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President search officially begins

BY DANA BRUXVOORT
Staff Reporter

The search for a new University president has begun with the hopes of having a candidate selected by this time next year.

Saturday morning, members of the presidential search committee gathered for the first organizational meeting to discuss the qualities they want in a president and establish a time frame for the search.

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Ken Read, chairman of the committee and member of the Board of Governors, said one of the most important aspects of this search will be weighing candidates' academic qualifications against their business qualifications.

"It has to be well-balanced," Read said. "We're in some troubling economic times here right now that I think it's going to take [someone with] a pretty good business background to be able to lead the University."

In conjunction with the Board of Governors meeting in June, the committee members will meet and create the official advertisement for a new president. The ad will be released in August or September.

Later in the fall, the search committee will review the applications it receives and narrow the field to six to eight candidates. The committee then will conduct interviews with those individuals.

From those interviews, two or three final candidates will be selected.

"I'm disappointed in anybody who would do such an uncalled-for thing."

Interim University President Darrell Krueger



A student reported graffiti on Ophelia Parrish at 1 a.m. Saturday morning. Six other campus buildings and the Armory displayed spray painted messages. Physical Plant workers and student volunteers started the clean-up process Tuesday afternoon.

Graffiti gone, vandals unknown

"Barbarians" post comment on Kirksville Socialite blog, police still investigating

FOR MORE ON THE GRAFFITI

Go to www.trumanindex.com to view more photos of the graffiti and the clean-up efforts by the Physical Plant workers and student volunteers.

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
Staff Reporter

Those responsible for messages spray-painted across campus this weekend remain unknown as an investigation by the Department of Public Safety continues.

At about 1 a.m. Saturday morning, a DPS student auxiliary worker saw graffiti on Ophelia Parrish while patrolling campus and reported it to the Director of DPS. Violette Hall, Pickler Memorial Library, Kirk Memorial Building, Kirk Building, Baldwin Hall, McClain Hall, a sidewalk on the Quad and the Armory also were hit with spray paint messages, including "if you don't rebel, don't complain," "students-revolt!" "rebels are more beautiful," and "the state is murder."

Director of DPS Tom Johnson said that although there are no suspects, the investigation is ongoing. He said he

could not disclose what steps are being taken to find the suspects or whether there was any physical evidence other than the graffiti itself. Johnson said webcams placed throughout campus might help DPS find any suspects.

"There are three webcams that are on campus, and we've already looked into the possibility of whether we can find anything off of that," Johnson said. "These ones aren't focused in real well to be able to identify someone real close, but it could sure give us an idea, if we see some activity that looks out of place."

A story about the graffiti on kirksvillesocialite.com, a blog about life in Kirksville, attracted a message two days later from those claiming responsibility for the graffiti, calling themselves "The barbarians, the defiant."

Senior Casey Millburg, who maintains the Kirksville Socialite Web site, Please see **GRAFFITI**, Page 7



Freshman Emily Gannon creates her own graffiti on the Quad in response to the campus defacing.

Flanagan snatches Senate by landslide

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Staff Reporter

JoEllen Flanagan and Isaac Robinson trampled the Bulldog party last night.

More than 1,500 students voted in the Student Senate presidential elections and Bulldog party candidates, junior Lizz Esfeld and junior Tina Schutter, lost the election by 433 votes to sophomore JoEllen Flanagan and freshmen Isaac Robinson.

"I'm very excited," Flanagan said. "I can't even express how I feel. I was stressing out. The amount of support we got tonight was great. I feel like we really got out to a lot of students. ... I'm excited for what we're going to accomplish and what we're going to

do for students."

Robinson said he thinks all the in-person campaigning he and Flanagan did really put them over the top.

"I think it was really getting out and talking to students, not only talking but doing a lot of listening to their concerns," Robinson said. "JoEllen and I went into the campaign having a platform and things we wanted to accomplish in our term, but also we want to serve the students and see what they want us to do."

Robinson said they have big plans for the upcoming year including the creation of a service council that can replace the Service Organization Center, which was voted to dissolve.

A service council has been created before but failed and was dissolved.



Sophomore JoEllen Flanagan and freshman Isaac Robinson applauded their Senate election victory last night.

Chrisman wins city's vote

BY KELLY KIESEL
Staff Reporter

The Kirksville courthouse had a few anxious occupants Tuesday as County Clerk Sandra Collop prepared the results of the City Council election. The final results showed that Carolyn Chrisman won the election.

According to the results, there was only a 13 percent voter turnout in Adair County. Kirksville voted no to the quarter-cent sales tax. Don McCoy was voted into Adair County Ambulance District No. 4 Board of Directors and Sharon C. Tuttle, Patsy Jones and Theresa S. Hewitt were elected to the Adair County Board of Trustees.

Candidate Sandy Slocum's husband Phil Slocum was among those waiting for the election results.

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Professor of English Alana Pruessner accepts her Educator of the Year award in the SUB Georgian Room last Thursday.

Pruessner named Educator of the Year

BY JOHN MOENSTER
Assistant News Editor

The setting was formal, but the mood was sanguine in the Student Union Building's Georgian Room last Thursday as some of Truman's administrative and academic elite gathered for the 20th annual Educator of the Year Banquet.

At the end of the night, Alana Pruessner, professor of English, was named the 2009 Educator of the Year. Last year's Educator of the Year, mathematics professor James Guffey, spoke before the 12 semifinalists, and the six finalists were honored. Following the banquet, Interim University President Darrell Krueger

spoke of the importance of the award and congratulated everyone who was nominated for the award.

"I was utterly stunned," Pruessner said of the honor. "I was convinced someone else had won, it was such a great group of finalists."

Pruessner arrived at Truman in 1989 and served as a grant specialist and administrator for about five years before going back to teaching full time. Pruessner said her favorite part about teaching students is "seeing the light bulb come on."

"I really enjoy taking hold of students who are nervous about where they are and helping them understand they can do

this," Pruessner said.

In her acceptance speech, Pruessner said she felt uniquely honored to be a part of Truman's faculty. Courses she has taught include American Romanticism, American Literature, World Literature, Mystery, British Literature, American Studies/The American West and Applying Literary Theory. Pruessner said she did not know who originally nominated her.

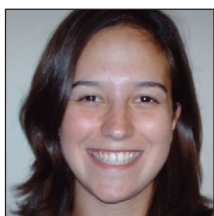
Krueger said this was his first time attending the Educator of the Year Banquet, and that he was impressed by the work students put into the event itself and the selection process.

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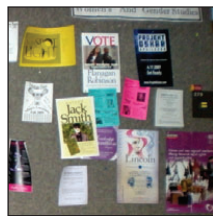
Columnist Brenna McDermott condemns vandalism on campus



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Administration debates advertising events that take place at bars



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Students submit murals for Kirksville Arts Center



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