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A recall has been issued by the Peanut Corporation of America, due to possible Salmonella contamination. Peanut butter sold at retail stores, such as the jar above, were not included in the recall.

## Peanut butter recalled

**Sodexo pulls peanut butter from Truman's dining halls and SUB**

BY ANDREA HEWITT  
Staff Reporter

Companies have found themselves in a sticky situation because of their peanut butter supply.

"At this time, the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state partners have traced sources of Salmonella Typhimurium contamination to a plant owned by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA)," according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site.

The PCA responded to the situation in a Jan. 13 press release.

According to the release, PCA expanded the recall of peanut butter and voluntarily recalled peanut paste made at its Blakely, Ga. facility because the products had the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

The contaminated product was manufactured on or before July 1, 2008 and is not sold directly to consumers through retail stores by PCA, the press release states.

On Jan. 18, PCA released another press release to announce the expansion of the recall to include compa-

nies in 24 states, Korea, Haiti and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Sodexo had to make some adjustments to its menu after receiving a press release Tuesday, listing companies with peanut products deemed safe to consume from NorAm Food Safety Alerts.

Sodexo must stop using all products containing peanuts from suppliers not on the list and institutionally packed peanut butter, according to the press release.

It must mark all products in question, "Quality Hold-Do Not Use," according to the press release. The release also instructs Sodexo not to return or dispose of potentially contaminated products unless specifically instructed by the distributor or supplier.

"It's not that big of a deal," said Ed Dunlap, building director of Centennial Hall cafeteria. "We basically just pulled the items until we got the OK from our corporate. We have a couple cereals that have peanut butter products in it, and anything we made with peanut butter — such as our desserts — we stopped making those."

Salmonella isn't life threatening to people with stable immune systems, said Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center.

"The main symptoms [of Sal-

monella] are nausea and vomiting, then it can progress to abdominal pain, cramping [and] diarrhea," she said. "Most healthy individuals recover on their own — you could get fever and chills and muscle pains — but usually it just lasts a couple days. But it can last up to two weeks."

The Student Health Center was alerted that there also have been cases of Norovirus, which has similar symptoms, identified in the Kirksville area, Higgins said.

"We had gotten a notice that our area has cases of Norovirus and interestingly, Norovirus can act very much the same way," Higgins said. "Particularly with nausea and vomiting and that has been seen in our local area in some of the hospitals and nursing homes."

Higgins said the health center has recently seen students with some type of stomach virus complaining of stomach problems. The virus is normally short-lived, and people get over it between one and five days, she said.

"Only about 50 percent of people who have the Norovirus get a fever," Higgins said. "People shouldn't just assume that if they have nausea and vomiting they have Salmonella."

## KPD officer investigated in an alleged domestic dispute

BY JOHN MOENSTER  
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An unnamed Kirksville police officer remains on restricted duty while the Missouri State Highway Patrol continues their investigation into an alleged domestic dispute.

Sgt. Steve Farnsworth of the Kirksville Police Department said the report, filed on the morning of Jan. 7, originated from a third party who was not directly involved in the incident. The officer was immediately placed on paid administrative leave, but later was elevated to restricted duty by Police Chief Jim Hughes. The identity of the officer is not being released because no charges have been filed, he said.

Adair County prosecuting at-

torney Mark Williams said he has been briefed by Highway Patrol investigators but has yet to receive a full report. Williams said without the report, no charges would be filed.

"Whether or not charges will be filed will depend on what the report says, if there was even a crime committed," Williams said. "[Investigators] will make a determination from the report on what needs to happen."

In addition to the Highway

Patrol, KPD is conducting its own investigation through internal affairs. Williams said he is not involved with internal affairs, but it is common practice to bring in outside agencies, such as the Highway Patrol, to conduct investigations like these.

"Usually any time an officer is involved with any allegations of wrongdoing, an outside agency is brought in," Williams said.

He said this is to ensure that an investigation is thorough and unbiased.

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Adair County Prosecutor

## New scholarship for border state students

**New out-of-state students may pay in-state tuition thanks to a new award**

BY MARGARET HOOPER  
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Incoming out-of-state students might pay less this fall.

The Office of Admission will award a new scholarship in fall 2009 tailored toward students from states that border Missouri. The Neighboring States Scholarship resulted from a redistribution of funds after a spring 2008 review of Truman's scholarship programs.

A maximum of 25 scholarships will be offered to incoming border-state students with a minimum high school GPA of 3.75 and minimum ACT score of 30. An additional 15 scholarship are available to transfer

students with 24 or more hours of college credit and a minimum GPA of 3.75. The scholarship waives the out-of-state portion of a student's tuition.

Director of Admission Melody Chambers said the program is designed to attract academically successful students from neighboring states facing larger financial obstacles because of the cost of out-of-state tuition.

"The award is designed to provide assistance to high-achieving students, making Truman an affordable option to a select number of individuals who show promise of making significant contributions to our campus community," Chambers said.

The Admissions Office currently is reviewing applicants. The scholarship's first recipients will be notified in the next month or so, Chambers said.

## Transfer students flock to Truman

BY DANA BRUXVOORT  
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A record number of students transferred to Truman this academic year, and this number has been steadily increasing during the past few years.

Sophomore Derek Conway transferred to Truman from Longview Community College in Lee's Summit, Mo. He said the transition to Truman was fairly easy and one of the reasons he decided to come to Truman was its academic reputation. He also said he appreciates the classroom atmosphere and getting to know his professors.

"I almost forget that I transferred here," he said. "I feel like I've been here awhile even though it's only been this semester."

There were about 165 students who transferred to Truman during the fall semester and 46 more started this spring. Kelsey Aurand de Razo, admissions counselor for transfer programs, said the number of spring transfers was fairly typical, but the number of transfers from the fall semester increased

by approximately 40 students from last year. Truman has seen a steady increase of 30 to 40 transfers each year, she said.

The Office of Admission received about three times as many transfer applications for the 2009-10 academic year, and is hoping for more than 200 transfer students in the fall, she said.

"We implemented an admissions counselor solely dedicated to transfer students a few years ago," she said.

An academic adviser also has been assigned to specifically work with transfer students, Aurand de Razo said. These positions help make the transition easier for transfer students, she said.

She said the creation of these two new positions has resulted in more concentrated efforts by the Office of Admission to seek out transfer students, especially those from two-year institutions.

Truman isn't able to recruit students from four-year institutions, but actively recruits transfer students from two-year institutions by sending out mailings and encouraging campus visits, Aurand de Razo said.

She said about half of transfer students come from two-year institutions and half are from four-year institutions.

Students transfer for a variety of reasons. Some have looked into attending Truman previously, she said.

"I find often that students actually had considered Truman initially when they were a freshman, and they go to another institution and ... believe Truman is a better fit for them," she said.

Often, transfer students come to Truman from two-year institutions to pursue bachelor's degrees, she said. Other students transfer for geographic reasons — some live here and simply want to stay in this area and others recently have moved here.

Aurand de Razo said some transfer students are drawn to Truman because they've heard of its academic reputation. She said Truman also has seen a significant increase in reapplicant students — students who have previously applied to Truman and left for any number of reasons and are now returning.

"It's telling us that students had a positive experience here initially and are seeking that again," she said.

Aurand de Razo said there are various challenges transfer students face. She said they often are hidden among the returning Truman students and must deal with academic differences from previous institutions.

"Having to grapple with the academic side of things while also with the social side is challenging," she said.

Creating a social network of friends can be a significant challenge facing transfer students. Aurand de Razo said she encourages the student body to do its part by being friendly toward new students and making them feel welcome.

"Truman does a really good job of helping the students to adjust and adapt and become part of the Truman community," she said.

Admissions counselor Amy Wagenknecht said transfer students face different admission issues than incoming freshmen. The application process is more complicated and transfers have a few different requirements than incoming freshmen, she said.

"With transfers, you have to talk a lot about the transition," she said. "A lot of the concern is what courses are going to transfer in ... as Truman courses."

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**Kelsey Aurand de Razo**  
Admissions Counselor for Transfer Programs

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