**Project shows food origins**

A group of senior agricultural science majors raised chickens on campus for their final event of the project students, faculty, staff and Kirksville citizens.

Junior Ginie Zimmermann, an agricultural science major, said of the project: “Our goal is to introduce the students to the different populations of the world and the different cultures of the world. We’re really trying to introduce them to the world, and we’re trying to do that with the different chickens that we have. We’re trying to introduce them to the different cultures of the world.”

Zimmermann said that the chickens are representative of different cultures and that they are important to the students, faculty, and staff.

“Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to see how a chicken is butchered and how it is processed,” said Zimmermann. “The students were able to see the entire process of raising chickens and processing them.”

**Denise Battles**

Denise Battles, associate professor of administrative science at Southeast Missouri State University and the University of Northern Colorado, is the winner of the presidential search committee’s award for excellence in academic affairs.

Battles was one of four candidates selected by the Truman State University Provost Search Committee for the position of provost and executive vice president.

The provost search committee announced the four finalists on Nov. 3. The finalists will visit Truman State University from Nov. 11 to Nov. 17.

The finalists are:

1. Mark Arant, president of Texas Tech University and former provost of the University of Arkansas.
2. JoAnn Poor, dean of the College of Science and Engineering at Kansas State University.
3. Diane Johnson, executive director of the Division of Institutional Research and Planning at Truman State University.
4. Susan Ostie, associate dean and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

The search committee will make its final recommendation to President Troy Paino by Jan. 30.

**In light of the recent budget cuts, do you think the University balance cost-effective education with the Truman experience?**

By Ashley Jost Assistant News Editor

The recent budget cuts have affected the University’s ability to provide a high-quality education. The cuts have resulted in a decrease in budgets, which has led to a decrease in faculty and staff positions.

Despite these challenges, the University remains committed to providing a high-quality education for its students.

**Open Forums:**

- **Faculty and staff:**
  - 3:30-4:45 p.m. Nov. 7
  - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nov. 11
- **Students:**
  - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nov. 8

The forums will be held in Violette Hall 1000. Both forums will be broadcast on the website. There will be a closed forum for faculty and staff, and an open student forum.

**Joan Poor**

Joan Poor is currently the director of the College of Arts and Sciences at Barnard College in New York City. She is a professor at Barnard College.

**Mark Arant**

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**University select provost finalists**

**Denise Battles**

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Battles has been employed in higher education for 22 years. She has served in a number of leadership roles, including department chair and dean.

**Dale Ostlie**

Dale Ostlie is a chemistry professor at Weber State University in Utah. He is the founder and dean of the College of Science at the university.

Ostlie has been involved in academic affairs at Weber State University since 2003. He previously served as an assistant dean and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ostlie has a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the University of Utah and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

**Mark Arant**

Mark Arant is in his fourth year as provost of Truman State University. He served as provost and executive vice president at Truman State University for the past six years.

Arant has been employed in higher education for 22 years. He has served in a number of leadership roles, including department chair and dean.

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