

Tray-less continues in Ryle

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Ryle Hall cafeteria has gone without the familiar blue trays this year, but the test-run of the tray-less cafeteria has had few problems and will continue next year.

Dennis Markeson, general manager of Dining Services, said Sodexo will figure out the extent to which going tray-less reduces food waste before deciding whether to expand the system to other dining halls.

Markeson said student complaints about the lack of trays were strong at the beginning of the fall semester but mostly have died down.

He said the experiment cut down on water usage and broken dishes, and the tray-less system saves students money in the long run by reducing how much students pay for Sodexo's services.

Markeson said students have adapted to not using trays, and he estimates that approximately 60 percent of students across campus are now not using

trays, even when they are available. He said going tray-less saves the water that would be wasted washing about 2,000 trays each day. He is not sure yet how much going tray-less cuts down on food waste, but he said he thinks the experiment succeeded.

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creates more dirty tables to clean, but he said this is well worth the benefits. He said going tray-less, as well as replacing the longer conveyor belt in Ryle with a more energy-efficient belt, saves energy and money.

Junior Colin Boswell said he eats in Ryle's dining hall and mostly supports the decision to eliminate trays. He said if the system makes a significant impact on water usage, he would support implementing it in the other dining halls. Boswell said the tray-less system has not been a major burden.

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Sophomore Dave Linhares scrapes food off plates in Ryle kitchen. Ryle has gone without trays in the dining hall throughout this school year.

ty simple you can do to make a difference," Boswell said.

Amelia LaMair, a member of the Environmental Campus Organization, said the Recycling Tribe of ECO started the campaign for going tray-less during fall 2008. She said students seem to have adapted to the tray-less system, and although she heard of complaints from students at the start, she has not heard any this semester.

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ty well," LaMair said. "I think people realize that it's a very easy thing to do just to be a little more environmentally friendly."

LaMair is also the student intern for Truman's compost project. LaMair said the project collects food waste from Ryle and composts it at the University Farm. She said the compost is free to anyone in the community who wishes to use it.

LaMair said there currently are logistical

issues with expanding the compost project to collect food waste from other dining halls, but she would like to find a way to do so. She said that, in the end, mostly it is up to the students to control how much food they waste in the dining halls and what they do with that waste.

"Anyone is welcome and encouraged to bring food waste from their dorms [to the Community Garden compost pile]," LaMair said.

Recycling saves on street repair

BY BAILLIE JAMES
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The Missouri Department of Transportation saved \$20 million in 2009 by convincing contractors to use recycled shingles in asphalt mixtures used in road resurfacing projects.

This practice kept 53,000 tons of recycled asphalt shingles out of landfills in 2009. The savings from using recycled material could allow Missouri to increase the number of road resurfacing projects completed each year, according to a April 22 press release.

Missouri has been a leader in encouraging other states to expand the use of recycled materials in asphalt, especially during the past eight years. Joe Schroer, field materials engineer for MoDOT, said other states have used recycled shingles on an experimental level for approximately 20 years, but Missouri has been the most successful at implementing the practice.

"I think that we were most successful because the Department of Natural Resources was

on board," Schroer said. "The solid waste people want to make use of as many waste materials as they can to keep them out of the landfills."

Schroer said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, a St. Louis contractor and a landfill director, first approached MoDOT in 2002 with the idea to use recycled shingles in asphalt. Missouri implemented the practice in 2004, but the popularity of the idea has expanded significantly during the past two years. Schroer said almost all the contractors in the state now use processed shingles.

Schroer said other recycled materials, such as tires, concrete and coal cinders, were used in hot mix asphalt prior to 2002.

Kevin Brouk, general manager of Chester Bross Con-

struction in Hannibal, said his company has collected a total of five million asphalt shingles just from roofing companies in the Hannibal area to process for the past two years. This week, the company will begin to use recycled shingles in their hot mix asphalt at MoDOT's urging.

"We're really excited," Brouk said. "I'm sure the [integration] will have kinks like any other thing, but we'll work them out."

Brouk estimates that one-third to one-half of all of their asphalt will have partial mixtures. This practice will save \$3 to \$5 per ton of asphalt, according to MoDOT, and Brouk said his company is eager to benefit from these savings.

The typical resurfacing project uses about 30,000 tons of asphalt, according to Mo-

DOT. \$90,000 to \$150,000 can be saved per project if recycled materials are used.

Steve Jackson, manager for N.B. West Contracting in St. Louis, said his company has used many recycled materials, such as bottom ash from power plants, recycled fuel oil and recycled asphalt pavements, since MoDOT started to allow recycled materials in asphalt in 2005.

"If you wanted to get a job, you had to implement using shingles," Jackson said. "Contracting is a competitive environment. It's what you had to do."

Jackson said the use of recycled shingles has evolved since the process started. He said that in the beginning, they did not grind the shingles as much. After some trial and error, his company realized that if it grinds the shingles to the size of sand, the maximum amount of oil can be extracted from them. Jackson also said convincing roofing companies to donate clean shingles, free of wood and trash, is a challenge in this process.

NEWS | In Brief

Arrest made on marijuana charges

The Kirksville Police Department arrested Kirksville resident Jerry Hilderman, 23, on marijuana-related charges Saturday while investigating a possible domestic disturbance.

Police encountered Hilderman outside his residence on North Lincoln Street on Saturday night, according to the probable cause statement. After officers detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from him, Hilderman admitted to possessing a small amount of the drug. Officers found two bags of marijuana packaged for sale on his person, as well as money from selling the drugs.

Officers received a search warrant for Hilderman's residence and, upon searching the home, found a large amount of marijuana packaged for sale, as well as paraphernalia consistent with the use and sale of narcotics. Police also found a loaded .22 caliber pistol with the packaged marijuana and two rifles in Hilderman's bedroom. Overall, police discovered approximately 104.9 grams of marijuana.

Hilderman is in the Adair County Detention Center on felony charges of possession with intent to distribute, maintaining a public nuisance and armed criminal action.

Equestrian team qualifies for nationals

For the first time in the team's history, all riders on the Truman Equestrian Team qualified for nationals on April 11. The team qualified for zones competition by beating 15 regional teams throughout the season.

Truman scored 44 points at the zones competition, finishing second. Riders Corinne Smith and Elizabeth Bramer won their individual classes at zones and will represent the team at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association nationals May 6 to 9 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. Three-hundred and fifty teams and 8,500 riders throughout America and Canada make up IHSA.

McClain speaks at commencement

Charles McClain will address graduates and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the May 8 Commencement.

McClain served as president of the University from 1970 to 1989 and helped the University receive national recognition for academic excellence during his presidency. McClain continued to work with Truman after his retirement, initiating a campaign to raise funds for the Pershing Scholarship program in 1999.

Truman celebrates professor's book

English professor Arnold Preussner is retiring after 21 years at Truman. Preussner teaches mainly Shakespeare and Renaissance literature, and he has been an active proponent of film as literature.

Preussner will celebrate both his retirement and the official launching of his book at a reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on April 30 at the University Art Gallery in Ophelia Parrish. Preussner also will be available to sign copies of his book, "Replaying the Renaissance: Essays in Shakespeare, Jonson, and Others."

Student Senate | In Brief

- Student Senate passed a money motion in the amount of \$500 to fund Purple Fridays.

Crime | Reports

- 4/23 Freshman Sara Stubbart received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.
- 4/25 Freshman Joseph Bonderer received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.
- 4/25 Freshman Preston Newell received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.
- 4/25 Freshman Eian O'Brien received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.

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