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## Subway piles on the toppings and space

*More business forces more space and staff*

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Construction on the new Subway restaurant is underway and it won't be long until operations are running at the new location across 1997 S. Range Ave. from the old one.

According to Subway manager Susan Hawkins sandwiches should be served from the new facility by late April.

"It is coming along quite nicely," Hawkins said. "The new Subway is going to be bigger and will have a drive through."

According to Hawkins, a bigger building is not the only part of day-to-day operations that will be increasing in size; a bigger work force will be needed to run the new restaurant as well.

"I will probably have to double my staff," Hawkins said. "We are hoping to draw more business with the new facility so we will have to increase our work force as well."

The acquisition of the land and the construction of the new restaurant has been a long time coming and, according to Hawkins, the new and improved development is much needed.

"We knew about the land for the new place since last July," Hawkins said, "so it has been in the works for a while. With increasing business that we have seen recently, this (new building) is something that needed to happen."

Hawkins anticipates the change over from the old building to the new one will be quick and painless, and expects that once the building is finished, the turn around could be as quick as 24 hours.

"It will take us probably a day to move from one to the other," Hawkins said. "As soon as it is finished we will be in and working."

We will work in the old one up until the day we move in," Hawkins added, "so we won't be shut down for long."



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*From here to there*

ABOVE: The new Subway, as seen from the front of the old Subway (right) at 1997 S. Range Ave., will be in use by late April, according to officials. The new Subway will be larger in size and will also feature a drive through window.



## Senate passes bill allowing coal-fired plants

TOPEKA (AP) — A western Kansas utility won a major battle Thursday in its bid to build two coal-fired power plants.

The Senate passed a bill allowing Sunflower Electric Power Corp. to go forward with its plants outside Holcomb, in Finney County. The \$3.6 billion project has been blocked since October by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' administration over potential carbon dioxide emissions.

Sebelius has strongly criticized the Senate bill, which passed 33-7, with six more votes than the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto.

"This was a very solid vote, and I don't anticipate much slippage as the issue matures," said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, an Independence Republican.

The bill went to the House, which plans to debate its own measure early next week. The major difference in the

two bills is that the House requires utilities to generate 10 percent of their electricity with renewable resources, such as wind, by 2010 and 25 percent by 2025.

Earl Watkins Jr., Sunflower's chief executive officer, watched from the Senate gallery Thursday.

"Clearly we are very pleased with the fact that this legislation has taken a major step forward," Watkins told reporters.

### Briefly

## United States Navy Band to play Colby

The United States Navy Band from Washington, D.C. will present a free concert at the Colby Community Building on 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. Under the baton of Captain George N. Thompson, the band will present a variety of popular and classical favorites.

Several members of the Colby Community College Band will join the Navy Band to perform John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March."

The concert is free, but tickets are required. Free general admission tickets are available by sending your request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701

This special performance is part of the Navy Band's national tour.

The band performs frequently at the White House and the U.S. Capitol Building and has participated in 19 Presidential Inaugurals.



Right: Members of the Navy band play during their performance in March 2003 in Colby.

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*Colby on key with piano*

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Colby High School will be well represented Saturday in Wichita at the Kansas State Piano festival at Wichita State University, as four CHS students will compete at this year's state piano finals.

Students who will be representing Colby High School are: Amanda Barnum, Lucas Baumfalk, Barbara Bickner, and Kevin Lang.

Those selected to attend received a 1 rating at the Kansas State High School Activities Association regional Piano Festival at Fort Hays State University Feb. 2 in Hays. Participants were rated from 1-5, a rating of 1 showing high levels of musicality with few, to no, mistakes. A rating of 3 is considered an average performance showing accomplishment and marked performance. A rating of five needs much improvement and is lacking musicality.

Four out of five performers from Colby High School scored a 1 rating.

"I am very proud of what they accomplished," said CHS music teacher Joey Nichols. "It has been a while since Colby had this amount of students represent the school at the state level."

It's not just what happens in the music classroom either.

"I am proud of these kids and the parents and teachers who helped them progress," Nichols said of his students who, in addition to school musical programs, take private piano lessons from Sharon Kriss and Pat Ziegelmeier.

"The students are really excited," Nichols added. "Hopefully they can go to Hays confident with what they have already accomplished and do well at the state competition."

## Regents want tuition increase limits

TOPEKA (AP) — The board in charge of Kansas' higher education system wants to make sure the cost of attending a state university or college doesn't increase too much next year, but it's not ready to impose a cap.

The Board of Regents expects to receive proposals for new tuition rates from the universities in May and to vote upon them in June. On Wednesday, the board discussed whether it should give university officials any guidance — or impose a limit on what they can propose.

The regents voted 7-2 to let universities, community colleges and technical schools propose their own tuition rates. But they also strongly suggested that the increases sought be 6 percent or less.

The state's six public universities have instituted double-digit percentage tuition increases in the last five years. Since 2002, increases have ranged from 42.2 percent at Fort Hays State to 136 percent at the University of Kansas.