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Left, University President Troy Paino speaks during a press conference Sept. 9 at Pickler's Famous. Right, Student Senate President sophomore Matt Cooper speaks at the same press conference. Both speakers are opposed to House Bill 253, saying it would have disastrous effects on the Truman community.

# Truman State, Kirksville R-III speak against HB 253

## Bill could cut hundreds of thousands of dollars from school budgets

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Representatives from Truman State and Kirksville R-III school district gathered at Pickler's Famous restaurant Sept. 9 to urge townfolk to voice support for Governor Jay Nixon's veto of Missouri House Bill 253. The bill, which would enact

tax cuts across the state, would cut at least \$800 million from the state's budget, University President Troy Paino said.

Paino said Truman's budget already is stretched thin and the bill would lead state representatives to cut higher education funding. In Truman's case, the University would be forced to decrease wages, enact an enrollment cap, raise tuition and lay off faculty.

"[If HB 253 passes,] we only have one option — we have to downsize our workforce," Paino said.

the priorities of the state needs to happen or the state's economic prospects will be at risk.

"If education isn't on top of that list [of priorities], I don't think the future of Missouri is very bright," Paino said.

Kirksville R-III superintendent Pat Williams spoke about the bill's effects on local education. Williams said the school district can expect a budget cut between \$600,000 and \$700,000 from the bill. He said the district already is underfunded and adding the budget cut would have disastrous effects.

"If you boil that down to day-

to-day operations, that's eight to 10 teachers," Williams said.

Williams said the district is further limited to dealing with the cuts because they must accept every student in their district. He said the cuts could force layoffs, which would increase class sizes and lessen the amount of one-on-one instruction students would receive.

Student Senate President sophomore Matt Cooper ended the conference by talking about the bill's effects on Truman students. He said students will feel the effects of this bill directly

in their wallets because the bill removes a sales tax exemption on textbooks.

"I have a friend that pays more for textbooks than she does for her tuition," Cooper said.

He said the bill is expected to save a family of four earning the median wage in Missouri \$6 in taxes during the bill's first year as law, which will not ease their burdens. Brian Schmidt, a press officer from the Coalition for Missouri's Future, said someone in Missouri making \$500,000 from a business is looking at a \$12,000 tax break if this bill goes into law.

## Student opens frozen yogurt shop

BY ELLE FITZGIBBONS  
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Fans of frozen yogurt will have a new option available to them soon when Tru-Yo opens the last week of September in Kirksville.

Tru-Yo will be the first self-serve frozen yogurt shop serving Adair County, said Tru-Yo owner senior William Ressler. He said he is opening a shop now because he has loved Kirksville since moving here and wants to provide more options for the students.

"The current market underserves the student population, and there are many ways citizens in the area can step up to fulfill their needs," Ressler said.

The yogurt menu includes nine flavors and more than 50 toppings to choose from, Ressler said. Other menu items include salad, sandwiches, soup, hot dogs, homemade baked goods, coffee and beverages. He said the shop will be located where the soup kitchen used to be on Franklin Street, and it will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to midnight weekends.

Currently, Tru-Yo is preparing for renovations. Replacing ceiling tiles, building countertops and bathroom work are first on the agenda, Ressler said. Tables, chairs and other equipment should arrive within a week and

once everything is there, all renovations should take about two to three weeks, he said. If plans go accordingly, Tru-Yo will open before October, he said.

Ressler said he will be hiring more employees once Tru-Yo officially is up and running, but he will open the shop with family members first.

"I have a fiancée that will be helping me out and who has volunteered until I can pay her," Ressler said. "My mom also has volunteered. It's been her dream to have a bakery, and so, she wants to bake in my shop. She'll be in here often."

Freshman Kath Farmer said Kirksville really needs a frozen yogurt shop. Many college students will be interested in this sort of dining experience, she said.

"I come from St. Louis, and we have all sorts of fro-yo places around, and they do extremely well," Farmer said. "They're really fun, and it's still a dessert, but it feels healthier. People just seem to enjoy going to them."

Farmer said Tru-Yo will address some health issues other places don't always consider.

"I particularly like these self-serve yogurt places because I can't have gluten," Farmer said. "Going to an ice cream place, they mix all their ingredients together in the same ma-

# TRU-YO

frozen yogurt

**Bowls Options:**  
paper bowls, waffle cones, waffle bowls, bowls with warm dessert in the bottom

39¢ per oz.

## FLAVORS and TOPPINGS

<p><b>FLAVORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candy Bar Smash</li> <li>Dreamy Dark Chocolate</li> <li>Candy Coma</li> <li>Vanilla Bean</li> <li>Banana Rama</li> <li>Banana Cream Pie</li> <li>Cookies and Cream</li> <li>Birthday Cake</li> </ul> <p><b>TOPPINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popping Boba Mango</li> <li>Popping Boba Cherry</li> <li>Sliced Strawberries</li> <li>Raspberries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blueberries</li> <li>Blackberries</li> <li>Del Monte Chunk Pineapple</li> <li>Maraschino Cherries with Stems</li> <li>Mini Peanut Butter Cups</li> <li>Cookie Dough</li> <li>Cookies and Cream</li> <li>Mini M&amp;M's</li> <li>Cheesecake Pieces</li> <li>Chopped Brownies</li> <li>Snickers</li> <li>Andes Mints</li> <li>Mini Gummi Bears</li> <li>Mini Sour Gummi Worms</li> <li>Mini White Chocolate Chips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yogurt Chips</li> <li>Fancy Nut Topping with Peanuts</li> <li>Keebler Graham Crackers</li> <li>Keebler Vanilla Wafers</li> <li>Jonny Rapp's Pretzel Minis</li> <li>Skittles</li> <li>Hot Tamales</li> <li>Brach's Chocolate Raisins</li> <li>Raisins</li> <li>Hershey's Milk Chocolate Chips</li> <li>Azar Coconut</li> <li>Kellogg's Bulk Low Fat Granola</li> <li>CheX Mix Muddy Buddies</li> <li>Reddi Whip Topping</li> <li>Cinnamon Toast Crunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rainbow Sprinkles</li> <li>Hershey's Chocolate Syrup</li> <li>Old Fashioned Cherry Topping</li> <li>Old Fashioned Chocolate Fudge Topping</li> <li>Caramel Sundae Topping</li> <li>Marshmallow Topping</li> <li>Peanut Butter Topping</li> <li>Reese's Pieces</li> <li>Twix</li> <li>Mini Caramel Cups</li> <li>Gummi Frogs</li> <li>Chocolate Sprinkles</li> <li>Chocolate Rocks</li> <li>Cookie Dough Pieces</li> <li>Fudge Brownie Pieces</li> </ul>
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**Other Menu Items:**  
Salads (\$3 to \$5) Sandwiches (\$3 to \$5) Hot Soup (\$3 to \$5) Hot Dogs (\$2) Homemade Baked Goods (prices vary)

\*according to William Ressler, Owner of Tru-Yo

chine, and I don't know if I could end up with cookie dough or brownies. But at a fro-yo shop, I don't have to put anything else on it. I don't have to worry."

Sandra Williams, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce executive director, said she's very pleased a new business is opening

downtown and says it will be a nice addition.

"I think it's great that it's going to be a busy place," Williams said. "We're looking forward to them opening, and we hope they'll let us do a grand-opening event for them."

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