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## EMPTY DESKS

A 5 to 6 percent cut in state funding is expected for 2010-11

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The economy is beginning to take a toll on Truman's finances as a mixture of shrinking student enrollment, low returns from investments and reduced state funding threatens to leave a \$2.5 million deficit in Fall 2011.

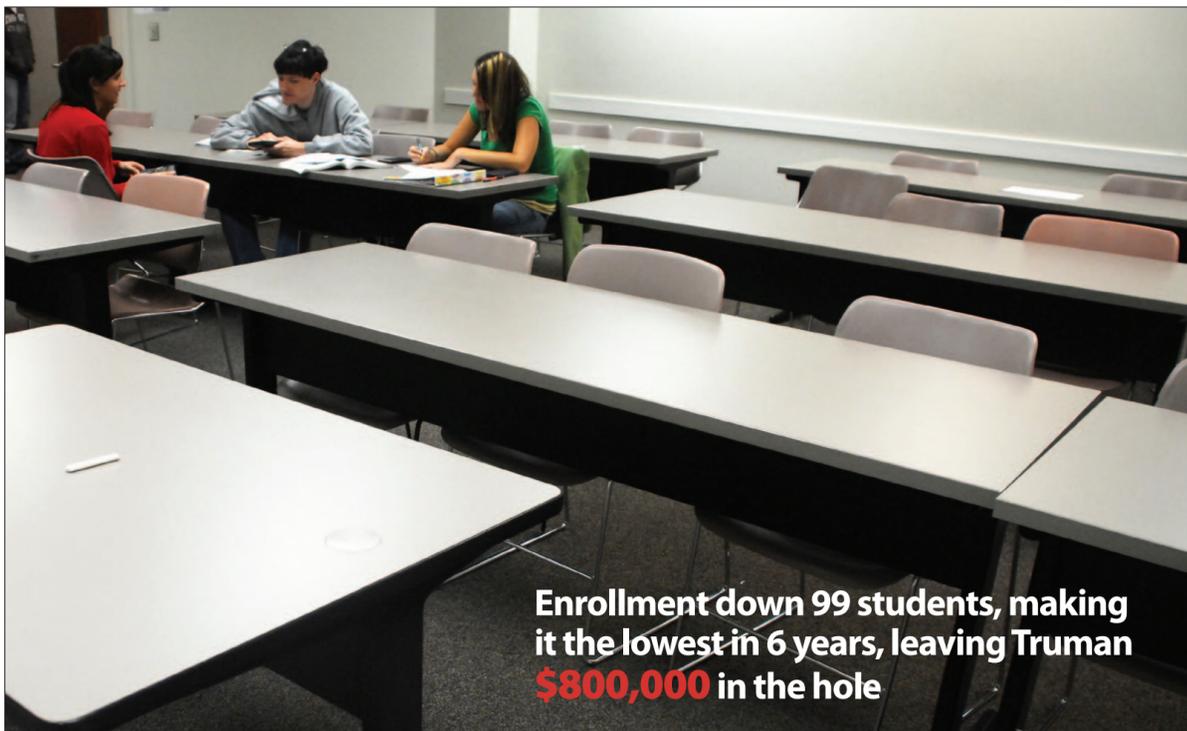
Truman runs on an average \$92 million budget, half of which is funded by tuition fees and the other half by the state. A sharp decline in both state revenues and student enrollment leaves the school in a precarious position.

Truman was short 99 students in its Fall 2009 enrollment, leaving an \$800,000 gap in tuition revenue, according to information obtained from the Office of Admission.

Budget Director Dave Rector said that uncertain state funding had compelled Truman to depend more on tuition to fund its educational and general budget at a time when student enrollment was unusually low.

"We anticipate a five to six percent cut in state funding for the 2010-11 academic year," said Rector. "We either have to increase enrollment or cut expenditure. We have a committee that is looking into this."

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Enrollment down 99 students, making it the lowest in 6 years, leaving Truman \$800,000 in the hole

## Krueger's second surgery successful

BY JARED YOUNG  
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Interim President Darrell Krueger is back in the swing of things after suffering a heart attack earlier this semester.

Krueger had two separate surgeries to place stents, small expandable tubes inserted into blocked vessels, in arteries leading to his heart. The most recent operation was conducted Monday. Krueger said all procedures went according to plan and that he is feeling better.

"I'll come back to work I think on a regular basis now," Krueger said. "I think I still need to pace myself, but I think my health is better than it has been in years and years."

Krueger said he was unaware anything might have been wrong with his health and said everything seemed to

be fine until he had a heart attack.

"I've always eaten healthy," Krueger said. "I've always done healthy things. I didn't know that gradually, I was getting blockage."

The support around campus for Krueger is noticeable. Some classes sent him cards, and other individuals wrote letters. Krueger said it is nice to see that the campus cares for him.

"I'm really thankful for the people who care and show support," Krueger said.

Although Krueger had two recent surgeries, he has continued to walk the campus, meeting and greeting people. There has been little change to his schedule.

"I feel great, and I'm just thankful to be here," Krueger said. "I walked three miles this morning, and I feel great. I plan on starting to golf again."

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Photo submitted by the Department of Public Safety  
Four male Dobson residents carried airsoft guns in the resident hall late Sunday night, prompting a call to DPS and a campus-wide notification via text messaging. The Student Advisor who called mistook the airsofts, pictured above, for real guns.

## Officials evaluate text system

Dobson lockdown leads to questions about efficiency of text messaging system

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER  
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In the hours after a 911 call caused Dobson Hall to go into lockdown Sunday night, officials from the Department of Public Safety and Residence Life said they were pleased with how both groups handled the situation.

But questions linger about the emergency text message system as some Truman

students reported that they received the message hours or even days late.

Tom Johnson, director of DPS, sent the text message at 12:02 a.m. Monday to all students signed up to receive the message. The message alerted students of a potential emergency in Dobson Hall and told Dobson residents to stay in their rooms, which have self-locking doors.

About eight officers from DPS and the Kirksville Police Department responded to a 911 call at 11:18 p.m. Sunday night. The call came after a Dobson student adviser thought she saw a resident with a gun tucked into the back waistband of his jeans, Johnson said Monday.

The reported guns were actually airsoft guns that looked like real guns, Johnson said. Four male students — freshmen Bradley Young, Austin Lang, Benjamin Purnell and Phillip McKinnon — had the airsoft guns, Johnson said. He said the students turned themselves in to officers in the building a little after midnight Monday.

"They knew that they were in trouble, but at least they came to us, and we were able to get the situation resolved," Johnson said. "I told them I really appreciated that because it really made it a lot easier for everybody ... Everything came

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## Athletic fee to be reviewed in Fall 2010

BY JACK NICHOLL  
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Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering entered Tuesday night's Executive Committee meeting wondering whether the Student Athletic Fee would be put back on the ballot for the student vote this spring. He left knowing the fee is guaranteed through Spring 2011.

The committee, which includes Wollmering, JoEllen Flanagan, president of Student Senate, and Tom Hogan, speaker of Student Senate, met to discuss the \$50-per-semester fee, which originally passed with a 54 percent vote Spring 2007.

However, the committee discovered conflicting resolutions. One resolution said the fee would be up for review this fall. Another said the fee would be under review Fall 2010 by a committee that currently does not exist.

"We just sat down with [Wollmering] in terms of where we are in terms of the fee as a whole and really what would be best, and 2011 was the one that we settled on," Hogan said.

The resolution also stated that the new committee will review the work of the Advisory Committee next fall. The new committee will advise the Organizational Activi-

ties Fee (OAF) Review Committee on whether the fee should be put back on the ballot. This new committee could consist of a combination of athletes and students, Flanagan said.

"We felt like if we didn't do a second committee between the [AAC] and the OAF, there's going to be [a] lot of information that was missed," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said another problem is that the Athletics Advisory Committee (AAC), which consists of Wollmering, two varsity athletes, a student-at-large, a senator and the chair, is not currently active. Because of this, there has been a

lack of communication between Wollmering and this committee on the use of the fee.

"That's kind of our, as the Student Senate and government, No. 1 priority is to get that committee on its feet and operating and make sure that there is student input within the process," Hogan said.

The past three years, the fee money has been used for lights and turf at Stokes Stadium and new curtains in Pershing Arena. Ideas for future use include new tennis courts, a new weight room and improvements to athletic fields. A potential long-term project would be to build a multi-purpose field,

Wollmering said.

Wollmering said he has fulfilled his obligations of the fee by allowing other organizations to use the turf field. He said ROTC uses the field in the morning and the field has been used enough that he has turned organizations away.

Flanagan said the fee has seen more use for the student body than a lot of people know, but she thinks it will go back on the ballot in Spring 2011.

"It's just too young," Flanagan said. "Maybe 10 years down the road it will be popular enough and stable enough that it will just stay, like the health center fee."