Cellular network operations manager.

In the past two years, the city of Kirksville has had to manage three different cell phone companies providing service in the area. In 2004, they added T-Mobile, and in 2005, they added U.S. Cellular. Cell phones are competing for the same space in the area, said Mike Dellwo, U.S. Cellular’s area manager.

“Part of the reason why so many [cell phone] companies are competing on this tower is because of the challenges we have here. There are 11 cell phones using the tower, and there’s a problem with who absorbs what so you can get the best service,” Dellwo said.

Dellwo said that his company had to remove an antenna in July of last year from a water tower in the area, and it caused problems in the area until they installed a new antenna on the tower last spring. Dellwo described the installation as a “very rough on your cell phone,” Kelsey said.

McKim said that the downtown water tower right now is reaching maximum capacity, she said. “The downtown water tower right now is pretty much maxed out,” McKim said. “The more cell phones that are running off of one tower, the more congested it is going to get.”

Emilie Kelsey, department manager of Comnet, a provider for T-Mobile, said, “The downtown water tower is when you get down to it is pretty much maxed out. It is getting better… it is getting better, but your experience with existing services is not going to be as good as it would’ve been in the past. Space on the water tower also is limited on the downtown water tower.”

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President’s Pianist

Randy Croy

Grace Mattie, Staff Reporter

Magnum Hall is opening yet another area for students to hang out in. Café Condominiums opened the north end of Maxabney Hall to be a coffee shop and university store.

This is the part of the building where people don’t have to be quiet,” said Scott Ellis, director of Student Services.

The café will include student vending machines and faculty to an informal setting on the northeast side of Magnum Hall to enjoy the Internet, chat and snack all at the same time.

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