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Former president accepts new job

BY ANDREA HEWITT
News Editor

Lock Haven University named former Truman President Barbara Dixon as interim president on April 7.

Kenn Marshall, spokesman of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, said Dixon's interim presidency begins July 1 and will last for one year.



Barbara Dixon

"Dr. Dixon will provide excellent leadership to Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania during the transition to a new president," said Kenneth Jarin, Lock Haven's Board of Governors chairman, in an April 7 press release. "She has many years of experience in higher education, including her tenure as president of Truman State. The Board and I look forward to working with her on behalf of Lock Haven University students."

Dixon said she found the position through her Registry for College and University Presidents' membership. The registry's purpose is to find individuals. Please see Dixon, Page 7

Robinson wins



Mayank Dhungana/Index

Sophomore Isaac Robinson (far right) celebrates his Student Senate presidential victory Wednesday night in the Student Union Building.

Robinson takes 47.4 percent of the student vote

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
Staff Reporter

This week had student government written all over it, starting with polls opening and the vice presidential and presidential debate Monday and ending with sophomore Isaac Robinson and junior Kyle Olmstead winning Student Senate's president and vice president positions Wednesday night.

Robinson and Olmstead won with 47.4 percent of the vote, or 755 votes out of 1,594. Freshman George Allan Jr. and freshman Ryan Nely came in second with 30.9 percent of the votes, and senior George Koors and sopho-

more Alex Ewing finished with 14.9. "I'm very excited to get to work [and] continue on ... working with the big issues next year that we're dealing with," said Robinson, who served as Senate vice president this year.

The presidential and vice presidential debate was hosted Monday in the SUB Hub.

At the debate, Robinson said he would focus on Truman students spreading the word about the University to increase enrollment or start a dual enrollment program to help with the University budget.

His concerns also included communication between the stu-

dents and student government, the student athletic fee and student initiative program grants.

"These are grants that we're going to set aside, approximately \$6,000, which is approximately one-fourth of the student government's budget, for individual students and/or groups of students to come to the student government, request money, up to \$400, to initiate projects or programs that they want to see on this campus," he said.

Robinson said the role of student government was to be a voice to both the administrators and the students and that one of the most important qualities a leader should

possess is the ability to listen and communicate effectively.

Robinson discussed improving the student ambassador program, increasing publicity for Truman in Kirksville and creating new traditions, such as the champagne toast at graduation.

His main concern with the expenditure of Senate's money is how many students and members of the community it will affect, he said.

Olmstead said he's excited about becoming vice president.

"I'd like to thank all of the students who came out and voted," Olmstead said.

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DIXON IN REVIEW

Sept. 15, 2008

Former Board of Governors chair Mark Wasinger signs Dixon's severance contract

Sept. 16, 2008

Dixon announces resignation

Oct. 15, 2008

Dixon's presidential duties end, consulting duties begin. She receives \$215,050 for her consulting role.

Oct. 2009

Dixon's severance ends. She takes position with consulting firm Myers McRae.

Gun threat cancels Humans vs. Zombies



Photo submitted by Lona Moody
Human Vs. Zombie players stand in front of Ophelia Parrish April 11. Humans use Nerf guns to defend themselves.

BY BLAISE HART-SCHMIDT
News Editor

Nerf guns, balled-up socks and bandanas were nowhere to be seen Monday when Humans vs. Zombies stopped one day early after a gun threat Sunday.

At about 4 p.m. Sunday, three males, who appeared to be between 18 and 21 years old, approached a player and asked about the game, according to a press release from the Department of Public Safety. One of the males lifted his shirt and said he had a "gat" that hurt people, but the student did not see a weapon. The three men then left campus. DPS is investigating the incident.

Senior Cody Sumter, Humans vs. Zombies moderator, said that after the incident, the moderators watched to ensure the three men left campus but waited to report the incident to the DPS.

"We were in the middle of having 300 people running around campus at the same time," he said. "We wanted to get everyone who had actually seen something so that we could make sure before we

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- Senior Cody Sumter, HvZ moderator

went to DPS."

Sumter said the moderators discussed the incident before deciding to pause and eventually cancel the last day of the game.

"I can't say we were exactly happy about or excited about it, but it's an understandable position," Sumter said. "The longevity and the safety of the players is much more important than a single day of actual play."

Sumter said that although some players were disappointed the game was cut short, he does not think this will deter students from participating in the future. He said Humans vs. Zombies could actually help students in case of a campus emergency.

"If there actually was something happening on campus, I'm pretty sure that a player would

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HEALTH UPDATE

2010 H1N1 cases decrease

BY BRENNa McDERMOTT
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Confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus and influenza-like illness cases have decreased at Truman and throughout Adair County in 2010.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has reported 286 cases of confirmed H1N1 and three cases of ILI during a 14-week period in 2010 in Missouri. During the final 14 weeks of 2009, the MDHSS reported 952 confirmed cases of H1N1 and 28 cases of ILI.

Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center, said only six cases of ILI have been diagnosed by the Health Center in the spring 2010 semester so far, as opposed to 175 cases of ILI during the fall 2009 semester. Higgins defined ILI as a fever higher than 100 degrees and a cough or sore throat in the absence of

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Missouri lab tests have confirmed 268 H1N1 cases in 2010, according to the Department of Health and Senior Services. For more information, visit dhss.mo.gov.

other known causes. Higgins said that this semester no ILI cases have tested positive for H1N1 by state testing labs sent from the Health Center to date.

"We've had very few with flu-like symptoms [this spring], but when we sent these in for any testing none of them had come back positive for flu," Higgins said. "Last semester every one we sent in that came back positive for flu was H1N1."

She said the Health Center. Please see H1N1, Page 7