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The trayless campaign will get its day in court — or at least in the cafeteria. Ryle hall will go trayless next year and this portion of the tray return probably will be blocked off because it does not have a conveyor belt suitable for plates.

Ryle to go trayless in fall

BY JARED YOUNG
Staff Reporter

Dining in Ryle Hall's cafeteria next semester will require multiple trips to the serving line, as it will be the location of the trayless campaign's official trial run.

This trial run will mark the culmination of the Environmental Campus Organization's efforts to encourage students to dine trayless. Sophomore Erika Halsey, recycling chair of ECO, said the impact of the campaign already can be seen in every cafeteria.

"On a regular basis, I think 25 to 30 percent of the student body is actually going trayless," Halsey said. "I think a lot of people forget every so often if they're not used to doing it every day."

Although Sodexo will have to change some of its operations to accommodate trayless dining, Halsey said Sodexo has been willing to work with the campaign.

"I've been working with Dennis Markeson, who is in charge of Sodexo, from the very beginning," Halsey said. "He's been really supportive [by] working with the administration."

After almost a year of campaigning, there is no statistical evidence showing whether going trayless actually makes a substantial impact on food waste or water consumption. Halsey said this information will come with the opening of Ryle cafeteria in the fall.

"Since it's not a majority of people at every cafeteria, we can't say that we're getting accurate readings," Halsey said. "With Ryle going trayless in the fall, it

will be a really good opportunity for the administration to assess what Truman's savings specifically are."

Dennis Markeson, Sodexo general manager, said Sodexo is not receiving any benefits from going trayless, but students are.

"If we reduce the waste of food or the waste of energy, that would reduce the cost for students the following year," Markeson said.

Markeson said the trayless cafeteria will not hurt Sodexo monetarily because its budget is capped. If anything, Markeson said, it will create more work for Sodexo employees, since the trays act as a catch-all in terms of dropped food.

"When you sit down at a table [trayless], you're going to make a little more of a mess," Markeson said. "We've had our people out there cleaning tables more often."

Even though the trayless campaign puts a bigger workload on Sodexo employees, Markeson continues to work with ECO promoting the campaign in the cafeterias.

"I haven't used a tray since October," Markeson said.

The plan for Ryle's cafeteria is to do away with the majority of the conveyor belt by boxing in the section of belt that is suited for dropping off dishes without trays. Markeson said the end result will be a drop-off similar to Missouri Hall's.

Markeson said his main concern is breakage because the Student Union Building and cafeterias use china instead of plastic. With students holding plates instead of trays, there is an in-

crease in the likelihood of dropped and broken dishes, he said.

"There was some talk about possibly going to plastic, but I refuse to do that," Markeson said. "I think we've set an establishment on this campus, a priority of providing more quality type of dining-ware ... and I don't want to go back to the old plastic."

Sodexo serves many college campuses, and trayless campaigns recently have become popular. Markeson said there have been mixed results from those campaigns.

"We've had some schools that have gone totally trayless, and we've had some that have gone trayless and gone back," Markeson said. "It'll work if the students want it to work. It's not something that we're pushing. It's something ECO and student organizations are interested in, and we're willing to try."

Junior Kevin Barber dines regularly in Ryle. He said he would prefer to keep the option of trays, rather than going completely trayless.

"[Going trayless] would be more of an inconvenience — not only carrying drinks, but also your plates," Barber said.

Barber said he has seen the campaign signs and understands why people are pushing to go trayless but does not know if it is worth the effort.

"I bet it does save a little money, but I don't know that it would be such a great amount that it would be worth the inconvenience," Barber said. "I will probably still eat there, but at the same time, it probably won't be as often."

Students fret about insurance post graduation

BY ANDY MOORE
Staff Reporter

Finding a job after graduation is not the only thing Truman students have to worry about.

After graduation, former students will be taken off their parent's health insurance plans and seek their own coverage, either through work benefits or an independent insurance company. With slim job opportunities, it is difficult to decide whether to apply for short-term coverage or remain uninsured while looking for a job with good benefits.

Business office secretary Barb Newcomer distributes information to students about student health insurance coverage. Truman students are eligible for coverage from Student Assurance Services, Inc. as long as they are enrolled at Truman, but the plan expires when they are no longer enrolled.

Newcomer said if a student really needs coverage, he or she can apply at an insurance company like American Family or State Farm for short- or long-term coverage.

"If you're hoping to get a job right [after college], then you're going to be having insurance with your position," Newcomer said. "It's not

worth taking out six months worth of insurance." She said students should find plans that fit their needs and financial situations.

HB 818, which passed in 2008, requires unmarried persons under 25, whether or not they are enrolled in school, remain under their parents' or guardians' health insurance.

Previously, individual insurance companies had different age limits for terminating coverage. They often required the dependent to be enrolled in school full time, and the coverage was usually terminated between ages 23 and 25. If they were not enrolled in school, their coverage could have ended as early as age 18.

Lori Gray, benefits coordinator at the human resources office, said students might choose to remain uninsured because of the cost.

"Insurance premiums are very costly and they continue to go up," Gray said. "Any health care cost [increases] throughout the years."

Those looking for a job might want to look beyond the salary and focus on the benefits the job offers, she said.

"More recently, people go to work for the benefits, and employers — to remain competitive and to retain good employees — they tend

to stress [good benefits in addition to a good salary] because it's additional value, and it's the total compensation package," Gray said.

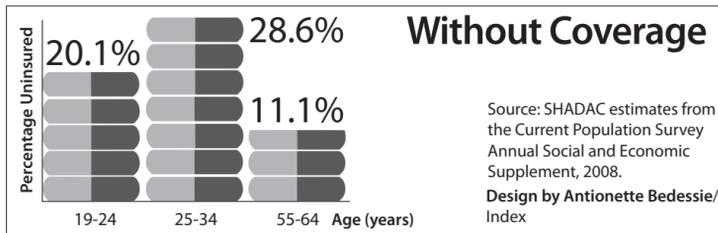
Even graduates looking for employment can still be dependent on their parents' salaries, and could face the possibility of their parents losing their health care benefits.

"In the economy today, there are a number of parents who are being laid off or downsized," Health Center director Brenda Higgins said. "So students who were previously covered under parent's insurance may not have insurance because parents have lost jobs."

Higgins said the Health Center is best for

students without insurance because they do not charge their patients for appointments. The University actually pays and subsidizes the Health Center for the costs associated with running it, she said.

If students' parents lose their jobs, they can continue their health coverage for up to 18 months, according to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, which is a federally mandated law passed in 1986. This law is designed to allow time to regain employment and a new health insurance plan. However, continuation of coverage under this plan remains very costly.



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