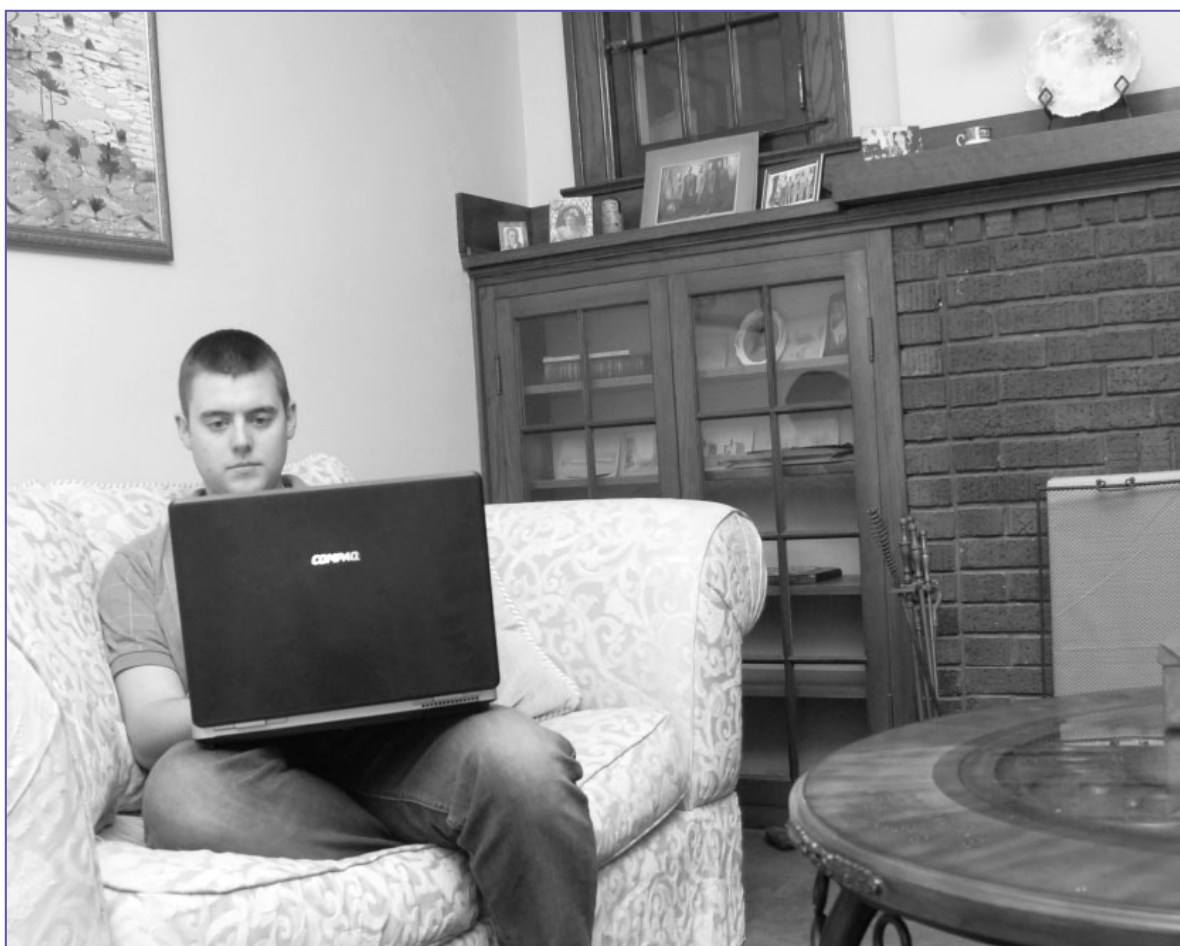


Historic House



Graduate student Mike Bolle, the Smith-King house coordinator sits in the Smith-King living room. The Smith-King house is on its way to becoming Kirksville's own historical landmark [see story page 3].

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MOHELA | Future for Pershing project uncertain despite recent funding from Blunt

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was first introduced in the State Senate in 2007. According to a Columbia Daily Tribune political blog dated May 22, 2007, then Attorney General Nixon urged Gov. Matt Blunt to veto Senate Bill 389, which authorized the use of sold loan assets for capital improvement projects.

Also in May 2007 in a letter to The Star, Nixon said, "Every penny MoHELA has is from students, and every penny should be used to benefit students in the form of low-cost loans." Three months after Gov. Blunt

signed the bill, the Lewis and Clark Initiative came under legal fire when two former MoHELA borrowers filed a suit questioning the legality of the plan. The suit was voluntarily dismissed Nov. 19, 2007. However, John Lichtenegger, the attorney who represented the plaintiffs, told the Index a year ago that future legal action was probable [see the Nov. 29, 2007 issue of the

Index]. Lichtenegger could not be reached for comment.

Rector said future funding for the Pershing project is dependent on the state. Because MoHELA has not been able to make payments to the fund, the state is worried about the cash flow projections in place, he said. As of right now, the money would run out next summer.

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"We're really waiting for the new administration to take over in Jefferson City to see what happens next," Rector said.

Campus Planner Mark Schultz said that if the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative is disbanded, funding for the Pershing project would become an issue.

"If the MoHELA money falls through and we don't get it, then we'll have to find a new funding source because a majority of the money for the Pershing project is coming from the MoHELA funds," Schultz said.

PORTFOLIO | Council submits phase II report on interdisciplinary-based changes

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to share their portfolios with graduate schools, prospective employers, friends and family, which would provide a great service to them and again lead to greater investment in the process."

Associate Provost Marty Eisenberg said the portfolio can be beneficial to students but could be more beneficial if looked at throughout students' college careers.

"When you do a portfolio at the end, one of the things that can happen for a student compiling a portfolio is they can do some own internal, personal assessment and identify weaknesses — areas they may want to develop," Eisenberg said. "If you only ask people to do [a portfolio] at the end, you really don't have an opportunity to do that."

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Eisenberg said he thinks students should be able to use their portfolios to show that they have achieved a certain level of knowledge.

Senior Susie Pope said she thinks students should be focusing on other things during their four years than compiling portfolios.

"I think we have better things to do," she said. "I think we should be focusing on our major. I think it would be a lot better right now if we were actually told, 'Hey, you might want to save that because it might go into your portfolio.'"

Pope said that instead of making the senior portfolios a focus for academic years, simply making students more aware of the requirement would suffice.

"The only way I knew that we had a portfolio is from a graduating senior my freshman year," Pope said. "I have work saved, and it's ready to go, but I need to know what the exact requirements are before I can do anything with it."

The phase II report also explained a need for a clearer definition of critical thinking.

"One of the other challenges is when you talk to students about critical thinking, you talk about it so abstractly," Eisenberg said. "What are we actually talking about?"

He said a written explanation of what critical thinking is would make writing requirements for classes and portfolios less vague.

Eisenberg said the phase II report mostly presents ideas and possibilities for Truman's future.

"Part of this draft is to show people the range of possibilities,

engage people in some conversation and then start to whittle down what might make more sense for Truman," Eisenberg said. "Most of the ideas are not ... completely fully developed. Everything is not worked out."

Commission member Brenda Higgins said she thinks the portion of phase II describing what the commission has agreed on is most important.

"These are the things we feel to be important," Higgins said. "There's a number of different ways people could go about incorporating those into the curriculum."

Higgins said the things deemed important by the commission could cause minor adjustment or bold initiative, depending on what Truman wants to take from the report.

"What we felt was important is that it not be the job of the curriculum committee ... to recommend one particular curriculum plan for the University, but that we develop a number of different plans that the University community could look at as a community and decide, kind of jointly, what curricular plan would best meet the needs of our students," she said.

FIRE | Student's '96 Cadillac catches fire late Monday night due to a probable fuel leak

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and Dougherty received a knock at about 1 a.m. asking her to move her car, she said.

Dougherty said she has test-driven her car but has not received an estimate for the damages. She said it suffered extensive damage to the front and passenger side.

"There's a lot of damage on it, actually," she said. "The front and underneath of the tire is melted."

She said she is unaware of possible internal damage and that she would be taking it to a mechanic before trying to drive home next week. Dougherty has not contacted Moore regarding the costs of repairs, but she said she plans to do so.

Captain Kenneth Lambert of the Kirksville Fire Department said the

cause of the fire most likely was a fuel leak.

"That's where most of the fire damage is at: ... the fuel well on the back of the engine," Lambert said. "It's just a simple fault of the automobile. It may have been something that's been manifesting for years. It could be a fuel line drying out. ... There's just so many things it can be. In a situation like this, nobody wins — it's just a bad deal."

"I turned it over and it started for me and then stopped. The second time I turned it over, it was up in flames."

Larry Moore
Senior

Harvey Stewart, a mechanic at Jones Brothers, said the car probably had problems with the fuel regulator because most of the fire was contained under the hood of the car.

"The fuel regulator probably went bad," he said. "Sometimes they'll leak back. They hold the pressure, so it will start every time and sometimes it'll leak off."

Stewart said that if a person smells fuel, he or she should shut the car off and call someone to investigate the problem before starting the car.

Assistant Fire Chief Rick Anderson said Kirksville usually does not experience a lot of car fires but that it is better to be prepared in that situation.

"Safety to all is to get out of the vehicle, get away from the vehicle and dial 911," Anderson said. "And usually we [have] a three-to-four minute response time ... those three minutes sometimes seem like a lot more as you're watching your car burn."

Anderson said people should not stand in front of or behind a burning vehicle because of the dangers associated with shock-absorbing bumpers.

"[The bumpers] have been known to come off the vehicle with quite a force," he said. "Most all the vehicles have the five-mile-an-hour shock absorbing bumper on them, so we train our firefighters — when they approach they normally won't approach it from the front or back, they'll approach from an angle."

JOBS | Looking for work this winter could prove difficult, students should prepare early

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the company bases its current seasonal hiring practices on how busy that particular market is, the size of the store in question and sales projections. Hiring for this holiday season really varies on region, Hanson said, with some regions continuing steadily and others hiring slightly less than in previous years.

"Based on last year, taking that soft sales economy into consideration, our numbers aren't going to be as many as we've hired previously in recent years," Hanson said.

"But we're definitely continuing to hire and encourage everyone to apply."

Hanson said Target begins seasonal hiring in October and finishes in January. She said the company tries to make a lot of hires early in the season to better prepare for the major holidays.

Junior Katie Sassenrath said she got the first job she applied for at Bath & Body Works in O'Fallon, Mo.

"As soon as I sent in the application, they called me within a couple days and asked me to set up an inter-

view with them," she said. Sassenrath said she was hired as a seasonal employee but assumes the company will keep her on if she wants to continue working there. She was nervous about searching for a job because of her past experiences, she said.

"I had trouble finding work over the summer, and just with the economy having trouble lately, I was kind of worried about it," Sassenrath said. "But I was lucky."

According to a survey conducted by Experience, Inc. — an online job search tool for

college students — 79 percent of 645 undergraduates, graduate students and young professionals surveyed plan to work during Winter Break. Sixty percent of those respondents said they started the job hunt before November, an increase from only 20 percent last year, according to an Experience, Inc. press release. Despite the early start on the employment search, only 22 percent of respondents said they already had been offered and accepted part- or full-time positions, according to the release.

CRASH | Student arrested in connection with apartment building damage by car

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careless and imprudent driving. No formal charges have been filed by the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney.

Although Patterson is the owner of the vehicle, Farnsworth said there were no charges against him.

Schafer was taken to the Adair County Detention Center at 2:36 a.m. Sunday and placed on a 12-hour hold for intoxication, according to a jail official.

Doug Porter, a broker with Four

Horizons realty who rents the apartment, said that when the car struck the apartment building, it took out the support on the northwest corner of that apartment. Porter said he received a call about the crash after it happened early Sunday morning and had contractors at the building by Tuesday afternoon.

"They knocked the main support out of the [first floor]," he said of the damage. "They may have to even go up to the second floor and do some

work to it."

Porter said that although it will be hard to determine how extensive the damage is until the contractors start work, he estimates that it will add up to between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Porter said he thinks the tenants of the apartment struck by the car were not home when it happened, but said the tenants on the other side of the building said it sounded like a bomb went off when the crash occurred.

CSI

2009 Homecoming Committee applications are available in the CSI or visit <http://csi.truman.edu> Applications due to the CSI by 4 pm November 24, 2008.

Attention: CSI Chartered Student Organization Privileges

All outstanding fall 2008 Organization Recognition Agreement Contact Information Forms (due September 12, 2008) and fall 2008 Banner Rosters (due October 31, 2008) must be submitted to the CSI by December 10, 2008 (Reading Day). If we do not receive these items, your organization will lose all organization privileges until the fall 2009 semester or until all outstanding documents have been submitted thereafter.

SERVE Center

is sponsoring a **Bowl for Gold** bowling tournament on December 6, 2008 from 2 to 5 p.m. (registration begins at 1:30 pm), at Leisure World. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. Prizes available. Visit serve.truman.edu or call 785-7222 for more details.

Save the Date!

The Leadership Recognition Program will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2008. Nomination forms will be available on Tuesday, January 20 in the CSI office, or at csi.truman.edu.

The Golden Leadership Awards program will return spring semester!