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Dennis McCormick and Dave Starke of River City Construction remove brick from the Blanton, Nason and Brewer walkways Tuesday afternoon. River City Construction also remodeled Missouri Hall and built West Campus Suites.

## BNB project cost jumps

BY CHRIS BONING  
Assistant News Editor

The University is going back to the drawing board on the Blanton, Nason and Brewer renovation project.

A substantial \$3 million redesign that, among other things, will gut all of the residence hall's bathrooms, has been under way since the Board of Governors approved the revamped plans Oct. 27.

University architect Mark Schultz said that remodeling the bathrooms in each of the suites and replacing the plumbing is necessary because the water pipes are no longer adequate.

Replacing the plumbing wasn't essential to the project until the contractors exposed the walls during the initial construction process and could see the poor condition of the pipes, Schultz said.

"A couple of water pipes in the walls and ceilings that were

concealed from view had been installed 60 years ago and had been suffering from abrasions from thermal expansion and contraction of the system," he said. "We had improperly-sized pipes and fittings. They lasted 60 years, but they were starting to come apart."

Schultz said the original plans for BNB budgeted for and included painting and installing air conditioning in each of the rooms, putting new carpet in the hallways and adding ramps and an elevator to make the building more wheelchair-accessible.

Schultz said that updating the plumbing system was not part of the original renovation plans for BNB because of budget concerns.

The University decided to pay for the redesign now because it will cost even more to fix the problem later, he said.

Schultz said redesigns are common in renovation projects.

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## BOG approves FieldTurf bid

BY DIANE POELKER  
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It hasn't been punted, passed or rushed, but the construction ball is rolling forward on the football turf replacement project.

The University Board of Governors passed a resolution at its Oct. 26 meeting to hire the engineering firm Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw Inc. to begin designing the Stokes Stadium Turf Replacement Project, according to the meeting minutes. Dave Rector, director of institutional research and budgets, said the engineering firm's plans not only will outline the replacement of the current stadium field with artificial

turf but also will guide reconstruction of a drainage system that runs under Stokes Stadium.

"There are two big pipes that go underneath the football field, and they're old," Rector said. "All the water from the neighborhood east of the stadium drains [into the pipes]. ... [It empties into] a ditch on the west side of Stokes that goes into Red Barn Park."

Rector said that two or three years ago, the city of Kirksville inspected the pipes using a camera that crawls through the system and takes video. During the inspection, the pipes began to collapse under the field.

"Whether or not we were doing the FieldTurf, at some point the institution was going to have to replace [the

**Estimated construction dates:**  
May 12 to August 2008.

**Drainage pipes beneath the field are broken. Repair might solve field flooding problems.**

**Construction might disrupt annual high school football camp.**

**Football camp makes about \$20,000 for the football team annually.**

**Residence life and Sodexo make about \$15,000 from camps.**

Design by Andrea Bailey/Index

pipes]," Rector said. "No one is around who remembers when [the pipe work] was done, so it may explain why we've had a lot of drainage problems down there. ... It's basically a low area that

just doesn't drain too well."

The University is waiting on the engineering firm's survey results before issuing a cost estimate. ... It's basically a low area that

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## Campus, city lose power

BY CAITLIN DEAN  
Staff Reporter

The Truman campus found itself unusually dark for 10 to 15 minutes Monday night.

An equipment malfunction in one substation caused a power outage that affected about 3,800 Ameren customers in Kirksville, Ameren UE spokeswoman Annette Sweet said.

Sweet said the power outage occurred at about 11 p.m. and that some customers were without power for as long as five hours.

"The power outage was mostly on the east side of Baltimore," Sweet said.

She said that because the outage occurred during the night and was mostly confined to a residential area, no serious problems resulted.

Residence halls and other buildings on campus were affected, losing power for about 10 minutes, Ryle Hall Director Liz Raine said.

"You never expect all of the power to go out to your building," Raine said. "I found that I'm not the only one who thought, 'Oh, this is just Ryle.' At first you think it's just something that's happened to your building, and it ended up being more wide-spread."

The residence hall was not suddenly plunged into complete darkness.

"The emergency lights came on, and then the rest of the lights went off," she said.

Staff members in Ryle tried to answer questions and reassure residents while the power was out, Raine said. Staff members are trained to make sure residents remain calm and to pass information along as soon as it is received, she said.

"Students got loud, but they were calm," Raine said. "It was mostly just lots of people out in the hallways talking."

Students working in Pickler Memorial Library took advantage of the power outage and used it as a break from studying.

Junior David Bulen had just finished working and was on the second floor when power was lost.

"All of a sudden the lights flickered, and people who were walking around in the hallways just kind of looked at each other," Bulen said. "Then everything

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Jason Williams/Index  
Nearly five million frozen Totino's and Jeni's pizzas were recalled this week because of a possible presence of E. coli in the pepperoni.

## Company recalls pizzas

BY BONNIE BIRDELL  
Staff Reporter

Some college students' freezer favorites are becoming increasingly dangerous.

General Mills announced a voluntary recall of nearly 5 million frozen Totino's and Jeni's pizzas Nov. 2 because of possible contamination of pepperoni with E. coli, according to a press release from the company. This recall comes on the heels of a similar one by ConAgra, which recalled pot pies because of a possible connection with a salmonella outbreak.

So far, 21 cases of E. coli-related illnesses have been reported in 10 states. Nine of the 21 people claimed

to have consumed Totino's or Jeni's pizzas with some kind of pepperoni topping before noticing any health problems. The recall has been issued as a precaution. An investigation has been launched to determine any connections between the frozen pizzas and E. coli.

"The recall came out, and the health department came in," said Casey Higgins, assistant store manager of Hy-Vee in Kirksville.

Higgins said that because the pizzas were potentially contaminated, they had to destroy the store's supply. At the time, Hy-Vee had as many as 120 Totino's pizzas in stock.

"We've had numerous people that

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## Leverson pleads on marijuana charges

BY NATHAN BECKER  
Editor in Chief

Alumnus Jerard Leverson pleaded guilty Monday morning to possession and distribution of marijuana.

The charge was reduced from the original class A felony of distribution of a controlled substance near a school, according to court documents. Leverson pleaded guilty in the Adair County Courthouse to distribution, delivery, manufacture or possession with the intent to distribute, deliver, manufacture or produce a controlled substance.

Range of punishment for the offenses is five to 15 years in prison, said Adair County Prosecutor Mark Williams, who served as the prosecution in the case.

Leverson will be sentenced at a hearing scheduled for Jan. 7, according to court documents. Williams said he will make the recommendation of a 10-year sentence in the Missouri Department of Corrections but that he will ask the judge to place Leverson in a 120-day controlled substance treatment program.

"If he successfully completes it, he could get out in four months on probation but still have a 10-year

sentence hanging over his head," Williams said. "If he fails while he's there, then he has to serve his 10-year sentence."

Leverson originally was arrested in October 2006 for the crime, which was committed in June at a Main Street parking lot across from a barber shop. The location was within 2,000 feet of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences property, according to the original Adair County Grand Jury indictment.

Williams said Leverson sold one ounce of marijuana to a confidential informant who worked in association with the Northeast Missouri Drug Task Force.

"The confidential informant knew Jerard," Williams said. "Basically, the confidential informant knew he could get marijuana from Jerard."

The Grand Jury indictment was issued in October 2006, and Missouri Highway Patrol officers arrested Leverson on Oct. 17, 2006.

Williams said the charge was reduced from class A to class B because the law requires a prosecutor to prove that the offender knew he or she was on or near a university or school campus.

"Those cases get difficult

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