical," Schultz said. "I want to use the same architect for both projects. That's going to play into the fact that what the design team learns on the first one, they're going to apply to the second one."

Schultz said the design team's learning curve between the Ryle and Centennial projects is important to help prevent surprises like the ones found during construction on Blanton, Nason and Brewer halls. Schultz said he's applying the same philosophy to the Dobson Hall construction

project, which currently is underway.

"The design work [for Dobson] was started on a conceptual basis [before I got here], but before we start on a structural basis we need to go in and look: 'Oh, the plumbing's shot,'" Schultz said. "That's exactly what happened at BNB. I'm trying to circumvent that."

Schultz said the infrastructure of nearly all of the residence halls is failing. As a result, the Board has raised the budgets on all of the construction projects, Schultz said.

"I don't know if we've raised [the bud-

PROVOST | Paino to begin work at Truman July 1

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going on at the University, including an examination of the student-to-faculty ratio, the curriculum and the newly-created academic structure. She said one of her particular goals for the new provost — with the help of faculty members — is to make it more possible for students to participate in study abroad, internships, service learning and undergraduate research while still graduating in four years.

Dixon also said Paino has some areas of specialty that she thinks will be beneficial to him at Truman.

"A goal would be actually to increase ... the kinds of interdisciplinary courses that we have here," she said. "His doctorate is an interdisciplinary doctorate so he ought to be able to jump right into that with some enthusiasm."

Paino will finish the academic year as the dean of the college of liberal arts at Winona State University (Min.), then make the trek south to Kirksville. Paino said he was attracted to Truman by the University's mission statement.

"I want to work at a place whose mission is a liberal arts and sciences education in the context of a public university," he said.

Paino said that when he arrived for his on-campus interview, he was impressed with the community of learners at the University.

"One of the reasons I care so much about a liberal arts and sciences education is that when I went off to college, I was fairly clueless, and really a person who sort of opened up the world of ideas to me was an American history professor in my first year of college," Paino said.

After graduating college, Paino said he made a practical decision and decided to attend law school. He practiced law for three years before returning to graduate school and beginning a career in higher education. Paino said the Truman provost job will allow him to express the things he is passionate about, and also will present him with new challenges and opportunities.

"The first thing that I think anyone who takes a position such as this needs to do is listen a lot to students, the faculty, staff, administrators, members of the community about what the challenges and opportunities are at Truman State," he said. "It would be presumptuous of me to try to come in there and try to impose my vision on Truman State."

Paino said he is planning a number of visits to Kirksville before starting as provost July 1 and said he thinks he will be

able to start looking at issues such as curriculum and the meaning of a liberal arts and sciences education when he arrives.

Paino said he also is prepared to look at the newly-created role of department chair and also addressed the recently reorganized academic structure. He said the structure makes a lot of sense to him from an outside perspective, but that while he was here, he heard faculty members express some anxiety that the new structure would not allow for faculty members under different disciplines to be able to collaborate and discuss curriculum as they had under the old structure.

"I think there are ways to have those cross-disciplinary conversations between faculty in the current structure," Paino said.

Paino was one of four provost candidates who were invited to Truman for on-campus interviews. Julia DeLancey, associate professor of art and co-chair of the provost and vice president of academic affairs search advisory committee, said the committee was made up of students, faculty members, staff members and administrators and that the selection process consisted of closely reading the applications and conducting a series of checks and searches on a narrowed down list of candidates until four were selected for the on-campus interviews.

"Our charge was specifically to identify from the pool of applicants any and all candidates that we thought were qualified and acceptable candidates," she said.

DeLancey said the search advisory committee compiled an unranked list of finalists, so the committee was evaluating each candidate as an individual, not compared to other candidates. She said the list was given to Dixon, who then made her selection and job offer.

Cole Woodcox, professor of English and co-chair of the provost and vice president of academic affairs search advisory committee, said the four candidates who came to Truman for on-campus interviews demonstrated a clear passion for liberal arts, an understanding and support of interdisciplinary work and support of teachers as scholars.

"One of the things that we can certainly say about Dr. Paino is that he has a clear vision that relates to Truman as a liberal arts university as well as a clear vision that relates to Truman as a public university," Woodcox said. "Dr. Paino is good at communicating, he's passionate for the liberal arts and to interdisciplinary and co-curricular activities."

WARE | Former sports information director had a passion for bulldog athletics, mentored many student workers in sports information office

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information director of her alma mater. He said she started in the sports information office after graduating and marrying John and then jumped right into the athletic program with her husband, who was then the assistant football coach.

"We had to school her on a lot of things about sports and statistics and sports writing," he said. "... She learned and she figured it out, and she was a female in what had kind of been a man's domain forever."

Janssen said Ware always lived for the moment, often going to concerts, ballgames or leaving on vacations with her husband on

short notice. He said that even after Ware was diagnosed with cancer, she continued to live to the fullest. Just as in all other aspects of her life, Janssen said that Ware fought hard against her illness.

"She did it like she did everything, with a certain dignity and courage and grace," he said.

When the Bulldog football team was matched against Missouri Southern on Nov. 3, Janssen said Ware was determined to go, even though it was hard for her to get there.

"It just was a remarkable effort," he said. "Just that bulldog something there to get yourself to one last ballgame."

Director of Athletics Jerry

Wollmering also attended that game.

"It was nice to be able to see her," he said. "But you could tell it wasn't that same Melissa there that we knew as part of the Kirksville community."

Wollmering said Ware and her husband were a major part of the athletic department during their time at Truman. He said Ware was working in the sports information office when the University began using a Web site, and that she was an instrumental part of that process.

During her time at Truman, Ware mentored a lot of student workers in the sports information office. Wollmering said Ware always was trying to help her stu-

dent workers and taught them a lot about that profession and about life in general.

"She was always looking for ways to recognize students that worked in her office," he said.

Daniel Newton, a Truman graduate who now is the sports information director at Lindenwood University, said the first work study job he had at Truman was with Ware.

"She basically kind of taught me everything," he said. "I really didn't know anything about the sports information business when I started working for Melissa and she pretty much taught me everything I know about it. That's the full-time job that I have today just

because of all the help she gave me with the career."

Newton said many of the students who worked with Ware at the University viewed her as a second mother. He said she always did things to make sure they were taken care of, such as sending student workers home with extra food from the press box or throwing holiday parties for them at her house.

Newton said he also remembers Ware's talent for creating media guides for Truman athletics, something she had passion for.

"Her football guides were always among the best in the nation at this level," Newton said.

Becky Pike, manager of foun-

ding will allow for a greener campus.

"Hopefully we'll start making this place more efficient," Schultz said.

However, some students find the construction disconcerting.

"I think it's a big mistake to renovate these dorms one right after the other because there's a housing shortage forcing people off campus," junior Derek Kaimann said. "Making the dorms more energy efficient is great, but it doesn't matter to me because I've already moved off campus."

ARMORY | Soldiers and their families gather at the Armory in Kirksville to take a break from training and celebrate the Christmas season

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know everybody, and we try and stay close to everybody."

The unit spent Saturday and part of Sunday working before it got a chance to relax and have a little fun, Elmore said. In December holiday parties take place within units all over the United

States. Elmore said the National Guard initially was created to take care of problems within the United States, but with the war in Iraq many National Guard soldiers are abroad. The Kirksville unit has not yet been sent to Iraq, but there always is a possibility of deployment, Elmore said. In less than a year Elmore

will have completed 20 years in the Army and will be eligible to retire. Elmore says he has never had to leave his family during Christmas time, and he is thankful for that.

"You're a soldier 24 hours a day so being away from home is always hard, but when it comes to Christmas time it

seems like that's the hardest time," Elmore said. "I've been fortunate."

Elmore said members of the military don't always agree or disagree with what's happening politically but that they have orders that they must abide by. Elmore said support for the troops always is appreciated.

"It's always nice to know that there is someone out there that cares because not everybody's got family," Elmore said. "Not everybody's got somebody they can write to or someone that will send them something. It's nice to get a package or a letter, even if it's from someone you don't even know."

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