

Students bike across country for charity

Students give up free time in order to help others

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Truman students are training and fundraising to bike across the continental U.S. this summer and raise awareness for a good cause.

Senior Shane Mulrooney, senior Clement Warr and alumnus Whitey Holt will participate in Push America's Journey of Hope to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities.

Mulrooney said he heard about Journey of Hope during Push Camp, a spring break project put on by Push America.

"They put us to work for a week doing whatever — building ramps or decks — just improving on the overall maintenance of the camps, and when you're there, people from the Push office are there as well, and they talk about these events," Mulrooney said.

Push America works to help individuals with disabilities, Mulrooney said and is a sister organization to his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Between 85 and 90 volunteers ride in the event each year along three

routes that cross the U.S.

"We don't know what route we'll be taking yet, but we'll either start at Seattle or San Francisco, and go all the way to Washington D.C.," Mulrooney said. "It takes about two months."

The ride covers 4,000 miles at an average of 80 miles a day, Mulrooney said.

"Several days a week we ride all day, and when we're done riding, or for lunch in the middle of the day, we'll go to a camp or center for people with disabilities and we'll either eat lunch and dinner with them, have a dance with them, play trivia, play games, just interact with them," Mulrooney said.

The three men currently are training for the ride indoors and looking forward to warmer weather.

"We're at the gym about six days a week," Mulrooney said. "We do bikes. We do running. We lift weights three days a week. Once

it gets warmer out, we'll take our bikes and we'll have to get a lot of practice on the roads."

Mulrooney said he thinks the work that Push America does is important. He said he enjoys volunteering to help those with disabilities.

"It really enriches your life when you help these people, and you can see the difference that it makes in their life as well," Mulrooney said.

Kyle Thomas, director of marketing and public relations for Push America, said Journey of Hope started in 1988 when a group of friends decided to ride across the country for charity. The money raised before the trip goes directly to the foundation, which then sponsors the events and makes donations to other organizations.

"The organization as a whole operates at 86 percent efficiency," Thomas said. "Eighty-six percent of the money raised goes toward supporting people with disabilities."

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Senior



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Junior Justin Vilbig will be participating in Bike and Build, an organization similar to Push America. Part of this program entails biking cross country and promoting affordable housing advocacy.

ITS increases e-mail storage for students

BY SARAH SCOTT
Staff Reporter

TruView users will have more and possibly better e-mail storage by next semester.

Information Technology Services will add storage to faculty accounts this semester and is looking at switching students to an account other than TruView for its e-mail over the summer.

Cody Sumter, Student Representative for the Board of Governors, said Truman is considering replacing TruView with Gmail from Google, a source from Microsoft or a source from Yahoo.

He said the outsourcing would cost the University nothing for Gmail or Microsoft, although Yahoo would cost a few dollars per student. The storage purchased for TruView could be used for other purposes, such as more storage on the Y drive, Sumter said.

"A lot of people are already outsourcing their e-mail away from TruView, so why don't we just make the switch," Sumter said.

E-mail addresses still would be the student's login at truman.edu, Sumter said. He said if Truman switches to Google, students' accounts still would have their Y drive, but also would have Google Calendar and Google Docs. He said there are similar programs on Microsoft and Yahoo.

Sumter said if they made the switch, the University would be able to save money on storage and server costs.

"I think most people would find it a better experience," Sumter said.

Sumter said this is very likely to happen as soon as next semester.

Donna Liss, ITS chief information officer, said the faculty and staff's increase actually is in the default section. She said the default is the section used when Tru-

man e-mail account users receive warnings saying they are near their e-mail capacities.

Liss said everything on the account will look the same to the user.

"Once you've reached your quota ... you won't see those messages for, hopefully, a while," Liss said.

Liss said both students and faculty requested more e-mail storage capacity on the latest ITS survey.

"It's one of those things that was long overdue," Liss said.

She said some TruView users already have requested and received more e-mail storage for their accounts, but ITS will expand the increase to include everyone on TruView.

Liss said if somebody already was over the given amount, ITS did not increase their storage.

She said a lot of work goes into preparing for a storage increase.

"There's a lot of infrastructure that has to be adjusted and increased in order to make this happen," Liss said.

She said increasing storage is much more complicated than simply purchasing it because ITS has to back up all of the different systems on campus. The bigger a system is, the more they need to be able to back it up, she said.

Liss said it is fairly expensive to add more storage because the University hit the limit on the current server, so it had to upgrade everything.

"That's where the expense comes in, is adding all those additional pieces," Liss said. "It's not like going down to the local store and buying a computer."

Liss said ITS typically waits until the summer to make changes on student e-mail because students aren't as reliant on it at that time. Student e-mail is the most difficult to increase because it has a large number of users and is part of TruView, so

it actually is embedded in the system.

Liss said e-mail is the first wave in a series of planned upgrades, including increasing storage for personal Web space, personal drive space and organizations' Web and drive space.

"You take the number of students we have and then multiply it by however much more disk you want and that makes it a much bigger problem than dealing with the faculty and staff," Liss said.

Senior Seth Galemore said he has received e-mails warning him that he reached his storage quota before.

"I'm really bad about deleting those e-mails," Galemore said. "I still have e-mails from three years ago."

Galemore said the lack of storage on TruView does not bother him because he usually contacts people using Facebook. Galemore said he usually uses his TruView account only to contact people and organizations outside of Truman.

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