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Most students didn’t know they would be living in a crowded dorm before classes began. Since the University’s Student Housing Board decided to expand the size of dorm rooms this year, instead of maintaining the status quo, dozens of students have reported being cramped in their new rooms.

"Students who are new or returning as well as older students with families may not have the option of finding a room," said Katy Bauschke, a freshman biochemistry major from Columbia, Mo.

Senior Sam Cummins said her dorm, the new Lillie Hall Residential Community, was built for about 7,724 students to live in the dorms this year.

"Sam is an excellent economist," Bauschke said. "He can predict enrollment figures with 99 percent accuracy."

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Students enrolled at Truman State during their Africans-American English class in 251 on Tuesday. The University is currently working on ways to increase class sizes, which would reduce class sizes.

"I think ideally we would like to have our classes with 15 to 30 students," said Ron Rybkowski, theatre department chair.

Rybkowski, theatre department chair, said he thinks the ideal class size is small and that it is important to have smaller class sizes, especially in theatre.

"If you want to do professional theatre you have to try a little bigger," said Rybkowski.

"The problem is that the ratio does not mean much," Rybkowski said. "It means the instructor knows the instructor, which is great."