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The former Child Development Center was renovated during the summer to accommodate an overflow of on-campus students. Eight students who were slated to live in a residence hall currently are living in the newly named West Campus Annex.

Old day care becomes res hall

Former Early Childhood Center houses overflow students, now West Campus Annex

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Staff Reporter

From child's play to late-night studying, the building next to West Campus Suites has encountered some major changes.

During this past summer, Residence Life staff realized the number of freshmen, transfer students and upperclassmen desiring on-campus housing was more than the holding capacity. John Gardner, assistant director of Residence Life, said this realization forced a search for a new housing complex that could hold the slight overflow of people needing rooms.

This search resulted in turning the former Child Development Center into the West Campus Annex through renovations in late July and early August, he said.

"We were looking at different options of where we could put students and decided that was a good choice," he said. "We wanted to create a smaller community where [Residence Life] could have a staff member there and provide space for community development, such as lounges, and be close enough to our facili-

ties that the students would be able to get mail and check out equipment."

West Campus Annex is located just east of West Campus Suites, right off Normal St. Students can enter it directly from Normal St. or through the back door that faces Centennial Hall. The Annex houses eight students, including a student adviser, all of whom are transfer students except one.

"We had a waiting list of returning students who failed to renew in February or ones that didn't decide until July that they wanted to live on campus," Housing Coordinator Tracy McFarland said. "We didn't have any spaces for them, so all I was told was that it was approved to use the spot. They renovated it, but [University President Barbara Dixon] only wanted one gender in there, and we had mostly males on the list."

McFarland said the price was the same rate as Grim Hall, which is less expensive than West Campus by \$1,540 per semester. She said there are four rooms: a student adviser room, two double rooms and one triple room. Junior Bumhyun Kim is the only non-

transfer student living in the Annex. Kim said the building had its ups and downs compared to his former accommodations, Ryle and Centennial Halls.

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"There's no computer room here, so you can't print anything unless you have your own printer," he said. "But the good thing is we have our own air conditioner." Kim said he only had to share a bathroom with his roommate and that the rooms were substantially larger than those in other residence halls. Residents live in rooms on the main floor, and the basement and attic remained locked, Kim said. The residents have a key to enter the Annex, a separate one to enter the individual rooms and a third key for the mailboxes in West Campus Suites. He said the Annex is kept locked at all times.

Gardner said he is not certain what the future holds for this space.

"This is something we needed to do this year in terms of making sure we had enough spaces on campus," he said. "... We are not sure what exactly we will do with it."

MAE program undergoes changes

BY LISA HOLMES
Staff Reporter

Teaching teachers just got easier.

New changes in the Masters of Arts and Education program will affect the submission and review of student applications, usually submitted in the first semester of the student's senior year.

"One of the big changes has to do with our admissions," said Sam Minner, dean of the school of health sciences and education. "Applications are being accepted at any time."

In past years, applications to the MAE program only were accepted Sept. 15 for the spring semester and April 15 for the fall semester, Minner said.

With the new rolling admission program, applications will be accepted on the first of each month, September through November and February through April, said Susan LaGrassa, department chair of mathematics and computer science.

"We were trying to streamline the process,"

LaGrassa said. "There's nothing more frustrating than waiting four months to see if you were admitted to a program."

Students also will have the benefit of a more specialized review of their applications. Student admissions now will be handled by professors who teach in the student's intended field of education.

"If you want to be a math teacher, it's really the mathematicians that get together to review the materials," Minner said.

The admissions committee that reviewed all the applications at one time is now called upon only when a student would like to appeal an application, said Wendy Miner, department chair of education.

Another change to the program is the clear layout of specialty admissions re-

quirements, such as the specific courses and grade point averages needed for any given field of education that a student wishes to study.

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"With specialty area requirements, there was nothing ever written about what they wanted when looking for admissions," Miner said. "Now it's very clear what every area is looking for in addition to the general requirements."

By today, a page will be on the education department's Web site with links to the specialty area requirements for each major, Miner said. The link to follow will be posted on the left-side menu of www.education.truman.edu.

"This is just a million times better for students," Miner said.

NEWS | In Brief

Peterson elected into Hall of Fame

The Missouri Bandmasters Association has inducted Dan Peterson into its Hall of Fame. The association includes band directors from more than 1,600 Missouri institutions, including college, high school, junior high and elementary schools. Peterson's 30 years with Truman produced graduate and undergraduate students who now have high-ranking positions in the music departments of universities throughout the U.S. This honor marks the 40th time a Missouri band director has been named to the Hall of Fame during the last 100 years.

Paino to open Faculty Forum

Next Thursday, Sept. 18, Dr. Troy Paino, provost, will present, "The Importance of Scholarship and Creativity." Paino's presentation will mark the first Faculty Forum of the year and will take place at 7 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000 with a reception to follow.

"Without presenting a laundry list of things a liberal arts education can offer, I would like to address the topic of scholarship and creativity by describing the essence of what a liberal arts university is: a moral community," Paino said in a statement.

More information about Paino's presentation can be found at forum.truman.edu.

FEMA provides aid to Adair county

Adair county residents now can apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance in response to storms and flooding between June 1 and Aug. 13. Adair County, along with six others, has been added to the list of 20 counties granted FEMA's individual assistance June 25, according to the FEMA press release dated Sept. 8.

The press release states that this assistance reimburses states in behalf of local government applicants for eligible expenses for debris removal, emergency protective measures as well as the repair or restoration of roads, bridges and public buildings damaged in the disaster. Residents should call 1-800-621-FEMA by Sept. 30 to register for assistance.

Former Kirkwood mayor dies

Mike Swoboda, former mayor of St. Louis suburb Kirkwood, died Saturday morning due to complications from a February shooting. On Feb. 7, a gunman opened fire during a city council meeting, killing two police officers, two council members and the public works director. The gunman, former Truman student Charles "Cookie" Thornton, also injured a journalist and shot Swoboda twice in the head.

Air Festival opens tomorrow

The Kirksville Regional Airport Air Festival will kick off tomorrow at 6 p.m. and continue through Saturday afternoon. Events included in the festival are a pancake breakfast, a car show, the Dave Dacy air show and Hy-Vee brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. Tickets are available at www.kvairfest.com. Parking and admission per car will be \$10 if paid in advance or \$15 at the gate.

Preventive measures taken

Publications placed in local libraries, Missouri Extension offices and online by the Federal Emergency Management Agency could help protect Missouri residents from damage due to natural disasters. The materials discuss ways to protect life and property and are targeted at builders, contractors and homeowners.

Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate discussed the student-initiated courses resolution.
- Senate discussed the safety committee resolution.
- Senate discussed positions and committees for elections.
- Senate passed the 2008-09 fiscal and standing budget.
- Senate passed a money motion for \$24.95 for the spray paint to use for the recycling bins.
- Senate passed a money motion for \$2,010 for four scholarships it will present Sunday.
- Senate discussed adding the Bike Co-Op's insurance to the standing budget.
- Senate passed a money motion to spend \$25 no later than Oct. 12 for a homecoming float in the parade.

DPS | Reports

9/6 Sophomore Jennifer Pearlstein was found in possession of less than 35 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in her residence hall room in Centennial Hall. The items were found by Department of Public Safety officers after a request for a search was made.

New Student Welcome

Thursday, Sept. 11
Downtown Kirksville

5 - 9 p.m.

Truman, ATSU and MACC students are ALL invited to attend the New Student Welcome in Downtown Kirksville.

Local businesses, churches and organizations will have tables set up on the Courthouse lawn offering coupons, product samples and more.

There will be LIVE ENTERTAINMENT and FOOD!

5 - 7 p.m. Food Served
5 - 9 p.m. Entertainment

Students must show their I.D. to get their free food. All non-students will have the option of purchasing food at the event.

Rain location at the Kirksville Arts Association Building

Sponsored by The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Committee and the Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee. For more information contact Donna Brown at 660-665-3766

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The Zeta Xi chapter of

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at Truman State University
congratulates its new initiates:

Dan Bader	Sam Straatman
Seth Hampel	Shawn Shinneman
Josh Peterson	William Burgess
Brett Falkner	Collin Koenig