

Trayless campaign continues

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The fight to make Truman cafeterias trayless rages on.

Sophomore Erika Halsey, recycling chair for the Environmental Campus Organization, said ECO has been working on the "Away with the Tray Campaign" since the beginning of the school year. Halsey said ECO started the campaign by speaking to clubs and organizations about the benefits of going trayless and promoted the initiative in cafeterias.

"Recently we've started to push more on the administrative level to try to get an actual institutionalized traylessness," she said. "I had a meeting with Dean [of Student Affairs Lou Ann] Gilchrist and a couple of other people from Sodexo last week, and we are probably going to have one cafeteria that is trayless officially at the start of next year."

Halsey said Ryle Hall Cafeteria probably will be going trayless and will serve as the trial run for the program. Sodexo might build a box around the conveyor belt so that students have to take their plates to the end where the belt starts.

Halsey said ECO has given candy and tickets for prizes to people who don't use trays.

"Most people are really receptive to that, and we've been really happy [about] the response from the student body at large, but there were a couple people that would take three trays instead on that day just to be spiteful, which is



Freshmen Michael Roberts, Alli Turner and Gabbi Muesenfechter dine in Missouri Hall. They go trayless during every meal as a way to conserve both food and water. One cafeteria may be officially trayless next fall.

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really frustrating," she said.

Halsey said results from a recent Sodexo survey showed that more than 75 percent of students who took the survey either didn't care about going trayless or were in favor of going trayless. Only 12 percent of students responded that they didn't support going trayless.

Each tray costs 3 cents to wash, including soap and water, Halsey said. During one academic year, Truman cafeterias spend \$47,000 on washing trays.

"Any money that Sodexo budgets and they don't spend, i.e. if we ended up saving a bunch of money on water and stuff like that, all that money goes back into the general fund, which goes towards maintain-

ing the Truman Experience," Halsey said.

Dennis Markeson, Sodexo general manager at Truman, said he thinks approximately 25 to 30 percent of students don't use trays, but there has been no documented change in water usage.

"The school does not have a way to measure its water use per building," he said. "The showers, sinks and cooking water all come from the same place."

Todd Wixson, Sodexo general manager at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., said PSU went trayless at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year. Wixson said he used data from a trial run on Earth Day in 2008 to test the program.

"We just simply looked at the waste we created the day before Earth Day and the waste we created on Earth Day, and there were significant differences," he said.

Pittsburg State's Gibson Dining Hall wasted 1,430 pounds of food per day with trays, compared to only 471.9 pounds without trays. Wixson said that because of the inflation of food prices, he has been unable to track whether or not Sodexo has saved money from not wasting food. Wixson said few students had a problem with the change.

"Nobody was picketing," he said. "Nobody really said a word about it."

Fiber optics on campus deteriorated, need replacement

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Campus Internet access and cable television are in jeopardy because of the aging network that supports them.

The network that links Truman's campus is composed of fiber optic cables, some 20 years or older, located in steam tunnels buried in the ground running from building to building.

A fiber optic cable is a bundle with 12 or 24 strands. It takes only two strands for data communication such as Internet and e-mail. Jim McNabb, ITS network manager and interim technical director, said the problem is that some of these cables only have two strands remaining intact.

"Over time they have started to fail," McNabb said. "Enough have failed that now we need to replace them if we're going to be able to continue providing IT service for the campus."

The newly formed proposal to replace the network's fiber optic backbone would complete the project in three phases. The first phase would be replacing the core components of the system. The following two phases would replace all re-

maining parts, such as the cables in each academic building and residence hall. McNabb said he expects the project to cost about \$1 million.

"We are looking at trying to do it in the summers, because that's when most people are not here, and the ground is not frozen," McNabb said.

In the first year of the project, the plan is to replace the fiber optic systems in McClain and Violette Halls, Pickler Memorial Library and the Student Union Building. McNabb said these are the core buildings that contain most of the important parts of the system. If there is time during this phase, the main academic buildings would also receive new fiber optic cables, connected to the new backbone.

"As long as the old fiber keeps working, there should be very minimal disruption," McNabb said. "We can put in the new stuff without touching the old fiber and then just switch over [in the] evening or early in the [morning]."

The proposal will be brought before the Board of Governors on April 4. Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors, said the current demand put on the deteriorating system is extreme.

"The amount of data we were attempting to push through the network 15 years ago [doesn't compare] to the data we are currently utilizing on campus," Sumter said. "If the [fiber optic] backbone can't handle it, then the device it's hooked up to won't be able to work properly."

A major increase in demand on the system has come from Barnett Hall. Sumter said the fiber optic system capabilities have been being stretched to the limit since Barnett came back online, housing the Media Center.

Another problem is the location of the system. Currently, the fiber optic backbone is run through the steam tunnels, where the heat can destroy the fibers in the cable. When a fiber fails, all the services that go through that particular fiber go offline. This is the reason fibers are grouped in bundles. Sumter said the goal is to have extra fibers so that offline information can be re-routed.

Since many fibers have gone offline because of the backbone's location in the steam tunnels, Sumter said several options will be available through the proposal to replace the system.

"The question will be, 'Do you keep the fiber

optic backbone in the steam tunnels, and insulate the best you can, or do you dig up and lay cable all around campus?'" Sumter said.

Installing a new fiber optic system around campus without using the steam tunnels would benefit the longevity of the system. However, this would mean a major campus-wide project of digging trenches to lay the cable.

Dan Rettke, executive producer of News 36, said that a new fiber optic backbone would benefit the media outlets stationed in Barnett Hall.

"Ideally, this would expand our coverage where we have Barnett linked to all the different buildings on campus," Rettke said. "We could then possibly link to Pershing Arena or Stokes [Stadium] where we could do live games."

Rettke said the only issue that could arise with News 36 would be if work on the fiber optic backbone replacement project interfered with the ability to broadcast their live weekly newscasts.

"[Work on the system] would knock out our live show, which we haven't had access to very long anyway," Rettke said. "I don't know why they would do that, since we just got a new TV station, and they're trying to promote that."

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