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City council elections last Tuesday revealed Carolyn Chrisman as the winner of the council seat.

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"This year we had an exceptional slate of candidates that will all be able to help advance Kirksville," Phil Slocum said. "I was very optimistic about the election, no matter who won."

Collop said it was a slow election with only a few issues on the ballot. She said 10 Truman students voted in the election at the Student Union Building.

"I was disappointed because people put a lot of work into the election," Collop said. "We are hoping that there will be more people at the polls in the future."

Chrisman said she was surprised and honored about winning the election.

"I felt extremely honored that the citizens of Kirksville elected me," Chrisman said. "I had a lot of tough competition, but I felt very fortunate."

For her campaign, Chrisman said she used a lot of grassroots efforts by not spending a lot of money on the campaign and doing more door-to-door visits.

"I think people respond to that with the tough economic times that we're in," Chrisman said. "It also shows that I am going to be fiscally conservative in how I do it."

Chrisman had said no to the quarter-cent sales tax, and was glad it was not raised.

"It really, to me, looked like it was simply to give all city employees a pay raise and not a fire protection tax," Chrisman said. "I really do not

want to see Kirksville sales tax go above 8 percent, but I still want to find a way to give employees their raises at some point in the near future."

Chrisman said her plan now is to study up on the issues coming before the Council, including some economic development measures.

Senior Andrew Kling awaited results at the courthouse after checking the polls earlier that day.

"It was disappointing that an institution that values social engagement did not have a bigger outcome," Kling said. "I think we can do better. We have an enormous impact when voting, and the community would pay attention."

Susan Presley, president and co-founder of Vote Local, said she was surprised by the voter turnout. Vote Local organized an interview with the three candidates before the election and asked them questions about why students should vote for them. Presley said the candidates were all sincere and have all worked in the community.

"Vote Local did not work super hard in this election because it was hard to get people motivated about three decent people," Presley said. "You would have had to dig deep to find an issue among the candidates."

Presley said she thought students were unmotivated to vote because they knew that all of the candidates seemed good. Presley said the plan for Vote Local now is to help get more freshmen registered to vote in preparation for next year's election.

## SEARCH | Committee hopes to have a new president by next year

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be chosen. These individuals will visit Truman during the spring semester, when students and faculty will be invited to meet them and submit feedback.

Within a few weeks, a Web page will be set up through the governor's Web site to keep the public updated on the search. The Web page will allow students and faculty to give input concerning what they want in a new president.

Read said the committee is hoping to have a president selected by the 2010-11 academic year.

He said Interim University President Darrell Krueger is doing an excellent job leading the University and has committed to stay at Truman for as long as he is needed.

Krueger said his current contract ends in October but confirmed that he will stay at Truman for as long as the Board asks him to.

He said he won't be applying for the position but thinks there are some qualified candidates within Truman's current administration. The new president will have to be someone who can relate to students, faculty and staff and who is committed to a liberal arts and sciences viewpoint, he said.

"There is a need for a vision, a clear vision that would help the University grow and develop even further," Krueger said. "[Truman needs] someone who understands the role of a liberal arts institution and the mission of this one. We need somebody that's really fabulous, that understands the University."

Provost Troy Paino said the

future president also should be someone who appreciates the nature of the University.

"I think it needs to be a person of integrity ... who appreciates the culture of Truman," Paino said. "And also someone who appreciates its exceptional nature."

Paino said he will consider applying for the position, but it's too premature for him to decide at this point. He said that once the search committee files the official notice of vacancy and states the qualities it is looking for in a president, he will make his decision.

"I'll read that closely and ... ask myself if I feel I have those qualities and then make a decision that's best for me and my family, but most importantly, for the University," he said.

Senior Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, said he thinks the initial stages of the search are coming along smoothly.

He said the search committee will narrow down the early pool of candidates, but as the search continues, the committee will bring more people into the decision-making process. When the candidates visit Truman, the students, faculty and community will get the opportunity to interact with them, Sumter said.

"Anyone who wants to come can talk to the different candidates and ask them questions and then can give immediate feedback to us on what they liked, what they didn't like," he said.

Sumter said he represents the students to the committee, and James Guffey, president of Faculty Senate and professor of mathematics, represents the faculty.

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### President Search Timeline

**June** – Board of Governors meeting, discuss qualifications and put together a job description

**Late summer** – advertise the position, begin accepting applications

**Fall Semester** – Narrow field to six to eight applicants, conduct interviews, then narrow applicant pool to two to three applicants

**Spring Semester** – Final candidates visit Truman

**Select new president**

a lot of feedback on what is it that we want in a president," Sumter said. "Then it's our job as a committee to take those things and go and find candidates that meet those ... requirements."

Senior Casey Millburg said she would like Truman's next president to be a visible figure on campus.

"It shows that they really do care about the body and that they're really investing in what students have to say," Millburg said.

She also said she thinks the next president should be forward-thinking.

"I think I want someone who's pretty progressive-thinking — someone who is searching for ways to constantly keep the campus on the cutting edge, on the forefront," Millburg said.

## AWARD | English professor receives top honor for work

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"This [award] is truly an honor," Krueger said. "It takes a long-sustained effort of outstanding performance."

Junior Emily Walker represented Phi Kappa Phi on the selection committee. The three organizations with representatives on the committee included Student Senate, the Pershing Society and Phi Kappa Phi.

"It's nice being in a room with such distinguished faculty," Walker said. "The whole process made us realize how amazing a faculty we have at Truman."

Walker said participation was lower this year than last year, but the deadline schedule was tighter this year. She said the committee narrowed down a large number of applicants

to 12 semi-finalists. Of the 12 semi-finalists, six finalists were selected. This year's finalists were Preussner; Alan Davis, professor of accounting; Sherri Palmer, professor of psychology; Datha Damron-Martinez, professor of business administration; Matthew Tornatore, professor of Spanish; and James Cianciola, professor of communication. The committee sat in on a class taught by each of the finalists before selecting the Educator of the Year.

Walker said she thinks Preussner definitely deserved the award. She said that by sitting in on Preussner's class, she could tell she was an outstanding professor.

"All of the finalists were amazing professors," Walker said. "They were all truly deserving of being honored."

## GRAFFITI | Police investigate new leads in graffiti incident

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said DPS traced the IP address from which the post was made to a Panera Bread Company in St. Louis. Johnson declined to comment on the source of the post because of the investigation's ongoing status.

Johnson said suspects could be charged with property damage and, depending on the monetary value of the damage, could face fines, jail time or a mixture of both. He also said DPS is going to be more vigilant in watching for any future crimes.

"We're certainly watching for anything," Johnson said. "Obviously we're not just focusing on the graffiti. If we get focused on one area, then something else could happen, and I'm not saying that that's going to happen, but certainly we're watching out to make sure there's nothing else going along with this."

Johnson said the Kirksville Police Department was notified of the graffiti on the Armory, and that it is conducting its own investigation.

Building Trade Supervisor Greg Brown said the Physical Plant was notified about the graffiti at about 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

"We came in and used a variety of products to try to see what would lift it and remove it," Brown said. "We're using what seems to work the best: a varnish and paint stripper. We're able to brush it on the areas that were painted, and it's lifting the paint off the mason area, and then we'll follow it up

with a pressure washer."

Brown said some areas will have to be painted over to fully camouflage the graffiti. He estimated that the Physical Plant spent about \$220 on materials for removal, which included paint stripper and brushes, as well as more than 40 hours of labor by Physical Plant workers, who were assisted by student volunteers.

"There's a lot of other people on campus, and they have needs that need to be addressed, and it's just a shame that these things

had to happen, and we have to address those issues, and somebody else is left needing something and can't get it fixed or repaired because of something like this," Brown said.

Millburg organized an event to encourage students to help the Physical Plant crew clean up the graffiti. Millburg said she didn't think workers at the Physical Plant should have to clean the graffiti by themselves. About 40 students helped clean up the graffiti Tuesday on five of the eight surfaces targeted. The volunteers also painted their own messages on sheets donated to Millburg by Student Senate and the Center for Student Involvement.

Millburg said she thought

the graffiti was vague and poorly executed.

"I think it's uninspiring," Millburg said. "I think it's unintelligent. I can think of several different arguments to counteract any of the points they tried to make."

Sarah Raske, who graduated from Truman in 2007, was one person who volunteered

to help clean up the graffiti.

"I think it looks really bad on Truman, and that's why I'm glad that I see a lot of people volunteering to clean it up."

Sarah Raske  
2007 Graduate

saying, 'No, this is not what Truman's about, that's not what our community feels is right,'" Raske said.

Interim University President Darrell Krueger said that when he heard about the graffiti, he couldn't believe it could happen at Truman.

"I'm disappointed in anybody who would do such an uncalled-for thing," he said. "There are other venues where people can express themselves."

Krueger said he was grateful for the students who volunteered to clean up the graffiti.

"I think that's fabulous," he said. "That's the other side of people showing great citizenship versus people who do damage and hurtful things."

## SENATE | Sophomore prevents Esfeld's second term

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replaced with the SOC. Those two programs failed because they did not have a specific mission, he said.

The service council's mission would be to create and sustain a safe rides program, Robinson said. This program would run from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night.

Robinson said his main goal as vice president is to get "Kirksville on the Quad" up and running.

"We're planning on doing the Activities Fair on the Quad in August," Robinson said. "In conjunction with the 200 plus student organizations on the Quad, [we'll] bring in dozens of local businesses to come in and solicit their business to us, including free samples, discount coupons, job opportunities. Hopefully with that time of the year they are trying to fill positions, and we're here for nine months out of the year."

Senior Matthew Szewczyk, 2007-

08 Senate president said he supported Flanagan's campaign because he thinks she has never gotten involved in the politics of Senate. Her main goal always has been to get things accomplished, he said.

Szewczyk said that based off his experience as president, it was important for the president to know many people around campus.

"JoEllen really cares about helping students and getting a diverse voice from the student body," Szewczyk said. "She has friends all across campus."

Schutter said after losing vice president that she hadn't decided what her role in Senate would be next year.

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