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**COMMENTARY**

**Paino passes first test**

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER  
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As recently as five years ago, Provost Troy Paino did not see this day coming — the day when he would be standing on the doorstep of becoming a university president. But Darrell Krueger did.

At Krueger's 2005 presidential retirement party at Winona State University, he delivered a bit of prophecy to Paino, who was then serving as a dean under Krueger.

"The very last thing [Krueger] said to me [at Winona] when he shook my hand at the last party when we were saying our goodbyes, he leaned over and said, 'I'll be back for your inauguration,'" Paino said while addressing students last week.

Krueger's prediction is one step closer to becoming a reality after Paino's presidential forums last Thursday. Paino  
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**PAINO TALKS PRESIDENCY**

Provost answers questions from students and faculty during last Thursday's forum



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Provost Troy Paino addressed issues such as state funding cuts, not sacrificing academics and alcohol-related policies at the forum last Thursday.

BY DAN WARNER  
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Troy Paino, provost and the university's lone presidential finalist, addressed funding concerns and administration communication at forums with students and faculty last Thursday.

Paino said the state funding issues Truman will face during the next two years will cut about \$5 million from the school's budget.

"We don't have a lot of fat around here," Paino said. "[Dealing with budget cuts] has really been a major part of what I've been doing."

Paino said that as Provost he has identified about \$1.3 million thus far in cuts that Truman is making to its budget.

"[Paino] was definitely adamant that instead of just making cuts we need to be more proactive in thinking of ways to generate revenue, ... which is an interesting perspective that we haven't necessarily seen in the past," said Austin Underhill, Funds Allotment Council chair.

Paino suggested plans to increase enrollment and cited the Truman Institute as a positive step toward increasing revenue.

Underhill said Paino's ability to commu-

nicate with student organizations will help to ensure that any funding cuts in the future will affect the quality of student life as little as possible.

"I think he's much more willing to communicate with students than past presidents have [been]," Underhill said.

Student Senate president JoEllen Flanagan said Paino's commitment to involvement with students is an important quality for a university president and, as president, Paino said he will have more time to meet with student organizations to hear  
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**City Council ballot down to 3**

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The ballot for Kirksville City Council got two slots shorter last weekend.

Candidates David Mountain and Kevin Alm were disqualified from the race for not paying their 2009 taxes.

Kirksville City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh said she reviewed the filings Jan. 20, one day after the filing deadline. She said candidates signed a candidacy statement saying they met all requirements and did not owe any back taxes or municipal user fees, which include water and sewer bills.

After verifying that both Alm and Mountain had not paid their taxes, Brumbaugh said she sent certified letters to both candidates disqualifying them from the race. Brumbaugh said Alm owed real estate taxes and Mountain owed personal property taxes.

Mountain said the statement he signed was confusing and asked if he had paid his  
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Members of the Board of Governors (from left to right) Kenneth Read, Karen Haber and Mark Wasinger listen as Provost Troy Paino speaks at the forum last Thursday.



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Cody Sumter introduced Troy Paino at the forum last Thursday.

**Student Senate shoots down spending transparency amendment**

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The Student Senate on Sunday voted not to pass an amendment that would make its spending more transparent.

The amendment, proposed by Senate President JoEllen Flanagan, was under Article 7 Section 4: major expense motions of the Student Senate bylaws. The clause

Flanagan wanted to amend stated, "Any expenses or any incremental expense for a single event or issue that totals to be greater than \$1,500 are considered a major expense motion." She wanted to make all money motions more than \$500 a major expense motion with an itemized list of how the money would be spent in the resolution.

Senate voted down the amendment 9-4, with seven abstaining.

"I proposed the amendment because I did a thorough reading of the standing rules and the constitution over [winter] break, just to make sure we were covering all our bases in general for Senate," Flanagan said. "And when I came across that particular section — and realized that what we thought was having to write a resolution for more than [\$]1,000 but that's not what the rules said."

Flanagan said she proposed the amendment to keep the Senate responsible with its spending.

"It's very important to my vice president [Isaac Robinson] that we are fiscally responsible and that we're spending money appropriately," Flanagan said. "My mentor is Matt Szweczyk, and I was drilled that we spend stu-  
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