

Web upgrade expedites Internet access

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While students, faculty and staff were at home enjoying Thanksgiving Break, Truman's Internet connection received a makeover.

Truman went from a 100 mbps Internet connection to a 250 mbps connection Nov. 24, meaning students now can surf the Web 150 percent faster.

ITS Technical Director Jim McNabb said Truman signed a three-year contract for the 250 mbps connection and that the connection is through the same provider, MOREnet. The cost to upgrade to the faster connection was reasonable for Truman, McNabb said.

"We were paying \$45,000 a year for the old connection," McNabb said. "We're now going to be paying \$58,000 a year, but that price was very appealing to Truman."

The last time Truman received an Internet upgrade was 2008, McNabb said. At that time, Truman went from a 60 mbps connection to the recently replaced 100 mbps connection.

As of right now, there have not been any problems associated with the new Internet connection, McNabb said. But McNabb said he encourages anyone experiencing problems with technology to report it to the ITS help desk.

"People need to let us know when there is a problem so we can jump on it and get it taken care of," McNabb said. "Don't be shy when there is a problem."

Senior Nick Landon said he thinks an upgrade to the Internet connection was greatly needed. He

said there have been more people complaining this year about slow Internet than in years past.

Landon said he does not think the faster connection will be a distraction from schoolwork any more than it was before, but that it will probably positively impact his schoolwork.

"When having to watch videos for class or do online assignments, I think I will definitely see an improvement," Landon said. "I think it will ultimately allow me to use my time online more efficiently."

Sophomore Emily Govro said the only problem she has experienced with the upgrade has been maintaining a steady Internet connection since coming back at Truman.

"I feel like I'm being kicked off-line, then being re-connected, more than I have in the past," Govro said. "But I'm not saying that is due to the new Internet, I've just noticed that."

Govro said she has not seen a noticeable change in the Internet, except the ability to watch videos online at a much faster rate.

"I was on Hulu.com watching an episode of Glee, and it loaded almost instantly," Govro said.

Freshman LeeAnn Cornelison said she also has not seen a significant change in the Internet. She said although she can now watch videos and listen to music more efficiently, she does not think it will distract her from her work.

"I don't think it will distract people or take away from schoolwork just because the Internet is faster," Cornelison said. "I feel people are going to find ways to avoid schoolwork no matter what."

Bike Co-op plans for green roof



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Senior John Messina, head mechanic for the Truman's Bike Co-op, gives members an update on the "green roof" project for the bike shed. Messina said three upcoming challenges for the project are securing enough funding, getting structural approval, and dealing with liability issues.

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Current:	\$58,000

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