



Liquor bottles sit on a shelf at a local bar Wednesday. Three local businesses — Ayerco 30 Convenience Store, Pick-A-Dilly Convenience Store and Westport Package Store — were ticketed last month for selling alcohol to minors.

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and food products in addition to beer and liquor, but Westport operates primarily as a liquor store. "It would affect my business greatly," said Jared Mullen, owner of Westport Package Store. "It would hurt us if they shut us down for the four days. It would hurt the employees not having any work for a few days."
Westport employees are trained to ask for identification when selling liquor, Mullen said, but mistakes still happen.
"If my employees make a mis-

take, they make a mistake," Mullen said. "In that case, we had an elderly gentleman who had years of experience. ... The guy checked the ID — he put on his glasses and looked at it. He did what he was supposed to do, ... he just misread that particular ID."
Mullen said that since the incident, the guilty employee has left Westport.
"In the six years since I've been here we've only had it happen a few times when the liquor association sets up these stings," Mullen said. "We un-

derstand the complexity of selling to minors. We don't want to sell to minors. That's not what we're here for."
Although a suspended liquor license might damage a vendor's business, some consumers are not concerned by a potential closure. "I'm 21, there are other places I can buy," said senior Amy Jones. "If I was a minor trying to buy all the time, it might matter, though."
Both Ayerco 30 Convenience Store and Pick-A-Dilly Convenience Store declined to comment.

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than the old ID cards did. The background of the card is royal purple and in the foreground is a picture of one of the bells located between Kirk Building and Ophelia Parrish. At the bottom of the card, "Truman" is written in bold, white letters.
All incoming freshmen will receive a new ID card, and upperclassmen will also get a replacement card. All old ID cards became inactive Aug. 6 when new equipment was installed to accommodate the new cards in

residence hall cafeterias, Pickler Memorial Library and the Student Recreation Center.
Dennis Markeson, director of food services, said he doesn't anticipate big changes as a result of the new cards. He said there are still a few kinks in the new equipment, but everything should be running smoothly by the time school starts.
When the new ID cards are scanned, a different stripe on the card will be read. Markeson said he thinks the student would most likely not even know the difference.
The ID office has extended

hours Aug. 25 and 26 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., according to a statement issued by David Hoffman and Kaye Davis of Student Affairs. During these hours, U.S. Bank representatives will be in the office to activate the card so that it can be tied to a debit account.
Beginning Aug. 27, the ID office will resume its normal hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Students may still exchange their ID cards during this time but must go to U.S. Bank to get their cards activated for debit purposes.

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proceed at this point, hoping for the best, but we are quite aware of the fact that if the plaintiffs prevailed and we did not get the money, ... the Pershing project would be in jeopardy at that point," Minner said. "We'd have to find another way to get that job done, and I'm just not sure that that's possible."
State Sen. Wes Shoemyer, D-Clarence, said he thinks the lawsuit presents a real cause for concern for the Missouri colleges and institutions slated to receive money from Blunt's initiative. He said the funds from MOHELA were not state tax dollars that could be appropriated but were made by people who paid loans back through that loan authority and that SB 389 was questioned in the legislature from the very beginning.
"We should have had a capital improvements bill from state general revenue instead of putting this bill forward because we're getting the money from the wrong place," Shoemyer said.
Even though Blunt's initiative would have delivered more than \$30 million in capital improvements to his district, Shoemyer said he did not vote for SB 389.
"It was a flawed vision from the beginning," he said.
Shoemyer said he hopes that, should the lawsuit be successful, another attempt would be made at funding capital improvements at colleges and universities across the state. Blunt has said there is a surplus of more than \$300 million in the

Missouri budget this year, and Shoemyer said he thinks those would be much better funds to appropriate for higher education than funds coming from MOHELA.
"It ought to be about getting our minds educated and that's what MOHELA was created for statutorily," he said. "We ought to make a real commitment to higher [education] with our real money from the state."
Michael McManis, University dean for planning and co-chair of the Pershing Building advisory committee, said the University currently is monitoring the lawsuit, but so far nothing has happened. He said MOHELA already set aside a large portion of money for the Pershing project, which was to be available by the middle of September.
McManis said if the lawsuit does not cause a significant delay, renovations at Truman could begin in about a year. Even though the Pershing Building advisory committee has interviewed architects and is in the process of developing a contract, McManis said no concrete plans will be made regarding the renovations until an architect is hired and is able to identify the spaces that need to be renovated.
"The mission for this project is to provide renovated and expanded space for athletics and for academic programs," McManis said. "Presently the department of health and exercise science is located in that building. The mission is to bring nursing and communication disorders also to that site. We're also going to look at the possibility of bringing military science to that site."

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department (see story, Sept. 1, 2005, issue of the Index), and a tight state budget challenged funding altogether in 2003. A handful of Truman students created a Facebook group in January called "Where's my MoFo Bright Flight Money?"
"Before [fall 2005], every single semester you could walk in on the first day of classes and pick up your check," according to the group description. "Now it takes anywhere from two weeks to two months to get the money."
Group member and senior Bryan Sitzmann said that despite the strong language, Bright Flight backup hasn't posed too much of an inconvenience.
"I know it's coming, so I haven't really bothered with it," Sitzmann said.
State Rep. Ed Robb, R-Columbia, who sponsored a bill this session to increase per-student Bright Flight funding from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year, said he hadn't been aware of distribution delays but that the cur-

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will not charge interest on the unpaid amount. But students will incur interest on any fees not covered by Bright Flight.
"To me, September isn't really late," said Neely, who doesn't foresee any problems this fall.
She said that as students add and drop courses during the first week of a semester, they sometimes inadvertently remove themselves from the full-time student roster, which will cause a delay in their individual scholarships.
"We do keep track of the names all the time to make sure that people get paid," Neely said. Archer said she hadn't heard about the delay but wasn't particularly concerned.
"I hate to complain too much because [Bright Flight is] obviously an incredible blessing," she said.
In 2005, Bright Flight disbursements were postponed because of a DHE change in loan servicers and job cuts in the

rent amount isn't adequate.
"It hadn't been increased since its inception," Robb said. "It was out of date with respect to the stipend amount, given its intention, which was to provide basically a full ride to [any university that costs as much as or less than the University of Missouri-Columbia]."
Beginning in 2011, the amount will jump to \$3,000 per student per academic year if Senate Bill 389, which was signed by Gov. Matt Blunt in May, is found to be constitutional (see story, Page 1).
The bill also puts in place a streamlined, need-based financial aid program called Access Missouri.
"The discussion was how much we put into the need-based scholarships versus the merit-based, ... and the discussion came to the conclusion that we fully fund the need-based first, and when that is taken care of, we start to add money to the other," he said.



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