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Students travel to
Jefferson City for Missouri
Program internships

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"I actually went to the information meeting my sophomore year because I thought I had to get my application in a year in advance," Lewis said. "I knew I wanted to apply for the internship and go my junior year pretty early on. A lot of students go on study abroad trips, and this is a lot like that. You experience a new political culture and get to network and get real world experience."

Lewis said one of her favorite experiences was the first annual Missouri Legislature bike ride, when everyone went out and biked part of the Katy Trail one afternoon.

"We all changed out of our suits and rode together and then put our work clothes back on and went about our day," Lewis said. "It was fun to ride alongside senators and representatives. I liked getting to know them on more than a professional level."

Lewis said another positive aspect about the internship was the money. Interns are provided with monthly stipends and, although students are expected to find their own housing, Lewis said Jefferson City is a relatively cheap city to live in.

"I found a house to live in with a few other interns and, though I couldn't find someone to sub-lease my house here, it was still all right because both rents were so cheap," Lewis said. "The stipend covered all of our living expenses, plus I came out ahead because I am relatively frugal."

Graduate Elizabeth Bonanno is now a law student at the University of Colorado and participated in the internship in the spring of 2008. She said the internship was a great addition to her résumé, and the senator she worked for wrote a great letter of recommendation for her law school applications.

"The internship gives real world experiences that future employers, graduate schools and law schools like to see on résumés," Bonanno said. "It's important to show you have had real life experience, and the Missouri Government internship is great for that. You go in and are treated like just another employee at the capitol, not a student. They respect your opinions and ideas, and it's in a field that's obviously well respected, so grad. schools and employers take it into consideration."

University home revealed



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The University Home has been housing University presidents since 1967 and was designed with entertaining in mind.

Historical Homes

BY SHANNON WALTER
Staff Reporter

As Nancy Krueger sat in the living room of her temporary home, she smiled as she looked around and described how lucky she feels to live there.

The University Residence on the corner of Normal and Halliburton has been home to each University president since 1967. The house was built in 1937 for George M. Laughlin and his wife Blanche Still Laughlin, the daughter of Andrew Taylor Still, the founder of osteopathic medicine. The couple lived in the home until his death in 1948, and then Blanche handed down the residence to their son, George Andrew Laughlin. He and his wife lived there until 1967.

The University, then Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, purchased the home for \$61,000 in 1967 as a residence for the president. F. Clark Elkins, the eighth president, was the first to live there, but stayed for just two years. Charles McClain became president in 1970 and lived in the home for nearly two decades, raising two children during his stay. Russell Warren moved into the home in 1990. During his presidency the University refurbished the first floor, which is used for many University functions.

Jack Magruder resided in the house with his wife, Sue, from 1994 to 2003. Barbara Dixon lived in the home from 2003 until 2008.

Now Interim University President

Darrell Krueger and his wife, Nancy, are living in the historic home until a new president is found.

Nancy said she feels blessed to be back in Kirksville, living in such a beautiful home enriched with so much history.

"It is very nice to live in this great big house," Nancy said. "It's a beautiful home. We really enjoy it. We've met some wonderful people while living here. We raised our children in Kirksville. To them, Kirksville is home, and they're so thrilled that we're back here, and so are we."

Darrell Krueger started working at the University in 1971 as an associate professor of political science. In 1973, he took the job as the vice president for academic affairs for 16 years before moving on to be the president of Winona State University. He and Nancy raised four children in Kirksville, and two graduated from Truman. Nancy said she had admired the home in the past at many events when Charles McClain was president.

"We feel very privileged to be in the house and very honored that we get to live here," she said. "When we lived in Kirksville 20 years ago, we would come to functions at the house. I always thought it was a beautiful house. I never dreamed that I would get to live here."

The Kruegers live in the home free of charge and enjoy quite a few amenities. Maintenance men clean the yard and tend to repairs in the home, a housekeeper cleans once a week and the bills are paid.

"I'm somewhat embarrassed to have a housekeeper because I am very capable of cleaning, but it's a nice perk and she's very nice," she said.

The home is decorated by the University, stifling some creativity and comfort, but Nancy said they were unsure of how long they were going to be in Kirksville, so they've simply settled in the massive house.

"When we came back here, we just loaded our car and came out here and we mailed a few boxes, but I didn't really bring anything because we're so temporary I didn't want to put holes in the walls," she said.

The first floor is furnished by the University, featuring historical artifacts such as a desk that belonged to John Kirk, the president of the University when it was the First District Normal School and then the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. Kirk's wife's rocking chair is also in the house. Paintings in the foyer and living room showcase Old Baldwin Hall, the only building the school had until it burned down in 1924.

"I suppose if we were permanent I would add my own touches, but I'm happy with a few pictures of our kids and some plants here and there," Nancy said. "We really enjoy the old paintings and historic artifacts that are scattered throughout the home giving it character."

Cole Woodcox, department chair of English and Linguistics, said the University Residence reflects a period of architecture in Kirksville that lasted from about 1870 to 1940 featuring large, high-style houses. The house is built in a Georgian revival style that was popular in the early 1900s.

"The house very, very much represents an upper-middle class house with a sense of well-defined formal living space on the ground floor and servants' access through a rear staircase because of the servants' quarters in the basement," Woodcox said.

Woodcox taught a JINS course fo-

cusing on architecture and therefore studied the different homes in Kirksville. He said he focused on many of the houses on campus and nearby, studying their architecture styles in the course.

"The president's house was very much designed for entertaining," he said. "It operates in very well-defined areas for living or many of the rooms open into each other quite nicely for entertaining."

Truman's campus planner, Lori Shook, focuses on maintaining many of the buildings on campus, including the University Residence.

"It's a really nice house, it doesn't need a lot of upkeep," Shook said. "I just hope we can maintain it because it's a great house."

Shook said her main job concerning the University Residence is to assist the current residents with structural and interior needs such as purchasing new windows, buying new furniture and finishing projects.

"When the Kruegers moved in, they discovered that there wasn't a place to hang their towels in the renovated bathroom, so I ran and bought towel bars," she said.

When it comes to historical preservation of the campus, she said it's important that the University takes advantage of the old buildings on campus, from the University Residence to the residence halls.

"I think it's awesome that we use old buildings," Shook said. "To me, it's money better spent to renovate the residence halls and other buildings because there's really nothing wrong with them other than plumbing and wiring."

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A big thank you to the numerous volunteers that helped prepare for and worked during the event to make it a wonderful family strengthening and asset building night for all in attendance, we could not have done it without you. A special thank you also to the following businesses and organizations listed below.

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Hope to see ya'll again next year!