

PICKLER | Business to feature soda fountain and ice cream parlor, more to be revealed

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the ceiling slowly sagging in, he said. "Normally with a modern building, and even many buildings built at that time, you would see truss work that's kind of triangular and supported," he said. "This was some boards that were nailed vertically, and not even that many, and not even that strongly."

In addition, the building needed some reinforcement work to the floor between the first and second stories, he said. Kuhns said this labor was time-consuming and also required specifications from a structural engineer, but that the work has been interesting.

"That building really hasn't had any major structural remodeling like we have done to it since it was built," Kuhns said. "It's pretty exciting, because what we're looking at, when we look at the timbers and things in that building, is lumber that's almost 120 years old."

Kuhns has a long-time interest in the turn of the century time period, a time when technology began to show great progress, he said. Soda fountains also became popular at about this time, he said, and he hopes to bring some of the concepts from that time period into the store.

"At the time that soda fountains started becoming popular, the technology [to bottle soda] was fairly rare," he said. "It did exist, but it was sort of hard to find bottles that could hold up under the carbonation process that they were using."

In a society where consumers are used to chain restaurants and fast food with standardized recipes and the same menu in every city, the ice cream parlor and soda fountain in Pickler's Famous will be a unique place where customers can have their treats made just to taste, he said.

"We're bringing back a lot of things ... that people haven't seen in a long time," Kuhns said. "Old recipes, handmade syrups and hand-mixed sodas right in front of you, That's the way it used to be."

Kuhns won't reveal what else Pickler's Famous will contain, but said he plans to continue releasing clues through his e-mail group, the Inner Circle. He said the building contains 10,000 square feet, which is a lot of space to fill. Once he has a better idea of the final opening date, he will plan out how to release the rest of the clues, Kuhns said.

"I think once you see it all, all five pieces, you'll see kind of a bigger vision," he said. "It's not just five separate things shoved under one roof, but kind of a cohesive whole that we think is going to be good for the community and be good for the downtown, is going to provide something for people of all ages and interest levels."

Ken Shook, architect and owner of K. A. Shook Design, has been working on Pickler's Famous since June. Shook said keeping the project a secret hasn't been hard because he has only lived in Kirksville for about a year and doesn't know too many people yet. He said he had to sign a non-disclosure agreement about the details of the project.

Working with older buildings like Pickler's Famous has certain challenges, such as the unexpected structural problems that set work back, Shook said.

"Older buildings are not square," he said. "They seem to all have settled over time. All walls are not coming to a right angle. All the walls going up are kind of wavy. Structurally we try to bring it back [into shape], but we try to work with the building."

Seeing the project come together has been the best part of the experience, Shook said.

Kuhns said the turn of the century was something of a Golden Age, and although he didn't live in those times, he thinks it was a great period.

"I think a lot of older folks who remember the days of the soda fountains are going to revisit some of that nostalgia, and then those of us who are not old enough to remember that are going to be enjoying it for the first time as a brand new and fun experience," Kuhns said.

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on making about six recommendations. Those policies include the Good Samaritan policy, the policy on group punishment and the policy for posting on campus.

The Good Samaritan policy has been the one students are most concerned about, Flanagan said. She said the current policy does not protect students enough — she has heard multiple stories about students getting punished for trying to take care of someone who was too intoxicated.

Students also voiced opinions that the policy dealing with group punishment and guilt by association is unfair, she said. According to the Student Conduct Code, students could be held accountable as a group and a hearing may proceed against the group as joint accused students. Through her re-

search Flanagan discovered that students think that group punishment is a violation of due process.

Flanagan said the posting policy on campus is the final policy she focused on as part of her report. Flanagan would like the policy to change to allow bar-sponsored events to be publicized on campus. The changes would allow for only the event itself to be advertised with information like drink specials disclosed, she said. Flanagan said this policy was examined because student organizations often host charity events at bars, such as trivia nights, band-fests and poetry slams.

There are additional non-policy revisions to the conduct code that Flanagan plans to propose. One is to include punishments in the conduct code in order to increase deterrence as well as allow for a

Student Advocates Program, which would act as a peer defender for someone who has been brought up on charges against the conduct code. However, Flanagan said she has had difficulty trying to work out the logistics of the program.

Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist said the conduct code is revised every three years according to the existing policy. Gilchrist said the policy requires suggestions from Student Senate and Academic Affairs. Student Affairs also has received recommendations from the Staff Council. Based on that information, Gilchrist and David Hoffman, assistant dean of Student Affairs, review the suggestions and look at the legality and logistics of putting them into place. One way of doing this is to look at similar policies in place at other universities, Gilchrist said.

"After we review it, it will go to the University Attorney [Warren Wells], who will look it over and make sure he's comfortable with the suggested changes," Gilchrist said. "We will also share it with the President of the University."

Once everyone has had the chance to weigh in, all the suggested changes are pre-

sented to the board, as well as the changes the administration endorses, Gilchrist said. The Board of Governors will then vote on the final changes that will be put in to place at its April meeting. At this point, Gilchrist said she is still waiting to receive all the suggested changes. She said the deadline for the suggested changes is early January. This is in order to provide enough time for them to be reviewed and properly prepared before being submitted to the Board.

Senior Taelor Cash said the Good Samaritan policy is the issue she would like looked at within the conduct code and that it could be the most significant change to come from the revisions. Cash also said that Student Senate does not accurately represent the student body in the revision process and thinks they should address the issue.

"I've been here for four years, and I don't think [students are] accurately represented, there [are] not enough people involved — there isn't enough feedback and half the people involved don't even know what's going on in the life of the average student," Cash said. "I think that could definitely be remedied somehow."

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town, I think it was in the top five."

She said she thinks the wide range of responses on the survey are due in part to the frame of reference and different individuals' experiences with the downtown.

Macomber said most people would like to see improvements made to the façades of buildings. She said residents also expressed a need for canopies.

"I'm not really sure if the canopies are the existing canopies or they just thought canopies in general are important for the downtown businesses," Macomber said.

Macomber said the downtown redevelopment plan created in 1999 laid plans to have the canopies removed.

Residents viewed family or casual dining, an ice cream shop or soda fountain and clothing stores as the three highest priorities, according to the survey.

Roberta Santee, Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee president, said the KDIC has identified more family dining, clothing stores and specialty shops as possible im-

provements to Kirksville.

Santee said all the downtown partners work with the Dream Initiative, but that KDIC is working with them most closely.

Fifty percent of residents oppose removing the existing downtown canopies and replacing them with individual awnings and 38.7 percent are in favor of it, according to the survey results.

Santee said she thinks the need for awnings is justified. She said they serve a good purpose: Protection during bad weather.

"The issue, I think, isn't that they didn't want awnings," she said. "I think the issue has been the type of awnings that they have."

She said KDIC would like to take part in the revitalization of the downtown.

Santee said she is glad an ice cream shop is opening in Pickler's Famous. The owners didn't know the survey results but there have been other surveys in the past, she said.

"I would just like to see people attracted to the downtown and to the revitalization of it," Santee said. "And

to shop local, to support local merchants."

Heidi Templeton, public relations director for Truman, said the University has partnered with the KDIC and helps maintain its Web site. As the Truman representative to KDIC, she also maintains an e-mail list. She said Truman helped create and send invitations for their annual meeting.

Templeton said that although Truman is part of the Dream Initiative, the city is the driving force.

She said the survey is lengthy, but she encourages people to read it.

"This is something that we're planning for the future of the downtown and so it's a document that we all need to be working with, be on the same page, and then a willingness to work together," she said.

The downtown district technically ends on the north edge of Truman's campus along Normal Street, but most consider it to start along Jefferson Street.

"We need to figure out a way to really encourage our students to go downtown," Templeton said.

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