

# Peanut butter scare affects food service

By Amelia Lutz  
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Peanut butter has recently given us a bigger problem than sticking to the roof of our mouths.

It's called salmonella, and its mission is to make you miserable.

Salmonella is a group of bacteria that colonize in the intestines of humans.

Some strands cause typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, while others cause food poisoning. Food poisoning symptoms are characterized by stomach pains, vomiting, diarrhea, and headaches.

Salmonella can be fatal in elderly people, but usually it's a quick recovery process without antibiotics.

According to the CDC website (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), "In Kansas, there have only been two reported cases of the illness, but although we can't say the outbreak is over, the numbers of new cases have declined over the last two weeks in the 48 continental states."

The CDC also said that the outbreak appears to have reached its peak in December and is now in decline.

Why is this a concern? The type of peanut butter products that are being recalled are from King Nut, a Peanut Corporation of America in Blakely, Ga.

The CDC also said on their website, "Even though the company is not producing any more products, they have recalled all of their peanut butter and peanut butter paste produced since July 1, 2008."

The products were distributed to institutions, food service providers, food manufacturers, and distributors in states.

Peanut butter and peanut butter paste is commonly used as an ingredient in sweet treats, as well as some pet treats.

Are students aware of the precautions they need to take?

Kaylee Hicks, biochemistry freshman, seemed to be unaware. "I didn't know much about the outbreak, but I'm highly upset because I went to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in the cafeteria and there wasn't any peanut butter."

What can you do to protect yourself?

The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) website said, "Consumers need to check and discard all recalled products and avoid eating products made with peanut butter or paste if they're unsure whether the products have been recalled."

According to The Grocery Manufacturers Association website, "National brands of jarred peanut butter sold in grocery stores have not been impacted by the outbreak."

Until the peanut butter is safe for serving, students are just going to cope.

But for some peanut butter fanatics this could prove difficult.

Brady McFall, physical education freshman, said, "Am I just supposed to have a jelly sandwich now?"

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Nine cheerleaders were on the squad at the beginning of the year. Now there are five, four females and one male.

Jimmie Topper, head cheerleading coach, has coached the squad for two years. Over the past two years the squad has decreased in size. Topper said, "My goal squad would be to have five guys and seven girls. Most NAIA squads are bigger compared to ours. But hopefully, through recruitment, we can change that."

The squad will be involved with recruitment. Topper said, "I am planning a day that the squad can go to high schools in the Wichita area and recruit incoming freshmen to grow the squad."

Ashlie Edwards, nursing sophomore, tried out for the basketball season squad.

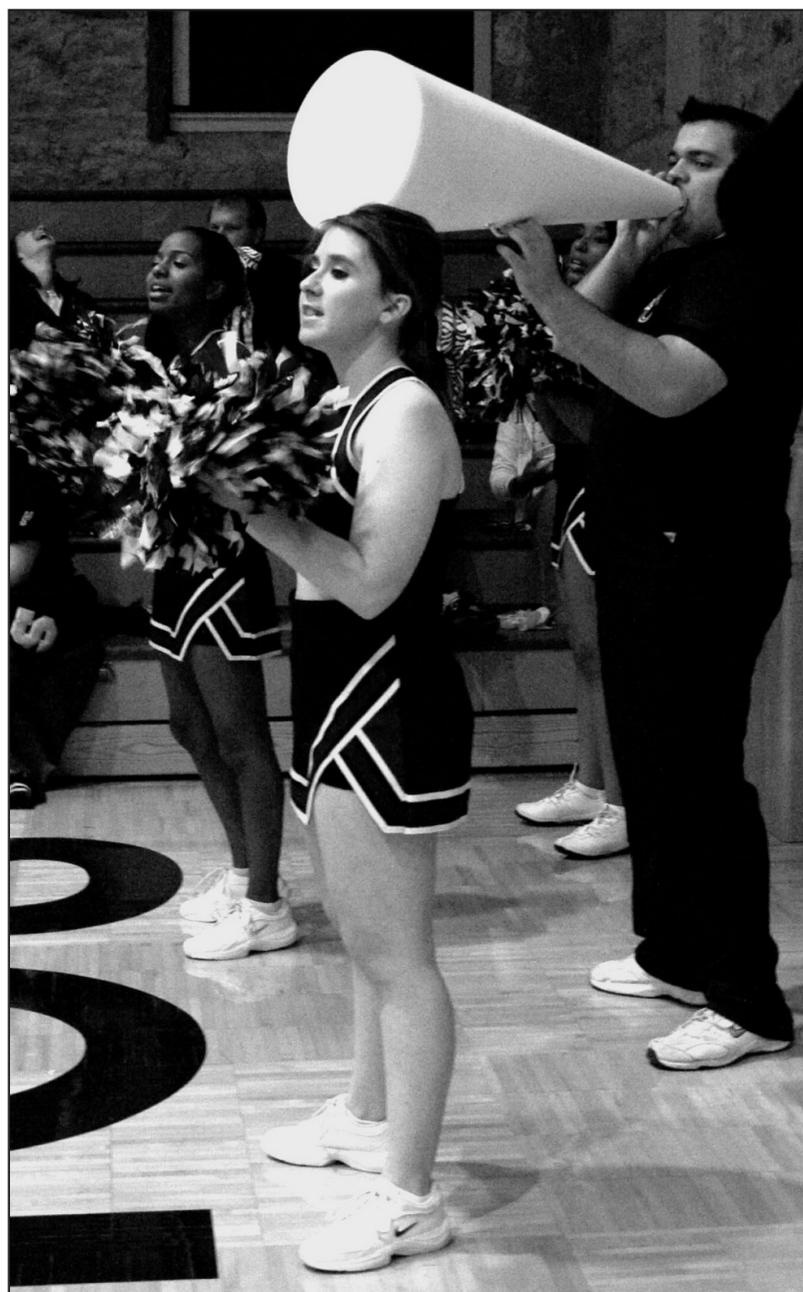
She said, "The squad was looking for girls. I went to practice for a few days, and I loved the vibe I got from them. It's like a small family."

Lea McCraw, pre-med freshman, said, "I came from Kapaun-Mt. Carmel in Wichita because it's a small school and I knew I'd be able to cheer."

McCraw said, "I think a good recruitment technique would be to send letters and newsletters out to the recruits, to get them excited about coming."

Topper said, "I'm not against anyone trying out at anytime."

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Lea McCraw, pre-med freshman, Alica White, elementary education freshman, Ashlie Edwards, nursing sophomore, and Thomas Hollman, mathematics and physics freshman, encourage the women's basketball team during the home game Thurs. Jan. 29. The squad has five members but is recruiting more.

# Spam seeps through e-mail firewall filters

By Matt Webb  
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Many students are experiencing a new junk e-mail problem this year. Scott Ireland, network administrator, has received notifications from employees.

Ireland said spam e-mails will continue to filter through. "People who write spam are always looking for new ways to defeat anti-spam systems, similar viruses where you would have software on your computer. Software writers are always trying to get through and infect the system," said Ireland.

He said the Information Technology department is

doing everything it can to block spam.

Ireland said, "We have a device called Barracuda. It's a spam firewall that blocks and filters spam and it's constantly updated. We're constantly trying to get updates to block spam. But the new spam is ahead of the game and it gets through the system sometimes."

"It's not just a simple matter of blocking it. There are so many different levels of which spammers try to get their message to come through. Our spam firewall blocks thousands of spam everyday. In this past hour it's blocked over 2000 e-mails alone from being de-

livered to senders."

Ireland said that is the best system of defense right now to prevent spam from getting to the e-mail inbox. Other ways are for students to try to manage spam on their specific Microsoft Outlook client. It doesn't block it. But it helps manage it.

Some spam contains viruses, which infects computers. Ireland said, "If you don't open an e-mail you won't get a virus. Unless virus writers find another way around, as of right now, to my knowledge, you can't get a virus unless the file sent to you is opened. But as far as e-mail, you would have to open the e-mail and open the attach-

ment that comes with the message."

He offered some advice to those still encountering problems with spam. "Spammers will use different tactics by adding a friend's address or titling it through the college."

Ireland said, "Never open an attachment from an unsolicited sender. If you weren't expecting a message I would err on the side of caution not open it."

He said, "Never give out your password to anyone via e-mail. The IT department will not ask you for your password. We'll ask you in person or over the phone or some other method," said

Ireland

Michelle Dreiling, digital arts junior, said she was caught off guard when she started receiving spam.

"I started getting them about a couple of months ago. I thought it was random," said Dreiling.

"I receive around 10 to 15 e-mails a day and it's a real pain," said Dreiling. "I got one last week. It looked like a Southwestern e-mail and I opened it to find it wasn't. It's kind of weird because it never used to happen and maybe the spam filter's not working or something. It seems like something has changed."

Dreiling continues to re-

ceive junk e-mail but just deletes them.

Andrew Schroter, secondary education senior, said he never has had a problem with junk e-mail. "It's never really been brought to my attention because I don't ever receive them. Everyone else, I haven't heard them complain about it, at least to me," said Schroter.

He said it's sort of odd that he doesn't receive spam e-mail. Schroter said, "Surely I'm not the only one who isn't receiving any spam. Guess I'm just lucky."

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## StuFu recruitment begins



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Alexandre Macassane, business administration management freshman, was the first person to fill out an interest form for Student Foundation recruitment. StuFu has been recruiting new members for the fall 2009 semester. StuFu began their recruitment process this week. The group's mission is to encourage interest in the advancement and support on campus. Typically events are geared toward four major areas, which are: traditions, activities, community involvement and student recruitment. The group is responsible for putting together many events on campus throughout the year.

## Administration seeks new VPIA

By Inger Marie Furholt  
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Paul Bean, former vice president for institutional advancement, was a member of the class of 1985. The class graduated on the college's 100-year anniversary.

He attended Southwestern College tuition-free together with his classmates. For the last 10 years he has been giving back to the college by working here.

Bean has moved on, and is now working at Ottawa University. Now the search for someone to fill his shoes is happening on campus.

Many students might not know what the (VPIA) vice president of institutional advancement does.

Dick Merriman, president, said the vice president of institutional advancement works through programs keeping in touch with alumni, and other supporters of the college.

He looks outside the college to raise money, and do-

nations for the college.

Right now the college is planning to build a new stadium and track, and also improve Richardson Auditorium. Therefore the search for a new VPIA is important.

"We're expecting to have someone new hired by the middle of February," said Merriman.

Merriman said the position is important and challenging. There will be a lot of fundraising, and in these times of economic downturn it will be hard to convince people to support the college.

"We're looking for someone who's persistent and optimistic, someone who is not easily discouraged," said Merriman.

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life, is also on the search committee for the VPIA.

"We are looking for someone that can raise money, a person that can get the essence of what Southwestern is, and can keep the contact

with alums," said Pleas-Bailey.

Pleas-Bailey thinks that it will be different without Bean on campus.

"Paul is one awesome guy, with an amazing personality. He has a joy of life, and he loved SC, she said.

"He loved students, and spending time with them, and he loved going to Builder Camp," said Pleas-Bailey.

Bean has not only made an impression on the faculty at Southwestern, but also on the students as well. Kelsey Murphy, undecided freshman, recalls Bean's speech while she was at Builder Camp last fall.

"I remember Paul Bean giving a speech at Builder Camp. He seemed like a pretty cool guy. He is really good around students," said Murphy.

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