Big Changes Brewing

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court in a mall, but "more upscale," Holtzman said. In addition, Coleman is planning a coffee shop for the entrance that can be open longer hours than the entire food services operation. The coffee shop will also present a welcoming appearance to the Olmsted building for the campus community and visitors.

An outside patio eating area on the front of the Olmsted building is also on the wish list for the new plan.

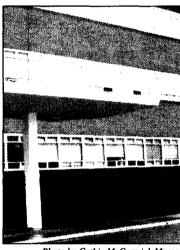


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A patio cafe could be included on the front of Olmsted.

According to Holtzman, the second accepted proposal came from Coordinator of Student Activities, Dr. Janet Widoff. Widoff proposed moving student organization offices to a central location adjacent to the food court.

The working title of "Town Square" is being used to describe a perimeter of the food court

area housing the offices of the SGA, radio station WPSH, the photo club lab and campus newspaper The Capital Times.

Holtzman said the designers of the overall plan hope the combination of food court and Town Square will "become a gathering spot" for students. "There will be



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Computers with Internet access have been added to the Student Lounge on the first floor of Olmsted.

areas that can be reserved for meetings," Coleman added. There will also be a "big wide open space," Holtzman said.

Holtzman glowed in describing the vision, but cautioned that the design is anything but final.

Store front glass may permit food court visitors to watch WPSH disc jockeys in the control booth of the radio station.

An adjacent stage area could be used to present live entertainment during the busy meal times. Students would no longer have to choose between eating and watching an event in another area of Olmsted.

As a first step toward the plan, Student Government Association offices and the student lounge formerly in room 216 have already been moved into a temporary space beside the former library.

According to SGA President Roderick Lee, the student lounge will be open anytime Olmsted is open. In addition, the lounge now houses two computers with Internet connections and a copier.

Campus groups have been meeting with architects Crowner-King of Erie over the last several weeks. The first draft of a design schematic is due from the architects at the end of March.

Crowner-King also designed the Behrand campus food services area which is named *Bruno's* after Mr. Behrand's dog.

Once the draft is received, Holtzman wants to gather input on the proposed plan from all sides before the end of the spring semester. Holtzman added that it's important the design be workable for everyone involved. "We're only going to get one bite at this apple," Holtzman said.

According to Holtzman funding for the two components of the construction come from completely different sources, . The food court will be funded by Housing and Food Services which is a self-funded not-for-profit entity. Coleman estimates a budget of \$1.2 million for the construction of the food court.

The university, on the other hand, is funding the Town Square portion of the project. Holtzman did not have an estimate of approximate costs.

Battle Lines

By Paula Marinak Capital Times Staff Writer

Every day, I wage war on calories, fat grams, sugar.

But my real foes are fear, pain, and insecurity.

I am a battle-weary soldier, but I can win this fight.

Beauty reflected in mirrors will fade, but my spirit will remain strong.

