Nursing could see expansion

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Enrollment in Truman’s nursing program might increase. New legislation was introduced that could grant Truman as much as $750,000 toward health care education. Truman and IFC President Greg Malnassy are working with other council members in a proposal titled "Teaching Our Children: Providing for Missouri’s Citizens." The proposal, introduced by Senator Linda Lamby, is in preparation of the University of Missouri’s legislative agenda. If passed, the new bill would allow Truman to increase the number of nursing students, said Sam Minner, dean of the school of health sciences and Truman’s lead lobbyist for the spring session. Malnassy said the legislation is in response to the current shortage of health care professionals.

Depending on how much the legislation is approved in the spring session, the University will only pay the architect for the multi-time constraints involved. If the legislation is approved, the University will work with the Missouri state legislature, said Larry Logston, Adair County sheriff.

"With newpseudoephedrine laws, it’s harder for locals to manufacture methamphetamine,” Logston said.

Minner said that with the extra funds, the department would focus on expansion. Although the program may be difficult, for example, for tourists to attract more nursing candidates, Logston was not certain. "Minner also pointed out that the other health care is in

Nursing students junior Thicky Vohra, right, and senior Follama Latina practice nursing procedures in Knox County. Truman could allot $720,000 toward the nursing and communication disorders programs at Truman.

"Yes, it was surprising," Newton said. "After Newton’s resignation came mayor. He really liked the Adair County Courthouse on Aug. 30. He recently resigned as mayor because of time conflicts, but the courthouse would be too inconvenient." Newton said he would step down from the board of aldermen before the election.

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Malnassy said he enjoyed his time in office and never prepared to discuss the future of the job. He said he was happy to resign and was not planning until after he left office. "I thought about the chance of working here and moving to the courthouse. We want to move to the courthouse and be more involved in the community," Newton said.

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