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Kirksville residents Randy and Darlene Holliday are working with SIFE to establish a permanent place to sell their barbecue. Randy said his food is more than just physical. "I also minister over my barbecue grill," he said.

SIFE assists barbecue eatery

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Sometime next year, the soul food void in Kirksville will be filled.

Kirksville resident Randy Holliday will expand his roadside barbecue business into a restaurant with the help of Students in Free Enterprise. SIFE members are in the planning stages of assisting Holliday with creating a business plan and acquiring the necessary equipment to expand D & R BBQ into a restaurant within the next year.

Holliday said the expansion is a step toward achieving his dream of eventually franchising D & R BBQ.

"I have a really big vision as far as for this because in this area ... you can point 100 miles in any direction and you're not going to find a barbecue place," Holliday said.

Holliday said he would bring soul food to Kirksville and add more items to his menu. He said he also is experimenting with a variety of barbecued vegetables, including broccoli, asparagus, onions and cabbage.

Holliday said he serves more than just physical food: He serves spiritual food, too.

"I also minister over my barbecue grill," he said.

Holliday said he doubles as a minister at Life Church, local jails and nursing homes.

Project manager senior Harold Kaid said the 12-member group working with Holliday is creating a business plan with him from scratch and conducted an industry analysis of the different types of restaurants in Kirksville.

"Basically, what we've been finding is that Randy is going to be filling a void," Kaid said. "So that's going be his niche, and he will be the sole owner of that niche."

Kaid said this void makes Holliday a strong candidate for creating a sustaining business. Holliday said he and his wife, Darlene, have operated D & R BBQ in Kirksville for about five years, setting up his mobile stand in various locations.

Holliday said that at the moment, he does not have the equipment or the manpower to keep up with demand. He said he has had offers from A.T. Still University to cater for 1,000 people.

"It didn't discourage me but had me in a phase where I could look forward to something," Holliday said.

He said SIFE has motivated him to develop and centralize his business in a storefront.

"Since I met [SIFE], I feel more eager to take on a challenge like that," Holliday said.

Plans for the restaurant currently are in the development stage, Kaid said. He said SIFE is creating a business plan, working on a budget and finalizing fliers.

SIFE president junior Megan McLaughlin said the organization has collaborated with other businesses and community projects in the area, including creating a business plan for Stagecoach Pizza. She said Holliday's project is the first of its kind for the group because in this instance the group is assisting a community member with acquiring his own business.

The members working on Holliday's project are eager to help, McLaughlin said.

"Sitting and listening to [SIFE members] talk, they're really engaged, they're asking questions," McLaughlin said. "They just want to know how they can help Randy the most."

McLaughlin said the project is part of the organization's goal to improve the quality of life for Kirksville community members.

"Our whole goal is to bring northeast Missouri closer together and increase their quality of life, improve their awareness of the world around them and just to help them survive," McLaughlin said.

Since SIFE became a University organization in 2003, its projects have differed in scope. McLaughlin said SIFE is working on about 14 projects this semester, from developing an accounting procedure for the bike co-op to explaining supply and demand to children at the YMCA.

McLaughlin said she is pleased that Holliday is working with SIFE to expand his business.

"We're very happy that Randy trusts us with his business," McLaughlin said. "That's his baby, and he's been working on that for years, and to hand that over to a group of college students is kind of risky, so we're really thankful and appreciative."

Holliday said he thinks his business will thrive with student support and interest.

"I believe that the college students are going to play a vital role as far as excelling the business," Holliday said. "I've got an audience in town, but I'm also building an audience with the college students, and I think it'll be a bigger audience."

Increase in athletic donations will fund facilities, awards

BY JULIA HANSEN
Staff Reporter

Athletic donations are rising rapidly.

Donations to the athletic department increased by more than $32,000 from the 2006 fiscal year to the 2007 fiscal year. The money donated is put toward athletic scholarships, facilities, equipment and other programs that make the 21 University-sponsored sports possible.

Athletic donations rose over the last few years because of increased campaigning for donations through organizations like the Truman Bulldog Club. Truman's official athletic fundraising organization has been in existence since 1987 but is growing faster than ever.

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said that in addition to the increasing donations, the student activity fee helped improve the athletic department.

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> **Jerry Wollmering**
> Director of Athletics

The athletic department and the Office of Advancement have been working together more within the last few years to encourage donations and athletic support, director of development Charles Hunsaker said. During the 2007 fiscal year, donors contributed $178,398 to the athletic department, he said. The 2006 fiscal year brought in $146,222, and the 2005 fiscal year brought in $110,114, Hunsaker said. Hunsaker said he is excited about the increase in athletic donations at Truman and thinks the support in both academics and athletics will continue to help elevate the school's status.

"We're a great academic institution," Hunsaker said. "I think ideally people will look at Truman and not say, 'That's a great academic institution,' but just say, 'That's a great institution,' so I think you need to have a high level of everything you do."

Hunsaker said the Office of Advancement is getting ready to launch a campaign to raise $1 million to add visiting team bleachers to the football stadium and to renovate the kennels on the stadium's west end. The kennels, which house the locker and meeting rooms for the football team, have not been renovated in decades.

Another reason donations are up is because individual sports have put solicitations out to their sport's alumni and their families and friends trying to raise money for their specific programs, Wollmering said.

The Truman athletic department sponsors 21 sports including football, tennis, swimming, golf, soccer, track and wrestling. Truman sponsors more sports than any other collegiate institution in Missouri, including Mizzou with 20 sports and Missouri Western with 10, Wollmering said.

Wollmering said the amount of money Truman receives yearly generally is proportional to other colleges, but there is one difference in donations.

"We haven't hit the jackpot where some other schools have in terms of major gifts," Wollmering said. "For example, Northwest Missouri has had some very big gifts to do some projects."

Wollmering said that if the school were given a large donation and the athletic department was able to choose what to do with the money, he would have several suggestions. Building a new arena onto the soon-to-be renovated Pershing Arena would be beneficial to several sports, Wollmering said. Wollmering also said he would like to see a distribution of more athletic scholarships, a new press box built at the stadium and improvements to athletic facilities.

This school year, junior Graydon Gaines, a member of the football team, was awarded the William H. Fountain Scholarship. In 1997, Dr. William H. Fountain donated $25,000 to establish an ongoing athletic scholarship. Gaines said he was awarded the scholarship after applying online. Gaines said he did not know much about the scholarship before, but when he received it he felt very honored.

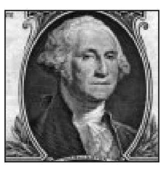
"The whole athletic staff made a big deal about it," Gaines said. "My coach, the athletic director and the assistant athletic director at the time were like, 'Congratulations, you know that's a big honor,' so I was really proud."

Gaines grew up in Kirksville, watching the Bulldogs play. Gaines knew he wanted to play football in college and when he was offered an opportunity to play at Truman, he took it. Gaines said scholarships are beneficial to athletes playing for teams at Truman because they are the only way some athletes can afford to go to school.

Term Clarification

Which of the following can be considered a
"PRODUCT OF CONCEPTION"?

A: a fetus (unborn baby)
B: a two-year-old child
C: a college student
D: George Washington
E: all of the above



Answer: *All of the above*
That term has been created to depersonalize the unborn baby. By avoiding the use of the word baby, abortionists can avoid reminding their patients that...
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