

# Copy Systems changes locale

Stores offer more services and supplies after December move

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Beginning Jan. 2, Truman students can buy their textbooks, wash their clothes and purchase Greek merchandise, all in the same building.

Copy Systems Business Center, located in the Wal-Mart Supercenter on Baltimore, will move closer to campus in late December of this year and reopen Jan. 2. Relocating next door to Patty's University Bookstore, the store will be in a new location after 15 years in Wal-Mart. The store will combine space with Dirty Things Laundry off Franklin Street. Copy Systems owner Chris Mudd said that relocating close to campus has been many years in the making.

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Copy Systems, which offers services like T-shirt screen printing, letter stitching and copying,

has a Kirksville community customer base, but it mostly serves students and others affiliated with Truman, Mudd said.

Copy Systems, which has been in the Wal-Mart Supercenter since it opened in 1992, will not renew its lease with Wal-Mart that ends at the end of December. Copy Systems started out in 56 Wal-Marts around the country. During the past decade, Copy Systems have sold out to other businesses like salons, or they have fizzled out, Mudd said. Three years ago there were only five or six Copy Systems stores around the United States, including stores in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and one in Fen-

ton, Mo., Mudd said. For the first

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Copy Systems employees Allison Maurer and Heather Ellis assist customer Leah Allman at their Wal-Mart location which is scheduled to move next door to Patty's Bookstore close to campus.

10 years of business, Copy Systems was required to remain franchised. The stores were independently owned but were franchised.

Mudd bought Copy Systems from the previous owner in 1997, and in 2002 they were released from the franchise. Mudd said corporate Wal-Mart is unifying its stores, meaning it is trying to make its Supercenters have the same stores like banks, hair and nail salons and photography studios. Mudd said that with the unifying of Wal-Marts and his longtime desire to move closer to campus, it was a good time to move.

"The Wal-Mart here for the most part wanted me to stay," Mudd said. "I believe [the unifying of Supercenters] is just a corporate deal, so we're OK with it. We're fine."

Once Copy Systems moves out of Wal-Mart, a new store will move into the empty location.

Currently Wal-Mart is unsure of what will fill the spot, but one possibility is a nail salon, Wal-Mart store manager Doug Nichting said. Nichting said a nail salon would work well next door to the hair salon currently located next door to Copy Systems, but other options still are open, including a health clinic, although Nichting said he is unsure whether there is sufficient space for a clinic. Nichting estimated that the new store will open in early spring 2008 after remodeling the space. After 15 years of service in the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Nichting had positive things to say about Copy Systems.

"I think it has provided a good service to the customer, but I also think that if there's something else that's going to generate more traffic, then I'm for that too," Nichting said.

In moving out of Wal-Mart, Copy Systems will have two new amenities. Copy Systems' new store will offer both packaging supplies and packaging services, like packing and shipping. Copy Systems cannot offer this service while located in Wal-Mart because it is not allowed to carry the same supplies as the Supercenter. Copy Systems will also feature more

Greek merchandise like name badges, paddles and stitched-on Greek letters, Mudd said.

Mudd and Patty Bolz, president of Patty's University Bookstore Inc. and Dirty Things, have been friends for years, but have only been talking about the convergence since around July, Mudd said. Bolz said the process of making decisions was different than usual because of special circumstances.

"[Finalizing a lease] took a little longer because we are friends, and with the lease, he and I both tried to go through it very carefully so we're still friends when it's done," Bolz said with a laugh. "... I'm kind of looking forward to it, and I think we'll have some fun."

Junior Elizabeth Bonanno, a Sigma Sigma Sigma member, said her sorority has ordered its shirts and other Greek merchandise elsewhere for a while, but with the relocation it might change.

"Usually with our shirts we order them out and have them done, but probably if they move closer and they are [next to] Patty's rather than in Wal-Mart, which kind of has a bad rep anyways, it would probably be more likely to be used by us," Bonanno said.

# State sends credit to envelope company

Development tax credit for Commercial Envelope is a part of DREAM program

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Now that Kirksville's status as a DREAM city is sealed, Commercial Envelope Manufacturing Company is one of the first businesses to reap the benefits.

Gov. Matt Blunt announced Tuesday that the company has been approved for \$100,000 in development tax credits. The credit is part of a statewide effort to create jobs.

"We created the DREAM initiative to provide Missouri's small and mid-sized towns the same access to economic development tools as larger communities," Blunt said in a press release. "This grant for DREAM city Kirksville will help generate new economic growth and add to this community's outstanding potential."

Phil Tate, director of job creation for Kirksville Regional Development Inc., said the credit is part of the initial incentive package offered to the company in exchange for coming to Kirksville.

Commercial Envelope has been in Kirksville for two years, but Tate said it just now is receiving the credit because it had to reach a certain level of investment before it was eligible to apply. Tate said another part of Commercial Envelope's original commitment to the city was creating 91 area jobs in a three-year period.

"It's good news," he said. "They're on their projected schedule as far as investment and employees."

Tate said Commercial Envelope can either put the credit toward its accumulated state income tax liability in Missouri or sell the credit on the open market if it hasn't built up much income tax liability. He said selling the credit probably would bring between \$85,000 and \$90,000.

"The development tax credit program is a transferable tax credit," Tate said. "Some tax credits you either use against liability, or you lose them."

Paperwork and contracts currently are under review, but Tate said the company should receive the actual tax credit before the end of the year.

Keener Tippin, spokesman for the Missouri Department of Economic Development, said the

purpose of the development tax credit program is to facilitate a business project to create new jobs.

"It's a win-win situation," he said. "It benefits the company and helps the state economy."

Tippin said part of the reason Kirksville received the tax credit is because it is one of 20 cities across the state Blunt named as DREAM cities.

"Through the DREAM city, they have that status for three years, and basically they gain priority access to different state-sponsored programs," Tippin said.

Through those programs, cities can get technical and financial assistance from the state to fund projects such as infrastructure improvements, historical preservation, affordable housing, community service, business development and job creation.

Tippin said the Development Tax Credit Program is one of several job creation programs in the state.

The DTC program offers state tax credits that are for 50 percent of the contribution of cash or the value of certain type of property, according to the press release.

Companies are eligible for the program if they are making contributions to a not-for-profit corporation.

Money a company receives through the DTC program may be used toward purchasing land, buildings or machinery for existing buildings, according to the press release.

## NEWS | In Brief

### ATC names alcohol check violators

Peter Lobdell, state supervisor for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, announced Tuesday the names of the 10 businesses included in an alcohol compliance check conducted Oct. 26 (see Index issue Nov. 1), according to a Tuesday press release.

The ATC cited the following five businesses for sale of liquor to an undercover minor: Chevy's Bar and Grill, My Bar, The Locker Room, Ryan's Sports Bar and Grill and Days Inn. The businesses could face possible fines or suspension of their liquor licenses, according to the release.

According to the release, Reta Potter, Glen Van Dyke, Ronald Kincannon, Timothy Branch and Jennifer Lane also were arrested on the charge of selling alcohol to the minor as a result of the investigation.

The Full Moon, TP's Office, Dukum Inn, Too Tall's Two Eatery and Spirits and Westport Package Store were the other five businesses included in the compliance check. They did not sell alcohol to the minor, according to the release.

### DPS offers shuttle service for break

The Department of Public Safety will offer a shuttle service from campus to the train station in La Plata for students leaving Kirksville for Thanksgiving break, according to a Monday press release.

The shuttle will leave for the station at 9 a.m. Nov. 20 and 21, and it will be available to take students back to campus the evening of Nov. 25.

Reservations are necessary and on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to the release. Taking the shuttle will cost \$5, and the money is due to DPS one week before departure. For more information or to make reservations, contact DPS.

### Detours wins national media award

The Associated Collegiate Press has named Detours, the University's student-produced travel magazine, as one of the recipients of the 2006 Pacemaker Award for the 2005-06 publishing year, according to a Monday press release.

The ACP handed out the awards at the annual National College Media Convention in Washington, D.C., from Oct. 24 to Oct. 28.

### Kirksville resident sentenced to prison

Kirksville resident J.C. Clair will serve seven years in prison after pleading guilty Tuesday to the possession of methamphetamine, according to a Wednesday press release. Mark Williams, Adair County prosecuting attorney, filed the charge against Clair.

Officers from Kirksville Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol arrested Clair on March 18 after conducting a search of his residence.

The officers were searching Clair's residence to look for his brother, Jason Clair, who was being sought on an arrest warrant for allegations of manufacturing meth, according to the release.

While at the residence, the officers found Jason Clair, plus a box filled with meth and drug paraphernalia in J.C. Clair's bedroom.

J.C. Clair had been held at the Adair County Detention Center since his arrest, according to the release.

### Dixon names Morin to VP position

President Barbara Dixon has appointed the next associate vice president for enrollment management, according to a Wednesday press release. Regina Myers Morin will take over the position Jan. 17.

Morin, a Truman alumna, spent 13 years — 1981 to 1994 — in the University's admissions office, according to the release.

The associate vice president for enrollment management position had been vacant since John Fraire's departure in September.

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate discussed potential ways of determining how students perceive intellectual diversity.
- Senate voted down an amendment that would prevent the Senate from spending any money on campus political organizations.
- Senate president junior Matt Szweczyk will attend a meeting of the 12 other student body presidents of state-funded schools Nov. 10 to discuss issues relevant to their institutions.
- Senate's External Affairs committee announced its new project, a lighting of the downtown square for Christmas, as well as opening stores for special Christmas shopping hours.
- Senate announced that a resolution in support of one Provost candidate will be proposed after cessation of all forums.
- Senate announced that campus architect Mark Schultz will be meeting with student representative to the Board of Governors senior Emily Kiddoo to discuss the possibility for new bike racks.
- Senate announced that the nurse practitioner position has been informally accepted and that the new nurse practitioner will begin in January.
- Senate announced that compost bins are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

## DPS | Reports

There were no DPS reports this week.



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