



Jackie Kinealy/Index
Junior Christian Grandon serves a caramel macchiato, the shop's most popular drink, Wednesday afternoon.

STARBUCKS | Kirksville's only option for Starbucks coffee, which opened in the hospital gift shop two weeks ago, leaves some customers disappointed

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dollar really quick and do it wrong."
Although the gift shop is small, it still offers the most popular Starbucks items, he said.
"We had corporate trainers come in from Starbucks to show the importance of the flavors and the different combos," Holloway said. "It needs to taste the same here as it does in Seattle."
Although Starbucks has a loyal customer community, Holloway said he doesn't think Kirksville's local coffee shops will be affected by the new location.

"I am local and I hope that there's no animosity being built," Holloway said. "I don't think it's going to be a problem because I am sure they have their specialties as well as Starbucks."
Gabe Parker, Costa Rican Café manager, said he's not worried about losing business to Starbucks.
"I do not expect to see much loss from it, mainly because obviously we are selling good coffee but also we have the restaurant atmosphere," Parker said. "I think people enjoy that."
He said Costa Rican Café has an even mix of customers, with about half of the business coming from A.T. Still

University and Truman students and half coming from the general public.
Sophomore Michael Smith said his biggest frustration with the gift shop café is that they don't provide the regular selection that a "normal" Starbucks would. He said they lack some students' favorite options like frappuccinos.
Smith said that when he ordered an iced venti Red Eye, the workers didn't know what it was, had to look it up and still made his drink incorrectly.
"I think that just about any coffee place in Kirksville is 10 times better," he said.

CREDITS | Truman State's English department will change upper level courses from three credit hours to four credit hours starting during Fall 2014, other departments might follow suit

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just implemented a revised curriculum, History Department Chair Thomas Zoumaras said. Some history faculty wondered whether this was a back door way to try to extract more work from the faculty, he said.
"I strongly favor this unabashedly," Zoumaras said. "As it is now, students are stressed beyond belief."
The budget cuts could be a part of why many people support this system, but the history department supported it during the '90s, he said.
"The English department did it be-

cause they wanted the students' learning experience to be better," Zoumaras said. "It's not part of a hidden agenda."
One downside of the change is if the student is taking four classes instead of five, they are being exposed to fewer ideas and the quality is reduced, he said. The students will be able to focus more, and it will create an environment for higher level learning experiences because students can focus more on one subject area, Zoumaras said.
"Some programs require certification, my response is that there are plenty of institutions — stellar insti-

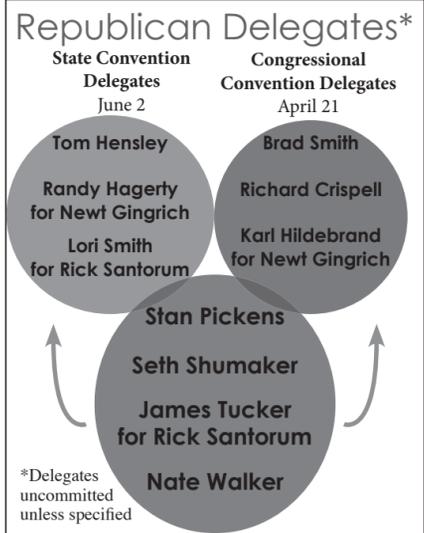
tutions — that have the four credit hour model," he said.
Another benefit of the four credit hour model is the expectation to sit down with a student and know they will be engaged more fully, Zoumaras said.
During the next few years more proposals like the English department's are expected, Interim Provost Richard Coughlin said.
Coughlin said he thinks change will improve the English department, but it might not work for every department.

ELECTIONS | Sophomore Greg Popham and junior Dylan Phillips announce plan to run in this year's Student Senate elections against Malin and Gordon

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was an example of Senate not effectively communicating with the student body because it was so poorly attended.
"I don't mind going door-to-door and talking to individual people about what their issues are," he said. "That's what I think the student government needs to do — go to the people, not try and get the people to come to them."

To generate revenue and help reduce deficits in Truman's budget, Phillips said he would work with University President Troy Paino about new ideas, such as persuading companies like Pepsi or Coca-Cola to sponsor athletic programs. He said money usually allocated to the Athletic Department could be redirected to Truman's general funding. The campaign's only opponents,

Malin and Gordon, said they are excited to run against other students.
"We're really happy that more people are showing interest in Senate," Malin said. "The more candidates there are, the more choices students have, and the more choices students have, the better."
Popham and Phillips said they will not run as any party affiliate.



CAUCUS | Adair County caucus results show no clear preference for the Republican presidential nominee

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process, Hagerty said.
For example, if one candidate's campaign is dead by the June 2 convention, delegates are free to support a surviving contender.
Hagerty said he told the caucus-goers, "I'm primarily for Gingrich but once I get to the convention if it looks like his race is going to implode, you should all be aware that I'd vote for Santorum instead."
Zachary Wyatt, Adair County's representative in the Missouri House, is a member of the uncommitted majority of delegates. Wyatt said as a public official, he based his vote on his district preferences, not his personal preference.

Wyatt said he will gather constituent input through conversations, possible town hall meetings and the Feb. 7 non-binding primary results, in which less than half of Adair County's 800 voters supported Santorum, according to a Feb. 9 Index article.
Primary results are the indicator delegate James Tucker said he used in expressing his preference for a nominee, especially because 10 times the number of voters turned out to the primary as the caucus.
"Ultimately, it's the voice of the people that you should honor [as a delegate], and the people chose Senator Santorum," said Tucker, a veteran and first-year A.T. Still University student.
Tucker said he personally supports Santorum more than the other candidates.
The Adair County caucus also reflected a statewide trend of a clear divide between traditional base Republicans and Ron Paul supporters, Hagerty said. However, no Paul supporter managed to gather enough votes to land on either convention slate, he said.
In addition to selecting delegates, the caucus' was also to approve a draft of the Missouri Republican party platform, which passed.

OMVIG | A former Truman student faces charges after a fight with his roommate Saturday

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watch you bleed to death on the kitchen floor," according to the probable cause statement.
When the police arrived on the scene, Omvig admitted to throwing his roommate on the ground and grabbing the knife from the drawer but denied threatening his roommate.
Omvig was released on bond Monday afternoon. His initial arraignment is scheduled for today at 9 a.m., according to Missouri Casenet.

Proposal to create dog park fails in Council

BY KAITLYN DANIELS
Staff Reporter
The Committee to Save the Franklin Street Green Space lost its fight to turn a small grassy area on Franklin Street into a dog park at the Kirksville City Council meeting Monday evening.
The Council voted to give the city-owned 18-by-100 foot space on the 400 block of South Franklin Street to the land developer who owns the property on either side of the proposed park.
Committee Chairman Drew Heller said giving land back to the owner does not serve the general public in any way, but it benefits the adjacent landowners.

"My main focus was getting something downtown and saving a city-owned piece of land that they wanted to give away," Heller said.
Heller said the city-owned property could have been a community park, but will now be privately owned. However, it will stay a green space.
Kenneth Read, Heritage House Realty owner, said he and his wife Debra have no intention of paving the entire alleyway.
"We are going to pave the back 18-by-18 feet, where the north-south alley is for parking, and the majority of the 18-by-100 foot area that was vacated will continue to be green area," Read said.
Read said when the project is

completed, the area will be more of a green area than it is now. He said they plan to take care of their properties and keep them well maintained.
"We want to provide quality housing that's safe and has an environment that's conducive to good university relations," Read said.
Junior Meghan McDonnell, a rallier for the petition, said other community members thought their due process was violated at the city council meeting because a vote on city-owned property was not publicly announced.
"We were trying to get as many signatures as possible to show the City Council that people care about this green area and that this

is something that people want," McDonnell said.
McDonnell said one of the reasons she came to Truman was the amount of green space that she thinks is slowly being paved over.
"I don't want a downtown where it's just all sidewalk and parking lot and no place to sit and relax when the weather's nice," McDonnell said.
Before Monday's Council decision, a copy of the petition, which received more than 350 signatures, was available at the Jinn Lounge downtown.
"I think that the overall beauty of Kirksville and its future, economically and for the generation of students coming in would be benefited by maintaining some public space there and making some of that green again," Jinn Lounge owner Daniel Nixon said.
Nixon said part of the problem with green space in Kirksville is the large amount of developers that are coming in and building apartment buildings close to campus where Truman students want to live.
"If it is because of the development and if we don't start doing something about it and adding a little bit of green space, making it a nicer place to live, we are going to end up with a big student slum around college," Nixon said.
McDonnell said they still are looking to create a park downtown where students and residents can enjoy a green area in Kirksville.

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