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An Index reporter saw people smoking without penalty at Full Moon bar last weekend.

## BAN | Citywide smoking ban affects businesses

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ing to see all kinds of traffic violations, you're going to see people doing other things you could take legal action on. We don't have the resources to do that."

Although the staffing situation is not ideal, Hughes said the police respond when a call comes in about a smoking violation.

"Within broad parameters, whatever the community decides they want us to enforce, we enforce," Hughes said.

### Ban's economic impact decidedly minimal

After tracking sales tax collections, gross receipts, cigarette sales and liquor licenses of local businesses affected by the ban in 2008, the Kirksville City Council concluded no significant economic decline had taken place as a result of the ban. The council determined future tracking was unnecessary.

During the course of fiscal year 2008, 16 out of 40 businesses posted a loss in gross receipts. However, in the fiscal year 2007, the year prior to the ban, 18 out of 40 businesses posted a loss.

Three establishments affected by the ban went out of

business in fiscal year 2008, but overall, the city saw a slight increase in cigarette sales.

Kirksville finance director Laura Guy said she thinks the city council was justified in deciding not to continue tracking the figures after one year, because no significant conclusion could be drawn from them. She said because there are so many factors that contribute to the success of a business, it is hard to determine the impact of the smoking ban.

### Business Owners' Reactions

Ward said he suffered a 63.6 percent drop in business within the first two months of the ban. He said that since then some customers have come back, but he has maintained a 25 percent loss in customers since the ban became active.

Eric Pfeiffer, owner of Leisure World, said people generally have reacted well to the ban.

"Initially, it hurt our business, especially at the bar," Pfeiffer said. "A couple of guys in the bowling leagues quit because they couldn't smoke."

But Pfeiffer said any business that originally left has slowly come back, albeit sometimes in different forms.

"On the bright side, [there

are] more families with their kids," Pfeiffer said.

Ward said the issue isn't about smoking, it's about treating all businesses the same.

"My main issue is that if it's such a health hazard, why do they let everybody out at the Moose and the Shrine Club [smoke]?" Ward said. "You go down to the Hair Academy, and if they were allowed to smoke inside, they could [by law]. But that's their option. They didn't give me that option."

Uptown Café owner Brenda Sewell also originally opposed the smoking ban ordinance.

"I don't think it's right," Sewell said. "My business has changed [since the ban]. There are people who won't come in because they can't smoke."

Although she said she fundamentally disagrees with the city infringing on the rights of business owners, Sewell said the smoking ban should stay in place. She said she has maintained a steady amount of customers since the ban was put in place.

"They should leave it the way it is," Sewell said. "People are used to it. But personally, I don't like it. As a business owner, if I want to smoke in my business I should be able to."

## KRUEGER | Darrell Krueger will retire after filling the position of interim president and move to Utah

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Winona State University in 1989, retired in 2005 and came back to serve at Truman in 2008.

Krueger also has family ties to Truman. Two of his children graduated and his father earned a Master's degree from the University. With all his connections to the school, Krueger said there will be much to miss when he leaves.

"This is where I raised my family," Krueger said. "We love the community. We love the people here. We love the faculty that is here, and I especially have a great admiration for the student body."

Krueger said he is very pleased with the students at Truman. When he came back to Kirksville to become interim president after his service at Winona, he said he knew the Truman student body was good, but he didn't know how good.

"I knew a lot of the faculty, and I knew the community, but I didn't know the quality of the students," Krueger said. "I think that the greatest thing that I see between when I was here before and when I came back was the quality of the students — the critical mass of students that came that made all the difference."

Krueger has helped the students and campus throughout the years by lending a hand to many improvement projects. As vice president and dean of instruction, Krueger worked with former president Charles McClain

to increase the quality of the campus and its equipment. Krueger also started the Joseph Baldwin Academy and obtained more government internships for students.

"My hands are on most all of the things at the University, so coming back and to see what has happened and to see what has really materialized here, that was a great thing," Krueger said.

As president, Krueger has worked with many people to accomplish projects such as upgrading the classrooms and technology, putting in Smart classrooms — Truman's highest level of technology-based classrooms — and starting the Truman Institute, an office that promotes new learning experiences that extend outside of the University. A new Master's degree leadership program has been proposed and is in the process of approval, as well as new certificate programs for the University.

As the new president, Paino soon will take on these responsibilities and tasks. Paino said he looks forward to his presidency and feels well-prepared because of the mentoring he received from Krueger while working together.

"He really took me under his wing and mentored me," Paino said. "He helped me understand the importance of leadership, particularly in higher education."

Krueger hired Paino at Winona as assistant professor of

history in 1997 and dean of the College of Liberal Arts in 2004. The two worked together until Krueger's retirement in 2005. Paino said he was happy to have the opportunity to work with Krueger once again at Truman and that it was an honor and a privilege.

"I find him to be a truly thoughtful leader," Paino said. "He's someone who has a tremendous amount of integrity, and he's one of the most focused individuals I've ever met."

Krueger said he is just as fond of Paino. He said he has no worries about the future of the University when he leaves. He said Truman will face the inevitable challenges of the financial crisis, but that it will be faced by a talented faculty.

"To leave the institution behind in such good hands to Troy Paino and the faculty and staff, the administration that works here — that is a joy," Krueger said. "I have no fear that it's in good hands. If you're worried about who is going to replace you, it would be terrible, but I'm not. I think there isn't a better person we could have found in this country to carry on here as President Paino. He's going to be fabulous. I don't think they'll ever find anyone better than him, so I hope everyone works to keep him."

A University-wide reception will take place 2 - 4 p.m. May 5 at the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center to honor President Krueger.

## PROVOST | Two candidates were selected for Provost

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"[At Truman] you have administrators, faculty and staff who are so devoted to the institution, they are going to do everything they can to ensure that the quality of education isn't impacted by these kinds of budgetary [problems]," Pardie said.

She said she hopes to get the chance to talk with many different people during her visit to campus May 4.

"I would like the opportunity to talk a bit more to students, to really have a good sense of the life of the campus," Pardie said.

Scheck, a Kansas native and professor of biology and zoology, said he has been keeping his eye on Truman for several years.

"The University itself — it just seems like it is a perfect fit," Scheck said.

Scheck said he became an administrator to have the ability to say "yes" to students and affect positive change.

"What is attractive about the position of Provost/VPAA is you again have the opportunity to weigh in and create good changes or give support to brilliant ideas that come up from below," Scheck said.

He said the Provost position is an opportunity to work with Jefferson City to make sure Truman is given funding and to pursue fundraising opportunities.

"Like so many state institutions, the national and state economy is our major challenge, because the mission of the institution is to make itself an accessible institution for the citizen student of Missouri," Scheck said. "And you don't want to have to price yourself out of the opportunity that a student would gain from attending."

Scheck said he is looking forward to spending his visit day, May 3, seeing the campus and getting to know the campus community.

"Truman State is just a gem out there and extremely well-respected nationally, and I'm just very delighted to have this opportunity to be considered for this position," Scheck said.

Janet Gooch, co-chair of the search committee and associate professor of communication disorders, said the committee responded positively to the finalists.

"I think the committee was very pleased with the selection," Gooch said. "We're bringing them to Truman because we feel they could fill the position very effectively."

Both Pardie and Scheck hail from the Midwest and currently work at universities with similar student populations.

"Their focus, to now, has been similar to that of Truman's," Gooch said. "I think both candidates knew a lot about Truman, and their experiences and their values were very Truman-like. That became apparent as we talked to them."

Gooch said the candidates each will spend their day on campus meeting with different organizations, participating in an open forum with students and faculty and getting a feel for the campus. The committee will use campus feedback to help make their recommendation to Paino. No times have been finalized yet for the forums, but Gooch encouraged students to take the opportunity to meet the two finalists, even though the visits are happening during finals week.

"This is an important decision for the University," Gooch said. "And one that we all ought to participate in."



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Ralliers held up flags and signs in support of Tea Party ideals in response to Obama's visit.

## RALLY | A Tea Party rally was held in Macon Tuesday night in anticipation of President Obama's visit.

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Young said the grassroots nature of the Tea Party will force Republican politicians to adhere to conservative ideals.

Paul Curtman, the final speaker at the rally, compared the determination of the tea partiers to looking down the sights of a gun. Young said gun imagery at Tea Party rallies is not meant to be violent but merely a reference to the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms that conservatives believe is being taken from them.

Vinciane Ngoms, chairman of Truman's College Republicans, said she attended the rally because Obama does not often travel to Northeast Missouri, and she thought she should take the opportunity to show her support for her fellow republicans. She said the camaraderie of the rally was very positive, although she wished the organizers had more time to plan in order to attract more people to the event.

Ngoms said Tea Party supporters are mostly independent voters and can sway the outcome of the November elections. Ngoms said that while she supports some of the goals of the Tea Party, such as adherence to the Constitution, sometimes the manner in which they express their views can be too extreme.

"There are some times when I feel the Tea Party ... sheds a negative light on the Republican Party," Ngoms said. "Sometimes their behavior can give the Republican Party a bad reputation."

Zach Wyatt, candidate for District 2 state representative, said he attended the rally hoping the president would hear and take notice of the attendees' concerns. Wyatt said that while he respects the president, he opposes many of his policies.

"I'm glad that Obama's coming here, but he needs to realize that the policies that he's putting out from his office are not policies that Northeast Missourians want," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said if he is elected to the representative position he will work toward smaller government and will listen to the requests of those in his district. He said he will pay attention to the Missouri Sovereignty Project, which aims to preserve state authority given in the 10th Amendment, according to their website.

"The federal government needs to know that they don't have power over us," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said rallies like the one Tuesday help educate people about their rights and what is going on in government.

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