

# Truman raises \$18 million

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Truman's first fundraising campaign to raise \$30 million was announced during Homecoming week.

The "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign was launched in July 2006 because of Truman's low endowment rate but previously has been in a strictly private phase, campaign chair Chuck Foudree said.

"We've been contacting people that have been successful in their careers and have a history of generosity toward the University," Foudree said. "That phase will continue. We still have probably 50 prospects — and we hope that will expand — that we will call on privately, and everyone else will be canvassed in the public phase of the campaign."

Until the campaign went public, all donors were contacted in person by a team made up primarily by Former University President Barbara Dixon, during her tenure, and the campaign steering committee, said Mark Gambiana,

vice president for University advancement.

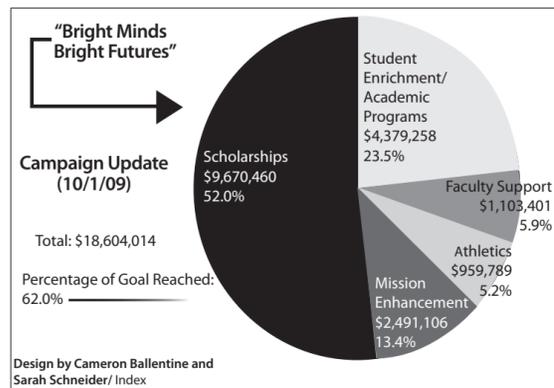
Now that the campaign is in the public stage, they are targeting a wider pool of potential donors.

"We're going to have regional campaigns in 11 sites across the country, including Chicago, Des Moines, St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia, Dallas, Phoenix, Florida and Denver," Gambiana said. "The cities where we have a high concentration of alumni will have a campaign kickoff event. We've recruited volunteers within those regions. We'll have the event followed up with personal visits and phone calls and direct mail. Everyone will be asked to contribute."

The campaign has raised more than \$18 million, which is 62 percent of the goal according to an Oct. 1 press release.

The campaign has funded 64 new scholarships since its launch date, according to a Sept. 24 press release.

The campaign was launched for three main reasons: to provide more opportunity for students,



to maintain the distinctiveness of Truman and to respond to the fiscal challenges Truman faces, Gambiana said.

"We were ripe to have a campaign," Gambiana said. "We are finding some first campaign growing pains, if you will, because we haven't been at it very long. We've made very good progress. ... We've had some unexpected headwinds. Last fall's global crisis and the stock market meltdown had a huge impact, and Truman's leadership change."

Gambiana said they plan to reach the \$30 million goal by the time the campaign concludes on June 30, 2011.

"This campaign will position Truman to fulfill its aspiration of becoming the nation's premier public liberal arts and sciences university," Interim President Darrell Krueger said in an Oct. 9 press release. "Each priority is important to Truman's future and will help provide [a] margin of excellent resources that only private gifts can achieve."

# ACAD sued by county

BY JANE KRIENKE  
Staff Reporter

The Adair County Ambulance District and the city of Kirksville are in disagreement in a yet-to-be determined trial over the amount of sales tax revenue owed to the Tax Increment Finance Commission.

The city has filed a lawsuit for \$100,000 and currently is awaiting a responsive pleading from ACAD.

The TIF commission, formed in 1999, requires businesses that lie within the designated TIF district to pay a percentage of their sales tax revenue to the TIF, which is a separate fund that is used to conduct public improvement projects. These projects are overseen by the members of the TIF commission. However, ACAD is not willing to pay the amount of sales tax revenue the city is asking for.

"There's a disagreement between the two parties over what amount, if any, of the ambulance district's sales tax revenues should be captured by the TIF commission and placed into the special allocations fund for payment for TIF project expenses," city attorney Howard Hickman said.

The Missouri Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act supposedly provides a formula for calculating how much economic activity taxes — in this case, sales tax revenue — is able to be collected by the TIF commission.

The calculated formula allows the TIF commission to take in 50 percent of the increase in revenues from economic activity taxes. ACAD began imposing a sales tax in January 2007 after allowing the citizens of Adair County to vote on it. The outcome of the vote allowed ACAD to start imposing a property tax and to stop imposing a sales tax.

Hickman said the base year should be 1998, the year before the TIF plan was adopted. The ambulance district did not impose any sales tax at that time, he said.

"In 2007, ACAD did impose a sales tax," Hickman said. "So it is our position that ... the additional sales tax revenues would be 100 percent of their sales tax revenues in addition to the base year. Therefore, 50 percent of their sales tax revenue should be captured by the TIF commission to go toward the payment

of project expenses."

The TIF collects incremental values of revenue, so if they counted ACAD's base year as zero, then the ambulance district would owe more money than if the base year was void, and taxes were collected beginning in 2007, Hickman said.

ACAD states that because they did not collect revenue on sales taxes in 1998, this should not be the base year. Instead, they argue TIF's percentage should go into effect starting in 2007. ACAD attorney Ivan Shraeder said he thinks the city does not have a right to take the revenue from ACAD's sales taxes. Shraeder said the lawsuit will involve the validity of the TIF, the timing of the sales tax approval and a number of other issues related to the statutes of Missouri authorizing the creating of a TIF.

"You would have to go back to the date of the TIF to read the accurate statutes that pertain to this TIF," Shraeder said. "... The laws have changed. What's in effect today is not what was in effect back in the late [90s] and early 2000s."

Shraeder previously won a court case against the city of Shelbyville. The lawsuit was filed between the city of Kirksville and the Shelby County Ambulance District.

"The community, assuming we're successful, would not only not be able to collect taxes from that point forward, but they might have to pay back all the taxes they've taken from taxing districts since they incorrectly created the TIF," Schraeder said. "So the community has a huge exposure."

He said that if the judge finds that the TIF was illegally done, then it's void.

Before the city of Kirksville served ACAD papers, ACAD chairman Bill Crnic said he requested the Attorney General's informal opinion through D Rebecca McClanahan.

However, ACAD never received this opinion because the city filed a petition. The city did not wait to hear the Attorney General's informal opinion because they were uncertain how long the process would take, and they felt the Attorney General's opinion would not necessarily end the controversy, and it would not be binding for either party, Hickman said.

"All along we made the claim that we

feel that we were right in our assessment of how our taxes should be calculated," Crnic said. "We asked for the city to tell us where we were wrong in our calculations, and they never did that, so I felt that to be sure where we were going with the issues, that we could voluntarily ask for an informal opinion from the Attorney General. So, I solicited Representative Rebecca McClanahan to do that for us, thinking we could have a little more clout."

ACAD initially received the papers stating the city's intent to sue the ambulance district unofficially when KTVO brought them to their attention. ACAD was officially served the papers Oct. 14 by the Sheriff's office. Crnic said he is disappointed that the city filed the suit before hearing the Attorney General's opinion.

"We have always stated that we want to support the community and the TIF district. However, we want to pay our fair share, and I guess our fair share is something for defining," Crnic said.

Crnic said ACAD wants to pay \$6,000, and that this gap makes it nearly impossible for a settlement without a lawsuit.

Representatives of the city of Kirksville were unavailable for comment. Crnic said that although

the city offered three proposals in June to help resolve the controversy, they did not do the trick.

"They had listed that we owed taxes for the year 2006, when in fact we did not begin collecting sales tax until 2007," Crnic said. "Their proposals were invalid, and I pointed that out to the TIF commission in our July meeting."

After the city of Kirksville receives the pleading from ACAD and ACAD states their defense, each side will engage in pretrial discovery, and then they will prepare to work with the judge or court to establish a trial date.

"I'd like for it to be over," Crnic said. "It's very disappointing that we couldn't come to an agreement on this and that it ended up in a lawsuit."

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## NEWS | In Brief

### John Kevin Hines to speak

John Kevin Hines is speaking from 8 to 9:30 p.m. today in Baldwin Auditorium. Hines became an advocate for The National Health Awareness Campaign after surviving a jump off the Golden Gate Bridge in 2000. Hines, who was featured in the film "The Bridge", has shared his experiences with more than 150,000 people through speeches and has been featured on 20/20, Larry King Live and Anderson Cooper 360. Hines also is working with the Bridge Rail foundation to raise the rail on the Golden Gate Bridge to prevent suicides.

### Students can donate to United Way

Students can donate meals, dining dollars and bonus bucks to United Way until Oct. 24. Donations can be made with student advisers, at any of the residence hall cafeterias or at re-life.truman.edu. Students donated more than \$5,000 last year. For more information, contact co-chairs Joe Hamilton at Hamilton@truman.edu, Deb Kerby at dkerby@truman.edu or Elise Bailey at emb970@truman.edu.

### ACSSA nationally honored

Truman's chapter of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates was honored as an outstanding chapter for the 2008-09 academic year. ACSSA also was honored for their dedication to the environment through their reception of the Green Chemistry Student Chapter award. ACSSA will travel to San Francisco in the spring to receive these awards.

### Clothing drive taking place

The Head to Toe clothing drive is taking place until Oct. 28. Truman's Staff Council is collecting hats, scarves, gloves, boots and mittens. Items can be donated in designated boxes located in the Student Union Building, Career Center, Pickler Memorial Library, Physical Plant Office, Barnett Hall lobby and McClain Hall lobby.

### Music festival on campus

The 2009 Truman State University New Music Festival will take place Oct. 29 and 30. The festival will include two free public concerts featuring music by three guest composers and eight local composers, performed by more than 200 musicians. Guest composers include Vivian Fung, winner of the 2009 Truman State MACRO Composition Competition, John Mayrose, winner of the 2009 Percussive Arts Society Competition, and Randy Halde- man, conductor and clinician of choral music. The first concert of the festival will take place at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Ophelia Parish Performance Hall. Truman ensembles performing include the Clarinet Choice, Percussion Ensemble I, Wind Symphony I, the President's String Quartet, Cantoria and the Chamber Choir.

The second concert will take place at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the OPPH. The concert will feature electronic and acoustic music by Fung and by the seven local composers. Truman faculty and students will perform the music.

The festival is sponsored by the Upsilon Phi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the Mostly Live Composers Society, the Epsilon Pi chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota and the Truman Department of Music. For more information, contact Warren Gooch at 660-785-4429 or wgooch@truman.edu.

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate did not meet last week. Their next meeting will be Sunday 6 p.m. Oct. 25.

## DPS | Reports

- 10/7 A bicycle was reported stolen from parking lot 16 east of Blanton Nason Brewer Hall.
- 10/7 A bicycle was reported stolen from parking lot 7 west of Violette Hall.
- 10/8 Sophomore Shaunna Bentrop was issued a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 10/13 A burglary was reported in West Campus Suites.

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