Lack of Braille signs hinders accessibility

It was a long and difficult process for the University of Missouri-Kirksville to renovate the SUB. The paint is finished, the ceiling leaks are fixed, and the University has spent thousands of dollars on renovations — West Campus Hall, Missouri Hall, Blatman, Yeager and Reeves Halls all underwent an incredible transformation. Because of this, it is concerning that the University is still not following the ADA guidelines for ensuring accessibility.

Several Braille signs have been removed from the SUB, including signs that are meant to direct people to permanent rooms and restrooms. The University used to have Braille signage. The University is now falling short of their obligation to physically impaired students.

Moreover, the University is now subconsciously excluding people with visual impairments. The University should have the Braille signage for actual Braille words as required by the ADA, instead of having signs that are legally to there are too many non-Braille signs for actual Braille words. This means the University is breaking the law without realizing it.

The University should not remove Braille signs from the SUB, as it is against the law. The University is supposed to be there for the University, not to exclude certain people.

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Presidential View

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By Elaine Rice

President Dixon has been the face of this University for the past three years. She has certainly brought a lot to the University, but I think that the students are not giving her enough appreciation.

President Dixon has made a lot of changes to this University, and I think that the students should be appreciating her more. She has brought in a lot of new programs and initiatives, and she has tried to make life easier for the visually impaired students. The University should support the needs of the students, and Dixon has done a lot to support the needs of the students.

President Dixon has been an incredible leader for the University, and I think that she deserves a lot more appreciation. She has brought a lot to the University, and I think that the students should be appreciating her more.

Purity rings represent wearers' personal choice

By M. E. Miller

I read the article about purity rings in the Sept. 25 issue of the Index and I would like to respond to some of the comments. I agree that, yes, the comment in the article did not represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

I also have a difference in opinion with the statement that purity rings are like the weird ones mentioned in the column. For example, I've heard of a purity ball. I think that some students choose to wear purity rings because it makes them feel more comfortable.

Furthermore, I don't think this column/perspective points out any type of purity issue or any type of purity issue. Nor are purity rings the only issue that needs to be addressed.

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