**DNA lab seeks funds**

**By DANA BRUCKERDORF Staff Reporter**

Construction of a local DNA laboratory has been a frustration for Kirksville.

Human Identification Technologies (HIT), a laboratory based in California, officially announced its expansion plans in Kirksville. Initially, the company said it was planning to open a lab approximately one year, approximately by 2010.

CEO of HIT, Heath Kern said the company still expects to complete the lab but is exploring further funding options.

“Local officials are being receptive to Jupiter’s music. They sent a lot of time and money to make sure that we're receptive to following through,” Kern said.

The company already has purchased some lab equipment and the building is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2010.

He said that because HIT is a nationally recognized company, the lab still also bring national attention to Kirksville.

“We’re definitely going to work with the city to attract other tech-oriented industries into that area,” Kern said, “so it’s a win-win because they’re going to need those needs, especially with the agricultural school we provide.”

Kern said the laboratory will bring jobs to Kirksville that those salaries will above the county and state averages and help the city stay competitive.

“I’m hoping that we can have a very receptive area in the community,” he said. “Brian o’shaughnessy/INDEX

**Jupiter One opens for Spektor**

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Students will pack Pershing Arena this Saturday to watch the first tour from back stage and see Jupiter One for the first time. The band recently performed at the school and will be back this fall.

**New York-based band Jupiter One will open for Regina Spektor on Saturday**

“Really big fans, so we’re really glad to be out every night,” said Colwell. “We like to play a lot of different music so we’re not really strict on the new music. If we can, you see, but it’s nice sometimes we’re just good music.”

Colwell said the band has been a tour band that has actually played more than 100 shows in the last year, so it’s not like playing in college and sitting in the stands.

“Hey, we just had a great time playing in California,” Colwell said. “We were just out there and we were like, ‘What’s up next?’”

The band, which has played more than 100 cities in the last year, has no plans to stop playing in college and again, playing in a town.

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