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## MOHELA funding not guaranteed

**Gubernatorial election will decide fate of Blunt's plan, Pershing renovation**

BY CAITLIN DEAN  
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Some schools might not get to finish what they started, at least not for a while. One of the main goals of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, signed into effect by Gov.

Matt Blunt in 2007, is to create a \$350 million fund to grant money for capital improvement projects to public colleges in Missouri, according to the Missouri Department of Economic Development Web site. The Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority is responsible for providing the money for this fund to the Missouri Development Finance Board, according to the site. Sam Minner, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education and co-chair of the Pershing Building committee, said MOHELA was to make \$5 million quarterly pay-

ments to reach the \$350 million total. The state of Missouri already has transferred about \$230 million to the fund, Minner said, but two big issues leave obtaining the remainder of the money to an uncertain fate. The recent economic crunch has left MOHELA several months behind on its quarterly payments, Minner said. He said this has schools very nervous, as the entire \$350 million is needed to fund all of the projects Missouri schools had planned. Secondly, Minner said the upcoming guber-



natorial election could affect the future of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative. "Both of the individuals running for Please see MOHELA, Page 7



Jessica Rapp/Index

Departing University President Barbara Dixon greets Ryle Hall director Liz Raine during Dixon's going-away party Oct. 6. Dixon's presidency officially came to an end yesterday.

## Krueger takes the lead today

BY JULIE WILLIAMS  
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The University is under new leadership this morning as Darrell Krueger officially picks up the Truman reins. Former University President Barbara Dixon's contract officially ended yesterday after she asked the Board of Governors to release her from the original contract, which would have come up for renewal June 30, 2009. Dixon and the Board of Governors made a joint decision to search for a new president after failing to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement regard-

ing the future of the University. Until that time, Truman will operate under Interim President Krueger, a former vice president for academic affairs and dean of instruction at the University. Although her contract did not expire until yesterday, Dixon said she left Kirkville during Midterm Break to help with the transition. "I had some vacation time that was built up, and so I just took three days of vacation to help get myself moved," she said. Dixon's work as a consultant to the University, a job that will pay \$205,050



Darrell Krueger

plus a \$10,000 ending bonus for satisfactory performance, will not begin until she and Board members have agreed upon the specifics of the job. "We haven't talked about the actual specifics yet," she said. Please see KRUEGER, Page 7

## Ayerco gas station robbed

BY JESSICA RAPP  
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An armed suspect robbed the Ayerco Convenience Store at 1704 South Baltimore early Tuesday morning. Kirksville Detective Justin Jones said the suspect entered the store at about midnight — closing time. He said the clerk told police that the suspect approached her outside the store and forced her back inside, threatening her with a small handgun. The suspect left the store with an undisclosed amount of cash and checks from the register. The clerk described the suspect as a white male with a slender build, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10, who was carrying a light brown backpack.

This incident marks the second reported robbery in Kirksville in three weeks. A suspect robbed Show-Me Cash at 2005 North Baltimore during closing time Oct. 1. Jones said the police do not have enough evidence at this point to link the two incidents. "We don't exactly have a lot of robberies in Kirksville, especially within a three-week timespan, so they may or may not be connected, but right now we have no evidence that they are [related]," he said. He said records show that since 2006, no Kirksville businesses reported robberies aside from the two in the past three weeks. A former Truman student suspect was charged for two local robberies in 2002. Jones said the police Please see ROBBERY, Page 7

**"The best thing to do is just be a good observer. Don't try to intervene."**

Justin Jones  
Kirksville Detective



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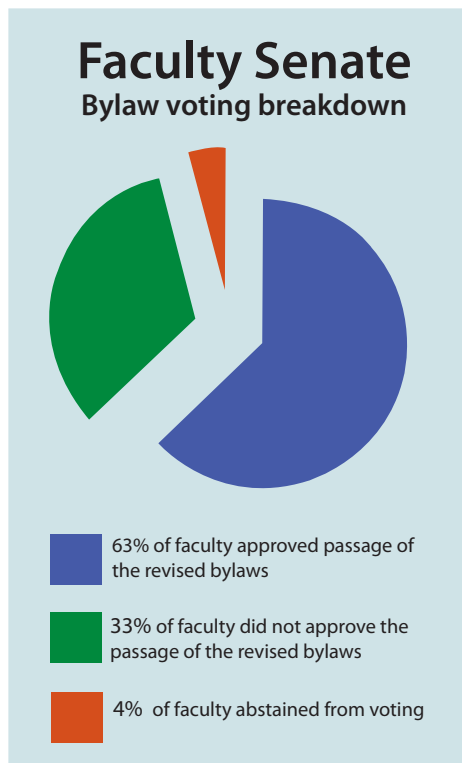
Allen and Mary Garvey and their children, Clara and Fred, dine at Il Spazio on Wednesday. The restaurant will operate under new ownership soon.

## Il Spazio up for sale

BY JOHN MOENSTER  
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Local Italian restaurant and bar Il Spazio has been a staple in Kirksville's local dining scene since it opened in August 2003, but restaurant owner Jeff Newton recently placed the business on the market. Newton said other interests and having family in another state cause him to be out of town constantly. "The only reason I'm selling it is ... there's really no reason for me to stay in Kirksville," Newton said. Newton also recently has sold his co-ownership of another Il Spazio in Illinois to business partner and Washington Street Java Co. owner Steve Collins. However, the entire restaurant in Kirksville is for sale. Newton said that when Il Spazio sells, the buyer will have free reign over the build-

ing and restaurant. "Obviously when a buyer pays me for [Il Spazio] they can do whatever they want," Newton said. "My hope is that it will stay Il Spazio." Newton said closing down the restaurant would be a poor choice. Newton said business will continue as usual at Il Spazio until it is sold. Il Spazio employee Shelby Kramer said the restaurant has been a good place to work. "Everyone gets along," Kramer said. "Unlike other jobs, at Il Spazio you don't have those two or three people that you don't like." Kramer said he expects that most of the staff will stay at the restaurant despite the change in ownership. Kramer said people need jobs regardless of who owns the business. "You can't predict the type of changes that are going to Please see IL SPAZIO, Page 7



## Faculty Senate adapts to academic restructuring

BY AMANDA GOESER  
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From divisions to departments, Faculty Senate representation is changing. Faculty Senate, which is responsible for the curricular interests of students, will be undergoing structural changes to reflect the University's academic reorganization. The University previously was organized into eight academic divisions, with the Senate made up of two representatives from each division. Today, Truman is made up of one college and two schools: the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and the School of Health Sciences and Education. To reflect the University's reorganization, Sen-

ate is adjusting its structure. The Governance Restructuring Committee presented Senate with the plan to include one representative from each department, as well as one from the school of Business, among other plans. Diane Johnson, Chairwoman for the Governance Restructuring Committee, said that now that the University is experiencing a time of transition, she thinks it's important for the committee to have some sort of link to its constituency. "We decided that we would go with a more direct kind of communication," she said. Johnson said the committee looked closely at two other models. One was that senators would become at-large representatives. Under this Please see FACULTY, Page 7

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