



**RUSH** | Greek week ended and fraternities have their new members

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to spring. The guys see what we're about during that period and come check us out during rush." Grush said Betas received more recruits because they are a larger fraternity, so they have more representation throughout campus to attract new members. Sig Tau is a large fraternity that recently was put on an extended probation for a myriad of alcohol violations and only received one recruit.

"Sig Tau ... has kind of had some bad press lately, and that's been hurting them in at least rush numbers probably," Grush said. "There were only 50 guys that rushed total, so it was kind of a small rush-ee class. I think we do a better job recruiting than other frats throughout the year rather than just in the seven-day span — I think that's what sets us apart." Freshman Mike Standfuss was the lone Sig Tau recruit. "Last semester I was a

social affiliate there, and I got to meet a lot of the guys," Standfuss said. "I want to surround myself with as many good guys as I can find, and they're all there for me — big brothers kind of." As a social affiliate, Standfuss said he was allowed to partake in all Sig Tau activities except chapter meetings. "I didn't read into the [probation] at all," he said. "... They all seem like really great guys."

**PAINO** | Provost Troy Paino, named president Monday, outlines goals for presidency, including generating revenue and enrollment

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Until Paino becomes president in May, he said he will continue in his role as provost and travel the state and country to talk with legislators. "As [Interim] President [Darrell] Krueger told me, 'There's only one time that you are the president-elect,'" Paino said. "That opens a lot of doors. It gives you an opportunity to have conversations with people without having a reason." At presidential forums in January, Paino addressed students' questions about campus issues, including the dry campus policy. Paino said he wants to talk to constituency groups on campus to learn more about these issues before he will say whether he wants to make changes.

the end of the day, structure isn't what makes a university." Potter said the Board was impressed by Paino's ability to implement the academic restructuring and handle the fiscal issues the University is facing. Paino's ideas, such as Truman Institute, will take the University in new directions, Potter said. Potter said the Board made Paino's contract for four years to give him time to settle in and implement his plans. Dixon's final presidential contract was for three years. "We don't want anybody to perceive it as if Dr. Paino is a short-timer, and he's only here for a year or two," he said.

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**Troy Paino**  
Provost

"Also, I'm going to reach out to the community," Paino said. "I understand that Kirksville's future and Truman's future are intertwined." Paino said he plans to be proactive when it comes to tackling his biggest challenge: the budget. Truman will likely face about \$5 million in cuts from the state during the next two years. Paino plans to balance cuts and revenue generation, because if too many things get cut, he said, the quality of the University will be compromised. At the Student Senate meeting Sunday night, Paino said one option for generating revenue would be to charge a per-hour fee for certain classes in some majors such as business, nursing, education, communication disorders, health and exercise science. In February 2007, former president Barbara Dixon implemented reorganization that brought the eight-division system down to two schools and one college. In March 2009, Paino broke down the three colleges into five. Paino said he does not have any plans for reorganization in the foreseeable future. "I did my little tweaking of the organizational structure for a reason," he said. "But at

The Board thought paying Paino similarly to former president Barbara Dixon was fair, Potter said, especially because the state departments are dealing with cuts. Dixon was to earn \$215,000 in her final year as president. She resigned in September 2008 and became a consultant to the Board for one year. With Paino's communication skills and fiscal responsibility, Potter said he is confident in Paino's ability to lead the school. "He's willing to face [the budget] head on instead of sugarcoating any potential issues that the University might face," he said. Interim President Darrell Krueger said he is confident in Paino's ability to lead the University. Krueger, who became Truman's interim president in October 2008, hired Paino at Winona State University (Minn.), and he said the two have met almost monthly ever since. "If I were the University, I would work hard to keep him," Krueger said. "This is a very sterling, capable person." Krueger said he will miss Truman when his presidency ends and plans to go back into retirement. Paino said he has started forming a search committee for the next provost and wants to have the committee finished by next week.

**FIRE** | A fire destroyed a local family's house early Feb. 3

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said. The source of the fire was not determined. Gibson and her two children moved in with Romine. "We first got a call a little before 6 a.m. last Wednesday morning, and it was [the] son, who's 15 years old, saying, 'We have an emergency, our house is on fire,'" Romine said. "At that point they had gotten out of the house, and they were in the car waiting for firemen. I said, 'Get over here, and we'll figure out

what we need to do.' Romine said Gibson's daughter was asleep in the living room and woke up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. to a fire in the corner. She woke up her mom and brother immediately, and they determined the fire was spreading too fast for them to handle and immediately contacted 911. "A few minutes after 6 a.m. they showed up at our house in basically what they'd been sleeping in — no

shoes and a couple of them with no socks," she said. All of the family's belongings were destroyed except for some clothes, Romine said. No one was injured except Gibson, who burned her foot. "We think she stepped on a melting kitchen tile," Romine said. "Her sock stuck to the floor." "It's rough on them to have lost their home, but they've handled it very maturely," Romine said.



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Matt Wilson announced his candidacy for Adair County prosecutor last week.

**Kirksville attorney files candidacy for county prosecutor**

**BY MAXIMILIAN ERNST**  
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Although the Adair County prosecutor election isn't for nine months, one candidate has already thrown his hat in the ring. Kirksville attorney Matt Wilson announced his candidacy last week. The spot became vacant after current prosecutor Mark Williams announced he will not run for a third term. Williams announced Tuesday he would resign from his position March 5. Gov. Jay Nixon will appoint the new prosecutor before the general election in November (see story on page 1). "We are eager to work with whoever the governor appoints to the office," Adair County Sheriff Robert Hardwick said. Wilson graduated from Creighton law and owns his own practice in Kirksville. Wilson said he had intentions of pursuing the prosecutor position even

before he knew about the upcoming vacancy. "I was planning to run — now I will offer myself for the governor's appointment," Wilson said after learning of Williams' resignation. Wilson said he will run as a democrat. "As a democrat, you are seeking equality and fairness," Wilson said. "As a prosecutor, I think it is absolutely essential that you do not go into the courtroom with any preconceived notion based on the individual's wealth or lack of wealth, race or religion." As a prosecutor, Wilson said it would be his job to interpret the existing law rather than pursue any policy himself. The labeling as a democrat might be a bit misleading in that sense, Wilson said. "My main goal would be that the people in Adair County believe that the justice system works," Wilson said. "We have to find ways to address the sources of our problems, not [fight] the symptoms."

Wilson said it has been brought to his attention that county citizens are still concerned about drug abuse. "There has been some decrease in methamphetamine production, but it hasn't gone away," Wilson said. "It will be there, and it has to be addressed." Wilson said domestic violence is related to illegal drug usage. "Domestic violence paired with alcoholism is one of the most scary crimes because these are people, mainly children and elderly, that have done nothing wrong and are then victimized by the people who forget their responsibility to protect them, just because of some personal problem or breakdown," Wilson said. Wilson said he does not have all the answers. Reaching out to the public and getting first person accounts of these cases would be Wilson's first goal during his candidacy as well as after he is elected.

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