

# Physical Plant makes a move

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As part of ongoing campus renovations, the Physical Plant is moving from the Kirk Building to the General Service Building on the corner of Franklin and Patterson streets.

The move's greatest benefit is the Physical Plant student workers now will share an office with student workers in the Fix-It office, Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider said.

Workers in the Fix-It office respond to repair calls from the residence halls.

He said that student workers from both offices often work together on the same projects.

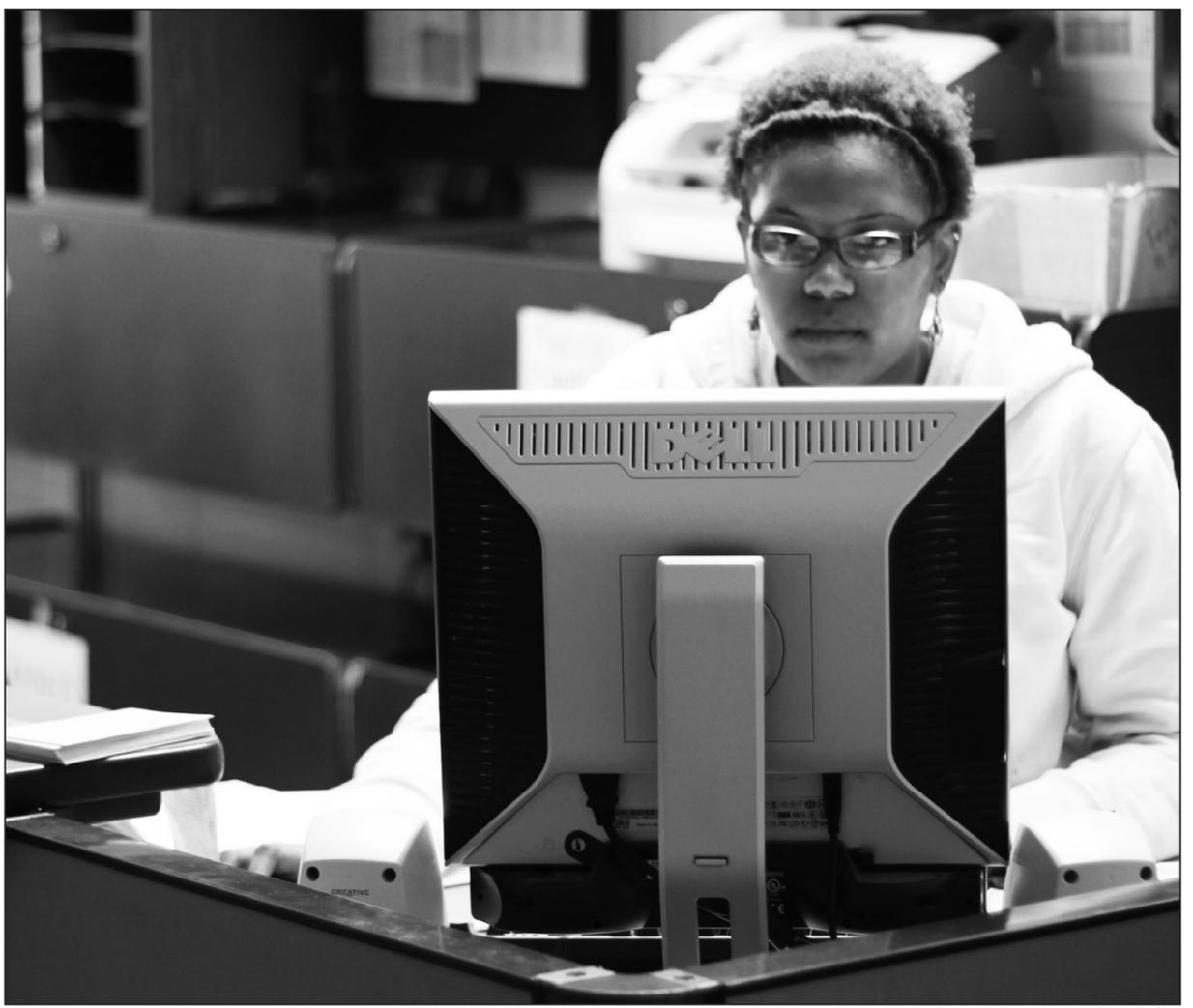
"We have better coverage of both offices now that we have the students from our office and the Fix-It office in the same place," Schneider said.

He said previously the student offices were functioning separately.

The General Service Building, formerly known as Grim-Smith Hospital, houses the Department of Public Safety, mail services and storage on the lower level. The second and third floors were temporarily occupied by the athletic department while Pershing Building was being renovated. The Fix-It office is on the second floor of the building, and the Physical Plant now will have its temporary offices there.

"We hope to build [Physical Plant] a new facility at some time, but that's been on the wish list for the campus for a number of years," Campus Planner Mark Schultz said.

Schultz said there are long-term goals for renovations to the Kirk Building, in addition to the plans for a new Physical Plant building. Eventually the Kirk Building will be only used for advising, and the international services currently in the building will be moved. Schultz said that before that happens, the international department will expand into the area where the Physical Plant was and will provide English as a Second Language services in



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Junior Stacey Pugh works in the main office of the newly located Physical Plant at the General Service building, which also houses the Fix-It Office.

that space.

The Physical Plant move is going well, Schneider said. There have been no big setbacks in the Physical Plant's daily work, other than extra effort of getting everything in order. He said there has been some confu-

sion about where to find the Physical Plant, but there have not been big problems as a result.

Schneider said the plans to move were made during the spring and the Physical Plant moving staff started moving items out of Kirk

Building on Sept. 22. Almost all the office has moved into the General Services Building, however, it will take at least another week before the Physical Plant staff, three office workers and four student workers are settled into the new building,

Schneider said.

Junior Chris Schisler has been helping with the move. He said he mostly has moved file cabinets and office furniture. He said the move should give the Physical Plant more space.

## Sweet Espressions left waiting for answer

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Monday's Kirksville City Council meeting brought disappointment to Sweet Espressions owner Sarah Mitchell.

At the previous meeting, Mitchell asked the Council to consider changing the ordinance that prevents making or selling food on city sidewalks. When they handed out Monday's agenda, Mitchell was not on it because the Council is still discussing its concerns regarding her request.

During the citizen participation part of the meeting, Mitchell said she wanted the Council to know she is still hopeful about having the ordinance changed. She said her business has experienced revenue damage from not being able to make goods she previously made on the sidewalk and that she is unsure of what will happen with her business when her lease ends.

"It's a dilemma at the moment because I need to take care of my customers and be respectful of the law," Mitchell said. "I need a resolution quickly."

Mayor Richard Detweiler provided Mitchell with what she said felt like words of encouragement during the meeting when he thanked her for taking the time to voice her opinion and assured her they were attending to the issue.

Detweiler said that while the Council wants to do what they can to help increase business downtown,

they're ensuring they aren't overlooking any common sense concerns while making a decision.

If people remain aware of why the ordinance exists in the first place, he doesn't see anything wrong with allowing business owners to increase use of the space in front of their shops.

Detweiler said some of the Council's concerns include whether there would be room for wheelchairs and walkers and whether residents living above businesses would experience new disruptions.

Jeremy Pingel, Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee executive director, sent a survey to downtown businesses last week to gauge owners' interest level regarding using sidewalk space for selling products, which currently is against city ordinance. "The vast majority of the downtown businesses would

like to have a predetermined process to utilize the sidewalk directly in front of their storefront," Pingel said.

The results from the survey were given to the Council to look at during deliberations.

"We're going to work something out one way or another," Detweiler said. "I'm not sure in the end what it's going to be, but we're going to work something out."

Detweiler said the decision isn't expected to be announced at the Oct. 17 meeting, but potentially during the Nov. 7 meeting.

## Renewable energy conference lacks student participation

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Fewer Truman students attended the Renewable Energy Conference on Sept. 30 than Rep. Zachary Wyatt said he had hoped for when he had organized the event, but overall attendance by non-students was better than he anticipated for the conference's first year.

The conference in the Student Union Building brought state legislators, lobbyists and energy companies to discuss Missouri's renewable energy future with the campus and community. Of the about 85 signatures on the conference sign-in sheet, only four were Truman students.

Wyatt said he would have liked to see a larger student turnout at the conference Friday morning and especially at the afternoon showcase of energy companies from around the state, which was geared more toward students.

The energy company booths were set up in the SUB Activities Room this year, and Wyatt said that if the conference hap-

pens next year, a change of location might improve student attendance.

"I think a lot of students knew about the conference but they didn't know where to go," he said.

Wyatt said he thinks Truman students usually have a strong voice about renewable energy in the state. It's an important issue for students, he said, because they are directly impacted by energy costs.

Despite low student participation, Wyatt said he was pleased with the conference.

"I think we had a really good first year," he said.

Heidi Templeton, Truman's public relations director, helped with the logistics of the conference by reserving rooms and acting as a go-between among Wyatt, the University and attendees.

Templeton said she's noticed for years that Truman students often are too busy to attend extracurricular events, like the Lyceum series.

Because of students' busy schedules, "Not everybody was cognizant of stopping by the [SUB] and checking it out," she said.

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