

## Night at the Museum



Senior Alex Halfmann gives a speech as William Faulkner for Professor of Communication Barry Poyner at Night at the Museum on Tuesday. Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

**SEARCH** | The search committee hopes to have a president selected by Feb.

**Continued from Page 1** there's so many people involved and so many people have a stake in this that you have to make sure they're all included," Read said.

He said the committee hopes to have a president selected by the end of Feb., but wants to make its decision carefully.

"We want to get this right," Read said. "We only want to do this one time. I personally would like to see, for whoever the candidate is, or the final pick is ... that it would be for a good, long term — for stability for the University and [to] bring in a program and move it forward over a period of years."

**TRAFFIC** | Missouri sees an 11 percent decline in road fatalities so far this year

**Continued from Page 1** and to reduce traffic crashes," Elliott said. "I want to encourage motorists to do their part by abiding by all traffic laws and making sure everyone in their vehicle is buckled up."

Elliott said the troopers would be assigned to patrol the roads during the holiday period and provide additional manpower to routine policing efforts.

**Decline in overall road fatalities** Missouri has seen an 11 percent decline in road fatalities during the first 11 months of 2009, compared to the same period in 2008, according to figures obtained from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

There were 842 fatal road crashes on Missouri's highways at this time in 2008, compared to 741 fatal crashes during the same period in 2009.

In November 2008, there were 46 fatal crashes, and 40 had been recorded in 2009 as of Monday. Missouri's annual total for 2008 was 960, down from 992 in 2007 and 1,096 in 2006. The Missouri State Highway Patrol has attributed the decline in fatal crashes to its efforts and operations against drinking and driving and other traffic offenses.

The number of fatal road crashes in the U.S. has been declining since 2005, when the national total was 39,252. The national total for 2008 was 34,017 fatal crashes, according to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System.

Despite the decline in overall fatal road crashes over the years, the number of motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists killed on state highways in the U.S. has not shown a marked decline, with 5,290 motorcyclists killed in 2008, the highest number recorded since 1994.

**STORES** | Wal-Mart hired extra security for the after-Thanksgiving-day sale and have a map of products online

**Continued from Page 1** grab their door busters and their snow globes that they get for free," Gremaud said.

Door busters are available until 1 p.m., so there isn't a huge rush to be there early, she said. Gremaud said flannel shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, jeans and jewelry are popular items.

The money J.C. Penney makes the day after Thanksgiving is equivalent to one month's earnings, she said. Gremaud said she tries to keep the atmosphere of the store fun and inviting, and there have not been

any customer fights in the past because the community is so courteous.

"Typically, some of those [customer fights] are brought on by not enough merchandise and too many shoppers for a small amount of merchandise, whereas we're pretty much stocking up on the main items that people are going to be shopping for," Gremaud said.

Senior Nathan Imse went shopping at J.C. Penney in Kirksville the day after Thanksgiving in 2007 because he was an SA on holiday duty. Imse decided to

wait in line with the other SAs before J.C. Penney opened to experience the day-after-Thanksgiving sale.

"I was really tired, so I went to bed after [shopping at J.C. Penney] because we didn't go to bed and then get up for it," he said. "We just stayed up [all night] and went [in the morning]."

There were only about four to six cars in the parking lot, with people waiting inside of them when Imse and the other SAs arrived, he said. After they walked up to the door to start

the line, other customers left their cars to stand behind them, he said.

"I had never seen that many people in J.C. Penney at one time," Imse said. "There are just a ton of people, and there is that kind of rush — 'Gotta get it before someone else does if I'm going to get it.' It was a really fun atmosphere."

Imse said he enjoys "door buster" shopping in Kirksville because customers get the fun and excitement of shopping without the danger other places have, he said.

**FREEZE** | Without the tuition freeze, schools could increase tuition only as much as the Consumer Price Index

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"On the funding side of the equation, the general assembly will have to, in its budget appropriations, appropriate at least as much as the governor has laid out in this agreement, which is 95 percent of the previous year's appropriations," Holste said. "Everything is dependent on both sides of the equation happening."

Also, for this agreement to be implemented, the governing bodies of each of Missouri's 13 four-year public colleges would have to approve the freeze, Holste said.

Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, said he saw no reason why the Board wouldn't pass this agreement. The agreement was passed last year, but this year's version has a few changes, Sumter said.

"This year, the agreement is different because there is no increase in just tuition, and we will get 95 percent of our funding back," Sumter said. "We will either have to make up that money or cut places or a combination of both."

With Truman facing a 5 percent decrease in funding and with in-state tuition locked in, cuts on campus would have to be made, Sumter said.

"There's nowhere to cut unless we go straight into faculty," Sumter said. "Other places can be cut but just not [enough] to make up for the differences. Options are some sort of fee structure, cuts to faculty or a combination thereof. You can save money elsewhere. Certainly, student affairs will have to pool some money, but their budget is so small comparatively. For example, you eliminate athletics and

you just make a very small dent in it."

Interim President Darrell Krueger said ways to gain back money lost in the cuts would be to raise tuition for out-of-state and graduate students or to charge fees for high-cost programs such as business, nursing and teacher education.

Without the freeze, tuition could increase only as much as the Consumer Price Index, Krueger said. Last year when the freeze was implemented, the CPI was so low students would have faced only a \$6 tuition increase, he said.

The CPI for October 2009 is lower than the October 2008 CPI, according to inflationdata.com, meaning that if the CPI stayed on track with the CPI of last year, students would not have seen large tuition increases even without the freeze.

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