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Jack Magruder served as University President for nine years before retiring and is now president at A.T. Still University.



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After being destroyed by a fire in 2007, the completely rebuilt Newman Center reopened in Fall 2008 as a place for Catholic students to worship and socialize.

**TEN |** The Index revisits the top 10 most important stories of the past decade from the Kirksville and Truman communities

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**8 Students vote to pass athletic fee (April 12, 2007)**

In a monumental moment for Truman athletics, students voted to support a \$50 per semester athletic fee. The fee garnered 54.5 percent of the vote as a record number of students voted in the Student Senate's 2007 spring election.

The fee has provided funding for synthetic turf and lights at Stokes Stadium. The fee will go under review in Fall 2010.

**9 Magruder announces retirement (June 2002)**

The president who was in power when the University underwent its name change from Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State announced in Summer 2002 that he would be retiring as the University's 13th president.

Truman started to attain top recognition from U.S. News & World Report during Jack Magruder's 1994-2003 presidential tenure. After enjoying a few years of retirement, Magruder became president at A.T. Still in 2008, and continues to serve in that role.

**10 Newman Center burns (May 31, 2007)**

A lightning strike set off a two-hour blaze in the Catholic Newman Center just east of campus, ultimately rendering the building unusable. Built in 1990, the Newman Center served as both a church and hang out location for Catholic students.

Just a year and a half later, the Newman Center reopened after being completely rebuilt. More than 400 people gathered on Nov. 8, 2008, for the dedication mass and official opening.

**SIG TAU |** Fraternity begins making changes and taking training courses to follow sanctions given to them by Student Conduct Board

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officers and risk management committee members will have to complete TIPS until 2014. All members must participate in a risk management workshop and complete a competency test afterward. This process must be repeated each year until 2015. Finally, all members must complete the Student Alcohol Responsibility Training program by Jan. 29, and 90 percent of members must pass. New members must complete this training every semester until Sig Tau is no longer on probation in 2015.

The sanctions also include that Sig Tau must disclose its probation period to the public on its Web site, the Greek Life Web site and distribute details to future organization members.

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McKenzie's statement cited recruiting responsible members and revamping the risk management policy as two actions the fraternity is taking. McKenzie said he thinks Sig Tau will serve as an active leader on campus.

David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs, said the fraternity will need to be careful in the upcoming semesters.

"They have a 10-page risk management protocol in

place, and if you read it on paper, it sounds very reasonable," Hoffman said. "It's not a bad plan, and in these incidents it was very clear that they didn't follow it at all, [it was] like they didn't even remember they had it."

Hoffman said the sanctions are meant to help Sig Tau in the future. Submitting proposals of events in advance will teach them to be thoughtful in planning, he said, and the limits on serving alcohol at events is to give them practice at managing events with alcohol responsibly.

The TIPS and S T A R T training will also help members learn how to manage intoxicated people and underage drinking.

Depending on the seriousness of the situation, violations of Sig Tau's probation could result in extended probation or suspension, Hoffman said.

Beth Tuttle, Director of Greek Life, said it is her job to act as a resource for the fraternity, which might be undergoing several changes in the future.

"They may have to do

things differently as a result of their sanctions, and they may not be able to do things that they might have done before, but it's not going to change the fact that they are people's friends, that they're still Greek, they're still part of the larger community on campus," Tuttle said.

She said the fraternity's reputation could affect rush, depending on whether the members are able to talk about who they are as an organization and why men should join. Some men might want to join because of the opportunity to help reshape the organization.

"If they complete the sanctions that were given to them, the organization will be at a place where it can really succeed," she said. "The sanctions that were given to them, they'll learn something from them. Completing the sanctions will make them stronger in the long run."

"They can make it through the probation, they can make it through what I'm sure probably feels like some rough times ahead for them," Tuttle said. "But they can do it. I have confidence in them."

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President of Sigma Tau Gamma

**CHARGE |** Prosecutor drops one of two charges against city councilman, Rodgerson to go to court

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reporter. An investigation into a call made by the Division of Children Services to a hotline in May led to the dismissal, according to a Jan. 7 press release from Adair County prosecutor

Mark Williams' office. Williams said in a press release that after discussing all the facts with the Missouri Attorney General's office, the state could not prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Rodgerson maintains the stance he had in August 2009 when he pleaded not guilty to all charges.

"There is nothing wrong with the child, and there was nothing for me to report, so I'm not really going to change my actions there," he said. "If there was something seriously wrong, and I thought someone was in

danger — I care for people — I would not have one problem reporting that to the proper authorities."

An additional charge against Rodgerson surfaced June 19, 2009, citing that he practiced law without a license. Rodgerson said there's been a motion to dismiss this charge.

The Burns parents both



Aaron Rodgerson

face one count each of child endangerment. Their trial is scheduled for April.

Rodgerson's trial is scheduled for Feb. 25, and if convicted, he would have to pay a \$100 fine.

"We're hoping for the best," Rodgerson said.

**PAINO |** Second finalist declines University's invitation for on-campus interview, leaving Paino as the sole candidate

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interview after the second finalist declined.

"The committee has spent so much time and effort on this, and we had the two people we thought were the top finalists," Ken Read, chairman of the presidential search committee, said. "I do know that we ended up with an outstanding candidate, and that was the whole reason for the search to start with."

Read said the other finalist did not give a specific reason for declining the offer.

The Index requested the names of all 66 applicants and the five finalists under the Free-

dom of Information Act. But University General Counsel Warren Wells would not release the names because the information is protected under section 610.021(3) of Missouri's Revised Statutes. Under that provision, the search committee can conduct closed meetings to consider applications in which personal information is

discussed and is not required to release information pertaining to applicants except when a final decision is made with regard to a hiring.

Read said he doesn't think students are being cheated by only getting to talk with one finalist at next week's forum because he thinks Paino is an exceptional candidate.

The committee will meet again after the forum,

and there is a Board of Governors meeting in February during which Paino's position could be discussed, he said.

"Hopefully, we'll bring out somebody who will take the University in a great direction to benefit students, faculty and Kirksville," Read said.

If Paino is not selected for the position, the presidential search would restart, Read said.

Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, also said that Paino is qualified for the presidential position.

"He has what it takes to be president, and a lot of that comes out in his application and in his

interviews," Sumter said.

Sumter said the committee did not expect the second finalist to turn down the invitation.

A disadvantage of only having one finalist is that the comparative aspect of the application process is lost, Sumter said.

If Paino does receive the position, a provost search would begin, Sumter said.

Paino began his position as provost at Truman in 2008. Prior to that position, he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Winona State University (Minn.). He has taught history classes at both Truman and Winona State.

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