

Main Street still waiting for Kildare's tenant

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Realtor and space owner Chuck White, who has actively sought lease holders since November, said it's about finding "the perfect tenant" who would be the best fit for the Delaware community.

Nearly nine months after its abrupt closing, the Kildare's space remains vacant.

Currently untouched, the former bar was on Main Street for seven years and was known for its loyalty to Irish culture. Located on the second floor of the Main Street Galleria, the bar was a popular choice among students.

Class of 2013 graduate Janet Akinola reminisces about it.

"Kildare's was a really great place to hang at," Akinola said. "Their wings were my livelihood every Monday."

With the new additions of Grain, Dairy Queen and Honeygrow, students and residents are left curious as to why the desirable location is still open.

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"Interest is high and we could have made deals a few times," White said. "However, we are very particular about who we lease space to, especially at that location."

White said the space has been shown to numerous businesses ranging from restaurant chains to businesses looking for office spaces.

Since Kildare's vacancy, rumors have swirled about Grotto Pizza possibly using the former bar as an addition to their downstairs bar. While White has admitted to meeting with Grotto's about possibly getting the space, he continued to say nothing definitive has occurred.

"Grotto's is a great organization and we value them as a tenant," White said. "We would love to have them upstairs but that is up to them."

A call was made to Grotto's to confirm the talks, however Grotto's representatives declined to comment for the story.

As for the future, students hope the Kildare's space gets occupied by a restaurant that fits the Main Street mold.

Senior Faith Johnson has a strong opinion on what should go there next.

"Main Street definitely needs a Shake Shack," Johnson said. "If they came here, I would practically live there."

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