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Senior Samantha Cook talks to a representative of Walgreens during the Career Expo last week. The Graduate Clearance Fair, which takes place just a week after the career fair, will allow upcoming graduates to confirm their graduation arrangements and complete the graduation clearance form. The Career and Graduation Clearance fairs are some preparation tools the University offers students.

Campus representatives to be present at clearance fair:

- Registrar's office
- Assessment and testing
- Business office
- Career Center
- Truman Bookstore
- Advancement office
- Vice president for academic affairs office

Fair clarifies graduate confusion

The first-ever Graduation Clearance Fair aims to ease the clearance process

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The University registrar is helping smooth the road for December graduates.

The first Graduation Clearance Fair began Wednesday and continues today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the SUB Quiet Lounge.

University Registrar A. Kay Anderson said this event will enable graduating students to check on their graduation materials, ask any questions they might have and complete the graduation clearance form conveniently and quickly.

Anderson said the clearance process has been a burden to both students and staff for several years, and she and other University officials were aware that changes needed to be made.

"[The clearance process] was very cumbersome, and students saw it as very unfriendly," Anderson said. "It certainly wasn't something that I thought was giving the best customer service or serving the best purpose."

The original plan to simplify the process was to establish an online system, but it became clear in September that such a system would be just as much if not more of a problem, Anderson said.

It was then that plans began for the Graduation Clearance Fair, Anderson said.

She said the fair will save time for students and money for the University.

"Students can come in and spend 20 to 30 minutes and get everything finished," Anderson said. "Even if there is a requirement that they can't clear that day, they will leave with the information of exactly what has to be done and when it needs to be finished."

She said she has noticed the problem since she took the position as University

registrar four years ago but was unwilling to make the changes until now.

Anderson said she was hesitant because she was in an interim position before this year, and she didn't want to create new policies that others would have to follow.

This semester's fair will consist of 10 campus participants, including representatives from the registrar's office, assessment and testing, the business office, the University Career Center, the Truman Bookstore, the advancement office and the vice president for academic affairs office.

Also, the Truman Bookstore has invited vendors to sell caps and gowns, graduation announcements, diploma frames and class rings at the fair.

Anderson said that in previous years, the Truman Bookstore had in-

ited vendors in for its own graduation fair, but this year it is working cooperatively with the fair organized by the registrar's office.

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Food will be provided at the event for the participants, and there will be opportunities to win prizes.

"We honestly hope it will be fun for them and for us," Anderson said. "Come with your friends, hang out for a while, eat some free food, maybe win a prize and get some stuff done quickly."

Anderson said if the fair goes well this semester, she hopes they will be able to make it bigger and better in the following semesters.

Truman alumna Sarah Olinger said she is glad the University is trying to improve the clearance process.

"It was something that I knew I had to do, so I got it done," Olinger said. "It was a pain, but I just mostly looked at it as a necessary evil."

Olinger said the clearance process didn't take very long for her to complete, but she knew of other students who had a more difficult time than her because certain requirements weren't finished.

Olinger said it is important that seniors are aware of the graduation requirements because not having things done can delay the process.

Senior Sara Meulendyke said she also is happy about the idea of a fair to get everything done quickly.

Meulendyke said she will graduate in May 2006 and hopes there will be another fair that semester.

"It's a great idea because it saves time for seniors and for the departments," Meulendyke said. "Senior year is so busy anyway that it will be nice to get all of your graduation stuff done at once instead of having to worry about the run-around."

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